

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct. 1

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct. 3



DAVID STOUT
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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, JANUARY 4, 2021**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	VIDEOCONFERENCE
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	VIDEOCONFERENCE
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	VIDEOCONFERENCE
ILIANA HOLGUIN	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	VIDEOCONFERENCE
CARL L. ROBINSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	TELECONFERENCE

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 9:34 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Pam Faraone.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

B. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO - Approve and authorize the reappointment of Aleksandra Anello to the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees for a second 2-year term beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

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

C. Approve and authorize an amendment to increase the FY21 Justice Court Security Fund (Special Revenue Fund 6045) approved budget in the amount of \$7,474. This amended request is to support the cost of X-ray maintenance costs of \$3,736.60 per unit, per year, for JP-2 and JP6-1. Funding is available in SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIE. Further, approve the re-allocation of funds from SR-JUSTCRTSEC-OPS CONTINGENCIE to SR-JUSTCRTSEC-MAIN/REP-GENERAL.

Judge Ruben Lujan, Justice of the Peace Pct. 6-1 (915) 851-2019

D. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the University of Cincinnati Research Institute Services Agreement for training for the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department for \$17,250 from January 4, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Funding is available in GF-JPD-EE TRAINING. (Contract No. 2020-0977)

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

E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the service contract with Confidential Drug Testing for drug and alcohol screenings to juveniles referred by the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department beginning January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021 for an estimated amount of \$15,000. Funding is available in GCORONAE21-600000-601400-601404. (Contract No. 2020-1005)

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

F. 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

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge sign the 60-month lease with Canon Financial for an ImageRunner Advance DXC5750i color copier from February 1, 2021, through January 31, 2026. Funding is available in SG-ONDCP2019-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2020-1048)

Marco Spalloni, ISC Manager (915) 832-5624

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office-CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form for all OOG grant applications submitted for the FY 2022 funding cycle. (Contract No. 2020-1135)

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

I. (Postponed 12/14/2020) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the MKinsight Support and Maintenance Renewal between the County of El Paso and Ideagen. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$11,981.17. (Contract No. 2020-1073)

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

J. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO - Approve and authorize the relocation of the January 2021 private foreclosure sales under Texas Property Code Section 51.002 to Liberty Hall, in accordance with the County Judge's Stay Home, Work Safe Order No. 15.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

K. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO - Rescind Item 12 from the December 17, 2020 Commissioners Court special meeting and further, approve and authorize the relocation of future private foreclosure sales, tax liens sales, and judgment sales under Texas Property Code Section 51.002, Texas Tax Code 34.01, and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code 34.041 to the El Paso County Coliseum, in accordance with the County Judge's Stay Home, Work Safe Order No. 15.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Faraone, with the El Paso County Sheriff's Officers Association, welcomed Commissioner Iliana Holguin, and acknowledged the hard work of Gracie De Santiago from the County Human Resources Department.

Lydia Hidalgo, concerned citizen, regarding the Prevailing Wage Survey that was adopted by the Commissioners Court.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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

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

NO ACTION

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4J. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO** - Approve and authorize the relocation of the January 2021 private foreclosure sales under Texas Property Code Section 51.002 to Liberty Hall, in accordance with the County Judge's Stay Home, Work Safe Order No. 15.

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MOTION: APPROVE BOTH ITEMS 4J AND 4K.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

4B. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO** - Approve and authorize the reappointment of Alexsandra Annello to the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees for a second 2-year term beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

6. PRESENTATION

A. Receive a presentation regarding the new El Paso County EPIC Shining Stars award which began October 1, 2020, with the naming of the four Shining Stars for the second quarter of FY21.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

7. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Carlos Leon's nominee, Ramon Baca, to the El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board for a two-year term ending November 30, 2022.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

8. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Iliana Holguin's nominee, Aldina Hajder, to the El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board for a two-year term ending November 30, 2022.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

10. Receive a report on the CARES Act Grant Funding and discuss and take appropriate action.

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

NO ACTION

PURCHASING

12. Authorize the single source award of As-Needed Purchase of Election Supplies for the Election Ballot System to Election Systems & Software, Inc., in the amount as indicated in the tabulation. Funding is available in SR-ELECTSVC-ELECTIONS EXPENSE.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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.

14. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department to apply for the Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Drug Court grant in the amount of \$92,604.71, from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022, with no County match required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-1133)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

BUDGET AND FINANCE

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service. (Contract No. 2020-0622)

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

MOTION: POSTPONE ONE WEEK.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

16. Approve amendment No. 12 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Capital Projects by \$6,400, increase Grants by \$734,769.39, thus increasing the overall budget of \$483,375,304.85 to \$484,116,474.24.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

MEETING RECESSED AT 11:55 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:55 P.M.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

9. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding appointments of members of Commissioners Court or designees to various boards.

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

MOTION: APPROVE THE SLATE OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED.

- **BAIL BOND BOARD – COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN**
- **BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TXDOT – COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN**
- **CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT – COMMISSIONER STOUT**
- **COVID-19 TASK FORCE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER STOUT**
- **FEMA EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM – IRENE VALENZUELA**
- **EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK – COMMISSIONER STOUT**
- **JUSTICE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO AND COMMISSIONER ROBINSON**
- **JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD – COMMISSIONER LEON**
- **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION – COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN**
- **PURCHASING BOARD - COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO AND COMMISSIONER ROBINSON**
- **RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – COMMISSIONER LEON AND COMMISSIONER ROBINSON**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

AUDITOR

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 November 30, 2020. The interim financial report is located on the intranet at:

<http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/monthly/2021/november/november.htm>

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

MOTION: ACCEPT

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:38 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 _____, 2021.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING