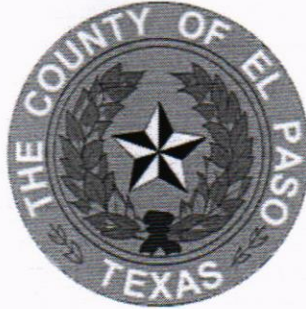


**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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Commissioner, Pct. 3



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

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

**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

3. INVOCATION

Receive an invocation from Joe Nevarez, representing 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 February 12, 2024, and the special meeting of February 15, 2024.

County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Individual Family and Parenting Skill Counseling Services Agreement for the 65th District Court and Juvenile Probation Department's Strengthening Families Program between the County of El Paso and Pinnacle Social Services, LLC from January 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026. Funds are available in SG-GFAMDRGC24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0152)

Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez, 65th Family District Court (915) 546-2102

C. **CORRECTION PER BUDGET AND FINANCE /GRANTS** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and El Paso Emergence Network (EHN) on behalf of the 243rd Judicial District Mental Health Court to provide services to the participants of the INSPIRE Specialty Court from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$68,824.06, **PENDING FINAL LEGAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**. Funds are available in SG-EPCMHCP24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0176)

Judge Selena Solis, 243rd District Court (915) 546-2168

D. (ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding Opportunity Subrecipient Agreement Amendments, with the following community partners and agencies: Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center (2024-0057) and the Public Health Information Exchange (2024-0049). Funds are available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

E. 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

F. Approve amendment No. 16 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease Grants by \$58,183.78, thus decreasing the overall budget of \$617,683,225.23 to \$617,625,041.45.

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

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Commercial Lease for 4121 Montana, El Paso, Texas 79903 with Antonio Godinez to lease the premises for the purpose of operating a migrant support center effective January 29, 2024, through February 29, 2025, in the amount of \$21,330.33 per month. Funding will be made available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP and SG-GSHELTER23-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0034)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institution (PPRI) for the implementation of the Developing Innovative Nutrition Experiences (DINE) in Texas Project from May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$51,000. (Contract No. 2024-0188)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

I. Approve and authorize the release of four Promissory Notes for loans made out to i) Hector Flores and Flores Farms (OP-1460); (ii) Cynthia Trejo and Trejo Insurance Agency (OP-1463); (iii) Derrick Jones and Gilgal Business Services (OP-1462); and (iv) Eduardo Portillo d/b/a Eastlake Home Furniture (OP-1461) under the former El Paso County Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

J. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Community Center Political Activity Policy. (OP-3045)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Joint Election Services Contracts with the Town of Anthony (2024-0147); El Paso Central Appraisal District (2024-0148), and the City of San Elizario (2023-1031) for the Uniform Election to be held on May 4, 2024.

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

- L. Approve and authorize the updated Election Day Vote Centers Supplemental List for the March 2024 Primary Election, May 2024 Uniform Election and May 2024 Primary Runoff Election.
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Stop Loss Insurance Policy with Aetna Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance coverage for the County's Health and Dental Plan for plan year 2024. Funds are available in IS-HEALTH-SPECF/AG STP LSS INS. (Contract No. 2024-0126)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- N. Approve the Insurance Policy with Crum and Forster for El Paso County's Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0127)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218
- O. Approve and authorize the acceptance of donations for the El Paso County 2024 Spring/Fall Health Fairs, Benefits Open Enrollment raffle, and Employee Appreciation Event, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 81.032. Further, approve and authorize the Employee Appreciation Committee to fundraise for the Employee Appreciation event.
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 El Paso County and Insight Public Sector for the purchase of As-Needed Sierra Wireless Products and Related Services for the County of El Paso using OMNIA Partners Contract #23-6692-03. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2023-0985)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology Department (915) 255-0748
- Q. Approve a transfer in the amount of \$5,300 for the replacement of uniforms, safety gear, program supplies and signage for the 2024 operating season at the Ascarate Pool, Fabens Pool, and Gallegos Pool. Funding is available in GF-SWIMMINGOP-YMCA-CONTR SVC. Further, approve the transfer of \$5,300 from GF-SWIMMINGOP-YMCA-CONTR SVC to GF-SWIMMINGOP-CLOTHING and GF-SWIMMINGOP-OPS EQUIPMENT.
Timothy Fulton, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2380
- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for On Call Civil Engineering, two-year Option to Renew with CEA Group for as-needed on-call civil engineering services with CEA Engineering Group, Inc., dba CEA Group. Funding is available in SR-R&B-CONTR SVS-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0079) (All precincts)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330
- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 009, On-Call Civil Engineering Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Abridged application development assistance for the FY24-FY25 Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Call for Projects in an amount not to exceed \$28,950. Funding is available in GF-RBFLOODCNT-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0105) (CC Precinct 1,3 & 4)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330
- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Design and Construction of the Fabens sidewalks project, with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for design, construction engineering & inspection (CEI) and administrative services for the Fabens sidewalks project (CSJ: 0924-06-648) in the amount of \$456,789.33. Project construction phase would start April 2024. Funds are available in SG-GFABENSW22-CAP OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2024-0111) (Precinct No. 3)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development Department (915) 273-3330
- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the License Agreement with the City of El Paso allowing El Paso County Transit to utilize Sun Metro Transit Facilities, paid in partnership with the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC) in the annual amount of \$25,000. Funds are available in SG-GRURALF23-CONTRACT SVCS GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0171)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the subdivision plat for Tierra Del Este Subdivision Unit Two and authorize the filing and recording of the subdivision plat.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330
- W. 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

X. PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN - Approve the purchase of Community and Bond Advisory Committee Meetings for the El Paso Administration Department using cooperative Region 19 Contract 22-7430 awarded to Barracuda Public Relations (Marina Monsisvais) of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$599,750. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

Y. Approve the purchase of Elevator and Chair Lift Repairs for the El Paso County, Texas Jail Annex using Region 4 ESC- Omnia -Tx-Contract R200502 awarded to TK Elevator Corporation/Thyssenkrupp Elevator Atlanta, Ga./El Paso, Texas for a total of \$154,563.88. Purchasing approved on 2/12/2024. Funding will be available in CIP24-FACJAILANNX-MAIN/REP-GEN.

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

Z. Approve and authorize the purchase of Electronic Imaging and Archiving for the El Paso County, Texas Public Works Department using Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-4821 and Region 19 Contract 20-7383 awarded to Terralogic Document Systems Inc. of El Paso, Texas in the amount of \$52,486.65. Purchasing approved on 2/12/2024. Funding is available in GF-PWADMIN-CONTR SVC-GENERAL.

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

AA. Approve and authorize the As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Canopies for El Paso County, Texas using Region 19 Contract 22-7425 awarded to IQP Canopies, LLC for discounts as indicated in bid tabulation and cooperative contract pricelist. Purchasing approved on 02/12/2024. Funding is available through various County accounts.

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

AB. Approve and authorize the As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Glass, Glazing Materials and Related Services for El Paso County, Texas using Region 19 Contracts 22-7432 and 22-7434 awarded to Baker Glass Company, Incorporated of El Paso, Texas. Discounts as indicated in the tabulation. Purchasing approved on 02/12/2024. Funding is available through various County accounts.

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

AC. 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

AD. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers with the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) for the placement of five School Resource Officers from February 1, 2024, through December 30, 2029. SEISD shall compensate the County for services through the five years in the amount of \$2,143,056.41. Funding is available in GF-SOPATROL-SALARY-FT REGULAR. (Contract No. 2024-0133)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

AE. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers between El Paso County and the Fabens Independent School District (FISD) for the placement of four School Resource Officers from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028. The FISD shall compensate the County for services through the five years in the amount of \$1,714,445.12. Funding is available in GF-SOPATROL-SALARY-FT REGULAR. (Contract No. 2024-0138)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

AF. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to e-sign the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant agreement for the Home Delivered Meals Texans Feeding Texans Grant Award No. HDM2024002 from February 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025, in the amount of \$68,461.64. A grant match in the amount of \$35,734.75 is required and will be met with program staff salaries. (Contract No. 2024-0151)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

AG. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 1 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. There is no County match required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0170)

Oscar Ugarte, Constable, Pct. 1 (915) 273-3058

AH. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 4 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0158)

Luis Aguilar, Constable, Pct. 4 (915) 538-1622

AI. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 6 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. There is no County match required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0175)

Javier Garcia, Constable, Pct. 6 (915) 851-2178

AJ. GRANT MODIFICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter requesting a 12-month extension for the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Innovations in Reentry Initiative Grant for the Criminal Justice Coordination (CJC) Department. (Contract No. 2024-0150)

Catherine Jones, Director, Criminal Justice Coordination (915) 546-2093

AK. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2022 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Areas Public Transportation Project Grant Agreement (PGA) in the amount of \$1,400,285. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0174)

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

AL. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY23 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$1,487,000. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0179)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2006

AM. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division/Narcotics Section to apply for the 2025 Local Border Security Program Grant from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Division in the amount of \$574,757.16 from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0172)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (571) 324-6405

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and contributions of Mr. Yassu Grier to the El Paso County 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

D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Border Heritage Magazine for its dedication to the community of El Paso County, Texas.

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

MOTION: POSTPONE ONE WEEK.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing KTSM-TV for their partnership in spotlighting El Paso County, Texas.

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

E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing March 2024 as "National Procurement Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

MEETING RECESSED AT 10:32 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:45 A.M.

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution expressing El Paso County's support for Annunciation House.
David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

7. PRESENTATION

A. Receive a presentation from the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) regarding Federal Legislation, Community Funding Projects for El Paso and constituent services.
Elisa Tamayo, Governmental Affairs Manager, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pedro Sera, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the continued issues he's experiencing with Emergence Health Network in attaining mental health services and explained how he was removed from an EHN meeting.

Elizabeth Crawford, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the migrant surge at the border and her concerns with the new migrants arriving in the urban areas of the Country and how they may be relying on manipulation to achieve their goals, and read scripture.

Commissioner Sergio Coronado acknowledged staff, and volunteers for their assistance in the previous weekend's tree planting and landscaping activity

7. PRESENTATION

B. Receive a presentation from the Alliance for Regional Military Support.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration, (915) 546-2215

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COMMISSIONERS COURT

12. Discuss and take appropriate action on a community funding request of \$5,000 for a Community Climate Workshop March 16, 2024.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF \$5,000 FOR A COMMUNITY CLIMATE WORKSHOP, CONTINGENT ON THE APPROVAL OF A SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDING AGREEMENT.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement committing to the Regional Climate Initiative's Leadership Steering Committee led by the City of El Paso. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2024-0065)

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT COMMITTING TO THE REGIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE'S LEADERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE LED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO.

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 12:43 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:56 P.M.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

8. Approve the appointment of the committee members to the El Paso County Bond Advisory Committee who shall serve a single term, ending no later than July 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: DELETE

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

COMMISSIONERS COURT

9. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County Judge's authorization to sign letters of support for the City of Socorro's FY2024 RAISE Grant Applications: 4-D Tigua Spur Paso Del Norte Trail, **MOON** Road, and Rio Vista. (3695-OP)

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office (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

10. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso's FY2024 RAISE grant application for the El Paso County Equitable Mobility Plan. (3696-OP)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

11. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve up to \$10,000 in HOT funds to support the upcoming El Paso visit of National Association of Counties members, who will have an opportunity to learn about and share information about El Paso's history and amenities.

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$10,000 IN HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE UPCOMING EL PASO VISIT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES MEMBERS, WHO WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT EL PASO'S HISTORY AND AMENITIES.

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4X. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve the purchase of Community and Bond Advisory Committee Meetings for the El Paso Administration Department using cooperative Region 19 Contract 22-7430 awarded to Barracuda Public Relations (Marina Monsisvais) of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$599,750. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Coronado

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

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Nay: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

14. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with MNK Architects, LLC. for the provision of professional services related to the 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan. Funding in the amount of \$1,393,300 is available in CP-TAXTN23D-CONSULT/PROF SVCS. Subject to final legal review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. **(CONTRACT NO. 2024-0194)**

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH MNK ARCHITECTS, LLC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2024 MULTIYEAR CAPITAL PLAN. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,393,300 IS AVAILABLE IN CP-TAXTN23D-CONSULT/PROF SVCS. SUBJECT TO FINAL LEGAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (CONTRACT NO. 2024-0194)

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

Members Voting Nay: None

15. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with Barracuda Public Relations, LLC. for the provision of professional services related to the 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan. Funding in the amount of \$599,750 is available in **GF-GADM-ECON IMPACT FUND**. (Contract No. 2024-0177)

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

MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BARRACUDA PUBLIC RELATIONS, LLC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2024 MULTIYEAR CAPITAL PLAN. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$539,750, AS AMENDED, IS AVAILABLE IN GF-GADM-ECON IMPACT FUND. (CONTRACT NO. 2024-0177)

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

16. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding Commissioners Court Strategic Plan Goal 5: Promoting Collaboration and Engagement, Action 4: Mental Health Services/Programs: Supporting/Monitoring Community Partner Services/Program Outcome.

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

PRESERNTATION RECEIVED

PURCHASING

17. Approve award recommendation of Bid 24-011 FY2024 Road and Bridge Paving Project for the El Paso County to Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Texas as indicated in bid tabulation. Purchasing approved on February 6, 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 Leon

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

ITEMS RECONSIDERED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

4X. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER HOLGUIN** - Approve the purchase of Community and Bond Advisory Committee Meetings for the El Paso Administration Department using cooperative Region 19 Contract 22-7430 awarded to Barracuda Public Relations (Marina Monsisvais) of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$599,750. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

MOTION: RECONSIDER ITEM # 4X FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion by Commissioner Coronado
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

MOTION: RESCIND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024, ITEM 4X ON THE CONSENT AGENDA TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY AND BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE EL PASO ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT USING COOPERATIVE REGION 19 CONTRACT 22-7430 AWARDED TO BARRACUDA PUBLIC RELATIONS (MARINA MONSISVAIS) OF EL PASO, TX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$599,750. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX; AND FURTHER, APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY AND BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE EL PASO ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT USING COOPERATIVE REGION 19 CONTRACT 22-7430 AWARDED TO BARRACUDA PUBLIC RELATIONS (MARINA MONSISVAIS) OF EL PASO, TX IN THE CORRECTED AMOUNT OF \$539,750. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN GF-GADM-ECON IMPACT FUND.

Motion by Commissioner Coronado
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

AUDITOR

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Comptroller's application for local governments disproportionately affected by disabled veterans in the amount of \$4,403,092. (Contract No. 2024-0149)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

19. 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 January 31, 2024. The interim financial report is located on the internet at: <http://www.epcountytx.gov/auditor/publications/monthlyreports.htm> .

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

MOTION: ACCEPT

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

20. BUDGET HEARING - Receive a presentation and discuss and take appropriate action on an El Paso County Pay Policy for County Attorney, County Sheriff, and District Attorney positions.
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

NO ACTION

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:14 P.M.

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.
County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, discuss and interview candidates for the Emergence Health Network Board.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:23 P.M.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

24. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and submit the FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement No. B-23-CP-TX-1399 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Department in the amount of \$1,300,000. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0182)
Lauralei Combs, Director, Animal Welfare Department (915) 538-2116

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

PUBLIC WORKS

21. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the submission of Smart Mobility's Interstate-10 Segment Two Report as public comment for all relevant El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and Texas Department of Transportation calls for Public Comment relating to Interstate-10 Segment Two.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 273-3330

MOTION: APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF SMART MOBILITY'S INTERSTATE-10 SEGMENT TWO REPORT AS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL RELEVANT EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO INTERSTATE-10 SEGMENT TWO.

