

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Commissioner, Pct. 3



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RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

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

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

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:38 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Veronica Flores Student Council Officers: President - Mariohn Renteria, Vice President - Elizabeth Aragon, Secretary - Yuliana Banez, and Historian - Lylah Miranda from Faben's Middle School led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

Receive an invocation from Father Michael Gallagher from Jesuit Community Sacred Heart Parish.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2023.

County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. Ratify the appointment of Mr. Ruben Gonzalez, Tax-Assessor Collector, to represent El Paso County on the Horizon City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors.

Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

C. Approve and authorize the Outside Counsel Agreement with Joseph R. Veith to provide legal representation in reviewing and contesting indigency or pauper's oaths that are filed with the District Clerk in family law cases in an amount not to exceed \$43,000. Funds are available in GF-CNTYATTY-PROF SVC-LEGAL. (Contract No. 2023-0710)

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

D. 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

E. Approve amendment No. 48 to the County of El Paso's 2022-2023 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$833,594.99, thus increasing the overall budget of \$777,364,960.23 to \$778,198,555.22.

Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

F. Approve amendment No. 5 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Special Revenue by \$7,735.00, increase Grants by \$5,347,899.66, thus increasing the overall budget of \$608,798,693.90 to \$614,154,328.56.

Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

G. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of March 27, 2023, Item 4K on the Consent Agenda to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign necessary forms required to request and accept the award of the FEMA EFSP Humanitarian gap funding in the amount of \$5,371,864.19 to cover expenses for April 1, 2023, through May 31, 2023. (Contract No. 2023-0259) Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the updated award in the amount of \$17,458,561.21 to support regional humanitarian response efforts during the eligible spending periods of April 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (Contract No. 2023-0921)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of El Paso and World Victory Center, a non-profit corporation, for the provision of sheltering support to individuals that have been encountered by the Department of Homeland Security for an amount not to exceed \$93,825.00 from October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Funds are available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2023-0929)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Operations Contract with Recovery Monitoring Solutions, LLC (RMS) for Drug testing services provided to the DWI Intervention and Treatment Program participants from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2024 and will automatically renew for another one-year term, not to exceed three years. Funds are available in SG-SAMHSA23-OPERATING EXPENSES. (Contract No. 2023-0886)

Judge Robert S. Anchondo, County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 (915) 834-8232

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Historic Site Tourist Promotion and Preservation Services Agreement with the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, a Texas nonprofit corporation, for the tourist promotion of the historic Los Portales Museum from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$96,860. Funding is available in SR-TOURPROM-LOS PORTALES. (Contract No. 2023-0917)

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Hello Amigo Marketing Agreement with Impulse Development, LLC, d/b/a Hello Amigo, for the redesign and hosting of the El Paso County Elections Department Website and Mobile Application from January 1, 2024, through July 31, 2029 in the amount of \$65,000. Funding is available in GF-ELECTIONS-ELECTIONS-CAP-IT SFTWRE-CTY and GF-ELECTIONS-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2023-0791)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Psychological Services Agreement between El Paso County and Integrity EAP d/b/a WellConnect (Dr. Deborah Ontiveros) for psychological services provided for pre-employment and employment psychological examination services for the County Human Resources Office (Sheriff's Division). Funding is available in GF-HR-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0743)

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

M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for Consultant Services between the County of El Paso Texas and Morris & McDaniel, Inc. for Law Enforcement Promotional Testing Services provided for the County's Human Resources Office (Sheriff's Division) for a two year term from the date of signature, with two (2) one-year annual extension options. Funds are available in GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0816)

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

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Lease Agreement between the County of El Paso and Summus Industries for the sole purpose of guaranteeing the identified rate while the County completes the procurement process and parties negotiate a final agreement. Funding for the first year annual lease payment is available in GF-ITD-RENT/LEASES-HARDWARE for a total amount of \$1,580,510.15. (Contract No. 2023-0731)

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

O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Tracker Software. Funding in the amount of \$7,740 is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2023-0806)

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

P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the El Paso County Roadway Safety Program with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for engineering services, design development of the required plans, construction services, and administrative expenses in the amount of \$347,999.88. Funds are available in CP-TN23C-TRAFFICSIGN-CONSTRUCT. (Contract 2023-0859) (Precinct 3)

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

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the Ascencion Street Improvements (HSIP) Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to perform engineering services during construction of the Ascencion Project North. Funding in the amount of \$35,749.54 is available in GF-EPCMP-CAP PROJ-CONSTRUCT. (Contract No. 2023-0881) (Precinct 3)

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

R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 3, On Call Civil Engineering Contract with Dannenbaum Engineering Company - El Paso, LLC., for providing professional services to update the El Paso County Subdivision Regulations and Design Standards in an amount not to exceed \$277,242.73. Funds are available in GF-PWADMIN-CONTR SVC-GENERAL (Contract No. 2023-0887)

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

S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with the developer of Vista Bonita Subdivisions Units 1 and 2 (T4S, LTD.) to perform railroad crossing improvements on Burbridge Road subject to receiving the final Letter of Credit. (Contract No. 2023-0899) (Precinct 3)

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

T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement with Mr. Rodolfo Gallegos to allow the use of his property in the Wilco Subdivision Unit 2 subdivision for residential purposes under certain conditions included in the agreement. (Contract No. 2023-0928) (Precinct 1)

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

U. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for Masoud Acres Unit I Subdivision.

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

V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Release of Obligation for improvements located in Project Williams Unit One Replat B subdivision (Instrument No. 1098385). Further, accept the identified improvements into the County of El Paso Road System for maintenance.

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

W. 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

X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between El Paso County and the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Regarding the Payment of Matching Funds, where the County agrees to provide a portion of the required 20 percent local match to EPCWCID4 in the amount of \$222,316.84 to fund the Fabens Memorial Veterans Park project aimed to increase the economic development of the community and region. Funds are available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. (Contract No. 2023-0369)

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

Y. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Confidentiality Agreement with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc., to allow the County to share record drawings of the Juvenile Justice Facility for a utilities efficiency study. (Contract No. 2023-0820)

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

Z. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 008 On-Call Civil Engineering Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to perform the services required for the Ascarate Park Lake Study in the amount of \$93,161. Funding is available in CP-TCO23B-DRAINDRED-PK IMPROV. (Contract No. 2023-0851) (Precinct 2)

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

AA. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Basic IDIQ, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a rock wall and sidewalk for the County of El Paso Ascarate Park All Abilities Playground in the amount of \$172,800. Funds are available in SG-PARKS19-CAP OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2023-0862) (Precinct 2)

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

AB. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Elevator Repairs Agreement with TK Elevator Corporation for the emergency elevator repairs at the Campbell parking garage and the Downtown Detention Facility in the amount of \$44,930.35. Funds are available in CP-TN23B-RENOV-GARAGE SECURITY and GF-PWSODETMNT-MAINT/REP-GENERA. (Contract No. 2023-0933)

Robin Sully, Facilities Director, Facilities Maintenance Department (915) 546-2009

AC. Approve As-Needed Purchase of Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) Equipment, Supplies, Materials and Services for the County of El Paso using Region 19 Contract 23-7457 and Region 19 Contract 22-7434 to awarded vendors as listed in tabulation. Funding is available through various County department accounts.

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

AD. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for GPS/Alcohol Monitoring for the Juvenile Probation 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 L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AE. 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

AF. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division FY24 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant award, on behalf of the 65th District Protective Order Court, in the amount of \$129,340, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. A County match in the amount of \$131,859, is needed. Funds are available in GF-PROTORDERCART-XFER OUT-GRNT. (Contract No. 2023-0923)

Judge Victor Salas, Associate Judge, 65th District Protective Order Court (915) 546-3859

AG. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the FEMA EFSP Continuing Resolution (CR2023) funding award in the amount of \$5,371,864.19 to support regional humanitarian response efforts during the eligible spending periods of April 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. No County match is required. (Contract Number: 2023-0920)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

AH. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to submit the AmeriCorps VISTA Project Program renewal application via eGrants for the continuation of year 2 of the 3-year AmeriCorps VISTA grant award from January 14, 2024, through January 13, 2025. (Contract No. 2023-0934)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

AI. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2024 Section 5339 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities Grant in the amount of \$2,535,404. A match requirement will be met with TxDOT State Rural Grant Funds in the amount of \$507,081. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Obligation Certification. (Contract No. 2023-0926)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the FBI's El Paso Field Office for their advocacy on behalf of El Paso County veterans and their families.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring November 18, 2023 "Border Network for Human Rights 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, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing and commending Fernando Garcia for his leadership, vision, and action to help create a more equitable border community.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

D. Approve and adopt a resolution proclaiming November 18, 2023 as "National Injury Prevention Day" 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, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Crawford, addressed the Commissioners Court and read scripture in honor of Thanksgiving and the Israel - Palestinian conflict regarding judgement and hope.

Commissioner Sergio Coronado acknowledged Armando Rodriguez and the Texas Association of Schoolboards who brought the TASB Leadership Training to the El Paso area, spoke about the Northeast Veterans Parade and his participation in the grand opening of the Downrange Brewery in Canutillo.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Receive an update from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Pellicano Widening Project. (TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)
Norma Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COMMISSIONERS COURT

8. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 351.252, approve and adopt an El Paso County Commissioners Court Order to formally reaffirm the establishment of the El Paso County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3 (915) 546-2144

MOTION: APPROVE AND ADOPT AN EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER TO FORMALLY REAFFIRM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EL PASO COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART).

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

9. Discuss and take action regarding the planning of the Majestic Mission Trail documentary premiere and authorize the County Administrator to act on matters related to the event.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO IDENTIFY PROJECT FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for public health emergencies.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

NO ACTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the 2023 Healthy Food Finance Initiative recommendations, as presented by UT Health on behalf of the Economic Development Department.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: DELETE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

12. Discuss and take appropriate action on a Memorandum of Understanding with Green Corridors LLC, a private sector company, to establish the guidelines for applying to the Environment Protection Agency, Justice Block Grant aka "Change Grants" for the installation of an autonomous vehicle cross border facility on the US-Mexico border within the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry. (Contract No. 2023-0932)
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GREEN CORRIDORS LLC, A PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANY, TO ESTABLISH THE GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING TO THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY, JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT AKA "CHANGE GRANTS" FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE CROSS BORDER FACILITY ON THE US-MEXICO BORDER WITHIN THE TORNILLO-GUADALUPE PORT OF ENTRY.

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

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

13. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:34 A.M.

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

C. Discuss potential real property acquisition in Downtown El Paso pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.
Norma Rivera Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2215

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 receive legal advice and consultation regarding the Enterprise Justice System.
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

E. Discuss the pending EEOC claim and potential litigation of Charge No. 453-2023-00649; County Attorney's file number 0064-23-EE, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Michael Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

F. Discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding litigation styled Janice Levario v. Jesus Elias, et al; Cause No. 3:23-CV-00307-DCG; County Attorney case number 0128-23-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

G. Discuss the potential litigation regarding Dallas County Mental Health Inmate Litigation, Cause No. D-1-GN-23-001610; County Attorney's file number 0163-23-PL, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

H. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding HB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

I. Discuss legal rights and responsibilities related to Paisano Recycling Plant, County Attorney's file number 0160-23-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

J. 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 RECONVENED AT 12:33 P.M.

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:34 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:44 P.M.

13. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:44 P.M.

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

C. Discuss potential real property acquisition in Downtown El Paso pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.

Norma Rivera Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2215

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Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

H. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding HB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

J. 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 RECONVENED AT 3:46 P.M.

13B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, discuss selection process concerning County Criminal Court at Law 1 Judge.

Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

14. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint a candidate for County Criminal Court at Law 1 Judge.

Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 13B AND REGULAR SESSION ITEM 14 FOR THREE WEEKS.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

15. Discuss and take action on the pending EEOC claim and potential litigation of Charge No. 453-2023-00649; County Attorney's file number 0064-23-EE.

Michael Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

16. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding legal rights and responsibilities regarding litigation styled Janice Levario v. Jesus Elias, et al; Cause No. 3:23-CV-00307-DCG; County Attorney case number 0128-23-LD.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Nay: None

17. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding HB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO INITIATE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION AS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY IF HB 4 OR SB 4 PASS IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 P.M.

**EL PASO COUNTY
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 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