

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct. 1

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct. 3



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RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

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COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:42 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Sotelo's Texas Association of Future Educators members at Fabens High School led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. INVOCATION

Receive an invocation from Rabbi Levi Greenberg from Chabad Lubavitch.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2024.
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Services Agreement with Preservation Texas to establish a visitors center, to be known as the West Texas Heritage Center, as part of a program to promote the County and its Heritage Tourism. Funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 is available in SR-TOURPROM-OPS EXPENSES-GEN, **PENDING FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.** (Contract No. 2023-0365)
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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office (915) 546-2098

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

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for Mission Trail Alliance's application to the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. (#3551-OP)
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

K. Approve the Insurance Policy with Texas Political Subdivisions (TPS) for El Paso County's Auto Liability Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in each respective departments INS-LIABILITY VEH account. Additional funding any premium increases is available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY and GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES. (Contract No. 2024-0036)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Commercial Insurance Policy with Travelers Insurance Company, for the County of El Paso's Property Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY and GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES. (Contract No. 2024-0038)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- M. Approve the Insurance Policy with Kinsale Insurance Company for El Paso County Special Events Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0039)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Insurance Policy with Global Aerospace, Inc. for the County's Drone Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0040)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Insurance Policy and related documents with Travelers Insurance Company for the County's Crime Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0037)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Komutel Communication Solutions. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$1,963.95 for the third of three years. (Contract No. 2024-0029)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the order form and addendum between the County of El Paso and Ideagen, Technology Ltd. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$18,042 for the next two years. (Contract No. 2024-0048)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Maintenance and Support Agreement between the County of El Paso and Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the total amount of \$10,601 for the first of three years. (Contract No. 2024-0101)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between the El Paso County, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and JSR Construction and Remodeling LLC., for the construction project JPD Challenge Facility Remediation in the amount of \$221,116.25. This agreement will be effective February 5, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in account CP-TN23A-RENOV-R00F/HVAC. (Contract No. 2024-0080)
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment between the El Paso County, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Rite of Passage, d/b/a Lake Grandbury, d/b/a Canyon State Academy, d/b/a Desert Lily Academy, for specialized residential services in the amount of \$290,000.00. This agreement will be effective February 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in account JJD JUVENILE BOARD STATE AID 2024. (Contract No. 2024-0075)
Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500
- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) project development for the Fabens Airport Fuel Farm Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for additional engineering design and procurement process. Services will allow the County to move forward with the construction phase of the project. Funding in the amount of \$149,000.41 is available in CP-TN22-FAFUELF-CAP OUT-RENOV. (Contract No. 2024-0074) (Precinct 3)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- V. 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

W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fixed Price Construction Contract between El Paso County, Texas and Keystone Contractors and Engineers (Keystone GC, LLC) of El Paso, TX.] (the "Contractor") to purchase and install a 125-amp MLO 12 Circuit Panel Board 120/208 Volts for the County of El Paso Jail Annex in the amount of \$268,669.77. Funds are available in CP-TN23B-JAILAN-RENOV-ELECTRIC. (Contract No. 2024-0032)

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

X. Approve and ratify the County Judge's signature of the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor between El Paso County, Texas and Keystone, LLC dba Keystone Contractors and Engineers to purchase and install new Fire Pumps for the County of El Paso Jail Annex in the amount of \$169,558.27. Funds are available in CIP23-FAC JAIL ANNEX-PWJA3-REN. (Contract No. 2023-0825)

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

Y. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 24-002 Modernization of Six (6) Traction Elevators and a 40+ Elevator Maintenance Portfolio for the County of El Paso; with permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Facilities Department.

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

Z. **DELETE PER HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** - Approve and authorize the award of RFQ 24-001 Investigative Services for the County of El Paso Human Resource Department to the highest scoring firms Employment Rights Law Firm of Stephen J. Venzor dba Stephen J. Venzor Law Firm of El Paso, TX, and Ironwood Business Consulting of The Woodlands, TX. Purchasing approved on February 2, 2024. Funds are available in GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN.

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

AA. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 23-034 Accounts Receivable Management (ARM) Software System for the County of El Paso; with permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Auditor's Department.

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

AB. 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

AC. **CORRECTION PER BUDGET AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT - GRANT APPLICATION** - Approve and **RATIFY** the County Attorney's Office to apply for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, FY25 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$47,738.34. A County match of \$75,393.66 is needed to fully fund this project and is available in GF-CAVICTR-XFER OUT-GRNT MATCH. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0135)

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 celebrating LULAC of 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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing February 2024 as "Cervical Cancer and HPV Prevention Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the week of February 18 – 24, 2024, as "National Engineers Week" in El Paso County, Texas.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the contributions of the Fisher House to our community.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Crawford concerned citizen addressed the Commissioners Court and read a quote from Abraham Lincoln and spoke about George Washington Carver and read scripture.

Raul Castaneda concerned citizen addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the upcoming Amigo Airshow and how they are not supposed to charge a fee if the show is held at a military installation and gave his own perspective on how the nation's immigration problems could be solved.

Pedro Cera concerned citizen addressed the Commissioners Court regarding his status on his request for services from Emergence Health Network, and how he's not being helped by the organization.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Receive a presentation from the El Paso Sports Commission regarding its quarterly status report.

Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Executive Director, County Operations Department (915) 546-2162

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COMMISSIONERS COURT

8. Approve and adopt a resolution in support of the application for low income rental housing tax credits submitted by Meadow View Estates, Ltd. to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. (#3556-OP)

Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct. 1 (915) 546-2014

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

9. Approve and authorize the adoption of the El Paso County 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan, a fiscally unconstrained capital planning document, as previously presented and discussed by the Commissioners Court. There is no Fiscal Impact.

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

MOTION: APPROVE THE EL PASO COUNTY 2024 MULTIYEAR CAPITAL PLAN, SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES DISCUSSED.

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the implementation of the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Portfolio.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ARP-1090: COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH, & STUDIES TO ESTABLISH ARP-1093: MULTIYEAR CAPITAL PLAN PUBLIC OUTREACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$599,750. FURTHERMORE, APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF THESE FUNDS UNDER THE REVENUE REPLACEMENT CATEGORY OF THE EL PASO COUNTY ARPA PORTFOLIO.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

PUBLIC WORKS

13. Receive an update from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Pellicano Widening Project. (TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)

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

MOTION: MOVE THE DISCUSSION OF ITEM #13 INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071.

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:26 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:37 P.M.

PURCHASING

11. Approve the award recommendation of Bid 24-006 As-Needed Base Course Material for the County of El Paso to Jobe Materials, L.P. of El Paso, Texas as indicated in the bid tabulation. Purchasing approved on January 24, 2024. Funding is available in SR-R&B-ROAD RESURFACING.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

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

AUDITOR

12. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Title 10, § 2256.023, accept the attached presentation and investment report for FY24 first quarter ended December 31, 2023.

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

MOTION: ACCEPT

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

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

PUBLIC WORKS

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding adoption of a County Order establishing the El Paso County Neighborhood Improvement Program. (#3047-OP) Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is available in GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES and will be transferred to the appropriate object code within Planning & Development once projects are determined and approved.

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

MOTION: APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A COUNTY ORDER ESTABLISHING THE EL PASO COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (#3047-OP) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 IS AVAILABLE IN GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE OBJECT CODE WITHIN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ONCE PROJECTS ARE DETERMINED AND APPROVED.

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

15. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:09 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, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding the Historic Site Tourist Promotion and Preservation Services Agreement between El Paso County and the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society.

Jose Salayandia, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

13. Receive an update from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Pellicano Widening Project, **PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071.** (TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)

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

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding USA v. Abbott, Texas v. DHS, and road and speed safety issues in El Paso County, County Attorney's file number 0026-23-AA.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:29 P.M.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

18. REGULAR SESSION - Discuss and take appropriate action regarding road and speed safety issues, and the corresponding effects on El Paso County.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

NO ACTION

19. REGULAR SESSION - Discuss and take appropriate action regarding SB 4, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

NO ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

13. (Postponed 2/5/24) Receive an update from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Pellicano Widening Project. (TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:32 P.M.

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

26th DAY OF February, 2024

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING

2024 FEB 09 AM 9:09

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This meeting may include one or more Commissioners that will participate by videoconference, and El Paso County employees that will participate by videoconference, which is allowed pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127. A quorum of the Commissioners Court will be physically present at the El Paso County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Chambers, 500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901. A member of the Commissioners Court who is presiding over the meeting will also be physically present at the location listed above. The meeting is open to the public during the open portions of the meeting, and the Commissioner participating by video conference shall be visible and audible to the public for as long as the Commissioner is able to participate.

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
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.

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

- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (the "Service Provider") and the County of El Paso, as the grantee of the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, Grant No. 2283712, and acting as fiscal agent for the Border Prosecution Unit ("Client"), located at the 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office, from November 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025. Funds are available in SG-R1BRPRU24-OPERATING EXP. No County match required. (Contract No. 2024-0121)

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

- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for Mission Trail Alliance's application to the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. (#3551-OP)

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

- K. Approve the Insurance Policy with Texas Political Subdivisions (TPS) for El Paso County's Auto Liability Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in each respective departments INS-LIABILITY VEH account. Additional funding any premium increases is available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY and GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES. (Contract No. 2024-0036)

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

- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Commercial Insurance Policy with Travelers Insurance Company, for the County of

El Paso's Property Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY and GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIAS. (Contract No. 2024-0038)

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

- M. Approve the Insurance Policy with Kinsale Insurance Company for El Paso County Special Events Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0039)

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

- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Insurance Policy with Global Aerospace, Inc. for the County's Drone Insurance Coverage for FY 2024. Funds are available in GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0040)

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

- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Insurance Policy and related documents with Travelers Insurance Company for the County's Crime Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0037)

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

- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County of El Paso and Komutel Communication Solutions. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$1,963.95 for the third of three years. (Contract No. 2024-0029)

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

- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the order form and addendum between the County of El Paso and Ideagen, Technology Ltd. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE in the amount of \$18,042 for the next two years. (Contract No. 2024-0048)

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

- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Maintenance and Support Agreement between the County of El Paso and Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the total amount of \$10,601 for the first of three years. (Contract No. 2024-0101)

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

- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between the El Paso County, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and JSR Construction and Remodeling LLC., for the construction project JPD Challenge Facility Remediation in the amount of \$221,116.25. This agreement will be effective February 5, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in account CP-TN23A-RENOV-R00F/HVAC. (Contract No. 2024-0080)

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

- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment

between the El Paso County, on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Rite of Passage, d/b/a Lake Grandbury, d/b/a Canyon State Academy, d/b/a Desert Lily Academy, for specialized residential services in the amount of \$290,000.00. This agreement will be effective February 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in account JJD JUVENILE BOARD STATE AID 2024. (Contract No. 2024-0075)

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

- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) project development for the Fabens Airport Fuel Farm Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) for additional engineering design and procurement process. Services will allow the County to move forward with the construction phase of the project. Funding in the amount of \$149,000.41 is available in CP-TN22-FAFUELF-CAP OUT-RENOV. (Contract No. 2024-0074) (Precinct 3)

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

- V. 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

- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fixed Price Construction Contract between El Paso County, Texas and Keystone Contractors and Engineers (Keystone GC, LLC) of El Paso, TX.] (the "Contractor") to purchase and install a 125-amp MLO 12 Circuit Panel Board 120/208 Volts for the County of El Paso Jail Annex in the amount of \$268,669.77. Funds are available in CP-TN23B-JAILAN-RENOV-ELECTRIC. (Contract No. 2024-0032)

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

- X. Approve and ratify the County Judge's signature of the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor between El Paso County, Texas and Keystone, LLC dba Keystone Contractors and Engineers to purchase and install new Fire Pumps for the County of El Paso Jail Annex in the amount of \$169,558.27. Funds are available in CIP23-FAC JAIL ANNEX-PWJA3-REN. (Contract No. 2023-0825)

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

- Y. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 24-002 Modernization of Six (6) Traction Elevators and a 40+ Elevator Maintenance Portfolio for the County of El Paso; with permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Facilities Department.

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

- Z. Approve and authorize the award of RFQ 24-001 Investigative Services for the County of El Paso Human Resource Department to the highest scoring firms Employment Rights Law Firm of Stephen J. Venzor dba Stephen J. Venzor Law Firm of El Paso, TX, and Ironwood Business Consulting of The Woodlands, TX. Purchasing approved on February 2, 2024. Funds are available in GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN.

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

AAApprove and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 23-034 Accounts Receivable Management (ARM) Software System for the County of El Paso; with permission to resolicit at the discretion of the Auditor's Department.

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

ABApprove 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

ACGRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the County Attorney's Office to apply for the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, FY25 General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$47,738.34. A County match of \$75,393.66 is needed to fully fund this project and is available in GF-CAVICTR-XFER OUT-GRNT MATCH. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0135)

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

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution celebrating LULAC of El Paso County, Texas.

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing February 2024 as "Cervical Cancer and HPV Prevention Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the contributions of the Fisher House to our community.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the week of February 18 – 24, 2024, as "National Engineers Week" in El Paso County, Texas.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Receive a presentation from the El Paso Sports Commission regarding its quarterly status report.

Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Executive Director, County Operations Department (915) 546-2162

COMMISSIONERS COURT

8. Approve and adopt a resolution in support of the application for low income rental housing tax credits submitted by Meadow View Estates, Ltd. to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. (#3556-OP)

Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct. 1 (915) 546-2014

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

9. Approve and authorize the adoption of the El Paso County 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan, a fiscally unconstrained capital planning document, as previously presented and discussed by the Commissioners Court. There is no Fiscal Impact.

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the implementation of the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Portfolio.

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

PURCHASING

11. Approve the award recommendation of Bid 24-006 As-Needed Base Course Material for the County of El Paso to Jobe Materials, L.P. of El Paso, Texas as indicated in the bid tabulation. Purchasing approved on January 24, 2024. Funding is available in SR-R&B-ROAD RESURFACING.

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

AUDITOR

12. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Title 10, § 2256.023, accept the attached presentation and investment report for FY24 first quarter ended December 31, 2023.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

13. (Postponed 2/5/24) Receive an update from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Pellicano Widening Project. (TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)

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

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding adoption of a County Order establishing the El Paso County Neighborhood Improvement Program. (#3047-OP) Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is available in GF-GADM-OPS CONTINGENCIES and will be transferred to the appropriate object code within Planning & Development once projects are determined and approved.

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

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. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding the Historic Site Tourist Promotion and Preservation Services Agreement between El Paso County and the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society.

Jose Salayandia, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

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County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

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Jose Salayandia, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

16.EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding USA v. Abbott, Texas v. DHS, and road and speed safety issues in El Paso County, County Attorney's file number 0026-23-AA.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

17.EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

18.REGULAR SESSION - Discuss and take appropriate action regarding road and speed safety issues, and the corresponding effects on El Paso County.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.

19.REGULAR SESSION - Discuss and take appropriate action regarding SB 4, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

Posted Friday, February 9, 2024 at 10:20 A.M.