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

22. Receive a presentation from the Public Works Department regarding the cleanup of the property located at 3800 Krag.
Norma Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

23. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Public Works Department to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The project is for a 1.13-mile extension of Bob Hope Drive in the amount of \$24,975,000 with a cash match of \$12,325,000. Funds are available in GF-EPCMP-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. (Contract No. 2024-0090) Norma Rivera Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE

25. Receive a presentation regarding the 2024 Budget Register and Fiscal Year 2025 budget impact. Jessica Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Finance Department (915) 546-2262

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, discuss and interview candidates for the Bond Advisory Committee's Chair position.
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

26D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding University of Texas System property, a portion of which is the Simeon Hart Survey No. 2.
Erica Rosales Nigaglioni, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

26E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding digital advertising and corresponding opportunities.
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

26I. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities with respect to security within the County Jail.
Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

26J. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the El Paso County Sheriff's Officers' Association.
Carlos Madrid, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

MOTION: POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS #26B, #26D, #26E, AND #26I FOR TWO WEEKS, AND POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM # 26J FOR 3 WEEKS.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

26E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding digital advertising and corresponding opportunities.
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

Reconsider item #26E

MOTION: RECONSIDER EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM # 26E.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Coronado

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

26E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding digital advertising and corresponding opportunities.
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

27. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding pursuit of the County's digital advertising opportunities.
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

MOTION: POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM #26E AND REGULAR SESSION ITEM #27 FOR ONE WEEK.

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

28. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and take appropriate action regarding legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

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

Delete

MOTION: DELETE

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

26. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:11 P.M.

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.
County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

F. Discuss pending litigation styled Juan G. Corral, et al v. El Paso County, Texas, et al; Cause No. 3:22-CV-00160; County Attorney case number: 0063-22-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

G. Discuss pending litigation styled Marlena Y. Smith v. El Paso County, et al.; Cause No. 2022DCV1682; County Attorney case number: 0075-22-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
Ian R. Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

H. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.
Bernardo R. Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3247

MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:44 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

**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

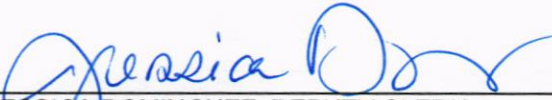
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 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

4th DAY OF March, 2024



COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING

2024 FEB 23 AM 9:09

DELIA BRIONES
COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct.1



DAVID STOUT
Commissioner, Pct.2

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct.3

SERGIO CORONADO
Commissioner, Pct.4

RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting, February 26, 2024 - 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 February 12, 2024, and the special meeting of February 15, 2024.

County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Individual Family and Parenting Skill Counseling Services Agreement for the 65th District Court and Juvenile Probation Department's Strengthening Families Program between the County of El Paso and Pinnacle Social Services, LLC from January 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026. Funds are available in SG-GFAMDRGC24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0152)

Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez, 65th Family District Court (915) 546-2102

- C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and El Paso Emergence Network (EHN) on behalf of the 243rd Judicial District Mental Health Court to provide services to the participants of the INSPIRE Specialty Court from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$68,824.06. Funds are available in SG-EPCMHCP24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0176)

Judge Selena Solis, 243rd District Court (915) 546-2168

- D. (ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding

Opportunity Subrecipient Agreement Amendments, with the following community partners and agencies: Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center (2024-0057) and the Public Health Information Exchange (2024-0049). Funds are available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

- E. 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

- F. Approve amendment No. 16 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease Grants by \$58,183.78, thus decreasing the overall budget of \$617,683,225.23 to \$617,625,041.45.

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

- G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Commercial Lease for 4121 Montana, El Paso, Texas 79903 with Antonio Godinez to lease the premises for the purpose of operating a migrant support center effective January 29, 2024, through February 29, 2025, in the amount of \$21,330.33 per month. Funding will be made available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP and SG-GSHELTER23-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0034)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institution (PPRI) for the implementation of the Developing Innovative Nutrition Experiences (DINE) in Texas Project from May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$51,000. (Contract No. 2024-0188)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

- I. Approve and authorize the release of four Promissory Notes for loans made out to i) Hector Flores and Flores Farms (OP-1460); (ii) Cynthia Trejo and Trejo Insurance Agency (OP-1463); (iii) Derrick Jones and Gilgal Business Services (OP-1462); and (iv) Eduardo Portillo d/b/a Eastlake Home Furniture (OP-1461) under the former El Paso County Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

- J. Approve and authorize the El Paso County Community Center Political Activity Policy. (OP-3045)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Joint Election Services Contracts with the Town of Anthony (2024-0147); El Paso Central Appraisal District (2024-0148), and the City of San Elizario (2023-1031) for the Uniform Election to be held on May 4, 2024.

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

- L. Approve and authorize the updated Election Day Vote Centers Supplemental List for the March 2024 Primary Election, May 2024 Uniform Election and May 2024 Primary Runoff Election.

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

- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Stop Loss Insurance Policy with Aetna Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance coverage for the County's Health and Dental Plan for plan year 2024. Funds are available in IS-HEALTH-SPECF/AG STP LSS INS. (Contract No. 2024-0126)

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

- N. Approve the Insurance Policy with Crum and Forster for El Paso County's Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage for FY24. Funds are available in GF-GADM-INS-GEN/PROPERTY. (Contract No. 2024-0127)

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

- O. Approve and authorize the acceptance of donations for the El Paso County 2024 Spring/Fall Health Fairs, Benefits Open Enrollment raffle, and Employee Appreciation Event, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 81.032. Further, approve and authorize the Employee Appreciation Committee to fundraise for the Employee Appreciation event.

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 El Paso County and Insight Public Sector for the purchase of As-Needed Sierra Wireless Products and Related Services for the County of El Paso using OMNIA Partners Contract #23-6692-03. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2023-0985)

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

- Q. Approve a transfer in the amount of \$5,300 for the replacement of uniforms, safety gear, program supplies and signage for the 2024 operating season at the Ascarate Pool, Fabens Pool, and Gallegos Pool. Funding is available in GF-SWIMMINGOP-YMCA-CONTR SVC. Further, approve the transfer of \$5,300 from GF-SWIMMINGOP-YMCA-CONTR SVC to GF-SWIMMINGOP-CLOTHING and GF-SWIMMINGOP-OPS EQUIPMENT.

Timothy Fulton, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2380

- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for On Call Civil Engineering, two-year Option to Renew with CEA Group for as-needed on-call civil engineering services with CEA Engineering Group, Inc., dba CEA Group. Funding is available in SR-R&B-CONTR SVS-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0079) (All precincts)

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

- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 009, On-Call Civil Engineering Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Abridged application development assistance for the FY24-FY25 Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Program Call for Projects in an amount not to exceed \$28,950. Funding is available in GF-RBFLOODCNT-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No.

2024-0105) (CC Precinct 1, 3 & 4)

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

- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Design and Construction of the Fabens sidewalks project, with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for design, construction engineering & inspection (CEI) and administrative services for the Fabens sidewalks project (CSJ: 0924-06-648) in the amount of \$456,789.33. Project construction phase would start April 2024. Funds are available in SG-GFABENSW22-CAP OUTLAYS. (Contract No. 2024-0111) (Precinct No. 3)

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

- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the License Agreement with the City of El Paso allowing El Paso County Transit to utilize Sun Metro Transit Facilities, paid in partnership with the El Paso Area Transportation Services, Local Government Corporation (EPATS, LGC) in the annual amount of \$25,000. Funds are available in SG-GRURALF23-CONTRACT SVCS GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0171)

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

- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the subdivision plat for Tierra Del Este Subdivision Unit Two and authorize the filing and recording of the subdivision plat.

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

- W. 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

- X. Approve the purchase of Community and Bond Advisory Committee Meetings for the El Paso Administration Department using cooperative Region 19 Contract 22-7430 awarded to Barracuda Public Relations (Marina Monsisvais) of El Paso, TX in the amount of \$599,750. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

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

- Y. Approve the purchase of Elevator and Chair Lift Repairs for the El Paso County, Texas Jail Annex using Region 4 ESC- Omnia -Tx-Contract R200502 awarded to TK Elevator Corporation/Thyssenkrupp Elevator Atlanta, Ga./El Paso, Texas for a total of \$154,563.88. Purchasing approved on 2/12/2024. Funding will be available in CIP24-FACJAILANNX-MAIN/REP-GEN.

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

- Z. Approve and authorize the purchase of Electronic Imaging and Archiving for the El Paso County, Texas Public Works Department using Texas Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-4821 and Region 19 Contract 20-7383 awarded to Terralogic Document Systems Inc. of El Paso, Texas in the amount of \$52,486.65 Purchasing approved on 2/12/2024. Funding is available in GF-PWADMIN-CONTR SVC-GENERAL.

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

AA Approve and authorize the As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Canopies for El Paso County, Texas using Region 19 Contract 22-7425 awarded to IQP Canopies, LLC for discounts as indicated in bid tabulation and cooperative contract pricelist. Purchasing approved on 02/12/2024. Funding is available through various County accounts.

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

AB Approve and authorize the As-Needed Purchase and Installation of Glass, Glazing Materials and Related Services for El Paso County, Texas using Region 19 Contracts 22-7432 and 22-7434 awarded to Baker Glass Company, Incorporated of El Paso, Texas. Discounts as indicated in the tabulation. Purchasing approved on 02/12/2024. Funding is available through various County accounts.

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

AC 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

AD Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers with the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) for the placement of five School Resource Officers from February 1, 2024, through December 30, 2029. SEISD shall compensate the County for services through the five years in the amount of \$2,143,056.41. Funding is available in GF-SOPATROL-SALARY-FT REGULAR. (Contract No. 2024-0133)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

AE Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Officers between El Paso County and the Fabens Independent School District (FISD) for the placement of four School Resource Officers from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028. The FISD shall compensate the County for services through the five years in the amount of \$1,714,445.12. Funding is available in GF-SOPATROL-SALARY-FT REGULAR. (Contract No. 2024-0138)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

AF GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to e-sign the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant agreement for the Home Delivered Meals Texans Feeding Texans Grant Award No. HDM2024002 from February 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025, in the amount of \$68,461.64. A grant match in the amount of \$35,734.75 is required and will be met with program staff salaries. (Contract No. 2024-0151)

Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

AG GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 1 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. There is no County match required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying

resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0170)

Oscar Ugarte, Constable, Pct. 1 (915) 273-3058

AHGRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 4 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0158)

Luis Aguilar, Constable, Pct. 4 (915) 538-1622

AI.GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Constable, Precinct 6 to apply for the FY23 Department of Homeland Security - Operation Stonegarden grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$40,000. There is no County match required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0175)

Javier Garcia, Constable, Pct. 6 (915) 851-2178

AJ.GRANT MODIFICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter requesting a 12-month extension for the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Innovations in Reentry Initiative Grant for the Criminal Justice Coordination (CJC) Department. (Contract No. 2024-0150)

Catherine Jones, Director, Criminal Justice Coordination (915) 546-2093

AKGRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2022 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Areas Public Transportation Project Grant Agreement (PGA) in the amount of \$1,400,285. No County match is required.(Contract No. 2024-0174)

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

ALGRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY23 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$1,487,000. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0179)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2006

AMGRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division/Narcotics Section to apply for the 2025 Local Border Security Program Grant from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Division in the amount of \$574,757.16 from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying resolution. (Contract No. 2024-0172)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (571) 324-6405

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution expressing El Paso County's support for Annunciation House.

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

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and contributions of Mr. Yassu Grier to the El Paso County community.

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

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing KTSM-TV for their partnership in spotlighting El Paso County, Texas.

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

- D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Border Heritage Magazine for its dedication to the community of El Paso County, Texas.

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

- E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing March 2024 as "National Procurement Month" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. PRESENTATION

- A. Receive a presentation from the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) regarding Federal Legislation, Community Funding Projects for El Paso and constituent services.

Elisa Tamayo, Governmental Affairs Manager, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

- B. Receive a presentation from the Alliance for Regional Military Support.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

8. (Postponed 2/5/24) Approve the appointment of the committee members to the El Paso County Bond Advisory Committee who shall serve a single term, ending no later than July 31, 2024.

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT

9. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County Judge's authorization to sign letters of support for the City of Socorro's FY2024 RAISE Grant Applications: 4-D Tigua Spur Paso Del Norte Trail, Mood Road, and Rio Vista. (3695-OP)

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

10. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso's FY2024 RAISE grant application for the El Paso County Equitable Mobility Plan. (3696-OP)

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

11. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve up to \$10,000 in HOT funds to support the upcoming El Paso visit of National Association of Counties members, who will have an opportunity to learn about and share information about El Paso's history and amenities.

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

12. Discuss and take appropriate action on a community funding request of \$5,000 for a Community Climate Workshop March 16, 2024.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement committing to the Regional Climate Initiative's Leadership Steering Committee led by the City of El Paso. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2024-0065)

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

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with MNK Architects, LLC. for the provision of professional services related to the 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan. Funding in the amount of \$1,393,300 is available in CP-TAXTN23D-CONSULT/PROF SVCS. Subject to final legal review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. (#3415-OP)

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

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with Barracuda Public Relations, LLC. for the provision of professional services related to the 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan. Funding in the amount of \$599,750 is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0177)

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

16. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding Commissioners Court Strategic Plan Goal 5: Promoting Collaboration and Engagement, Action 4: Mental Health Services/Programs: Supporting/Monitoring Community Partner Services/Program Outcome.

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

PURCHASING

17. Approve award recommendation of Bid 24-011 FY2024 Road and Bridge Paving Project for the El Paso County to Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Texas as indicated in bid tabulation. Purchasing approved on February 6, 2024. Funding is available in SR-R&B-ROAD RESURFACING.

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

AUDITOR

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Comptroller's application for local governments disproportionately affected by disabled veterans in the amount of \$4,403,092. (Contract No. 2024-0149)

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

19. 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 January 31, 2024. The interim financial report is located on the internet at: <http://www.epcountytexas.gov/auditor/publications/monthlyreports.htm>.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

20. BUDGET HEARING - Receive a presentation and discuss and take appropriate action on an El Paso County Pay Policy for County Attorney, County Sheriff, and District Attorney positions.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

21. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the submission of Smart Mobility's Interstate-10 Segment Two Report as public comment for all relevant El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and Texas Department of Transportation calls for Public Comment relating to Interstate-10 Segment Two.

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

22. Receive a presentation from the Public Works Department regarding the cleanup of the property located at 3800 Krag.

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

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

23. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Public Works Department to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The project is for a 1.13-mile extension of Bob Hope Drive in the amount of \$24,975,000 with a cash match of \$12,325,000. Funds are available in GF-EPCMP-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. (Contract No. 2024-0090)

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

24. GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign and submit the FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement No. B-23-CP-TX-1399 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Department in the amount of \$1,300,000. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0182)

Lauralei Combs, Director, Animal Welfare Department (915) 538-2116

BUDGET AND FINANCE

25. Receive a presentation regarding the 2024 Budget Register and Fiscal Year 2025 budget impact.

Jessica Garza, Interim Director, Budget and Finance Department (915) 546-2262

26. 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 551.074, discuss and interview candidates for the Bond Advisory Committee's Chair position.

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

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, discuss and interview candidates for the Emergence Health Network Board.

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

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding University of Texas System property, a portion of which is the Simeon Hart Survey No. 2.

Erica Rosales Nigaglioni, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities regarding digital advertising and corresponding opportunities.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

F. Discuss pending litigation styled Juan G. Corral, et al v. El Paso County, Texas, et al; Cause No. 3:22-CV-00160; County Attorney case number: 0063-22-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

G. Discuss pending litigation styled Marlena Y. Smith v. El Paso County, et al.; Cause No. 2022DCV1682; County Attorney case number: 0075-22-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

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

H. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

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

I. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities with respect to security within the County Jail.

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

J. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the El Paso County Sheriff's Officers' Association.

Carlos Madrid, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

REGULAR SESSION

27. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding pursuit of the County's digital advertising opportunities.

Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

28. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and take appropriate action regarding legal rights and responsibilities regarding SB 4 and other immigration and border enforcement actions by the State, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

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