



# **HUMANE PROCESSING & SHELTERING**

*County Administration  
Commissioners Court Special Meeting  
September 15, 2022*

# *Summary*

- Situational Update – County Judge
- FEMA Update
- Processing Center Update
- City's Focus
- Sheltering
- Coliseum Options
- Funding
- Emergency Disaster

# *Situational Update*

- Judge Samaniego
- Chief Gloria Chavez

# *FEMA Update*

- Requested assistance from Rep. Escobar's Office
- Met with FEMA again 09/14/2022
- Explained urgency due to Karen's Purchasing Procedures requiring funding be identified and in hand before bid award.
- Discussed slow reimbursement processes.
- FEMA provided 2 potential solutions for the advance funding
  - Letter of commitment by late Friday p.m. after National Board meets\*
  - County advances funding from Economic Impact Fund, but includes in advanced special funding request as "past performance"

*\*Have not verified if this will meet Purchasing's rules*

# *Processing Center Update*

- City asking for assistance and asking for this to be expedited
- Ready to award bid contingent upon funding, but just informed (09/14/2022) by Purchasing the lead bid may not meet GSA
- Will place bid award and contract on agenda for Monday, 09/19/2022
- Ready to enter lease and will also be on agenda for 09/19/2022
- Expected date for operation to start processing migrants would be 10/03/2022 at earliest.

# *City's focus*

- Transport, transport, transport
- Will see about options to expand other NGOs (specifically Rescue Mission)
- Offered other locations with room for 200-500 new beds to set up a private operator, but response is focused on transport



# *Sheltering*

- Our preparation
  - Location – Church to lease ready
  - Operator –
    - Emergency – quickly
    - Non-emergency – 4 months minimum
- Court's interest
  - Need Direction
- FEMA funding
  - Would need advance
  - Approximately \$16 Million Annually
- NGO funding
  - Rescue Mission for expanding 100 beds

# *Coliseum Options*

- Day respite
- Cots/Sleeping Area
- Operations – contractor vs. inhouse
- Lease
- Conflicts with other events



# *Funding*

- FEMA Advance Funding –preferred
- Economic Impact Fund – alternate option to be reimbursed with advanced funding as “past performance”

# *Emergency Disaster*

- Public calamity due to shortage of humane sheltering for unforeseen and continuing influx of people.

