

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct. 1

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct. 3



DAVID STOUT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

SERGIO CORONADO
Commissioner, Pct. 4

RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	PRESENT
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	PRESENT
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	VIDEOCONFERENCE
ILIANA HOLGUIN	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	PRESENT
SERGIO CORONADO	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	PRESENT

**MINUTES PREPARED BY JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK
CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:37 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Sergeant Juan Ferreira's 9th-12th grade Army JROTC cadets from Clint High School led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

Receive an invocation from Jeryl Marcus, a representative of Join Us for Justice, the El Paso Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2023.
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. Approve and authorize the designation of Michael McElroy, PP, AICP, (Primary) and Jorge L. Reyes (Alternate) from the Planning & Development Department to the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) effective January 1, 2023.
Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159
- C. (ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and authorize the County Judge to execute the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding Opportunity First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of El Paso and Project Arriba. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2023-0799)
Jose M. Landeros, Director of Capital Planning, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- D. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment No. 1 to the professional legal services agreement with McCall Parkhurst & Horton, for bond counsel services both in connection with the issuance of bonds and other public securities and on routine matters, to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2025. (Contract No. 2023-0800)
Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159
- E. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 115.021, audit and settle all accounts against the County shown on the attached listing and direct the payment of those accounts.
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment 1 of Contract 2022-0913 for Services with Tyler Technologies for the Enterprise ERP (Munis) system for the Employee Access application for a total amount of \$3,200. Funding is available in GF-AUDITOR-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2023-0764)
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262
- G. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third option to extend the External Financial Auditing Services Agreement with Gibson Ruddock Patterson LLC in the amount of \$188,625. Further authorize the transfer of \$69,000 from GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES to GF-GADM-PROF SVC-EXT AUDIT. Funds in the amount of \$119,625 are available in account GF-GADM-PROF SVC-EXT AUDIT. (Contract No. 2023-0801)
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262
- H. Approve amendment No. 44 to the County of El Paso's 2022-2023 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$6,452,384.35, thus increasing the overall budget of \$764,708,320.16 to \$771,160,704.51.
Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- I. Approve amendment No. 1 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$3,456,487.36, thus increasing the overall budget of \$601,767,133.00 to \$605,223,620.36.
Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign/e-sign the necessary forms required for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Phase 40, Amendment 1 providing an additional \$15,000 to the original grant award with a period of performance retroactive from November 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. No County Match required. (Contract No. 2023-0578)
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the amended and restated Agreement with Selrico Services, Inc. for the Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for the County senior noon-time meal Program. This contract is effective beginning on October 11, 2023, through October 11, 2025, and may be renewed upon mutual agreement for one (1) additional year. Funds are available in SG-NUTRITM24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2023-0797)
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- L. Approve and authorize the updated Digital Library policies. (#2616-OP)
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the first Renewal Agreement with CheckUps Corp of San Antonio, TX for the Virtual Check-in License Agreement supervision tool for offenders/defendants for the Criminal Justice Coordination Department from September 26, 2023, through September 25, 2024, in the amount of \$64,584. Funding is available in GF-CRMJUSTCOORD-CS ELECTR MNTR. (Contract No. 2023-0765)
Catherine Jones, Director, Criminal Justice Coordination Department (915) 273-3353
- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the last option to renew the Service Agreement between El Paso County and Nationwide Retirement Solutions Inc. for 457 deferred compensation plan services for a one year term ending December 31, 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0777)
Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Sequel Data Systems. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0707)
Art Nevarez, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Agreement between the County of El Paso and Intergraph Corporation - Hexagon, Safety, Infrastructure & Geospatial Division for Public Safety Records and Management Software. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the grand total of \$427,722.55. (Contract No. 2023-0770)
Art Nevarez, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Option to Renew Agreement and Amendment with Randall County - Youth Center of High Plains for residential services (Secure Facility) for children placed on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, in an estimated amount of \$170 per client, per day. Funding is available in TJJD JUVENILE BOARD STATE AID 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0744)
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- R. Approve and authorize the Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) to accept monetary and in-kind donations during FY2024 to fund special events that benefit youth, families and personnel from the JPD, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032.
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- S. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Statement of Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (Grant No. 18028-19) from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$83,344.24. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0795)
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- T. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Statement of Grant Award from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department's Project HOPE Juvenile Mental Health Court Grant (Grant No. 25765-12) from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024 in the amount of \$93,613.60. No County match required. (Contract No. 2023-0796)
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- U. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for Emerald Park Unit Six Subdivision.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- V. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Paseo Del Este Unit 9 Phase I Subdivision plat.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330
- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) project development for the Fabens Airport Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for additional engineering design and coordination required with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Due to new requirements from the FAA, additional coordination, documents and permits are required. Services will allow the County to move forward with the construction phase of the project. Funding in the amount of \$21,100.44 is available in CP-TN22-FAAWOS-CAP OUT-RENOV. (Contract No. 2023-0754) (Precinct 3)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement VRF Project Development Agreement for the Tierra Este Road Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority. Amendment #2 to the Tierra Este Project will allow the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority to perform additional design services required for the completion of the project. Additional work was required based on a Texas Department of Transportation request, who is the grant provider for this project. Funding in the amount of \$794,024.17 will be used from Vehicle Registration Fee proceeds. County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Proceeds are in SR-TRANSPFEE-RGNL MOBILITY AUTHO. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2023-0755) (Precinct 3)

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

Y. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Sections 232.028 and 232.029, approve and authorize the issuance of certification regarding compliance with applicable plat requirements as provided on the attached listing.

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

Z. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement License between El Paso County and Camino Real Regional Mobility to permit the construction, installation, maintenance, use and repair of a Bicycle Share Facility at Ascarate Park. Funding in the amount of \$6,000 is available in GF-PWADMIN-CONTR SVC-GENERAL. (Contract No. 2023-0842)

Norma Palacios, Public Works Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

AA. Approve award recommendation of Bid 23-032 O.T. Smith Drive-Tornillo Stormwater Project for the County of El Paso to CSA Constructors (Karlsruher, Inc.) of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$330,000. Purchasing approved on September 27, 2023. Funding is available in GF-RBFLOODCNT-STRMWTR IMPROV.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3341

AB. Approve award recommendation of Bid 23-033 O.T. Smith Drive-Tornillo 2 (Culvert) Stormwater Project for the County of El Paso to Allen Concrete, LLC of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$493,832. Purchasing approved on September 27, 2023. Funding is available in GF-RBFLOODCNT-STRMWTR IMPROV.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3341

AC. Approve the Purchase of an Industrial Washer and Dryer for the County of El Paso Detention Facility using Buyboard Contract 682-22 awarded to AAdvantage Laundry Systems Inc. of Garland, TX in the amount of \$55,444.18. Purchasing approved on October 5, 2023. Funding is available in GF-SOLAW-OPS EQUIPMENT.

Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AD. Approve after-the-fact purchase for the Demolition and Disposal Phase of the Roof at the Challenge Facility of the Juvenile Justice Center in the amount of \$280,626.47. Funding is available in CP-TN23A-JPD-RENOV-ROOF/HVAC.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AE. Approve and authorize the Sole Source Purchase of Advanced Security Screening Systems Maintenance and Support for the County of El Paso Sheriff's Department from Astrophysics Inc of City of Industry, CA in the grand total of \$63,000. Funds are available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-HARDWARE. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a)(7)(A), as a sole source item, it is exempt from the provisions of the County Purchasing Act. Sole Source will be re-evaluated at time of new contract to ensure compliance with statute.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349.

AF. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC** - Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject, close and resolicit RFP 23-027 Reintegration Processes: Improving Transitional Outcomes for Justice Involved El Pasoans for the Criminal Justice Coordination Department; to improve the scope of work and permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Criminal Justice Coordination Department.

Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AG. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Broadband Infrastructure Deployment in Compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act for the Planning and Strategic Development Department for the County of El Paso. In accordance with Local Government Code 262.030, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AH. Approve and authorize the purchase of Christmas Decorations for the County of El Paso Ascarate Park, to DecorIQ, LLC of San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$71,904.28 using Buyboard Contract 643-21. Funds are available in CP-REPLACE23-HOLIDAY-EQ NONCAP.

Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department 915-273-3349

AI. Approve and authorize the Single Source purchase of Clear Government Investigations Advanced Platform for the County of El Paso District Attorney's Office to Thomson Reuters of Carrollton, Texas in the amount of \$67,679.28. Funds are available in GF-DA-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (c), as a single source item, it is exempt from the provisions of the County Purchasing Act. Single Source will be re-evaluated as required to ensure compliance with statute.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

AJ. Approve and authorize the transfer and removal of surplus assets from the respective departments to the Purchasing Department in compliance with Texas Local Government Code Section 262.011(j). See attachment.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AK. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION PER COMMISSIONER STOUT/ CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the updated Terms and Conditions for the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) as requested by the granting agency. **(Contract No. 2023-0815)**

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

AL. CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Office of the Governor FY24 First Responder Mental Health Grant Program on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$54,000, from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. No County match required. **(Contract No. 2023-0812)**

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

AM. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas State University FY2023 Interlocal Cooperation Contract for The Tobacco Enforcement Program on behalf of El Paso County Sheriff's Office, from September 19, 2023, to September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0831)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

AN. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Office of the Governor, FY24 Homeland Security Program (LEPTA Projects) Sustaining Special Response Teams and First Responders Capabilities grant application on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$26,590.28, from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0810)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

AO. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION PER COMMISSIONER CORONADO - GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, FY24 Local Border Security Program grant award in the amount of \$408,364.34. Grant period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. No County Match required. (Contract No. 2023-0811)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

AP. Approve the purchase of DebtBook Subscription Services using Omnia Partners Contract NCPA 14-03 awarded to DebtBook of Charlotte, NC for a grand total \$56,250. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AQ. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Fifth Asset, Inc., dba DebtBook. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the grand total amount of \$56,250 for the next three years. (Contract No. 2023-0730)

Art Nevarez, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the El Paso County Medical Society and celebrating the Society's 125th year.

Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct. 1 (915) 546-2014

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing every second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

David C. Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

C. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring October 2023 as "National Long-Term Care Residents Rights Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

David C. Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

D. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

David C. Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the contributions of the El Paso Chapter of the Military Order to the El Paso community upon the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

F. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the Texas Association of School Board President, Armando Rodriguez.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

G. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for all the contributions they make to our local and national culture, economic growth, and stability in El Paso County, Texas.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

H. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the month of October 2023 as "Human Resources Awareness Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Crawford, read several biblical passages.

7. PRESENTATION

A. Receive a presentation recognizing the contributions made by individuals and organizations that made the 11th Annual Employee Appreciation Picnic possible.

Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4AF. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject, close and resolicit RFP 23-027 Reintegration Processes: Improving Transitional Outcomes for Justice Involved El Pasoans for the Criminal Justice Coordination Department; to improve the scope of work and permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Criminal Justice Coordination Department.

Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

AK. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION PER COMMISSIONER STOUT/ CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the updated Terms and Conditions for the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) as requested by the granting agency. **(Contract No. 2023-0815)**

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

4AO. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION PER COMMISSIONER CORONADO - GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, FY24 Local Border Security Program grant award in the amount of \$408,364.34. Grant period from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. No County Match required. (Contract No. 2023-0811)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:16 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:25 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Texas 88th Third Special Legislative Session, to include presenting information for the Court's consideration, removing or including bills on the County's state legislative agenda and supporting or opposing filed legislation, and take any action necessary on aforementioned items.
Melissa M. Carrillo, Executive Director, County Operations (915)546-2215

NO ACTION

PURCHASING

9. **CORRECTION PER STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT** - Approve the purchase of Virtual Courtroom Addition for the County of El Paso Jail Annex using Region 19 Job Order Contract (JOC) 21-7411 awarded to Jordan Foster Construction LLC., of El Paso, TX total project cost \$2,360,019. Funding is available in **SG-ARPLAN21-CAP OUTLAYS**.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Holguin, Coronado
Members Absent: Stout
Members Voting Nay: None

10. Approve the purchase of Countywide Network Equipment Leasing through the Information Technology Department (12308046) using DIR-TSO-4167 awarded to Cisco Systems, Inc. of San Jose, CA/Sequel Data Systems Inc. Austin, TX total cost of \$1,580,510.15 and DIR-CPO-5033 Summus Industries, Inc. of Sugar Land, TX/Summus Financial Services Sugar Land, TX and annual payment of \$314,572. Funding is available in GF-ITD-RENT/LEASES-HARDWARE.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349.

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Holguin, Coronado
Members Absent: Stout
Members Voting Nay: None

JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS

11. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the FY21 Grant State Homeland Security Program Grant to purchase portable radios for the Council of Judges, from September 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$150,679.17. No County match required. (Contract No. 2023-0804)
Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges Administration (915) 546-2143

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Holguin, Coronado
Members Absent: Stout
Members Voting Nay: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002(c-1), hold a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria. (#2521-OP)
Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159

MOTION: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

MOTION: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Members Voting Nay: None

13. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002, discuss and take appropriate action regarding the adoption of the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria, effective October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025. (#2521-OP)

Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159

MOTION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE SEC. 312.002, APPROVE AND ADOPT THE EL PASO COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES & CRITERIA EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. FURTHER, DIRECT THE POSTING OF THE ADOPTED GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado Members Voting Nay: None

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4G. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third option to extend the External Financial Auditing Services Agreement with Gibson Ruddock Patterson LLC in the amount of \$188,625. Further authorize the transfer of \$69,000 from GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES to GF-GADM-PROF SVC-EXT AUDIT. Funds in the amount of \$119,625 are available in account GF-GADM-PROF SVC-EXT AUDIT. (Contract No. 2023-0801)

Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado Members Voting Nay: None

14. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:16 P.M.

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.
County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, discuss the selection process concerning the vacancy for a County Court at Law Judge in County Criminal Court #1.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 11 and other immigration-related bills being heard in the Texas 88th Legislature Third Special Session.
Erica Rosales Nigaglioni, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Discuss litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Seafox, a private business prospect.
Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159

F. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project SIMBA, a private business prospect.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

G. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Poseidon, a private business prospect.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

H. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project 1962, a private business prospect.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

REGULAR SESSION AT 4:10 P.M.

15. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding SB 11 and other immigration-related bills being heard in the Texas 88th Legislature Third Special Session.

Erica Rosales Nigaglioni, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

NO ACTION

16. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD.

Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:12 P.M.

**EL PASO COUNTY
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Commissioner, Pct. 3



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK
CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2023

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING