

**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

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, FEBRUARY 18, 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 9:03 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NO ACTION

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Receive an update from County Commissioner Carlos Leon regarding the Juvenile Probation Department Board and the Rio Grande Council of Governments.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, CM, County Administration (915) 546-2215

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

5. Receive a presentation, discuss, and solicit feedback for a policy that would establish an El Paso County Redistricting Commission that uses Fair Maps principles to develop maps for consideration and approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

6. 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

MEETING RECESSED AT 9:55 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:35 A.M.

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8. Receive a presentation from the Alliance for Regional Military Support regarding its efforts to promote growth in the regional defense and aerospace industries.

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

ON THIS DAY AT APPROXIMATELY 12:02 PM THE COMMISSIONERS COURT EXPERIENCED TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT WERE ALL DISCONNECTED AS WAS ALL STAFF INCLUDING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE COURT DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECESS OR CLOSE, SO THE MEETING WAS PAUSED. A NOTICE WAS PLACED ON THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY WEBSITE IN ORDER TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THAT OUTAGE. WE WANT TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT WAS WATCHING THE MEETING THAT THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT DURING THAT TIME FROM 12 PM TO 4 PM AND THERE WAS NO WAY OF RECONVENING THE MEETING. THERE WAS NO QUORUM AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO RECESS AND SO THE MEETING STOOD.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED ITS MEETING AT 4:04 P.M.

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MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:31 P.M.

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

NO ACTION

7. 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

8. Receive a presentation from the Alliance for Regional Military Support regarding its efforts to promote growth in the regional defense and aerospace industries.

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

NO ACTION

9. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:46 P.M.

A. Discuss El Paso County's legal rights and responsibilities regarding the El Paso County federal nomination package for the Downtown Historic District, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 6:54 P.M.

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the El Paso County federal nomination package for the Downtown Historic District.

Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 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 _____, 2021.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING