

**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  
500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021**

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| 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 9:32 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Judge Ricardo Samaniego led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**3. INVOCATION**

A. Receive an invocation from Walli Haley from Join Us For Justice.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER LEON** - Approve and authorize the renewal of the County of El Paso's Burn Ban Order for an additional 90 days effective August 29, 2021. (OP-21-1093)  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215
- B. 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
- C. Approve amendment No. 42 to the County of El Paso's 2020-2021 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Capital Projects by \$1,605,000, decrease Enterprise by \$35,010.18, increase Grants by \$169,110, thus increasing the overall budget of \$593,740,339.26 to \$595,479,439.08.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- D. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER STOUT** - Approve and authorize the continuation of the current optional \$10 County Road and Bridge Fee as well as the \$10 Transportation Project Fee on County Vehicle Registrations for Calendar Year 2022.  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262
- E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Accessible Solutions ServTracker Software Contract (Quote #JP000675) and Addendum for the Community Services Department Senior Nutrition Program for client management and meal delivery route generating capabilities from August 23, 2021, to August 23, 2022, in the amount of \$34,945. Funding is available in SG-NUTRITM21-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2021-0594)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Certification Regarding Lobbying (Addendum A) form as required by City of El Paso Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 47th year Home Delivered Meal grant. (Contract No. 2021-0478)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- G. Approve and authorize the Community Services Department to accept donations during Fiscal Year 2022, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032.  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708
- H. Approve the relocation agreement with Criminal Justice Coordination Director Catherine Jones in the amount of \$10,000. Funding is available in GF-CRMJUSTCOORD-SALARY-TEMP. (Contract No. 2021-0586)  
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Adolescent Sexual Behavior Therapy Agreement with Matt Bierds, MA, LPC-S, LSOTP-S Neurocounseling & Consulting Services, PLLC, to provide therapeutic services for juveniles from August 23, 2021, to April 30, 2024, in the estimated amount of \$80,000, with the option to renew for two one-year terms with written notice to the Contractor. Funds are available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF-SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0590)  
Roger Martinez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- J. 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
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 001, On-Call Civil Engineering Contract with Consor Engineers, LLC., for the traffic signal timing services for the Eastlake Boulevard corridor. Funding in the amount of \$90,680.76 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0624)  
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- L. **DELETE PER PARKS AND RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT** - Approve and authorize the Interim Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Catering and Concession Services for the County Sportspark and Ascarate Golf Course facilities. In accordance with Local Government Code 262.030, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed use of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.  
Joe Lopez, Jr., Interim 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.

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

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Grant Award Modification #1 increasing the grant in the amount of \$4,600 for the West Texas HIDTA Prosecution Initiative Grant (G20SW0003A) on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. This award modification is at no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2021-0599)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Grant Award Modification #18 increasing the grant in the amount of \$72,175 for the West Texas HIDTA Multiple Initiative Grant G19SW0001A for the Sheriff's Office. This award modification is at no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2021-0598)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Grant Award Modification #7 increasing the grant in the amount of \$18,777 for the West Texas HIDTA Multiple Initiative Grant G20SW0001A on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. This award modification is at no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2021-0596)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Grant Award Modification #8 decreasing the grant in the amount of \$4,600 for the West Texas HIDTA Multiple Initiative Grant G20SW0001A on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. This award modification is at no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2021-0597)

Travis B. Kuykendall, Executive Director, West Texas HIDTA (915) 532-9550

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

#### **5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ralph Cloud of the Yucca Neighborhood in El Paso County, Texas.

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing August 22 - 28, 2021 as "El Paso Athletic Hall and El Paso Sports Commission Class of 2021 Hall of Fame Week" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Borrego, president of the Cultural Heritage Society of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, addressed the Commissioners Court to clarify some comments and misconceptions behind the Binational History Conference.

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

4A. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER LEON** - Approve and authorize the renewal of the County of El Paso's Burn Ban Order for an additional 90 days effective August 29, 2021. (OP-21-1093)

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

**4D. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER STOUT** - Approve and authorize the continuation of the current optional \$10 County Road and Bridge Fee as well as the \$10 Transportation Project Fee on County Vehicle Registrations for Calendar Year 2022.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

7. 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**

**PURCHASING**

9. Approve the Purchase and Installation of a New Canopy at the County of El Paso Fabens Warehouse using Region 19 Contract 18-7280 awarded to IQP Canopies LLC of El Paso, Texas in the amount of \$264,600. Purchasing approved on August 16, 2021. Funding is available in CIP20-FACILITIES-CONSTRUCTION and CIP21-FLEET-RENOVATIONS.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

10. Approve and authorize the Sole Source purchase of replacement of meters to El Paso Water of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$99,405. Funding is available in EP-EMONWATER-CONTR SVC-GEN. 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.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

11. Approve the purchase of Web-Based Solution Software for Sheriff's Department (12107864) using Region 19 Contract 18-7297 awarded to Lexipol of Frisco, Texas for Year one (1) \$162,706.50; Year Two (2) \$64,280.79; Year Three (3) \$67,494.82; Grand Total \$294,482.11. Purchasing approved on August 16, 2021. Funding is available in various Sheriff accounts.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

**JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS**

12. Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant award for year four awarded to the DWI Drug Court Program. The grant is in the amount of \$387,716, from September 30, 2021, through September 29, 2022. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2021-0638)

Judge Robert Anchondo, County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 (915) 834-8232

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Multi-Systemic Therapy (“MST”) Services between El Paso County and El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network, for children and adolescents under the care of a referring agency and who may be candidates for mental health therapy, from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$238,425. Funding is available in GF-JPD-PROF SVC-GEN and SR-JPDSUP-PROF-SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0541)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

25. Approve the interim reallocation of capital funds for the Council of Judges.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE REALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE COUNCIL OF JUDGES PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN:**

**CIP21-COUNCIL-RENOVATIONS - \$60,948**

**COCF-3001-CIP2021-431-20-21003-0001-COJ01-703001-**

**CIP21-COUNCIL-EQUIPMENT - \$96,760**

**COCF-3001-CIP2021-431-20-21003-0001-COJ02-706002-**

**AND REALLOCATE TO:**

**CIP21-COUNCIL-CAP OUT-EQ NONCAP - \$120,000**

**COCF-3001-CIP2021-431-20-21003-0001-INT18-706001-**

**CP-IMPROV01-MISCELLANEOUS - \$37,708**

**COCF-3001-0000000-431-00-00000-0000-00000-750005-**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. which clarifies the grant amount to include training. (Contract No. 2021-0649)

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

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Economic Development Council Hot Event Grant Award Agreement in the amount of \$10,000 to support the August 23-24, 2021, TEDC Team Texas Economic Summit. Funds are available in SR-TOURPROM-HISTORICAL EVENTS. (Contract No. 2021-0648)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HOT EVENT GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO SUPPORT THE AUGUST 23-24, 2021, TEDC TEAM TEXAS ECONOMIC SUMMIT, PENDING LEGAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CHANGING THAT TO A CHAPTER 381 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO MAKE SURE THEN THAT IT FALLS IN LINE WITH USE OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT FUND.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Nay: Leon

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

16. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Real Estate Sales Contract Access Easement & Drainage Easement with Pellicano 121 Development, LLC in the amount of \$90,000, for right-of-way property and associated closing cost needed for the widening and reconstruction of Pellicano Drive, upon review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. Funding is available in GF-EPCMP-CAP PROJ-LAND. (Contract No. 2021-0496)

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

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Real Estate Sales Contract with Pellicano 121 Development, LLC in the amount of \$660,000 for right-of-way property and associated closing cost needed for the widening and reconstruction of Pellicano Drive, upon review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. Funding is available in GF-EPCMP-CAP PROJ-LAND. (Contract No. 2021-0497)

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE BOTH ITEMS #16 AND #17.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Task Order No. 001, On-Call Civil Engineering Contract with Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. to update the current El Paso County Flood Damage Prevention Order. Funding in the amount of \$112,270 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0260)

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

19. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the Rojas Drive Improvements, Phase 2 Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for construction and improvements to Rojas roadway. Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0621)

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 County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the Ascencion Street Improvements (HSIP) Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Design. Funding in the amount of \$180,147.60 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0622)

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 Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

21. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement VRF Project Development Agreement for the Montana Avenue Right-of-Way Acquisition & Utility Relocation Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority. Funding in the amount of \$190,560.11 is available in FY21 and \$190,560.10 in FY22 from Vehicle Registration Fee Bond proceeds as managed by the CRRMA. (Contract No. 2021-0626)

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: Stout

22. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Procurement & Placement of Bus Shelters for El Paso County Transit, with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority. The amendment adds Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) to the contract needed for construction services. Funding in the amount of \$110,000 is available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2021-0627)

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

23. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Rural State Program Fiscal Year 2022 Project Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Public Transportation Grant funds from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$466,139. There is no County match required. (Contract No. 2021-0589)

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

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

24. Approve and authorize the additional funding needed by the Infrastructure Department for the Horizon Hills Embankment Improvement Project. Further, approve the re-allocation of funding from the CP-IMPROV01-MISCELLANEOUS to CIP21-PW ADMIN-RENOVATIONS in the amount of \$80,513.

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 Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

8. 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

**MEETING RECESSED AT 12:00 P.M.**

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

8. 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**

**26. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:06 P.M.**

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. 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

C. 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

D. Discuss potential claim regarding William Dinson Jr., County Attorney No. 0144-21-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Michael A. Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0380.

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

F. Discuss personnel matter and legal claims regarding the Justice of the Peace Pct.5, pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.071.

Eddie Sosa, First 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 3:07 P.M.**

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

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

#### **NO ACTION**

28. 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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE RELEASE AGREEMENT PER THE SETTLEMENT TERMS AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

29. Discuss and take appropriate action on the potential claim regarding William Dinson Jr., County Attorney's file No. 0144-21-PC.

Michael A. Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

26D. Discuss potential claim regarding William Dinson Jr., County Attorney No. 0144-21-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Michael A. Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

#### **MOTION: DELETE ITEM #29 AND THE CORRESPONDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM #26D.**

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

30. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding a personnel matter for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 5.

Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

#### **NO ACTION**



32. 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

**MOTION: ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO SET ASIDE FUNDS AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S RESERVES TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE \$13 OPTION IF THE COURT CHOOSES, BASED ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT BACK IN DECEMBER FOR THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION; INCLUDE THE DIFFERENCE AND SET ASIDE THE FUNDING IN RESERVES FOR THE \$13/HOUR OPTION KNOWING THAT IF THE FUNDS ARE NOT FAVORABLE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION WILL COME BACK TO THE COURT AND MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT AT THE TIME.**

**FY 22 OPTIONS:**

**LIVING WAGE BY FY22**

**3.8% WAGE ADJUSTMENT (\$5M)**

**(EXCLUDES SHERIFF'S OFFICE CBA EMPLOYEES AND CONSTABLE PAY SCALES**

**\$13/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE BY FY22**

**8% WAGE ADJUSTMENT (\$10.7M) OR**

**CHANGE STEPS AND RATES FOR LOWER GRADES TO HAVE  
HIGHER STARTING WAGES**

**IMPACTS 76 EMPLOYEES (\$101K)**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

31. 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

**MOTION: APPROVE ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR FY22 WITH AN ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF 3.8% FOR ALL ELIGIBLE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5 WHOSE SALARY WOULD BE SET AT \$88,916.47 FOR THE FY22 YEAR. FURTHER ADD THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT INCLUDING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY JUDGE WILL NOT INCREASE IN FY22, AND WILL REMAIN THE SAME IN THEIR CURRENT SALARY.**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Nay: Stout

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:32 P.M.**

**EL PASO COUNTY  
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County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:32 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