

**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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020**

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| 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 | ABSENT |

MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:10 A.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the continuation and renewal of the Declaration of Local Disaster due to a public health emergency by the El Paso County Judge.
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TX EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISSUED THIS MARCH 19, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for COVID-19.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE WAIVER OF THE 90 DAY WAITING PERIOD TO ANY NEW EMPLOYEE WHO CHOOSES TO JOIN THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE PLAN.

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:44 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:54 P.M.

3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for COVID-19.

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

7. Receive a presentation on the Downtown Historical and Architectural Survey and provide feedback on the Texas Historical Commission's proposed changes. Further, provide direction as to the project alternatives shared by staff and Hardy, Heck, and Moore Consulting Firm.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

4. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Department and its consultant, Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), regarding the development of proposed route-service improvements and sites for the installation of bus shelters and stops.

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

NO ACTION

5. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Department and their consultant, Atkins Global, regarding the development of the El Paso County Major Thoroughfare Plan.

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

NO ACTION

6. Receive a presentation from Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, L.P. (HOK) on the Study of Project Needs of the Downtown Jail Facility.

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

NO ACTION

8. Receive a presentation regarding East Side growth patterns.

Vincent M. Perez, Commissioner, Pct. 3 (915) 546-2144

NO ACTION

9. Receive a presentation from the Criminal Justice Coordination Department.

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

NO ACTION

10. Discuss and provide direction on opportunities for partnerships with the City of El Paso for collection stations and water park access for county residents.

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

NO ACTION

11. Receive a presentation on the County's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

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

NO ACTION

12. Receive update on capital projects and associated bond funding.

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

NO ACTION

13. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 114.023, 114.024, 114.025 and 114.026, please accept the attached presentation and the interim financial report for the month ended February 29, 2020. The interim financial report is located on the intranet at:
<http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/monthlyreports.html>.
Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office, (915) 546-2040

NO ACTION

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, discuss and interview candidates for the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:55 P.M.

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ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING