

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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Commissioner, Pct. 1

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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, MARCH 23, 2020**

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

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 9:37 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Pam Faraone.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve and authorize the extension of the temporary Administrative Specialist position in the Veterans Assistance Office up to the end of the fiscal year. Funding is available in GF-VASSIST-SALARY-TEMP and other associated accounts.

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

B. **CORRECTION PER BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT** - Approve amendment No. 23 to the County of El Paso's 2019-2020 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Special Revenue by \$1,184.00, increase Grants by \$564,012.74, thus increasing the overall budget of \$474,991,736.36 to \$475,556,933.10. **FURTHER, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE TO INCLUDE A TRANSFER OF \$250,000 FROM GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES TO GF-ADM-COVID19-OPS EXPGEN.**

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

C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of paralegal services to the Juvenile Board and Juvenile Probation Department by the County of El Paso from February 26, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Funding is available in GF-CNTYATTY-SALARY-FT REGULAR. (Contract No. 2020-0138)

Patricia Lopez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

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.

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

E. 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

F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office Violence Against Women Act-DV Program (VAWA Grant Application FY21 #1343723) Resolution, from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division, for the El Paso County Domestic Violence Unit (VAWA) Grant for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$145,932 with a County match of \$141,932 for the period of September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. If awarded, the County match will be appropriated in the FY21 budget. (Contract No. 2020-0240)

Jaime Esparza, District Attorney (915) 546-2059

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the to the resolution for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for El Paso County's Victim Assistance Program (VOCA) Grant application for FY21 in the amount of \$331,545 with a County Match of \$87,702 and an in-kind match for volunteer services totaling \$400 for the period of September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. If awarded, the County match will be appropriated in the FY21 budget. (Contract No. 2020-0241)

Jaime Esparza, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059

H. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Hospital District (EPCHD) to negotiate and execute a sublease with Regent Care Center of El Paso, LP under the Texas Health and Human Services Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP) for nursing facilities. This item was approved by the EPCHD Board of Managers at the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600

I. Approve and authorize an increase to the FY20 Justice of the Peace Security Fund for the Justice Court, Pct. 1 in the amount of \$15,291 from Special Revenue Fund 6045. This amended request is to support the cost of ballistic walls for the JP/Constable Pct. 1 Office. Funding is available in the SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIE account. Further, approve the re-allocation of funds in the amount of \$15,291 from SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIES to SR-JUSTCRTSEC-CAP OUT-RENOV.

Judge Robert T. Pearson, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 (915) 534-3917

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to Agreement Product and Services Schedule to Master Agency Agreement Between Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. and El Paso County Juvenile Probation for extended warranty and support for TOUCHPOINT electronic monitoring services in an estimated amount of \$12,500 per month. Funding is available in GF-JPD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0248)

Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

K. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2020-2022 Federal 5339 Formula Grant - Bus and Bus Facilities Funds in the amount of \$823,651. The purpose of the grant is to provide capital equipment that will support continued commuter bus service, as well as to continue the County's passenger shelter project. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Obligation Certificate. (Contract 2020-0244)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the FY2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Certifications and Assurances. This document is required by all subrecipients set to receive federal funds through TxDOT. There is no fiscal impact to the County. (Contract No. 2020-0246)

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

M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the necessary documents pertaining to donation of Real Property as follows: 420 Horizon City #55 lot 8 on Hymel Ct. (Contract No. 2019-0449)

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & 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 the purchase of VEEAM Back-up Server and Licenses Software Maintenance for Information Technology Department using Texas DIR Contract DIR-TSO-4160 awarded to Sequel Data Systems Incorporated of Austin, TX in the amount of \$77,977.24. Purchasing approved on March 17, 2020. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE.

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

P. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to close out solicitation RFP 20-009 Catering and Concession Services for the County of El Paso.

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

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. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2020, Item No. 4-O from the Consent Agenda to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Overtime Agreement(s) for reimbursement in the amount of \$15,000 for 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant and 4 Detectives through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Program from February 28, 2020, through September 30, 2020. (Contract No. 2020-0147) Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the corrected Overtime Agreement(s) for reimbursement in the amount of \$15,000 for 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant and 4 Detectives through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Program from February 28, 2020, through September 30, 2020. (Contract No. 2020-0147) Corrected backup has been attached.

Lieutenant Jack Waite, EPCSO-HIDTA Task Force (915) 832-6150

S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Carahsoft UFED Touch 2 Ultimate software renewal for three (3) Cellebrite units in the amount of \$10,071.54 from December 31, 2019, through December 30, 2020. Funding is available in SG-ONDCP2018-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2020-0218)

Marco Spalloni, ISC Manager (915) 832-5624

T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the maintenance agreement with Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$22,849.44. Funding is available in CP-REPLACE20-INMOT-IT SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2020-0237)

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

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the cabling contract for the UMC Clinic located at the El Paso County Jail Annex in the amount of \$328.86. Funding is available in GF-SOJAILANX-MAINT/REP-GENERA. (Contract No. 2020-0168)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Perez

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

NO ACTION

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

6. 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

NO ACTION

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

7. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Opportunity Center for the Homeless, for reentry services for justice-involved homeless individuals and for overall emergency shelter needs in response to the COVID-19 crisis, in the amount of \$100,000. Funding is available in GF-REENTRYSUPPORT-CONT SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0250)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

8. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank for immediate financial relief to assist in maintaining food bank services to include providing food and personal care supplies to County residents and emergency shelters in response to the COVID-19 crisis, in the amount of \$100,000. Funding is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-HEALTHY FOOD. (Contract No. 2020-0252)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Nay: None

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and Sequel Data Systems. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2020-0182)

Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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.

10. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Constable Precincts 1 and 6 to apply to the Department of Homeland Security - FY2020 Operation Stonegarden in the amount of \$1,099,173.92 for the Sheriff's Office, \$56,156.19 for Constable Precinct 1, and \$112,312.39 for Constable Precinct 6. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0233)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

B. Discuss pending litigation styled Monica Y. Provencio v. County of El Paso, Cause No. 2017-DCV-1719;
County Attorney's case number 0143-17-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Ruben Duarte, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: DELETE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS 11A AND 11B.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 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.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING