

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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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, JUNE 14, 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	VIDEOCONFERENCE

**MINUTES PREPARED BY JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK
CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:32 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jesus Martinez Garcia, 8th grader at Horizon Middle School, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Minister Samantha Singleton-Sherman, co-chair of the EPPD Accountability Task Force.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 2021 and the special meeting of June 3, 2021. County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. Accept the annual board reports from County Civil Service Commission, Ethics Commission, Historical Commission, Risk Pool Board, Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, and Veterans Advisory Board. Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215
- C. 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
- D. Approve and authorize the re-allocation of Capital funds in the amount of \$42,902, to allow for the purchase and install of the IT component of the Wellness Center project. Further, approve the re-allocation of funding from CP-CPTGPOE12-CONSTRUCTION to CP-CPCRTHSIMP12-RENOVATIONS. Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Software License Agreement between the County of El Paso and SoftwareOne. Funding is available in GF-CCRIMC4-OFFICE EXPENSE in the amount of \$158.16. (Contract No. 2021-0421) Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the acknowledgement of termination letter with The Family Empowerment Center. (Contract No. 2016-0735 and 2019-0547) Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Westside Welding, Inc., for installation, including equipment, materials, and labor for a front desk glass barrier in the amount of \$14,200. Funding is available in SG-COVID19-CAP OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2021-0366) Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Handle with Care Instructor Certification program contract with Behavior Management System, Inc., for the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department in an estimated amount of \$2,500. Funding is available in GF-JPD-EE TRAINING. (Contract No. 2021-0401) Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Release of Obligation for improvements located in Americas Estates Unit Two Replat A subdivision (Instrument No. 20200044171). Further, accept the identified improvements into the County of El Paso Road System for maintenance. Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the letter requesting a donation of surplus material from the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the Local Government Assistance program established in 1997 under Transportation Code 201.706. Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015
- K. 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
- L. Approve after-the-fact purchase of six trailers (three mobile offices and three storage/haulers) for the Constables awarded to Interstate Group of Vinton, TX, in the amount of \$84,804. Funding is available SG-COVID19-CAP OUTLAYS. Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048
- M. 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

HUMAN RESOURCES

16. Discuss and take appropriate action to extend leave exceptions regarding sick leave policies, eliminate the employee requirement to disclose travel, and allow in-person trainings and board meetings as authorized by individual Department Heads. (OP 21-0738)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

23. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Approve and authorize the County to enter into Phase 2 of El Paso County's Reconstitution of Operations Plan (ROOP).

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

Posted Friday, **JUNE 11, 2021** at 9:20 A.M.

MOTION: APPROVE ENTERING INTO PHASE 2 OF THE EL PASO COUNTY'S RECONSTITUTION OF OPERATIONS PLAN (ROOP).

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

PURCHASING

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement with Tyler Software for the Brazos License-PDA to be used by the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$78,836. Funding is available in CP-REPLACE21-SO MISC SEC-EQUIP. 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. (Contract No. 2021-0422)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER SOFTWARE FOR THE BRAZOS LICENSE-PDA TO BE USED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,836. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN CP-REPLACE21-SO MISC SEC-EQUIP. 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. (CONTRACT NO. 2021-0422)

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Services Agreement between the County of El Paso Texas and the Paso Del Norte Community Foundation for Emergency Rental Assistance Program payments to County residents under the U.S. Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. (Contract No. 2021-0395)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

17. Approve and authorize the implementation of cybersecurity awareness training policy. This policy is in support of amendments to Texas Code Sec. 2054.5191 Cybersecurity Training Required. This policy is subject to the County Attorney's Office review and approval. There is no fiscal impact.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4Q. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER STOUT** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Application for Participation/Authorized Screeners Letter with the Defense Logistics Agency - Disposition Services to accept donated items from the Department of Defense on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. (Contract No. 2021-0430)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

MOTION: APPROVE

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

LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement and Terms and Conditions of Sale with OD Security North America for the Soter RS Full Body Security Scanning System in the amount of \$135,000. Funding is available in SG-HJUSTEQUISHAR-CAP OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2021-0425)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

MOTION: APPROVE

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

18. Approve and authorize the Domestic Relations Office (DRO) to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, FY2021 Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime grant in the amount of \$937,094, from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2024. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0443)
Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office (915) 834-8200

MOTION: APPROVE

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

19. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Areas Public Transportation Grant, in the amount of \$2,683,902. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Obligation Certificate. (Contract No. 2021-0437)
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

20. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant, in the amount of \$22,087.50, from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023. County match funding in the amount of \$22,087.50 is required. (Contract No. 2021-0394)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

MOTION: APPROVE

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

21. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:07 P.M.

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

B. Deliberate the appointment of the membership of El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
Betsy Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012 bonds.
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project AB Charger, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.
Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

E. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Aroma Cafe, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.
Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

24. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION - EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 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
Posted Friday, **JUNE 11, 2021** at 9:20 A.M.

25. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and counsel relating to Governor Abbott's June 10, 2021 announcement on Border Security.
Christina Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050
Posted Friday, June 11, 2021 at 12:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 5:40 P.M.

22. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint the members of the El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:43 P.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