

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 9:01 A.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NO ACTION**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

4. Receive an update from the County Judge regarding the Purchasing Board, Justice Leadership Council and MPO.

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

**PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

5. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY 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 July 31, 2021. The interim financial report is located on the intranet at:

**[HTTP://EPCOUNTY.COM/AUDITOR/PUBLICATIONS/MONTHLYREPORTS.HTM](http://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  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

6. Approve and authorize a transfer of up to one million dollars from the County of El Paso's fund account (GF-GADM-XFER OUT-HEALTH & LIFE) or from American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA-REV LOSS REPLC) to the County's Health and Life Fund account (IS-HEALTH-XFER IN) or provide direction on the County of El Paso's Risk Pool Reserve Fund Contingency Plan.

Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS (ARPA-REV LOSS REPLC) TO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH AND LIFE FUND ACCOUNT (IS-HEALTH-XFER IN) FOR ELIGIBLE ARPA EXPENSES.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

7. Receive a presentation from Augment El Paso on the Mission Trail Virtual Tour Series: San Elizario Historic District, and discuss current and the production of future tours and redevelopment ideas.

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

**MOTION: DELETE**

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 from the Parks and Recreation Department and HALFF Associates regarding the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

**PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

9. Discuss the recent storm flooding in El Paso County and take appropriate action to provide additional flood control measures in the community.

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

Posted Monday, August 16, 2021 at 11:15 A.M.

**MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FOR THE COURT:**

1. **MAPS COMPARING WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENED OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WHAT FEMA SAID WOULD HAPPEN, THE COUNTY ANALYSIS, THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL PLAN, AND THE STORM WATER UTILITY PLAN.**
2. **REPORT ON HOT SPOTS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
3. **HOW THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE PLAN COMPARED TO HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN AND HOW IT INFORMS OUR RESPONSE.**
4. **REPORT ON COUNTY ASSETS THAT WERE DEPLOYED DURING THE FLOODING AND THE CURRENT MITIGATION EFFORTS AND OUR PREPARATION FOR FLOODING IF IT RAINS AGAIN.**
5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF ON MOVING UP ANY ELEMENTS OF FLOOD CONTROL PLAN AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IF WE EXPERIENCE FURTHER FLOODING.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

**MOTION: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONERS COURT TO SEND A LETTER TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING A JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS EFFORTS ON FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES.**

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 12:03 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:48 P.M.**

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

10. Discuss special events scheduled for the Labor Day weekend, the Freakazoid Robot Festival at Ascarate Park and the Labor Day Tournament at the Sportspark, and receive direction on the booking of large events at County Facilities, and how to proceed with the two (2) currently scheduled events.

Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

Posted Monday, August 16, 2021 at 3:40 P.M.

**MOTION: RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATION REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, THE FREAKAZOID ROBOT FESTIVAL AT ASCARATE PARK AND THE LABOR DAY TOURNAMENT AT THE SPORTSPARK, AND RECEIVE DIRECTION ON THE BOOKING OF LARGE EVENTS AT COUNTY FACILITIES, AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE TWO (2) CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

**MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:51 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 4:43 P.M.**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50 P.M.**

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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