

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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Commissioner, Pct. 1

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct. 3



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Commissioner, Pct. 2

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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, AUGUST 16, 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 9:33 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Melody Murillo, 7th grader at Armendariz Middle School, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Roman Bustillos.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 26, 2021 and August 2, 2021 and the special meeting of August 5, 2021.
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215
- B. Accept the quarterly report from the Office of Emergency Management.
Assistant Fire Chief, Jorge A. Rodriguez, Office of Emergency Management (915) 240-3171
- C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the copier lease, service and maintenance agreements with Xerox Financial Services, LLC, for three AltaLink B8170 and one (1) VersaLink B7030 copiers in the amount of \$6,658.21 annually for a 48-month period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025. Funding is available in GF-CNTATTY-RENT/LEASES. (Contact No. 2021-0533)
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050
- D. 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
- E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subscription Agreement and Addendum with C2, LLC, dba Tracker, for portfolio accounting and reporting of investments from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$12,430. Funding is available in GF-AUDITOR-RENT/LEASES-SOFTWAR. (Contract No. 2021-0581)
Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040
- F. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT** - Approve amendment No. 41 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease Capital Projects by \$25,600, decrease Grants by \$20,315.31, thus decreasing the overall budget of \$593,786,254.57 to \$593,740,339.26.
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and Terese Buess, participating in the Border Prosecution Unit initiative (Grant #2283710) from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0568)
Yvonne Rosales, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059
- H. Pursuant to Texas Election Code 3.003 and in conjunction with direction given by the Texas Secretary of State, the Commissioners Court of each county, wholly or partly in the territory covered by the election, should complete a local order for an election ordered by the governor.
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154
- I. Approve and authorize the Public Defender's Office, Administrative Support Managers' eligibility for up to 80 hours of additional compensation for time worked on weekends and holidays in support of the 48 Hour Bond Review Hearing Program for the remainder of calendar year 2021. Funding is available in GF-PUBLICDEF-SAL-OT-48HR BOND. (OP-21-1030)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between El Paso County and Innovative PBX Services, Inc., dba New IPS to perform the cabling services at the County Courthouse 3rd Floor Commissioners Court Room. Funding is available in GF-ITD-CONTR SVC-GEN in the amount of \$5,426.80. (Contract No. 2021-0572)
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Quotation and Addendum between the County of El Paso and Pivot Technology Services Corporation to purchase the wireless network equipment for Ascarate Parks & Recreation. Funding is available in CIP21-ITD-IT EQUIPMENT in the amount of \$51,497.67. (Contract No. 2021-0575)
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Statement of Work and Quotation between the County of El Paso and Pivot Technology Services Corporation for the wireless network assessment at Ascarate Park. Funding is available in GF-ITD-CONTR SVC-GEN in the amount of \$12,020. (Contract No. 2021-0577)
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

M. Approve and authorize the use of JP Technology Funds for the purchase and installation of two 75-inch TV's for the Justice Court, Pct. 1 in the amount of \$2,309. Funding is available in SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES. Further, approve the reallocation of funds from SR-JPTECH-OPS CONTINGENCIES to SR-JPTECH-OPS EQUIPMENT.

Judge Robert T. Pearson, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 (915) 534-3917

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subscription Agreement between Raptor Technologies, LLC., and El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department for visitor management software system in an estimated amount of \$575. Funding is available in GF-JPD-OPS EXPENSES-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0510)

Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of El Paso, Texas and El Paso Community College for golf lessons at the Ascarate Golf Course with a PGA Golf Professional from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 at the rate of \$40.00 per youth student and \$64.00 per adult student registered in the course. Funds are to be deposited in GF-GOLFCOURSE-LESSONS and/or GF-GOLFCOURSE-DRIVING RNG FEES. (Contract No. 2021-0585)

Veronica Myers, Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2380

P. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Sections 232.028 and 232.029, approve and authorize the issuance of certification regarding compliance with applicable plat requirements as provided on the attached listing.

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

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Public Transportation Project Grant Agreement Amendment 2 to the Intercity Bus (ICB) FY20-21 5311 Rollover + Additional CARES Act Grant, extending the grant time period to April 30, 2022. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0584)

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

R. Approve and accept the revision of Deerfield Industrial Park Partition subdivision to be named Project Deerfield Industrial Park Partition Replat A pursuant to requirements of the Texas Local Government Code §232.041 (Revision of Plat); further, authorize the filing and recording of the subdivision plat.

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

S. 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

T. Approve the purchase of In Motion Devices for Sheriff's Office headquarters through the Information Technology Department (12106195) using OMNIA Partners Contract 4400006644, awarded to Insight Public Sector Sled of Tempe, AZ., in the amount of \$50,552.10. Purchasing approved on July 30, 2021. Funding is available in CP-REPLACE20-INMOT-IT SOFTWARE.

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

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the FY21 Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant Local Solicitation Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and the City of El Paso. (Contract No. 2021-0553)

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

V. Approve and authorize the budget transfer of \$33,356 from GF-SOLAW-OPS EQUIPMENT to GF-SOLAW-CAP OUT-RENOV-REP for the renovation and repair of the Jail Clinic Pharmacy and Observation Room Areas. The budget transfer is included in BA41 on this week's agenda.

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

W. Approve and authorize the budget transfer of \$10,787 from GF-SOACADT-OPS EQUIPMENT to GF-SOACADT-OPS EXPENSES-GEN for the purchase of ammunition for the Academy Firing Range.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Georgina Perez, State Board of Education representative, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the spread of COVID-19 and the need for masks in classrooms for the safety of all.

Fernando Garcia, with the Border Network for Human Rights, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the spread of COVID-19 and a personal experience with children in schools and the lack of COVID-19 protocol.

Veronica Frescas, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding COVID-19 spread and the need for masks in school for protection.

Dulce Carlos, with the Border Network for Human Rights, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the health and welfare of children in schools where masking and COVID-19 protocol are not being followed.

Betty Camargo, Policy Director with the Border Network for Human Rights, addressed the Commissioners Court asking for a mask mandate in El Paso County for the health and safety of school children in the community.

Marcos Silva, concerned Citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the choices that parents have to make to keep children safe and spoke in favor of a mask mandate in schools and in public spaces.

Irma Cruz, with the Border Network for Human Rights, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the need for a mask mandate for safety in schools and the community to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Irene Reygoza, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding COVID-19 and the dangerous situations children and their families are being put in as COVID-19 spreads and asked for safe solutions for students.

Marco Rapozo, with the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, addressed the Commissioners Court in support of a mask mandate to protect children and vulnerable citizens.

County Commissioner David Stout thanked all of the speakers for their comments in favor of taking measures to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Monday, August 16, 2021, as "David L. Carrasco Job Corps Graduation Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring Monday, August 16, 2021, as "National Airborne 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 Robinson Members Voting Nay: None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

10. Approve and appoint Commissioner Carl Robinson's nominee, Robert Jeskey, to the Veterans Advisory Board for the unexpired term ending November 30, 2021.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

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

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Receive a presentation from the El Paso County 911 District and approve the FY2022 El Paso County 911 District budget.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

8. Receive a presentation on the El Paso County Hospital District revised FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets.

R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, EPC Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

9. Discuss and take appropriate action on the El Paso County Hospital District's Capital and Operating Budgets for FY 2022 and proposed tax rate.

R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, EPC Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600

NO ACTION

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

11. Receive a report and discuss and take appropriate action regarding the CARES Act Grant, 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

13. Receive an update regarding the El Paso County Redistricting Advisory Commission relating to redistricting related legislative bills, the release of census data, and a timeline on the Commission's work.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

PURCHASING

14. Approve the purchase of ten above ground storage fuel tanks (552 gallons each) for the County of El Paso, Texas, using U.S. Communities Contract 2019000318 awarded to Herc Rentals Inc., of El Paso, Texas, in the amount of \$108,230. Purchasing approved on July 30, 2021. Funding is available in CIP21-FLEETOP-CAP OUT-EQUIP.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4F. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DEPARTMENT - Approve amendment No. 41 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease Capital Projects by \$25,600, decrease Grants by \$20,315.31, thus decreasing the overall budget of \$593,786,254.57 to \$593,740,339.26.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 41 TO THE COUNTY OF EL PASO'S 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET. THIS BUDGETARY AMENDMENT WILL DECREASE CAPITAL PROJECTS BY \$25,600, DECREASE GRANTS BY \$20,315.31, THUS DECREASING THE OVERALL BUDGET OF \$593,786,254.57 TO \$593,740,339.26. FURTHER, APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO BA 41 IDENTIFYING UP TO \$500,000 FOR AN ADDITIONAL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT TO THE HEALTH AND LIFE FUND, IF NECESSARY. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN GADMIN PROF SVCS CONTINGENCIES AND GADMIN OPS CONTINGENCIES.

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

JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP) Intensive In-Home Mental Health Services agreement with Pinnacle Social Services LLC, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department in an estimated amount of \$295,000. This will extend the term of services from November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022. Funding is available in GF-JPD-PROF SVC-GEN, SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN, PROJ HOPE – JUV MENTAL HEALTH CT 22 Grant, and TJJD SPECIAL NEEDS DIV PROG 2022 (GTJJD2022). (Contract No. 2021-0525)

Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

MOTION: APPROVE

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

16. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second 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 \$116,500 is available in GF-ECONIMPACT-INITIATIVE. **(CONTRACT NO. 2021-0283)**

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

MOTION: APPROVE

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

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:13 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:14 P.M.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

12. 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

PUBLIC WORKS

18. Receive a presentation from the Planning & Development Department's consultant, DEC, regarding the third-party review of the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps for El Paso County.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society HOT Event Grant Agreement to support the 30th Annual San Elizario Historic Conference in the amount of \$12,127. Funding is available in SR-TOURPROM-HISTORICAL EVENTS. (Contract No. 2021-0567)
Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

19. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Rio Grande Council of Governments Direct Purchase of Services Vendor Application reflecting the proposed service and proposed cost per unit that the County Senior Nutrition Program will provide to both the Home Delivered Meal and Congregate Programs for a period beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. There is no County match required. (Contract No. 2021-0593)
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE

20. Approve and authorize reallocation of Capital Funds.
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

12. 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

21. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:53 P.M.

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

B. Discuss the acquisition of real property by the El Paso County Hospital District with a legal description of Tract 6-C F. Neve Survey No. 8 Plus an Unplatted Portion of the D.A. Loose Tract, City and County of El Paso, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.

R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO University Medical Center/EPCHD (915) 521-7600

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. 37 and affected agreements.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding Executive Order GA-38.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

E. Discuss pending litigation styled Monica Y. Provencio v. County of El Paso, TX; Cause No. 2017-DCV-1719; County Attorney's case number 0143-17-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Ruben Duarte, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

F. Discuss legal rights and responsibility related to entering into an Interlocal Agreement for the Purpose of Participation and Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding PUC Docket No. 52195, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2606, for El Paso Electric Company's application to change rates, County Attorney's file number 0155-21-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

G. Discuss potential and pending litigation cases and their application to the El Paso County Administrative Accountability Policy, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Eddie Sosa, First Assistant, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 5:23 P.M.

22. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Hospital District to purchase the property with a legal description of Tract 6-C F. Neve Survey No. 8 Plus an Unplatted Portion of the D.A. Loose Tract, City and County of El Paso.

R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO University Medical Center/EPCHD (915) 521-7600

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

23. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Governor Abbott's Executive Order No. 37 and affected El Paso County agreements.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

NO ACTION

24. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Executive Order GA-38.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO THE EL PASO COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, DR. OCARANZA, IN SUPPORT OF HIS INTENT TO ISSUE A MASK REQUIREMENT FOR ALL INDOOR FACILITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS. FURTHER, APPROVE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ALL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT SUCH A MASK REQUIREMENT TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

25. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending litigation styled Monica Y. Provencio v. County of El Paso, TX; Cause No. 2017-DCV-1719; County Attorney's case number 0143-17-LD.

Ruben Duarte, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

21E. Discuss pending litigation styled Monica Y. Provencio v. County of El Paso, TX; Cause No. 2017-DCV-1719; County Attorney's case number 0143-17-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Ruben Duarte, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM # 21E AND REGULAR SESSION ITEM # 25 FOR ONE WEEK.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

26. Discuss and take appropriate action Related to Entering into an Interlocal Agreement for the Purpose of Participation and Intervention in Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding PUC Docket No. 52195, SOAH Docket No. 473-21-2606, Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, County Attorney's file number 0155-21-AA.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER RATE 41 ENTITIES TO PARTICIPATE AND INTERVENE IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS PROCEEDINGS, DOCKET NO. 52195, SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-21-2606, APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES, AS WELL AS TO ENGAGE IN THE HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH THE LAW FIRM OF HUSCH BLACKWELL, LLP TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN THE MATTER, AS PART OF THE RATE 41 GROUP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 TO PAY FOR LEGAL FEES, EXPERT FEES AND EXPENSES IN THAT MATTER.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

27. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, § 152.013 (b), discuss and take action on the proposed annual salaries, expenses or allowances for elected County and precinct officers for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Any proposed salary or allowance increases will be published in a local newspaper of general circulation. These salaries and any proposed increases would take effect on October 1, 2021, and upon the adoption of the County Budget.

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

NO ACTION

28. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 budget for El Paso County regarding employee wage adjustments.

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

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:07 P.M.

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:07 P.M.

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