

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**ILIANA HOLGUIN**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**DAVID STOUT**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**SERGIO CORONADO**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

Commissioners Court Chambers, El Paso County Courthouse  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	PRESENT
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	PRESENT
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	VIDEOCONFERENCE
ILIANA HOLGUIN	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	PRESENT
SERGIO CORONADO	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	PRESENT

**MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPTUY 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 9:35 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Fabens High School Student Council students Alejandra Munoz- Junior; Sofia Chavez- senior; Mariana Martinez- senior; and Alberto Federico – senior, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

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**3. INVOCATION**

Receive an invocation from David Marcus, a representative of Join Us for Justice, the El Paso Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.



#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2023.  
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement with El Paso SLI Sign Language Interpreters for ASL interpreter services for Commissioners Court meetings as part of the ARP 1290 Language Access for Residents (Interpreters & i915) project. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2023-0853)  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

C. Approve and adopt revisions to the County Managerial Operations Policy and Performance Management and Evaluation Policy. (2748-OP)  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215

D. **POSTPONE ONE WEEK PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Accept the quarterly report from the County Administration Department.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

E. Accept the quarterly reports from the Office of Emergency Management.  
Assistant Fire Chief, Jorge A. Rodriguez, Office of Emergency Management (915) 240-3171

F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Investigation Services Agreement by and between the County of El Paso and Marilyn Mungerson for employment investigation services, as referred by the County Attorney's Office and Human Resources Department through August 14, 2024, with two additional one year options to renew, at a rate of \$150 per hour. Funds are available in GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0793)  
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

G. 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.  
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for investments and withdrawals from TexPool and TexPool Prime.  
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262

I. Approve amendment No. 46 to the County of El Paso's 2022-2023 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$3,106,224.77, thus increasing the overall budget of \$771,258,204.22 to \$774,364,428.99.  
Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

J. Approve amendment No.03 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$80,590.28, thus increasing the overall budget of \$608,659,853.62 to \$608,740,443.90.  
Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

K. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of August 28, 2023, Item 4AH on the Consent Agenda, GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and accept the grant terms and any other documents necessary to receive the FY 2023 FEMA Shelter Services Program (SSP) awarded on August 15, 2023, in the amount of \$2,447,252, to support regional humanitarian response efforts for the months of January 1, 2024, through February 28, 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0682) GRANT AWARD - Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the updated award in the amount of \$15,759,143 to support regional humanitarian response efforts during the eligible spending periods of March 2023, through September 2025. (Contract No: 2023-0872)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to electronically sign the Phase 40 Interim LRO Report and Second Payment Request form to request a draw down of the second payment for mortgage assistance from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 40 in the amount of \$18,185. (Contract No. 2023-0885)  
Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708



M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Mental Health Interviews with El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network for mental health assessments and related services to facilitate appropriate conditions of bond, release, and continuity of care through high intensity case management and supervision services for inmates who have been identified to suffer from mental illness or mental disability from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$630,776.67. Funds are available in GF-COUNCIL-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0787)

Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges Administration (915) 546-2143

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Uber for Government Dashboard Access Agreement and Addendum with Uber Technologies, Inc., on behalf of the El Paso County District Attorney's Office, for alternate transportation for impaired drivers. There is no impact to the County. (Contract No. 2023-0855)

Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077

O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Services Agreement between the County of El Paso and the following service provider participating in the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) initiative (Grant #2283712) from November 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025: Justin Wood. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0877)

Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077

P. Approve and authorize the District Attorney's Office to submit the State of Texas Chapter 59 Forfeiture and Seizure funds report for the period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Employee Staffing Agreement between the County of El Paso, Texas and RMP Temps, Incorporated from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with 3 additional one-year options to renew and amending the agency payment terms, as listed in the backup. Funds are available in GF-ELECTIONS-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2023-0798)

Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Option to Renew Professional Service Agreement by and between El Paso County and USI Southwest, Inc. for Insurance Brokerage Services for property, general liability, special events, auto, employee crime, drone, notary bonds, and public officials' liability insurance. Funding is available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2023-0834)

Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

S. Approve and authorize calendar year 2024 employee payroll deduction for employee benefit premiums and Combined Charities Campaign employee contributions which are approved by El Paso County through a Commissioner's Court order, Purchasing Department bid, County Contract, County Interlocal Agreement, or Union agreement and continue current payroll deduction (grandfather) for benefits not sponsored by El Paso County through a Commissioner's Court Order, Purchasing Department bid, County Contract, County Interlocal Agreement, or Union agreement, but not allow any new payroll deduction requests for the grandfathered benefits.

Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Order Form between the County of El Paso and KRONOS Incorporated, A UKG Company for fifty (50) additional licenses. No Fiscal Impact. (Contract No. 2023-0805)

Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Change Order 2 between the County of El Paso and Motorola Solutions for the acquisition of Microwave and MPLS replacement System for the Sheriff's Office Communications-911. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-CAPOUTLAYS for a total amount of \$11,861.21. (Contract No. 2023-0840)

Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748

V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Change Order 1 between the County of El Paso and Motorola Solutions for the acquisition of Microwave and MPLS replacement System for the Sheriff's Office Communications-911. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0841)

Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748

W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Terralogic Document Systems for the EMC Suite maintenance and support. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for a total amount of \$21,921.68. (Contract No. 2023-0850)

Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748



X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with GAP Air Conditioning and Heating, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department for the replacement of AC units from September 25, 2023, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$741,773.86. Funding is available in account CP-TN23A-JPD-RENOV-ROOF/HVAC. (Contract No. 2023-0745)  
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

Y. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Special Needs Divisionary Program (SNDP) Intensive In-Home Mental Health Services Agreement with Pinnacle Social Services LLC, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department from November 1, 2023, through May 1, 2024, in an estimated amount of \$197,460. Funding is available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN; PROJ HOPE – JUV MENTAL HEALTH CT 2024; TJJD SPECIAL NEEDS DIV PROG 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0878)  
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

Z. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Economic Development Administration (EDA) Form SF271: Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs grant for hangar space development at the Fabens Airport with the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$220,575.14. No fiscal impact to the County. (Contract No. 2023-0283) (Precinct 3)  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

AA. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development for the Fabens Airport Monument Sign Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA). The amendment is to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA administrative costs associated with the design phase of the project. No fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0856) (Precinct #3)  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development (915) 273-3330

AB. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development for the Fabens Airport Hangar & Entrance Design Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA administrative costs associated with the design phase of the project. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0857) (Precinct #3)  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development Department (915) 273-3330

AC. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the John Hayes Street Extension Project Phase 1 Road Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA). This amendment will allow the CRRMA to provide administration and engineering services during the Construction Phase of the project. This includes the County Match as per agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Funds totaling \$2,701,490.14 are available in the following accounts: GF-EPCMP-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH , CP-TN22-HAYES-CONSTRUCTION , CP-TN22-HAYES-PROF SVCS. (Contract No. 2023-0858) (Precinct 3)  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

AD. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Mission Ridge Amenity Center Subdivision plat.  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

AE. 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.  
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

AF. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subscription Agreement with Thomson Reuters/West Publishing for CLEAR Proflex, CLEAR Government Investigations Advanced and CLEAR Criminal Justice Arrest Gateway Pro online investigation research software for the Public Defender's Office for 36 months in the amount of \$17,820 for the first year with a 5% year over year increase during term. Funding is available in GF-PUBLICDEFEND-BOOKS&SUBSCRPT. (Contract No. 2023-0486)  
Kelli Childress, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

AG. Authorize the County Judge to sign the Addendum to Change Order No. OCO002 Relating to Downtown Annex Phase II Repairs with Jordan Foster Construction, LLC, for the unforeseen sewer issue at the Downtown County Annex in the amount of \$107,745. Funds are available in CP-DOWNTOWN BUILDING-RENOV. (Contract No. 2023-0821)  
Norma Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330



AH. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Basic IDIQ, Inc. of El Paso, Texas for the Purchase and Installation of a Parking Enclosure for the Employee Parking Garage in the amount of \$269,476.66. Funding is available in CP-TN23B-RENOV-GARAGE SECURITY. (Contract No. 2023-0843)

Robin Sully, Facilities Director, Facilities Maintenance Department (915) 546-2009

AI. Approve and authorize the award of RFP 23-030 Online Enrollment Benefit and Administration System for the Human Resources Department to the top scoring firm TEB Benefits Group, Inc. of El Paso, Texas. Purchasing approved on October 20, 2023. Funds are available in IS-HEALTH-HEALTH/DENTAL CLAIMS.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AJ. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(4), approve and authorize the use of Professional Service Exemption to purchasing procedures to procure the purchase and distribution of Narcan to our front-line opioid crisis teams and to provide Opioid Mitigation Services throughout El Paso County for the County Administration Department to El Paso Alliance, Inc., of El Paso, TX for \$50,000 and Aliviane, Inc., of El Paso, TX for \$75,000, to commence services. Funding is available in SR-OPIOIDSETTLE-CONTR SVC-GEN.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AK. 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.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349

AL. **DELETE PER BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY** - Approve and authorize the use of County general funds to temporarily pay for grant-funded personnel and operating expenses for the Protective Order Court Program in the amount of \$26,546 from November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, or until pending State grant award is received and accepted. Funding is available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH.

Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

AM. GRANT MATCH - Approve and authorize a match in the amount of \$700 for the FY24 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Grant for the County Attorney's Office Victim Resource Program. Funds are available GF-CAVICTR-XFER OUT-GRNT MATCH.

Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2081

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

#### **5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution in appreciation of FirstLight Federal Credit Union's support of The Veterans Capital of the USA.

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

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring November 1 - December 20, 2023, as "El Paso Veterans & Riders Association Veterans Food Drive Appreciation Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3 (915) 546-2144

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the University of Texas at El Paso's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps 75th anniversary.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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



D. Approve and adopt a resolution celebrating November 6th-12th as "Operation Green Light", showing support for veterans from County Governments and Residents, whom light homes and buildings green, letting veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported 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, Coronado  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon      Members Voting Nay: None

E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing retired Chief Warrant Officer David Garcia's work as the first Veterans Capital of the USA ambassador 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, Coronado  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin      Members Voting Nay: None

F. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing retired Specialist Donna Juarez as El Paso County's 2023-2024 Veteran of the Year in honor of her military service and for the impact she has had in the El Paso community.  
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, Coronado  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin      Members Voting Nay: None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elizabeth Crawford, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court in opposition of abortion and euthanasia and the sanctity of life.

Commissioner Sergio Coronado shared that it is National Speak Up for Service Day and shared his thoughts on his service on the Commissioners Court and thanked the Court staff and Administration for their service.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

7. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Sergio Coronado's appointee, Mary Theresa Larbi, to the El Paso County Housing Authority Board for the unexpired term ending May 14, 2024.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

**MOTION: APPROVE**

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Commissioners Court meeting schedule for November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department, - (915) 546-2215

**MOTION: APPROVE THE CANCELANATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2023; NOVEMBER 27, 2023; DECEMBER 25, 2023; AND JANUARY 1, 2024.**

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



9. Receive a presentation from the City of El Paso on Municipal ID's and discuss and take appropriate action and provide staff direction on establishing the program.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO MUNICIPAL ID ENHANCED LIBRARY CARD PROGRAM, AND DIRECT STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF EL PASO ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR FORMAL APPROVAL.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

**MEETING RECESSED AT: 12:09 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:22 P.M.**

#### **AUDITOR**

10. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 114.023, 114.024, 114.025 and 114.026, accept the attached presentation and the interim financial report for the month ended September 30, 2023. The interim financial report is located on the internet at: <http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/monthlyreports.htm>.

Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262

#### **MOTION: ACCEPT**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

#### **LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

11. Pursuant to the requirements of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for citizen comment on the grant award in the amount of \$202,958 to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the law enforcement and criminal justice systems for the City and County of El Paso, Texas as per the public comment requirements in the "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government".

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

#### **MOTION: OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING.**

##### **LETICIA VISCAINO, GRANT ANALYST SPOKE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

#### **MOTION: CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Holguin, Coronado

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Absent: Leon, Stout

Members Voting Nay: None

12. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation, from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$202,958, on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and El Paso Police Department. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0875)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217

#### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None



15E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding Chapter 312 and 381 Agreements with Project Seafox, a private business prospect.

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-3182

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

13. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002(c-1), hold a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria. (#2521-OP)

Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-215

14. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002, discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed amendments to the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria, effective October 30, 2023, through September 30, 2025. (#2521-OP).

Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159

#### **MOTION: POSTPONE ITEMS 15E FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ITEMS 13 AND 14 FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ONE WEEK.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

#### **15. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:44 P.M.**

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.

County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

B. Discuss pending matters related to the Public Defenders Office, County Attorney's file number 0139-23-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

C. Discuss pending matters related to the Public Defenders Office, County Attorney's file number 0139-23-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

D. Discuss litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

#### **REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 1:21 P.M.**

16. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD.

Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

#### **MOTION: APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:24 P.M.**



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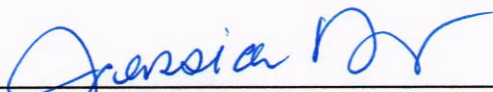
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023**

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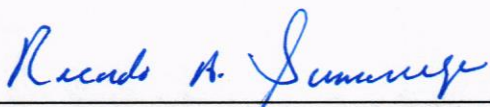
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DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

  
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JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK  
CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2023

  
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COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING



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DELIA BRIONES  
COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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County Judge

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# AGENDA

Regular Meeting, October 30, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Strategic Plan  
Priority

1. OPEN MEETING
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation.

## 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.

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda may be discussed in Executive Session at the discretion of the El Paso County Commissioners Court and following verbal announcement, if an appropriate exception to the open meeting requirement of the Texas Open Meetings Act is applicable.

#### A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2023.

*County Administration Department (915) 546-2215*

#### B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement with El Paso SLI Sign Language Interpreters for ASL interpreter services for Commissioners Court meetings as part of the ARP 1290 Language Access for Residents (Interpreters & i915) project. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2023-0853)

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

#### C. Approve and adopt revisions to the County Managerial Operations Policy and Performance Management and Evaluation Policy. (2748-OP)

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

#### D. Accept the quarterly report from the County Administration Department.

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

#### E. Accept the quarterly reports from the Office of Emergency Management.

*Assistant Fire Chief, Jorge A. Rodriguez, Office of Emergency Management (915) 240-3171*

#### F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Investigation Services Agreement by and between the County of El Paso and Marilyn



Mungerson for employment investigation services, as referred by the County Attorney's Office and Human Resources Department through August 14, 2024, with two additional one year options to renew, at a rate of \$150 per hour. Funds are available in GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0793)

*Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238*

- G. 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.

*Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262*

- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for investments and withdrawals from TexPool and TexPool Prime.

*Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 273-3262*

- I. Approve amendment No. 46 to the County of El Paso's 2022-2023 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$3,106,224.77, thus increasing the overall budget of \$771,258,204.22 to \$774,364,428.99.

*Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

- J. Approve amendment No.03 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$80,590.28, thus increasing the overall budget of \$608,659,853.62 to \$608,740,443.90.

*Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget & Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

- K. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of August 28, 2023, Item 4AH on the Consent Agenda, GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and accept the grant terms and any other documents necessary to receive the FY 2023 FEMA Shelter Services Program (SSP) awarded on August 15, 2023, in the amount of \$2,447,252, to support regional humanitarian response efforts for the months of January 1, 2024, through February 28, 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0682) GRANT AWARD - Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the updated award in the amount of \$15,759,143 to support regional humanitarian response efforts during the eligible spending periods of March 2023, through September 2025. (Contract No: 2023-0872)

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

- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to electronically sign the Phase 40 Interim LRO Report and Second Payment Request form to request a draw down of the second payment for mortgage assistance from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 40 in the amount of \$18,185. (Contract No. 2023-0885)

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

- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Mental Health Interviews with El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network for mental health assessments and related services to facilitate appropriate conditions of bond, release, and continuity of care through high intensity case management and



supervision services for inmates who have been identified to suffer from mental illness or mental disability from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$630,776.67. Funds are available in GF-COUNCIL-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2023-0787)

*Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges Administration (915) 546-2143*

- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Uber for Government Dashboard Access Agreement and Addendum with Uber Technologies, Inc., on behalf of the El Paso County District Attorney's Office, for alternate transportation for impaired drivers. There is no impact to the County. (Contract No. 2023-0855)

*Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077*

- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Services Agreement between the County of El Paso and the following service provider participating in the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) initiative (Grant #2283712) from November 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025: Justin Wood. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0877)

*Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077*

- P. Approve and authorize the District Attorney's Office to submit the State of Texas Chapter 59 Forfeiture and Seizure funds report for the period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

*Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077*

- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Employee Staffing Agreement between the County of El Paso, Texas and RMP Temps, Incorporated from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, with 3 additional one-year options to renew and amending the agency payment terms, as listed in the backup. Funds are available in GF-ELECTIONS-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2023-0798)

*Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154*

- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Option to Renew Professional Service Agreement by and between El Paso County and USI Southwest, Inc. for Insurance Brokerage Services for property, general liability, special events, auto, employee crime, drone, notary bonds, and public officials' liability insurance. Funding is available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2023-0834)

*Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218*

- S. Approve and authorize calendar year 2024 employee payroll deduction for employee benefit premiums and Combined Charities Campaign employee contributions which are approved by El Paso County through a Commissioner's Court order, Purchasing Department bid, County Contract, County Interlocal Agreement, or Union agreement and continue current payroll deduction (grandfather) for benefits not sponsored by El Paso County through a Commissioner's Court Order, Purchasing Department bid, County Contract, County Interlocal Agreement, or Union agreement, but not allow any new payroll deduction requests for the grandfathered benefits.

*Minnie Holguin, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-*

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- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Order Form between the County of El Paso and KRONOS Incorporated, A UKG Company for fifty (50) additional licenses. No Fiscal Impact. (Contract No. 2023-0805)

*Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748*

- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Change Order 2 between the County of El Paso and Motorola Solutions for the acquisition of Microwave and MPLS replacement System for the Sheriff's Office Communications-911. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-CAPOUTLAYS for a total amount of \$11,861.21. (Contract No. 2023-0840)

*Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748*

- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Change Order 1 between the County of El Paso and Motorola Solutions for the acquisition of Microwave and MPLS replacement System for the Sheriff's Office Communications-911. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0841)

*Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748*

- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Terralogic Document Systems for the EMC Suite maintenance and support. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for a total amount of \$21,921.68. (Contract No. 2023-0850)

*Art Nevarez, Interim Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748*

- X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with GAP Air Conditioning and Heating, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department for the replacement of AC units from September 25, 2023, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$741,773.86. Funding is available in account CP-TN23A-JPD-RENOV-ROOF/HVAC. (Contract No. 2023-0745)

*Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500*

- Y. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Special Needs Divisionary Program (SNDP) Intensive In-Home Mental Health Services Agreement with Pinnacle Social Services LLC, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department from November 1, 2023, through May 1, 2024, in an estimated amount of \$197,460. Funding is available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN; PROJ HOPE – JUV MENTAL HEALTH CT 2024; TJJD SPECIAL NEEDS DIV PROG 2024. (Contract No. 2023-0878)

*Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500*

- Z. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Economic Development Administration (EDA) Form SF271: Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs grant for hangar space development at the Fabens Airport with the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$220,575.14. No fiscal impact to the County. (Contract No. 2023-0283) (Precinct 3)

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330*



AAApprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development for the Fabens Airport Monument Sign Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA). The amendment is to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA administrative costs associated with the design phase of the project. No fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0856) (Precinct #3)

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development (915) 273-3330*

ABApprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development for the Fabens Airport Hangar & Entrance Design Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA administrative costs associated with the design phase of the project. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2023-0857) (Precinct #3)

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development Department (915) 273-3330*

ACApprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the John Hayes Street Extension Project Phase 1 Road Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA). This amendment will allow the CRRMA to provide administration and engineering services during the Construction Phase of the project. This includes the County Match as per agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Funds totaling \$2,701,490.14 are available in the following accounts: GF-EPCMP-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH , CP-TN22-HAYES-CONSTRUCTION , CP-TN22-HAYES-PROF SVCS. (Contract No. 2023-0858) (Precinct 3)

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330*

ADPursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Mission Ridge Amenity Center Subdivision plat.

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330*

AEPursuant 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.

*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330*

AFApprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the Subscription Agreement with Thomson Reuters/West Publishing for CLEAR Proflex, CLEAR Government Investigations Advanced and CLEAR Criminal Justice Arrest Gateway Pro online investigation research software for the Public Defender's Office for 36 months in the amount of \$17,820 for the first year with a 5% year over year increase during term. Funding is available in GF-PUBLICDEFEND-BOOKS&SUBSCRPT. (Contract No. 2023-0486)

*Kelli Childress, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185*

AGAuthorize the County Judge to sign the Addendum to Change Order No. OCO002 Relating to Downtown Annex Phase II Repairs with

Jordan Foster Construction, LLC, for the unforeseen sewer issue at the Downtown County Annex in the amount of \$107,745. Funds are available in CP-DOWNTOWN BUILDING-RENOV. (Contract No. 2023-0821)

*Norma Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330*

AH Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Basic IDIQ, Inc. of El Paso, Texas for the Purchase and Installation of a Parking Enclosure for the Employee Parking Garage in the amount of \$269,476.66. Funding is available in CP-TN23B-RENOV-GARAGE SECURITY. (Contract No. 2023-0843)

*Robin Sully, Facilities Director, Facilities Maintenance Department (915) 546-2009*

AI Approve and authorize the award of RFP 23-030 Online Enrollment Benefit and Administration System for the Human Resources Department to the top scoring firm TEB Benefits Group, Inc. of El Paso, Texas. Purchasing approved on October 20, 2023. Funds are available in IS-HEALTH-HEALTH/DENTAL CLAIMS.

*Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349*

AJ Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(4), approve and authorize the use of Professional Service Exemption to purchasing procedures to procure the purchase and distribution of Narcan to our front-line opioid crisis teams and to provide Opioid Mitigation Services throughout El Paso County for the County Administration Department to El Paso Alliance, Inc., of El Paso, TX for \$50,000 and Aliviane, Inc., of El Paso, TX for \$75,000, to commence services. Funding is available in SR-OPIOIDSETTLE-CONTR SVC-GEN.

*Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349*

AK 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.

*Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 273-3349*

AL Approve and authorize the use of County general funds to temporarily pay for grant-funded personnel and operating expenses for the Protective Order Court Program in the amount of \$26,546 from November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, or until pending State grant award is received and accepted. Funding is available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH.

*Jessica C. Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

AM GRANT MATCH - Approve and authorize a match in the amount of \$700 for the FY24 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Grant for the County Attorney's Office Victim Resource Program. Funds are available GF-CAVICTR-XFER OUT-GRNT MATCH.

*Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2081*

## **5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution in appreciation of FirstLight Federal



Credit Union's support of The Veterans Capital of the USA.

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

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring November 1 - December 20, 2023, as "El Paso Veterans & Riders Association Veterans Food Drive Appreciation Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

*Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3 (915) 546-2144*

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the University of Texas at El Paso's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps 75th anniversary.

*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

- D. Approve and adopt a resolution celebrating November 6th-12th as "Operation Green Light", showing support for veterans from County Governments and Residents, whom light homes and buildings green, letting veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported in El Paso County, Texas.

*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

- E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing retired Chief Warrant Officer David Garcia's work as the first Veterans Capital of the USA ambassador in El Paso County, Texas.

*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

- F. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing retired Specialist Donna Juarez as El Paso County's 2023-2024 Veteran of the Year in honor of her military service and for the impact she has had in the El Paso community.

*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

7. Approve the appointment of Commissioner Sergio Coronado's appointee, Mary Theresa Larbi, to the El Paso County Housing Authority Board for the unexpired term ending May 14, 2024.

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

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Commissioners Court meeting schedule for November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024.

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

9. Receive a presentation from the City of El Paso on Municipal ID's and discuss and take appropriate action and provide staff direction on establishing the program.

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

### **AUDITOR**

10. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 114.023, 114.024, 114.025 and 114.026, accept the attached presentation and the interim financial report for the month ended September 30, 2023. The interim financial report is located on the internet at:

## **LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

11. Pursuant to the requirements of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for citizen comment on the grant award in the amount of \$202,958 to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the law enforcement and criminal justice systems for the City and County of El Paso, Texas as per the public comment requirements in the "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government".

*Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217*

12. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and accept the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation, from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$202,958, on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and El Paso Police Department. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2023-0875)

*Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2217*

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

13. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002(c-1), hold a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria. (#2521-OP)

*Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-215*

14. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 312.002, discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed amendments to the El Paso County Tax Abatement Guidelines & Criteria, effective October 30, 2023, through September 30, 2025. (#2521-OP).

*Jose M. Landeros, Director of Strategic Development, County Administration Department (915) 546-2159*

## **15. 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. Discuss pending matters related to the Public Defenders Office, County Attorney's file number 0139-23-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

*Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247*

- C. Discuss pending matters related to the Public Defenders Office, County Attorney's file number 0139-23-AA, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

*Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247*

- D. Discuss litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

*Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247*

- E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding Chapter 312 and 381 Agreements with Project Seafox, a private business prospect.

*Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-3182*

## **REGULAR SESSION**

16. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation styled Mayra Cruz v. El Paso County, Texas; Cause No. 2020DCV3920; County Attorney case number: 0006-21-LD.

*Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247*