

**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  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 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  
JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, 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 9:31 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Isaiah Gonzalez, senior at Fabens High 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 Michael Grady.

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 29, 2021 and April 5, 2021 and the special meeting of April 15, 2021.  
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. Approve the reappointment of Commissioner Precinct #1, Carlos Leon's nominee, Rafael Carrasco, to the Housing Authority Board for a two-year term beginning May 15, 2021, through May 14, 2023.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- C. Approve the reappointment of Commissioner Precinct #3, Iliana Holguin's nominee, Martha Reyes, to the El Paso County Housing Authority for a two-year term beginning May 15, 2021, through May 14, 2023.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- D. Accept the quarterly report from the Chief Administrator, County Administration Department.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- E. Accept the quarterly report from the Office of Emergency Management.  
Assistant Fire Chief, Jorge A. Rodriguez, Office of Emergency Management (915) 240-3171
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Signature Authority Designation (N502-Form 2031) with the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, to amend the current Child Protective Services grant to reflect a change in the signature authority due to a personnel change. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2021-0233)  
Edward Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050
- G. 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
- H. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 114.025, accept the 2020 Funds and Fees of Offices Report.  
Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040
- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the purchase contract with Datawatch Corporation for the Altair Units-Data Analyst-lease software in the amount of \$10,500. Funding is available in GF-AUDITOR-RENT/LEASES-SOFTWAR. (Contract No. 2021-0250)  
Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040
- J. Approve amendment No. 27 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Special Revenue by \$5,000.00, thus increasing the overall budget of \$496,812,532.57 to \$496,817,532.57.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Demolition Agreement with JMR Demolition Ltd. for the demolition of five (5) mobile home structures under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-Colonia Self Help Center Mobile Home Replacement Program, in the amount of \$41,206. Funds are available in GCOLONS19. (Contract No. 2021-0216)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Alert Media Proposal and Customer Acceptance Form and Addendum to Alert Media Agreement Terms of Service for use of a text alert system to communicate important real-time public information to the general public for a three-year term, in the amount of \$9,975 per year. Funding is available in GF-GENASSIST-COMM-TEXT ALERTS. (Contract No. 2021-0225)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Department of Economic Development and El Paso County, Texas for the Native Pathways Workforce Innovation and Opportunity work training program, from March 22, 2021, through March 22, 2024. There is no budget impact from this item. (Contract No. 2021-0224)  
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Administrative Services Agreement by and between the County of El Paso and Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. for IRS Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Services to amend the termination and withdrawals of annual installments. (Contract No. 2021-0279)  
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso County Audio and Surveillance System, Service and Maintenance Agreement with PyroCom Systems, Inc. for equipment, materials, and labor necessary for the installation and maintenance of the new audio and surveillance system for the El Paso County Fitness and Wellness Center in the amount of \$52,547.23. Funding is available in IS-HEALTH-EQUIPMENT. (Contract No. 2021-0273)  
Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter acknowledging the County duplicated amendments by approving two contracts for the same quote. No funding is needed. (OP-21-0412)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and PowerDMS in the amount of \$26,573.28. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2021-0192)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Services Agreement between the County of El Paso and Sequel Data Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$49,005. Funding is available in GF-ITD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0198)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and SHI Government Solutions for the purchase of HappyFox. Funding in the amount of \$35,205.70 is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2021-0219)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the memorandum of understanding between the County of El Paso and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. No funding is needed. (Contract No. 2021-0242)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and Tyler Technologies to update the Odyssey navigator in the amount of \$22,525. Funding is available in GF-ITD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0249)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- V. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve and authorize an amendment to increase the JP Technology Fund (Special Revenue Fund 6043) approved budget in the amount of \$11,665. This amended request is to support the cost of a PA system in the Justice Court Pct. 5. Specifications have been provided by ITD, and the Purchasing process will be followed. Funding is available in SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES. Further, approve the reallocation of funds from SR-JPTECH-OPS EQUIPMENT and SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES to SR-JPTECH-CAP OUT-EQUIP.  
Judge John Chatman, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 (915) 799-1063
- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Public Transportation Project Grant Agreement Amendment 1 to the Intercity Bus (ICB) FY20-21 5311 Rollover + Additional CARES Act Grant to extend the grant time period to August 31, 2021. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0282)  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) requesting a grant amendment to the FY2021 48 Hour Bond Hearing Project (Bond48) program which runs from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. The requested amendment will increase the grant budget by \$2,500, and require a grant match in the amount of \$500. Funding is available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. (Contract No. 2021-0164)  
Kelli Childress, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

Y. 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

Z. Approve and authorize the Sole Source award for Infax JuryCall software and hardware wiring in the Jury Hall to INFAX of Alpharetta, GA, in the amount of \$60,498. Funding is available in CIP21-COUNCIL-RENOVATIONS. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a)(7)(A), as a sole source item, it is exempt from the provisions of the County Purchasing Act. Sole Source will be re-evaluated at time of new contract to ensure compliance with statute.

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

AA. 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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring the month of April as "Lineman Appreciation Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

**B. CORRECTION PER COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE** - Approve and adopt a resolution declaring **APRIL 30, 2021**, as "National Arbor Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**25. CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT** - Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing April 2021 as National Donate Life Month in El Paso County, Texas.

**DAVID STOUT, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2 (915) 546-2111**

Posted Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:45 A.M.

**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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hilda Villegas, with Familias Unidas del Chamizal, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding concerns with homelessness and the Salazar Housing Project that is in need of refurbishment and additional units for family living, and how the Housing Authority is considering transferring the use of the Salazar Housing Project to a homeless facility.

## **7. 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

### **NO ACTION**

B. Receive and discuss information from the El Paso Hotel & Lodging Association regarding the County's use of hotel occupancy tax revenue including the agreement with the El Paso Sports Commission to operate the County Coliseum and provide sports tourism.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

C. Receive a presentation from Sylvia Borunda Firth of the Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, on the legal requirements of creating a Public Improvement District, and further, authorize the Public Works Department to investigate the process of implementing a Public Improvement District.  
Norma Rivera Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

### **MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

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

### **MEETING RECESSED AT 12:13 P.M.**

### **MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:15 P.M.**

## **7. PRESENTATION**

D. Receive a presentation from the County Administration Department and Dr. Gregory Schober, Dr. Jayajit Chakraborty and Dr. Amy Wagler, from the University of Texas at El Paso, regarding research on emergency food assistance in El Paso County during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Services (915) 546-2215

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

E. Receive a presentation from Dr. Leah Whigham and Dr. Gabriella Gallegos from the UT-School of Public Health regarding research on SNAP assistance needs in El Paso County during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Services (915) 546-2215

### **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Hospital District to sign a legal services engagement letter with Gjerset and Lorenz, LLP, for outside counsel services related to the Medicaid Network Incentive Program.  
R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

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

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

9. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the El Paso County Judge to send a letter to the Joint Advisory Committee, a bi-national committee charged with the development and recommendation of air quality improvement initiatives created under the La Paz Agreement, regarding the County's interest in committee membership. (OP-21-0613)

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

### MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

10. Approve and authorize the allocation of up to \$1 million in CARES funding to develop Phase 2 of the Vaccine Roll-Out, promoting equity and parity across the County and meeting the need of those in and outside of the city limits who do not have access to technology or transportation, which limit the ability to pre-register or plan.

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

### MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE FUNDING WITH THE EXACT AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER TIME, SO AS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WILL BE SPENT ON.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

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

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

## 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

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

## ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4V. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve and authorize an amendment to increase the JP Technology Fund (Special Revenue Fund 6043) approved budget in the amount of \$11,665. This amended request is to support the cost of a PA system in the Justice Court Pct. 5. Specifications have been provided by ITD, and the Purchasing process will be followed. Funding is available in SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES. Further, approve the reallocation of funds from SR-JPTECH-OPS EQUIPMENT and SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES to SR-JPTECH-CAP OUT-EQUIP.

Judge John Chatman, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 (915) 799-1063

### MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

14. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the application for the El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission.

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE THE APPLICATION, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

## PURCHASING

15. Approve the purchase of Microsoft 365 Software Maintenance for Windows Platform & Volume Licensing E5 Utilized Countywide through the Information Technology Department using DIR Contract DIR-TSO-4092, awarded to SHI Government Solutions, Inc. of Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$562,500. Purchasing approved on April 14, 2021. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE.

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

## AUDITOR

16. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, § 114.025, the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is hereby submitted for your acceptance. This report is located on the internet at: [http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/cafr/cafr\\_20/main.htm](http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/cafr/cafr_20/main.htm)

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

### **MOTION: ACCEPT**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

17. **CORRECTION PER AUDITOR'S OFFICE** - 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 March 31, 2021. The interim financial report is located on the internet at:

<http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/MONTHLYREPORTS.HTM>.

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

### **MOTION: ACCEPT**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

## ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

27. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a)(1)-(3), approve and authorize the use of a discretionary exemption to purchasing procedures to approve the after-the-fact emergency purchase and direct payment to Althouse Restore of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$88,725.99. Funds available in GF-FACILITES-MAIN/REP-GENRL.

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

Posted Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:40 A.M.

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

26. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(1)-(3), approve and authorize the use of a discretionary exemption to purchasing procedures to approve the emergency exempt purchase and payment to R&A Consultants Corporation of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$10,800 and to Environmental Reconditioning of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$52,129.50. Funds available in GF-FACILITES-MAIN/REP-GENRL. Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048  
Posted Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:40 A.M.

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Order Agreement between the County of El Paso and CenturyLink, Inc. (AKA LUMEN Technologies) to purchase high-speed ethernet circuits services for the Information Technology Department utilizing the GSA Contract GS-35F-0426R. Funding in the amount of \$494,559.60 is available in GF-ITD-COMMUNIC-DATA. (Contract No. 2021-0227)  
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

19. Approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to rent Ascarate Lake and other areas of Ascarate Park to One World LLC., for the Water Lantern Festival on Saturday, June 19, 2021, with consent from the local health authority and County Attorney's Office.  
Veronica Myers, Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2380

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

20. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Gallinar Planning & Development, LLC, for technical and professional training for the Planning & Development Department. Funding in the amount of \$38,500 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0182)  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

**MOTION: DELETE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon      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.

21. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying grant application documents, Letter of Commitment and Appendix D-Certification Regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) BJA FY 21 Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative grant in the amount of \$1,100,000 for a grant period from October 1, 2021, through March 31, 2026. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0285)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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



22. Approve and authorize the Public Defender's Office to submit a renewal grant application for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY2022 48 Hour Bond Hearing Project (Bond48), in the amount of \$217,277, from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. County match, in the amount of \$217,277, is required for this third year of grant funding. Funding is available in GF-PUBDEF-XFEROUT-48HR GRT MAT. Further authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution, Internet Submission Form, and FY22 budget amendment letter. (Contract No. 2021-0243)

Kelli Childress, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

23. Approve and authorize the Public Defender's Office to submit a new grant application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY2022 Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program, for the Public Defender Padilla Immigration Counseling and Advice Program, in the amount of \$175,963.20, from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. A County match, in the amount of \$43,990.80, is required. If awarded, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department will budget for the match in the FY 2022 Budget. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution and Internet Submission Form. (Contract No. 2021-0244)

Kelli Childress, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

**MEETING RECESSED AT 5:28 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:44 P.M.**

**24. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 P.M.**

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

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

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

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 6:43 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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

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

**MOTION: DELETE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.**

**EL PASO COUNTY  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 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