

**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
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 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 JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK
AND CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:31 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Viridiana Garcia, 6th Grader at IDEA Rio Vista College Preparatory School, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Rev. Dr. Karl Heimer from San Pablo Lutheran Church.

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

B. **CORRECTION PER BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY/GRANTS DIVISION** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign resolutions in support of County project proposals selected for the FY22 Federal appropriations submission process, to include the Alameda Project (OP-21-0434), Cotton Valley Connect by Digital El Paso rural broadband deployment project (OP-21-0435), Fabens Airport (E35) Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) & Fuel Farm Expansion & Improvements project (OP-21-0436), **Connecting Communities: Upper Valley First-Time Water & Wastewater Projects** (OP-21-0441), Reentry Transformation Center project (OP-21-0438), Crisis Intervention Team (OP-21-0439), and three surface transportation projects (OP-21-0440) to include: 1) Tierra de Este Extension, 2) John Hayes Street Extension, and 3) Bob Hope Extension.

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

C. Approve amendment No. 24 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$2,769.00, thus increasing the overall budget of \$496,770,942.57 to \$496,773,711.57.

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

D. Approve and authorize funds in the amount of \$11,126 be transferred from GF-GADM-CONTINGENY-PERSONNEL to GF-DISTCLK-SALARY-OVERTIME to support 40 hours of overtime for two months for the District Clerks to work on catching up with Completeness Data, which is required by the State Department of Public Safety and the CJIS. Funding is available in GF-GADM-CONTINGENY-PERSONNEL.

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

E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign five (5) Health and Human Services Contract renewal forms: 5933, 3834, Contract Affirmations, Data Use Agreement (DUA) and Texas HHS System – Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI) as required by the Health and Human Services Commission for the senior home delivered meal grant program. (Contract No. 2021-0229)

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

F. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Agreement/Financial Assistance for Safety, Technology and Economic Resilience (FASTER) with the Better Business Bureau Paso Del Norte. Funding in the amount of \$64,872 is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-INITIATIVE. (Contract No. 2021-0234)

Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to Election Systems & Software Sales Agreement and General Terms beginning April 5, 2021, through April 4, 2021. Funding is available in SR-ELECTSVC-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2021-0237)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Notice of Contract Termination Letter informing Integrated Research that the County will not be renewing their agreement. (OP-21-0291)

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

I. Rescind the Commissioner Court Order of March 15, 2021, Item #4-H on the Consent Agenda to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Amendment to the Software License Agreement between the County of El Paso and SoftwareOne. Funding in the amount of \$79.07 is available in GF-AUDITOR-RENT/LEASES-SOFTWAR. (Contract No. 2021-0157)

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

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Audio & Visual Equipment and Software Support Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and Designs That Compute dba Visionality. Funding in the amount of \$10,127 is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-HARDWARE. (Contract No. 2021-0185)

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

K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Managed Support Service agreement between the County of El Paso and Tyler Technologies, Inc. Funding in the amount of \$49,612 is available in GF-ITD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0186)

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

L. Approve and authorize El Paso County Transit to offer a promotional fare for Ozone Action Days as determined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from May 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021.

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

M. Approve the as-needed interim appointment of Sal Alonzo, the Transportation Engineer in the Planning & Development Department, to serve on the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Project Advisory Committee through the month of May.

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

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and the Canutillo Independent School District to provide access to County facilities and properties in the Canutillo community to be used to support the provision of public Internet service. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2021-0235)

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

O. 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

P. Approve after-the-fact purchase of gift cards from Vista Food Market under the CDBG-Emergency Services-Help for Colonias Program in the amounts of \$86,748. Funding is available in SG-TDAESH20-OPERATING EX.

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

Q. Approve after-the-fact purchase of the Delta Welcome Center Transit Service contract awarded to First Transit, Inc., of Chicago, IL., in the amounts of \$116,314.24. Funding is available in SG-COVID19-OPERATING EXP.

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

R. Approve award of As-Needed Purchases of Facilities Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) and Industrial Supplies using TXMAS Contract 18-51V06 awarded to W.W. Grainger, Inc. dba Grainger of Austin, Texas. Purchasing approved on March 24, 2021. Funding is available in through various County department accounts.

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

S. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to award RFQ 21-007 On-Call Professional Civil Engineering Services for the County of El Paso to the six (6) top scoring firms: AECOM Technical Services, Inc. of El Paso, TX; CEA Group of El Paso, TX; CONSOR Engineers, LLC of El Paso, TX; Dannenbaum Engineering Co. El Paso, LLC of El Paso, TX; Moreno Cardenas, Inc. of El Paso, TX; and Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. of El Paso, TX. Purchasing approved on March 30, 2021. Funds are available in various department accounts.

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

T. 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

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the cabling contract amendment for the installation of phone lines for the UMC Clinic located at the El Paso County Jail Annex in the amount of \$207.44. Funding is available in GF-SOJAILANNX-MAINT/REP-GENERA. (Contract No. 2021-0205)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

County Judge Samaniego asked for a moment of silence for Capitol Police Officer William Evans, who was killed in the line of duty on April 2nd as well as Texas DPS Trooper Chad Walker, who also died in the line of duty.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the 87th Texas 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 Department (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE VALUES DOCUMENT AS PRESENTED TODAY, AND LISTED IN THE BACKUP, AND DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Nay: None

MOTION: AMEND THE COUNTY'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE VALUES DOCUMENT TO SUPPORT DESIGNATING U.S. 54 IN EL PASO AS THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin Members Voting Nay: None

B. Receive a presentation and discuss the monthly report from the Council of Judges.

Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges (915) 546-2143

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4F. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Agreement/Financial Assistance for Safety, Technology and Economic Resilience (FASTER) with the Better Business Bureau Paso Del Norte. Funding in the amount of \$64,872 is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-INITIATIVE. (Contract No. 2021-0234)

Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon Members Voting Nay: None

4G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to Election Systems & Software Sales Agreement and General Terms beginning April 5, 2021, through April 4, 2021. Funding is available in SR-ELECTSVC-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2021-0237)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

MOTION: RECONSIDER ITEM #4G FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson Members Voting Nay: None

4G. CORRECTION PER ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to Election Systems & Software Sales Agreement and General Terms beginning April 5, 2021, through **APRIL 4, 2024**. Funding is available in SR-ELECTSVC-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2021-0237)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

MOTION: APPROVE ITEM #4G, AS CORRECTED.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8. 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

PURCHASING

9. Approve awarding the contract for the Historical Restoration of Casa Ronquillo located in San Elizario for the County of El Paso using Region 19 Contract RFP 17-7261 Job Order Contract (JOC) to Jordan Foster Construction of El Paso, Texas, in the amount of \$974,589. Purchasing approved on March 30, 2021. Funding is available in SR-TOURPROM-CASA RONQUILLO and SG-GCASARON18-CAPITAL EXP.

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

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's designation as "Successful" in the Countywide polling place program. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the attached letter to the Texas Secretary of State. (OP-21-0427)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE ATTACHED LETTER TO THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE.

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

11. Discuss and take appropriate action on considering a modified disbursement plan than what was approved on February 8, 2021, for the use of the U.S. Treasury's \$4.7 million Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

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

MOTION: APPROVE THE REPURPOSING OF \$300,000 OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR ERA TO USE FOR UTILITIES.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 A.M.

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ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING