

**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, JULY 12, 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 9:34 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sheyna Alyssa Arrieta, 10th grader at Del Valle 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 Rabbi Levi Greenburg.

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2021 and June 21, 2021.  
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Accept the Quarterly Report from Life Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Rachel Harracksingh, President, Life Ambulance Service, Inc. (915) 772-1642

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 amendment No. 36 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$8,878,204, thus increasing the overall budget of \$583,815,220.67 to \$592,693,424.67.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

E. Approve and authorize the Capital Improvement Interim Request for the PW/Facilities - SO Detention Maintenance Department, for the replacement of the tunnel intercom system at the Downtown Jail Facility. Further, approve the allocation of \$34,383 for the tunnel intercom system from CP-CPCNTYCAP12-RENOVATIONS.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

F. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of June 7, 2021, Item No. 20 on the Regular Agenda, to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subrecipient Grant Agreement between the County of El Paso and the Paso Del Norte Community Foundation for Covid-19 Communications and Outreach, to provide in-depth and strategic communication and outreach to El Paso residents regarding COVID-19 vaccines beginning upon the date of contract signature through September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$328,125. Funding is available in SG-COVID19-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2021-0429)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Constituent Agencies of the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center Addendum No. 2 with Amendments between the District Attorney's Office and other constituent agencies to work together to combat gangs and other criminal organizations in the region. This agreement will take effect upon execution of all agencies and will remain in effect for 3 years. There is no cost to the county. (Contract No. 2021-0448)  
Yvonne Rosales, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the West Proflex On-Line Legal Research subscription agreement with West/Thomson Reuters for a 5 year term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 at a rate of \$4,408.53 per month with a rate increase of 2% per year. Funds are available in GF-DA-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. 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. 2021-0451)  
Yvonne Rosales, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059

I. Approve and authorize the amendments to the Safety Questionnaire form in conformance with the Purchasing policies and procedures that were adopted to include in all bid packets to evaluate bidders' safety records when awarding County bids. (OP 2021-0187)  
Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

J. 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

K. 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.  
Joe Lopez, Jr., Interim Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign RTS Workstation Lease Agreement/Attachment D with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for 6 Registration and Title System (RTS) Workstations for the Full Service Deputy Office located at Sun City Auto Registration & Titling, 4443 Edgar Park, El Paso, Texas 79904. There is no fiscal impact to the County. (Contract No. 2021-0470)

Ruben P. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor-Collector, Tax Assessor-Collector's Office (915) 771-2305

M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Motorola agreement with the County of El Paso for the purchase of APX 8500 radios and necessary accessories for four Sheriff Patrol Vehicles in the amount of \$28,289.92. Funding available in CP-REPLACE21-SOPATROL-VEHICLES. (Contract No. 2021-0434)

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

N. Approve and ratify the authorization of the signing and submission of Appendix B - U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances and Appendix C - U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing, as a requirement of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Solicitation Crisis Intervention Teams Solicitation grant application submission. (Contract No. 2021-0472)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

#### **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. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the month of July as "Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

David 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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing and congratulating No Lost Food for its work to feed El Pasoans by rescuing good food that would otherwise be disposed and distributing to those in need.

David 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

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mario Gonzalez, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the Criminal Justice Coordination Department regarding risk assessments and PR Bonds.

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

4B. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Accept the Quarterly Report from Life Ambulance Service, Inc.

Rachel Harracksingh, President, Life Ambulance Service, Inc. (915) 772-1642

#### **MOTION: ACCEPT**

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

### **7. PRESENTATION**

A. 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**

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

8. Receive an update on the Enrique Moreno Courthouse renaming project and take appropriate action.  
Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

### **NO ACTION**

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

9. Receive a report and discuss and take appropriate action regarding the CARES Act Grant and the Coronavirus Response and Relief, Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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

### **NO ACTION**

10. 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**

11. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint the members of the El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission. Further, discuss the Commission's timeline and plan for solicitation of public input.

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HOMER REZA, JESUS VALDEZ, HENRY OCEGUEDA, FRANK HERNANDEZ, KATHERINE VANDERTULIP, QUIRINO VILLA, DAVID THACKSTON, ALBERT ALVIDREZ AND INOCENTE QUINTANILLA AS MEMBERS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## **JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS**

12. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Notice of Grant Award from the Texas Veterans Commission, Fund for Veterans Assistance for the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$300,000. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0481)

Judge Patricia C. Baca, 346th DC El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program (915) 546-2119

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## **TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR**

14. Approve and authorize the rescinding of the Full Service Deputy Agreement between the County of El Paso, on behalf of the County Tax Assessor-Collector, and SafetyNet Works, Inc. dba MVD Express for failure to execute the contract within a reasonable time. (Contract No. 2021-0140)

Ruben P. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor-Collector, Tax Assessor-Collector's Office (915) 771-2305

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

15. ARP PROPOSED FUNDED PROJECT: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subrecipient Grant Agreement between the County of El Paso and the Paso Del Norte Community Foundation for Covid-19 Communications and Outreach, to provide in-depth and strategic communication and outreach to El Paso residents regarding COVID-19 vaccines beginning upon the date of contract signature through September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$328,125. Funding is available in GARPLAN21. (Contract No. 2021-0518)

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

### **MOTION: POSTPONE ONE WEEK.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

16. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt the proposed fee changes from the Parks and Recreation Department for FY 2021-2022.

Veronica Myers, Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2370

### **MOTION: APPROVE THE FEES AS OUTLINED IN THE PRESENTATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2021-2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Motorola Solutions agreement for the purchase of APX8000 All Band Portable Radios, Batteries and Accessories in the amount of \$373,165.64. Funding is available in CP-REPLACE21-RADIO EQUIPMENT and SG-HSCOMMR21-CAP-OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2021-0446)

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

### **MEETING RECESSED AT 11:59 A.M.**

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

17. ARP PROPOSED FUNDED PROJECT: Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed first-time water and wastewater projects to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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

### **MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ON-CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR THE PROVISION OF DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROJECTS 1-12, AS PRESENTED. FURTHER, AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PROJECT ALTERNATES A & B AS FUNDING ALLOWS.**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

18. ARP PROPOSED FUNDED PROJECT: Discuss and take appropriate action to allocate a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purchase of future Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$750,000 FROM ARPA FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUTURE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE), SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

19. Approve and authorize the Capital Improvement Interim Request for the Fleet Operations Department in the amount of \$124,000 for the purchase of above ground fuel tanks. Further, approve the re-allocation of funding from CP-IMPROV01-MISCELLANEOUS to CIP21-FLEETOP-CAP OUT-EQUIP.

Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (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

20B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, and Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and remedies, and contract negotiations with El Paso Sports Commission for operation and management services of the El Paso County Coliseum.

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

20C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, and Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and remedies, and contract negotiations with El Paso Sports Commission for tourism and marketing services for El Paso County.

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

**MOTION: MOTION: (1.) COMMISSIONERS COURT VOTES UNANIMOUSLY THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; (2.) THE ATTORNEY ADVISING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ISSUES A WRITTEN DETERMINATION THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; AND (3.) A RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN CLOSED SESSION IS MADE REGARDING ITEM #20B, THE DISCUSSION OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL PASO SPORTS COMMISSION FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM AND ITEM #20C, THE DISCUSSION OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES, AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL PASO SPORTS COMMISSION FOR TOURISM AND MARKETING SERVICES FOR EL PASO COUNTY.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**20. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:38 P.M.**

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, and Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and remedies, and contract negotiations with El Paso Sports Commission for operation and management services of the El Paso County Coliseum.

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

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.0725, and Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and remedies, and contract negotiations with El Paso Sports Commission for tourism and marketing services for El Paso County.

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

D. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Mission View, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 3:24 P.M.**

21. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024, approve and authorize the use of an exemption to purchasing procedures that allows a contract for the purchase of a personal or professional service. Furthermore, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Facility Management Agreement between the County of El Paso and the El Paso Sports Commission. Funds are available in SR-CLSMTRPROM-OPS EXP-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0406)

Jose Lopez, Interim Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

**MOTION: PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 262.024, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF AN EXEMPTION TO PURCHASING PROCEDURES THAT ALLOWS A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE REGARDING THE FACILITY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND THE EL PASO SPORTS COMMISSION.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

21. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024, approve and authorize the use of an exemption to purchasing procedures that allows a contract for the purchase of a personal or professional service. Furthermore, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Facility Management Agreement between the County of El Paso and the El Paso Sports Commission. Funds are available in SR-CLSMTRPROM-OPS EXP-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0406)

Jose Lopez, Interim Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

22. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Tourist Promotion Program Agreement between the County of El Paso and the El Paso Sports Commission. (Contract No. 2021-0521)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CHAPTER 381 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TOURIST PROMOTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND THE EL PASO SPORTS COMMISSION. (CONTRACT NO. 2021-0521) FURTHER, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE FACILITY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND THE EL PASO SPORTS COMMISSION. FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN SR-CLSMTRPROM-OPS EXP-GEN. (CONTRACT NO. 2021-0406).**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:42 P.M.**

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MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:42 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