

**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
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:41 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an Invocation by Pam Faraone.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meetings of February 3, 2020 and February 10, 2020 and the special meeting of February 20, 2020.
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Services Agreement with the Alliance for Regional Military Support to promote growth in the regional defense and aerospace industries. Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available in GF-GADM-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0098)
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- C. Approve and authorize the position allocation/budget transfer of the County Attorney's First Assistant position to be funded 65% through County Attorney and 35% County Attorney-UMC. Further, approve the re-allocation of funds from GF-CNTYATTY-SALARY-FT REGULAR and related fringe accounts to GF-CAUMC-SALARY-FT REGULAR and related fringe accounts.
Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2081
- D. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** - Pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 102.0171, authorize the County Attorney to provide **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR** students from the remaining account balance of its former teen court program designed to prevent juveniles from engaging in delinquent conduct. Funding is available in SR-TEENCRT-CASH.
Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050
- E. Approve the acceptance of donations for the 2020 Child Welfare Conference, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §81.032. Funding will be deposited in SR-CASPEVENT-CASH.
Lucila Flores Camarena, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050
- F. 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
- G. In compliance with the El Paso County Code of Ethics, pursuant to Article XIII, acknowledge the campaign contribution of \$2,500 or more to County Commissioner Carlos Leon.
Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct. 1 (915) 546-2014
- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Group Life Insurance with Dearborn Life Insurance Company regarding their name change from Dearborn National Life Insurance Company to Dearborn Life Insurance Company and to allow a Chief Administrator basic life insurance policy. Funding is available in IS-HEALTH-HEALTH/DENTAL CLAIMS. (Contract No. 2019-0992)
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second and Final Option to Renew Agreement with The Family Empowerment Center, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department, for adolescent sexual therapy. This will extend the term of services from May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021 in an estimated amount of \$80,000. Funding is available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0057)
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Option to Renew Agreement with Noble Software Group, LLC, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department, for the Software Maintenance & License Agreement for The PACT (Positive Achievement Change Tool). This will extend the term of services from June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021, in an estimated amount of \$23,138. Funding is available in GF-JPD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0064)
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the TrueCore Behavioral Solutions LLC., Youth Residential Treatment Center Services Agreement, for children who have been adjudicated of delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and placement, from February 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022. Funding is available in TJJD Commitment Diversion 2020 Grant. (Contract No. 2019-0879)
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the termination letter, to include the month to month letter dated September 1, 2018, between the County of El Paso, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department, and TrueCore Behavioral Solutions LLC., for Agreement No. 2017-0459. (Contract No. 2019-0999)
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department, the Acknowledgement of Termination letter for Agreement No. 2018-0121 with Meridell Achievement Center effective March 31, 2020. (Contract No. 2020-0148)
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- N. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER STOUT** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Law School Partnership Program Between Gideon's Promise and the El Paso County Public Defender's Office to participate in the 2020 Gideon's Promise Law School Partnership Program to facilitate the placement of a selected law student in the Public Defender's Office for a one year fellowship from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, in the approximate amount of \$3,078 for the one month in FY 2020 and \$33,860 for the 11 months in FY 2021. Funding in the amount of \$3,078 is available in GF-PUBLICDEFEND-SALARY-FT REG, and \$33,860 will be appropriated in FY21. Further, approve funding for tuition and travel costs for the participating attorney to attend the Gideon's Promise Core program in the summer of 2020 in the amount of \$8,500. Funding is available in GF-GADM-TRAVEL/PROF ED. (Contract No. 2019-0899)
William R. Cox, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185
- O. 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
- P. **CORRECTION PER BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT** Approve and authorize the modification/renovation of space on the 8th floor of the Courthouse for additional work and storage space for County Court at Law No. 5, in the amount of \$759.26. Funding is available in **CIP19-PUBLICWORKS-RENOV.**
Robin Sully, Facilities Maintenance Director, Facilities Maintenance Department (915) 546-2009
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Addendum to the County-Thyssenkrupp Elevator Maintenance Agreement clarifying the Master Elevator Maintenance Agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation. (Contract No. 2020-0081)
Robin Sully, Facilities Maintenance Director, Facilities Maintenance Department (915) 546-2009
- R. 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
- S. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Insurance Broker 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.
Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048
- T. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Management, Operation and Marketing of a Commuter Van Pool Program. In accordance with Local Government Code 262.030, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.
Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048
- U. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Professional Employee Organization Services for the West Texas HIDTA Program. In accordance with Local Government Code 262.030, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.
Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the FY 2019 Operation Stonegarden Interlocal Agreement and associated Resolution between the County of El Paso, Texas, the City of El Paso, Texas, the City of Anthony, Texas, the Town of Horizon City, the City of Socorro, Office of the Constable Precinct 6 and the Texas Department of Public Safety - Aviation Team for law enforcement efforts to enhance the capability to detect, prevent, and deter terrorists, weapons of mass effect, transnational gangs, smuggling of contraband, and human trafficking. (Contract No. 2020-0125 & Contract No. 2020-0166)
Sheriff Richard Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

MOTION: APPROVE

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

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the El Paso County Sheriff's Warrants Section and other law enforcement agencies in their work for Operation Safe Streets.
Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct. 1 (915) 546-2014

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Seconded by Commissioner Perez Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the month of February 2020 as "El Paso Children's Hospital Birthday Month" in El Paso County, Texas.
David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Seconded by Commissioner Leon Members Voting Nay: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pierre Andre Euzarraga, with The American Political Party, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding how Americans can unite to form one political party.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4B. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER ROBINSON - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Services Agreement with the Alliance for Regional Military Support to promote growth in the regional defense and aerospace industries. Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available in GF-GADM-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0098)
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE

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

4N. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER STOUT - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Law School Partnership Program Between Gideon's Promise and the El Paso County Public Defender's Office to participate in the 2020 Gideon's Promise Law School Partnership Program to facilitate the placement of a selected law student in the Public Defender's Office for a one year fellowship from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, in the approximate amount of \$3,078 for the one month in FY 2020 and \$33,860 for the 11 months in FY 2021. Funding in the amount of \$3,078 is available in GF-PUBLICDEFEND-SALARY-FT REG, and \$33,860 will be appropriated in FY21. Further, approve funding for tuition and travel costs for the participating attorney to attend the Gideon's Promise Core program in the summer of 2020 in the amount of \$8,500. Funding is available in GF-GADM-TRAVEL/PROF ED. (Contract No. 2019-0899)
William R. Cox, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

MOTION: APPROVE

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

7. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the El Paso Bar Association's nominee, Milad Farah, to the El Paso Ethics Commission for the term ending January 31, 2022.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

PURCHASING

8. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for an Events and Feasibility Study for Existing County Coliseum and new Amphitheater in accordance with Local Government Code 262.030. The Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

9. Approve the use of inter-local agreement with Potter County, Texas using the Services Operations Agreement for Community Supervision and Corrections Department awarded to Recovery Monitoring Solutions of Dallas, Texas, to provide drug testing supplies and services for the County of El Paso in the amounts indicated on the tabulation. Furthermore, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the inter-local agreement between the County of El Paso and Potter County. Funding is available in GF-CRMJUSTCOORD-MEDICAL-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0176)

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. Authorize the Single Source award of PIP Integrations, Trailer and IDP for El Paso County Sheriff's Department to Vigilant Solutions, LLC of Livermore, CA in the amount of \$135,895. Funding is available in SG-STONEGARSO18-CAP OUTLAYS.

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

TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

11. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign, the Notice of Contract Termination letters to the following Full Service Deputy registration and titling service offices: Express Car Titling I (2020-0050), Express Car Titling II (2020-0051), EZ Auto Title Registration (2020-0052), Flash Auto Title Registration (2020-0053), Flash Auto Title Registration (2020-0054), Texas Auto Registration & Titles (2020-0055), Tri-Star Auto Title Co. (2020-0056), El Paso Auto I (2020-0058), El Paso Auto II (2020-0059), El Paso Auto III (2020-0060), El Paso Auto IV (2020-0061), El Paso Auto V (2020-0062), and El Paso Auto VI (2020-0063).

Ruben P. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office (915) 771-2305

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

12. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Full Service Deputy 2020 for the County Tax-Assessor-Collector. In accordance with Local Government Code 262.030, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

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
Members Absent: Robinson Members Voting Nay: None

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Guardianship Services Agreement with Project Amistad from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021, with three additional one-year renewals. Funding is available in account GF-MNTLHLTH-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2019-0881)

Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Support (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Between El Paso County and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for Services Related to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative to develop procedures, impact measurement, and outline each entity's roles and responsibilities in providing long term capital for businesses to provide healthy foods to underserved communities. (Contract No. 2019-0951)

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Grant Agreement Between Desert Spoon Food Hub and El Paso County, for a three year term beginning upon the date of signature, in the amount of \$150,000. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2020-0039)

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Grant Agreement Between Xtreme Core Fitness and El Paso County, for a three year term beginning upon the date of signature, in the amount of \$18,613.59. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2020-0041)

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

16. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Grant Agreement Between Growing with Sara Farm, LLC and El Paso County, for a three year term beginning upon the date of signature, in the amount of \$63,366.43. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2020-0042)

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

18. Approve and authorize the revision to the County of El Paso's Promotions Policy.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

PUBLIC WORKS

19. Approve and accept the revision of Horizon Marketplace Replat A, to be named Horizon Marketplace Replat C, pursuant to requirements of the Texas Local Government Code §232.041 (Revision of Plat); further, authorize the filing and recording of the subdivision plat.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

20. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) Amendment and accompanying resolution between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and El Paso County for the engineering design of John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) Phases I & II. (CSJ. No. 0924-06-564). Funding is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0131)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

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

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.

21. Approve and authorize the 65th Judicial District Protective Order Court to apply for the Governor's Office Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant in the amount of \$159,679, with a grant match of \$68,884 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. If awarded, the County match will be appropriated in the FY 21 budget. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0129)

Victor Salas, Associate Judge, 65th District Protective Order Court (915) 543-3859

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

22. Approve and authorize the establishment of an El Paso County Mental Health Court as mandated by Texas Senate Bill 562, through the 205th District Court thereby creating a Mental Health Court Program titled Wellness & Recovery Treatment Program. Further, authorize the County Judge and Commissioners Court to sign the Resolution establishing the program as required by the Texas Office of Court Administration. (Contract No. 2020-0172)

Judge Francisco X. Dominguez, 205th District Court (915) 546-2107

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

Liaison

23. **CORRECTION PER GRANTS DIVISION** Approve and authorize the 205th District Court, Wellness & Recovery Treatment Program, to apply for the Governor's Office Specialty Courts Program, in the amount of \$172,000 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. Further, approve and authorize the allocation of County funds for the position of Specialty Court **LIAISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,910**. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0167)

Judge Francisco X. Dominguez, 205th District Court (915) 546-2107

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE 205TH DISTRICT COURT, WELLNESS & RECOVERY TREATMENT PROGRAM, TO APPLY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SPECIALTY COURTS PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,000 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021. FURTHER, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE POSITION OF SPECIALTY COURT LIAISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,910. NO COUNTY MATCH IS REQUIRED. FURTHER, AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION. (CONTRACT NO. 2020-0167)

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

24. Approve and authorize the 384th Adult Drug Court Program to apply for the Governor's Office Specialty Courts Program in the amount of \$182,988 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0150)

Magdalena Morales Aina, Director, Community Supervision and Corrections Department (915) 546-8120

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

25. Approve and authorize the DWI Drug Court to apply for the Governor's Office Specialty Courts Program in the amount of \$172,008 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0163)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

26. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division, FY21 Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Court Program funding opportunity.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A LETTER REQUESTING A WAIVER TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO APPLY FOR ITS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT FOR FY21 COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED PERSONS COURT PROGRAM.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

27. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation Federal 5339 Discretionary Award FY19 Bus and Bus Facilities Program Funds for Fleet grant, in the amount of \$274,779 from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Certificate of Obligation. (Contract No. 2020-0145)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

28. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation FY20 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311, Rural Areas Public Transportation Grant, in the amount of \$363,462 from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Certificate of Obligation. (Contract No. 2020-0144)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

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

29. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation Federal 5339 Discretionary Award FY19 Bus and Bus Facilities Program Funds for Facilities grant, in the amount of \$224,000 from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Certificate of Obligation. (Contract No. 2020-0146)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

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

30. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Governor's Office First Responder Mental Health Program grant in the amount of \$51,120, with a grant match of \$12,780 from October 1, 2020 through September 31, 2021. If awarded, the County match will be appropriated in the FY 21 budget. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution and Victim Services Certification. (Contract No. 2020-0161)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

31. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Governor's Office State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities grant in the amount of \$128,853 from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0169)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 838-3273

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

32. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Program grant in the amount of \$181,116.80 for two handheld narcotics analyzers, and the purchase and installation of a County Courthouse surveillance system from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0159)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2006

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

33. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Unit, to apply for the Governor's Office State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects grant, in the amount of \$210,085, to purchase mobile radios from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0157)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 838-3273

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE

34. Approve amendment No. 19 to the County of El Paso's 2019-2020 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$7,048, thus increasing the overall budget of \$474,616,425.59 to \$474,623,473.59

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, Robinson

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

35B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, discuss contract negotiations with Life Ambulance Service, Inc., for ambulance services in El Paso County.

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

MOTION: (1.) COMMISSIONERS COURT VOTES UNANIMOUSLY THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; (2.) THE ATTORNEY ADVISING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ISSUES A WRITTEN DETERMINATION THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; AND (3.) A RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN CLOSED SESSION IS MADE REGARDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC., FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN EL PASO COUNTY, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0725.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

35. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:28 P.M.

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, discuss contract negotiations with Life Ambulance Service, Inc., for ambulance services in El Paso County.

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

C. Discuss pending litigation styled JNC Development, Inc. v. Dan Williams, et al; Cause No. 2018DCV2863; County Attorney's file number 0181-18-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Discuss grievance regarding County Attorney's case number 0001-20-GR, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Michael A. Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

E. Discuss the pending claim submitted by F.D.; County Attorney's file number 0029-20-LC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:30 P.M

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:30 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:15 P.M.

35. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:15 P.M.

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

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Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 1:52 P.M.

36. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding grievance; County Attorney's case number 0001-20-GR.
Michael A. Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: POSTPONE ITEM # 36 AND CORRESPONDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM # 35D FOR ONE WEEK.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Absent: Perez

Members Voting Nay: None

37. Discuss and take appropriate action on the pending claim of F.D.; County Attorney's file number 0029-20-LC.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE IN THIS MATTER FOR THE INVOICE CLAIM AMOUNT OF \$2,949.77.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Perez

Members Voting Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:54 P.M.

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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Commissioner, Pct. 1

VINCENT PEREZ
Commissioner, Pct. 3



DAVID STOUT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

JESSICA CONTRERAS, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING