

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**VINCENT PEREZ**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**DAVID STOUT**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**CARL L. ROBINSON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

Commissioners Court Chambers, El Paso County Courthouse  
500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	PRESENT
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	PRESENT
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	PRESENT
VINCENT M. PEREZ	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	PRESENT
CARL L. ROBINSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	PRESENT

**MINUTES PREPARED BY JESSICA CONTRERAS, DEPUTY CLERK**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

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

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**3. INVOCATION**

A. Receive an Invocation from Eric Chavez.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2020.  
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. 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.  
Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040

C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement with Betsy Keller, Chief Administrator, effective October 1, 2019. Funding is available in GF-GADM-RES-SAL ADJUST. (Contract No. 2020-0003)  
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

D. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Service Agreements with the following service providers participating in the Border Prosecution Unit initiative (Grant #2283710) from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020: Michael Bryant, dba ML Bryant LLC (Contract No. 2019-0989) and Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) Amendment 1 (Contract No. 2020-0048). There is no fiscal impact to the County budget.  
Jaime Esparza, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059

E. Approve and authorize the amended Employee or Authorized Individual Monthly Parking Application/License Agreement for employees or authorized individuals utilizing the County monthly parking garage or MDR parking lot.  
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the County of El Paso and the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) to conduct a joint wage rate survey for the 2020 El Paso County Prevailing Wage Study. (Contract No. 2019-0972)  
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

G. Approve and authorize an amendment to the FY20 Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 Security Fund budget in the amount of \$1,950 to supplement an installation quote to include required camera wire runs and installation of electrical outlets. Funding is available in SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIE. If approved, further authorize the re-allocation of funds in the amount of \$1,950 from SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIE to SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS EQUIPMENT.  
Judge Robert T. Pearson, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 (915) 534-3917

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Youth Residential Treatment Services agreement with Care Youth Corporation d/b/a Sequel Youth Services of Falcon Ridge Ranch Youth Residential Treatment Center for Girls - Out of State, from February 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022. Funding is available in account TJJD Commitment Diversion 2020 Grant. (Contract 2019-0851)  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Youth Residential Treatment Services Agreement with Starr Commonwealth d/b/a Starr Albion Prep from February 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022. Funding is available in TJJD Commitment Diversion 2020 Grant. (Contract No. 2019-0861)  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation, the termination letter for Agreement No. 2019-0093 with University of Cincinnati Research Institute effective March 31, 2020. (Contract No. 2020-0040)  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

K. Accept the Quarterly Report from the Juvenile Probation Department.  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

L. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Emerald Pass Commercial Unit Two Subdivision plat.  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

M. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Fabens Flyers Private Subdivision plat.  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning and Development Department (915) 546-2015

N. Approve the Certificates of Plat Compliance (under Texas Local Government Code Section 232.028(a), as provided on the attached listing.

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

O. Approve and authorize a change fund in the amount of \$300 for the Public Works Department to establish a cashiering station to better serve the public.

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

P. Approve and authorize the modification of 288 sq. ft. of space into a secured and enclosed space located in the Sheriff's Office Headquarters Elections Warehouse in the amount of \$6,037.90. Funding is available in CIP19-PUBLICWORKS-RENOV.

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

Q. 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.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the grant application for G20SW0001A West Texas HIDTA Multiple Initiatives for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,869,724 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. No County Match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0065)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the grant application for G20SW0003A West Texas HIDTA Prosecution Initiative for the District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$727,295 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0066)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the IDEMIA Maintenance and Support Agreement for the Latent Fingerprint Station in the amount of \$14,041 for a one-year term. Funding is available in GF-SOCID-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2019-0983)

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Robinson

Members Absent: Perez

Members Voting Nay: None

### **5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the month of February 2020 as "Black History Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution designating February as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

C. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring February 5, 2020 as "National Girls and Women in Sports Day" 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 Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pierre Andre Euzarraga, with The American Political Party, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding his documentation with the Federal elections Commission and the need for a single political party in the United States.

## **7. PRESENTATION**

A. Receive a presentation and discuss the monthly report from the Council of Judges.  
Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges (915) 546-2143

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

#### **PURCHASING**

8. Approve the award of RFP 19-023, Workers Compensation Claim Administration Third Party Administrator (TPA), Cost Containment Services, and 504 Program Administration to Sedgwick of Memphis, TN. Purchasing approved recommendation on January 3, 2020. Funding is available in IS-WC-WORKERS COMP-ADMIN.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

9. Award Bid 20-001 Lubricant (Oil, Grease and Antifreeze) and Cleaners for the County of El Paso to Brewer Oil Company, of El Paso, TX and C&R Distributing, LLC., of El Paso, TX. Purchasing approved on January 28, 2020. Funding is available from various department accounts.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

10. Award Bid 20-004 Bus and Fleet Vehicle Maintenance for the County of El Paso to L-Tune Auto Service, of El Paso, Texas. Purchasing approved on January 28, 2020. Funding is available from various department accounts.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

11. Award Bid 20-008 Two (2) Digital Radiography X-Ray Equipment for the County of El Paso (re-bid) to First Source, of Rochester, NY, in the amount of \$250,158. Purchasing approved on January 30, 2020. Funding is available in CIP19-SOJAILANNX-EQUIP.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

12. Approve the purchase of 50 Microsoft Surface Pro 6 Tablets and accessories for the Information Technology Department using DIR Contract DIR-TSO 3373 awarded to SHI Government Solutions of Austin, TX in the amount of \$54,625. Purchasing approved on January 28, 2020. Funding is available in CP-REPLACE20-EQ NONCAP-TABLETS.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

13. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 20-007 Pre-Employment and Employment Medical and Physical Examination for the Sheriff's Office; with permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Human Resources Department.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**PRESENTATION**

7B. Accept the quarterly report from the El Paso County Housing Authority.

Miguel Hernandez, Executive Director, El Paso County Housing Authority (915) 764-3559

**MOTION: ACCEPT**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Agreement for an award of \$102,497.77 for home delivered meals for elderly individuals and persons with disabilities for a term beginning February 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021. Funds will be deposited in SG-NUTRITM20-STATE AGENCY. (Contract No. 2020-0026)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and Nationwide Retirement Solutions Inc. for 457 deferred compensation plan services. (Contract No. 2018-0624)

Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

16. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.041, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the revision to the Gateway Estates Unit One Subdivision to be named Gateway Estates Unit One Replat G.

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Perez

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Leon, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

17. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the submittal of applications for funding through the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) State Revolving Funds Loan Program.

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

**NO ACTION**

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

18. Approve and authorize the DWI Drug Court Program to apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant application in the amount of \$387,716. This is year three of a five year grant period. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the attestation letter as a requirement of the grant application. (Contract No. 2020-0073)

Judge Robert Anchondo, County Criminal Court at Law #2 (915) 834-8232

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

19. Approve and authorize the 65th Family District Court to apply for FY 2020-2021 Specialty Courts Grant through the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for Family Drug Court participants with substance abuse treatment, accountability, and necessary parenting skills, in the amount of \$89,131 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution and CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0045)

Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez, 65th Family District Court (915) 834-8216

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

20. Approve amendment No. 16 to the County of El Paso's 2019-2020 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$112,769.10, thus increasing the overall budget of \$474,503,656.49 to \$474,616,425.59.

Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

## **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

21. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Lease extension between the County of El Paso and the City of El Paso for office and laboratory use by the City's Department of Public Health at the Medical Examiner's building (4505 Alberta, El Paso, Texas), for a term through September 30, 2020, the end of current fiscal year. Additionally, authorize a notice to the City of El Paso on the termination of the lease. (Contract No. 2015-0362)

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

Posted Friday, January 31, 2020 at 10:15 A.M.

### **MOTION: DELETE**

Motion by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:38 A.M.**

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ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
JESSICA CONTRERAS, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING