

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**ILIANA HOLGUIN**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**DAVID STOUT**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

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

**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 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**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:33 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vinny Valtierra, student at James P. Butler Elementary School, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

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**3. INVOCATION**

A. Receive an invocation from Pastor Charlie Arellano from Cielo Vista Church.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

13. 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**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meetings of December 7, 2020; December 14, 2020 and January 4, 2021; and the special meeting of December 17, 2020.  
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a certificate of approval with respect to the issuance of revenue bonds for Harmony Education Foundation (Harmony Public Schools Project Series 2021 A&B) solely for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (OP-21-0008)  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to Interlocal Subrecipient Grant Agreement between the County of El Paso and the municipalities of Anthony, Horizon City, San Elizario, Vinton, Clint and Socorro, for the Distribution of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES funding) extending the reporting period to December 31, 2021. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract Nos. 2020-1139; 2020-1140; 2020-1141; 2020-1142; 2020-1143; 2020-1144)  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- D. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO** - Approve the amended Invocation Policy.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- E. **POSTPONE ONE WEEK PER COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO** - Accept the quarterly reports from the El Paso County Housing Authority.  
Miguel Hernandez, Executive Director, El Paso County Housing Authority (915) 764-3559
- 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. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Maintenance Agreement with Benchmark Business Solutions for 4 Xerox VersaLink Copier System for the County Clerk's Department from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, in an estimated amount of \$36,000. Funding is available in GF-CNTYCLK-RENT/LEASES and SR-VITALSTAT-RENT/LEASES. (Contract No. 2020-1096)  
Delia Briones, County Clerk, County Clerk's Office (915) 546-2071
- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Amendment to the Master Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and CaseWorthy, Inc. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for \$16,872.95. (Contract No. 2021-0018)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- I. Approve and authorize County Judge to sign Agreement for VMware production support and subscriptions between the County of El Paso and Sequel Data Systems, Incorporated. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$93,337.21. (Contract No. 2021-0019)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and SHI Government Solutions. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$33,512.00. (Contract No. 2021-0020)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- K. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, conditionally approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Stonelake Subdivision plat pending satisfaction of the requirements identified in the staff report below.  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- L. 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

M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for On-Call Surveyor Services with SLI Engineering Inc., for a three-year term and will automatically renew for two one-year terms. Funding is available under SR-R&B-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-1104)

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

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for As-Needed Environmental Engineering Services with Miller Engineers, Inc. d/b/a Souder, Miller & Associates for a three-year term with a two-year option to renew. Funding is available under SR-R&B-CONTR SVC-GEN (Contract No. 2020-1105)

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

O. 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

P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the JAG FY19 and FY20 Amended Interlocal Agreements with the City of El Paso as required by the Department of Justice - Bureau of Assistance Bureau for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants. (Contract Nos. 2020-1034 and 2020-1035)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2077

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

4D. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COUNTY JUDGE SAMANIEGO** - Approve the amended Invocation Policy.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE SPECIFYING SPEAKERS CAN ONLY BE SCHEDULED ONCE EVERY 5 REGULAR MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

4K. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, conditionally approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Stonelake Subdivision plat pending satisfaction of the requirements identified in the staff report below.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:59 A.M.**

26G. Discuss El Paso County's legal rights and responsibilities concerning the Texas Historical Commission lawsuit, in the District Court of Travis County, Case #: D-1-GN-21-000251, and the El Paso County federal nomination package for the Downtown Historic District, County Attorney's file number 0007-21-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:14 P.M.**

**MEETING RECESSED AT 12:15 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:01 P.M.**

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

8. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Precinct #3, Iliana Holguin's nominee, Martha Reyes, to the El Paso Housing Authority to fulfill the unexpired term ending May 14, 2021.

Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (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

9. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Precinct #3, Iliana Holguin's nominee, Mary Sue Femath, to the El Paso Risk Pool Board to fulfill the unexpired term ending May 17, 2021.

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

10. Discuss and take appropriate action to reappoint Commissioners Court nominee, Bertha Gallardo, to the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission for a term beginning February 25, 2021, through February 25, 2023.

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, Holguin, Robinson

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Miguel Hernandez, Director of the El Paso County Housing Authority addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the appointment of Martha Reyes to the El Paso County Housing Authority and offered his assistance in successfully transitioning her to the EPCHA Board.

## **6. PRESENTATION**

A. Receive a presentation from the City of El Paso's Economic Development Department and discuss ongoing initiatives including the Texas Economic Development Fund and the City's Small Business Economic Recovery Program.

Jose M. Landeros, Interim Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

B. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Department, and their project consultant AECOM, and discuss the update to the County's 2010 Stormwater Master Plan - Phase II.

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

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

## REGULAR AGENDA

7. Receive a presentation from the Human Resources Department regarding concerns expressed by a contractor and labor union on the 2020 Prevailing Wage adopted on December 14, 2020, for Building, Heavy/Highway Milling Machine Operator, and Electrician Classifications; and discuss and take appropriate action regarding the 2020 Prevailing Wage adopted on December 14, 2020, for Building, Heavy/Highway Milling Machine Operator, and Electrician Classifications.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE THE 2020 PREVAILING HOURLY WAGE RATE OF \$30.02, BASED ON THE 2020 DAVIS-BACON RATE OF \$22.70 PLUS THE 2020 DAVIS-BACON FRINGE BENEFIT RATE OF \$7.32, FOR THE BUILDING CLASS FOR ELECTRICIAN.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PREVAILING WAGE COMMITTEE TO REEVALUATE THE HOURLY WAGE RATE FOR MILLING MACHINE OPERATOR.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

11. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032, approve and authorize the County to accept a \$25,000 donation from the El Paso Community Foundation for the Enrique Moreno Courthouse renaming project.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

## NO ACTION

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

12. Receive a report and discuss the CARES Act Grant and the Coronavirus Response and Relief, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021.

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

## NO ACTION

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the 87th Legislative Session, to include presenting information for the Court's consideration, removing or including bills on the County's state legislative agenda and supporting or opposing filed legislation, and take any action necessary on aforementioned items.

Daniel Collins, Governmental Affairs Manager, County Administration (915) 546-2215

**MOTION: OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DILUTE EL PASO COUNTY VOTER'S ABILITY TO ELECT CANDIDATES TO TEXAS STATE COURTS OF APPEAL AND ADOPT THE OPPOSITION STATEMENT. FURTHER, ADOPT THE COUNTY'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA AND VALUES DOCUMENT, AS PRESENTED IN THE BACKUP.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

## PURCHASING

15. Approve As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Parks and Recreation Equipment and Field Lighting Products for the County of El Paso using Buy Board Contract 592-19 as indicated in the bid tabulation. Estimated yearly amount not to exceed \$250,000. Purchasing approved on January 6, 2021. Funding is available in various Parks & Recreation accounts.

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 Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

16. Approve and authorize the Single Source award of Astro P25 Maintenance Agreement for the El Paso County Sheriff's Department with Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,992,684.80 throughout a three-year term. Funding is available in GF-SOLAW-MAINT/REP-COMMUNIC.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the 381 Economic Development Agreement with Borderplex Community Capital (El Paso Community Foundation) as an administrator of the County Financial Assistance for Safety, Technology & Economic Resilience (FASTER) program. Funding in the amount of \$2,080,000 is available in GF-FASTER-EPCOMMFOUN-CONTR SVC. (Contract No. 2020-1128)

Jose M. Landeros, Interim Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

**MOTION: POSTPONE ONE WEEK.**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

18. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the public comment received regarding the draft narrative for the National Register Historic District nomination for the proposed Segundo Barrio District.

Jose M. Landeros, Interim Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

**MOTION: ACCEPT THE PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED REGARDING THE DRAFT NARRATIVE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED SEGUNDO BARRIO DISTRICT, AND SUBMIT TO HARDY HECK MOORE FOR UPDATING OF THE DRAFT.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

19. Discuss and take appropriate action on allocating general revenue funds to the Community Services General Assistance program to continue to provide a funeral allowance to low income households for funeral disposition services for decedents who passed away due to COVID-19.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$660,000 FROM CARES FUNDS TO PROVIDE \$2,000 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS FOR FUNERAL DISPOSITION SERVICES FOR DECEDENTS WHO PASSED AWAY DUE TO COVID 19.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

20. Approve and authorize the revision to the County's Re-Employment Policy, and further authorize the deletion of the County's Reinstatement Policy. (OP-20-1588)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

21. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the appointment of the Chair for the El Paso Area Transit Service (EPATS) Local Government Corporation. Further, approve and authorize the submission of all necessary incorporation documents to the Texas Transportation Commission pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Chapter 431 Subchapter B: Creation & Operation of Corporation.  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

**MOTION: APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER LEON TO THE OF THE CHAIR FOR THE EL PASO AREA TRANSIT SERVICE (EPATS) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION. FURTHER, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 431 SUBCHAPTER B: CREATION & OPERATION OF CORPORATION.**

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

22. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fixed Price Construction Agreement between Owner and Contractor with Horizone Construction 1, Ltd. for the Tornillo Detention Pond Project in the amount of \$1,457,000. Funding is available in GF-RBFLOODCNT-STRMWTR IMPROV. (Contract No. 2021-0016)  
Norma Rivera Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin                      Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego                      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.

23. Approve and authorize the 65th Family District Court to apply for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division FY22 Specialty Courts Grant Program for the Family Drug Court, in the amount of \$89,131, from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2021-0004)  
Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez, 65th Family District Court- Family Drug Court (915) 834-8232

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

24. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department to apply for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division FY22 Specialty Courts Grant Program for the Project Hope (SNDP) Mental Health Court, in the amount of \$110,133.65, from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-1134)  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

25. Approve amendment No. 15 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$15,000.00, thus increasing the overall budget of \$484,306,474.24 to \$484,321,474.24.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-226

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

**26. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:21 P.M.**

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.076, discuss County Courthouse security plans and measures.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding procurement of collection services, RFP #16-046.

Edward Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Discuss litigation styled Krystal Mijares and Melissa Alvarado v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2016DCV0573; Appeal No. 08-19-00294-CV; County Attorney case number: 0055-16-LD(A), pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

E. Discuss claim regarding Stacy Mejardo, County Attorney File No. 0268-19-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

F. Discuss El Paso County's litigation regarding the opioid epidemic; County Attorney's case number 0244-17-PL, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

G. Discuss El Paso County's legal rights and responsibilities concerning the Texas Historical Commission lawsuit, in the District Court of Travis County, Case #: D-1-GN-21-000251, and the El Paso County federal nomination package for the Downtown Historic District, County Attorney's file number 0007-21-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

H. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Yellow Rose, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.

Jose M. Landeros, Interim Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 7:44 P.M.**

26D. Discuss litigation styled Krystal Mijares and Melissa Alvarado v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2016DCV0573; Appeal No. 08-19-00294-CV; County Attorney case number: 0055-16-LD(A), pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

26E. Discuss claim regarding Stacy Mejardo, County Attorney File No. 0268-19-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

**MOTION: POSTPONE ONE WEEK BOTH EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS # 26D AND # 26E.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

27. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding County Courthouse security plans and measures.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

**NO ACTION**



28. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's litigation on the opioid epidemic; County Attorney's case number 0244-17-PL.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS, AS PROVIDED IN THE COURT'S BACKUP.**

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

29. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Texas Historical Commission lawsuit, in the District Court of Travis County, Case #: D-1-GN-21-000251, and the El Paso County federal nomination package for the Downtown Historic District, County Attorney's file number 0007-21-AA.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF EL PASO TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, FORMALLY REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE CITY OF EL PASO'S MUNICIPAL CODE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 20.20.080, TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO LIE IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.**

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**ILIANA HOLGUIN**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.**

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING