

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	PRESENT
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**MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPTUY CLERK
JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK**

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:41 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emily Paz, 11th grader at Canutillo High School, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

Receive an invocation from Pastor Michael Grady.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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Travis Kuykendall, Executive Director West Texas HIDTA 915/532-9550

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing August 3rd as a Day of Unity and Healing, in honor of the 23 beautiful lives lost and those deeply impacted by the August 3rd tragedy.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judges Office (915) 546-2098

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Crawford, concerned citizen, offered prayers to our local leaders in government and spoke about the United Nations declaration of July 30th as the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, and spoke against child trafficking and abortion.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for public health emergencies.

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

NO ACTION

7. PRESENTATION

A. Receive a presentation and recommendations regarding the allocation of the first allotment of opioid settlement funds in the amount of \$813,721.16. Further, provide staff direction and take appropriate action regarding the allocation of these funds.

Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Services (915) 546-2215

MOTION: APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF THE FIRST ALLOTMENT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$813,721.16 FOR THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY CONCEPTS AS RECOMMENDED IN THE PRESENTATION:

RESTORATION

- PROVIDE RESTORATION RESOURCES TO AREAS HISTORICALLY HARMED BY DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND EXPLOITATION.
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION TO ACCESS RESOURCES.
- PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED SERVICES TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM.
- APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 - CORBIN SAMBRANO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (MAY BE USED FOR DEMOLITION AND DESIGN)

REHABILITATION

- HIRE SENIOR JUSTICE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES MANAGER POSITION (COURT ALREADY APPROVED). THE COURT ALREADY APPROVED THE HIRING OF SENIOR LEVEL POSITION TO FOCUS ON THE OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION OF RE-ENTRY AND REHABILITATION SERVICES. THE HIRING FOR THIS POSITION IS IN PROGRESS. THIS WILL HAVE A BUDGET IMPACT OF ANNUALLY (INCLUDING BENEFITS).
- POSITION TO FOCUS ON COUNTY JAIL RELEASES TO INCLUDE PRETRIAL SERVICES AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAMMING TO ENSURE ACCESS TO EVIDENCE-BASED REHABILITATION SERVICES.
- POSITION HELPS TO OBTAIN FUTURE OPIOID AND PROGRAMMING GRANTS.
- APPROXIMATELY \$145,050 (ANNUALLY) - REHABILITATION
- TO BE FUNDED WITH ON-GOING OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- PROVIDE A GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS WORKING THE FRONT-LINE OF ADDICTION OUTREACH TO ENHANCE THEIR RESPONSE RESOURCES.
- NOTE: IN THE NEAR FUTURE THESE NON-PROFITS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO APPLY FOR TENS OF MILLIONS IN OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.
- APPROXIMATELY \$125,000: NON-PROFIT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PER SEC. 41.005

- **DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION ATTORNEY AND AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION CASES.**
- **ATTORNEY WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS (LIKE THIS OPIOID CASE) TO FURTHER PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.**
- **APPROXIMATELY \$41,000**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

AUDITOR

9. 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 June 30, 2023. The interim financial report is located on the intranet at: <http://www.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

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Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 Minor Boundary Modification Application for the following address: Pegasus Logistics Group at 12291 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, TX 79936. (2026-OP)

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

11. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 to expand FTZ designation services in the El Paso region. (2027-OP)

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE BOTH ITEMS #10 AND #11

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

PUBLIC WORKS

12. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement for the Donation of Property with Pellicano Commerce Land, LLC to expand an existing County retention pond to accept the runoff from the Panattoni Industrial Park and for the dedication of a linear park and usable land to the County. Additionally, authorize the County Judge to sign the Right-of-Entry agreement that is included in the donation agreement, pending final legal review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. (Contract No. 2023-0568)

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: POSTPONE 1 WEEK.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13D. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Bulldozer, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.

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MOTION: DELETE ITEM #13D.

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

13. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:10 A.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 HB 2127.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding the State's border security actions.
Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 11:57 A.M.

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County's response to HB 2127.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

NO ACTION

15. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the State's border security actions.
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ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4D. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER LEON - Accept the quarterly report from the El Paso County Housing Authority.
Miguel Hernandez, Executive Director, El Paso County Housing Authority (915) 764-3559

MOTION: POSTPONE 2 WEEKS.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

15. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the State's border security actions.
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MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN TWO LETTERS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, FIRST TO THE GOVERNOR OPPOSING POLICIES SUCH AS THE STATE'S TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS CROSSING THE RIVER AND THE WHISTLEBLOWER THAT CAME FORWARD ON THOSE POLICIES, AS WELL AS THE USE OF WATER BARRIERS IN THE RIVER AND USE OF CONCERTINA WIRE, AND THE SECOND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST SUCH POLICIES AGAINST MIGRANTS.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Holguin, Coronado
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:12 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

31st DAY OF July, 2023

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Members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

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AGENDA

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Strategic Plan
Priority

1. OPEN MEETING
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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4. CONSENT AGENDA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered by the Commissioners Court to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Court or persons in the audience request that specific items be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Commissioners Court votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

- T. GRANT MODIFICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Grant Award Modification #1, for the West Texas HIDTA Prosecution Initiative Grant; G23SW0003A, on behalf of the El Paso County 34th District Attorney. This Grant Modification is at no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2023-0541)

Travis Kuykendall, Executive Director West Texas HIDTA 915/532-9550

5. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing August 3rd as a Day of Unity and Healing, in honor of the 23 beautiful lives lost and those deeply impacted by the August 3rd tragedy.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judges Office (915) 546-2098

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. PRESENTATION

- A. Receive a presentation and recommendations regarding the allocation of the first allotment of opioid settlement funds in the amount of \$813,721.16. Further, provide staff direction and take appropriate action regarding the allocation of these funds.

Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Services (915) 546-2215

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for public health emergencies.

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

AUDITOR

9. 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 June 30, 2023. The interim financial report is located on the intranet at:

<http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/monthlyreports.htm> .

Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 Minor Boundary Modification Application for the following address: Pegasus Logistics Group at 12291 Gateway Blvd., El Paso, TX 79936. (2026-OP)

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

11. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 68 to expand FTZ designation services in the El Paso region. (2027-OP)

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

PUBLIC WORKS

12. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement for the Donation of Property with Pellicano Commerce Land, LLC to expand an existing County retention pond to accept the runoff from the Panattoni Industrial Park and for the dedication of a linear park and usable land to the County. Additionally, authorize the County Judge to sign the Right-of-Entry agreement that is included in the donation agreement, pending final legal review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. (Contract No. 2023-0568)

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Only the members of the Commissioners Court have a right to attend an executive session, except that legal counsel must be present if the executive session is held pursuant to Government Code section 551.071. In addition to legal counsel, Commissioners Court may include in executive session certain officers and employees if it finds that (1) their participation is necessary to the matter under consideration; (2) their interests are not adverse to the county, and (3) their presence will not waive the attorney client privilege. Generally, the Chief Administrator, Budget Executive Director, County Clerk's representatives, and County Auditor's Office representatives attend the closed session items based on the enumerated criteria, and certain other persons may attend based on the above-listed criteria or as otherwise provided by law.

- 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 HB 2127.

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

- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding the State's border security actions.

Christina R. Sanchez, 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 Bulldozer, a private business prospect, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087.

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

REGULAR SESSION

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County's response to HB 2127.

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

15. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the State's border security actions.

Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050