

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Commissioner, Pct. 3



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**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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 JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK  
CESAR O. NAVA, DEPTUY CLERK**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:40 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**3. INVOCATION**

Receive an invocation from Sam Faraone.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Joint Election Services Contract with the Canutillo ISD for the Uniform Election to be held on May 4, 2024. (Contract No. 2024-0207)  
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154
- L. Approve and authorize the updated Election Day Vote Centers Supplemental List for the May 2024 Uniform Election and May 2024 Primary Runoff Election.  
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154
- M. Approve and authorize the extension of four existing (4) Data Entry Operator (GS10) positions hired for the purpose of digitizing court records in-house through September 30, 2024, or until special revenue funding for this project is depleted, whichever occurs first. Funding is available in various SR-DCREARCH- salary and fringe accounts.  
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218



N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with PyroCom Systems Inc., on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department, for the construction of a project identified as JPD Security Systems Bond Upgrade from March 25, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,405,292.09. Funding is available in CP-TN23A-JPD-RENOV-SECURITYSYS. (Contract No. 2024-0167)

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

O. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of September 18, 2023, Item No. 4C on the Consent agenda to approve and authorize the creation of the Communications Policies, Procedures and Guidelines for the County Operations Department. (#95-OP)

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

P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Basic IDIQ INC for construction of the Sports Park Warm-up and screenings areas, Job Order Contract 581-19, in the amount of \$110,999.83. Funding is available in GF-SPORTSPARK-CAP OUT-EQUIP and GF-SPORTSPARK-CAP OUT-PARK IMP. (Contract No. 2024-0198)

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

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a resolution for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) community application which will allow submission for funding to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). No County Match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0233)

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

R. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for the Athena West Subdivision Replat G.

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S. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for Darrington Park Replat B Subdivision.

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T. 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

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Extension Option 1 On-Call Environmental Engineering Services Contract with Miller Engineers, Inc. DBA Souder, Miller & Associates for a one year term through February 5, 2025. Funding is available in SR-R&B-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0081)

Fernando Hernandez, Infrastructure Services Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract between Owner and Contractor with Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Inc. for the construction of the County's 2024 Roadway Paving a project identified as Bid# 24-011 FY2024 Road and Bridge Paving Project for the County of El Paso ("Bid# 24- 011") Funding in the amount of \$3,657,500 is available in SR-R&B-ROAD RESURFACING. (Contract No. 2024-0204)

Fernando Hernandez, Infrastructure Services Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330

W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso Disposal Services Agreement for solid waste and recycling services to multiple Countywide facilities from October 31, 2023, through October 31, 2028. Funds are available in various County Accounts. (Contract No. 2023-0870)

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

X. Approve the purchase of Technology Modernization Project-Leasing Equipment for Information Technology Department (12404015) using the Region 19 Contract 24-7480 awarded to Spectrum Technologies (Spectrum Imaging Technologies Inc.) of El Paso, Texas; Total Price \$993,882.20 and Texas DIR Contract DIR-TSO-3763 awarded to Dell Marketing LP/Dell Financial Services LLC of Round Rock, Texas; 5 Annual Lease Payment \$224,299.33. Purchasing approved on March 18, 2024. Funding is available in GF-ITD-RENT/LEASES-HARDWARE.

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



Y. Approve and authorize the award of RFQ 24-009 Project Hope/Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP) Intensive In-Home Mental Health for the Mental Health Court Services for Juvenile Probation Department to Pinnacle Social Services, LLC of El Paso, Texas. Purchasing approved on March 18, 2024. Funds are available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN; PROJ HOPE-JUV MENTAL HEALTH CT 2024; and TJJD SPECIAL NEEDS DIV PROG 2024.

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Z. 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.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Rosemary Neill for her contributions to the County and the El Paso Community.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

B. Approve and adopt a resolution for Deputy Peter John Herrera Day in El Paso County.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

C. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life of Veteran Fernando Bermudez 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

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elizabeth Crawford, concerned citizen, addressed the Court with several bible passages regarding Holy Week.

Mr. Zapata, Director of A Better Choice Education Program, addressing the Court regarding placement on the vendor list to provide services for the Adult Probation Department.

Pedro Sera, concerned citizen, updating the Court on his case with Emergence Health Network.



## 7. PRESENTATION

A. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Elizabeth Glasheen Stevens for her time and service as the chair of the El Paso County Ethics Commission, from January 13, 2020, to February 29, 2024.  
Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

### **MOTION: DELETE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

B. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Albert Lanza for his time and service as a member of the El Paso County Ethics Commission, as the Dispute Resolution Center's nominee, from January 25, 2016, to March 10, 2024.

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

## **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

## **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: APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY CASTILLO AND LILIA MALDONADO TO THE EL PASO COUNTY BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO SHALL SERVE A SINGLE TERM, ENDING NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2024.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

9. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County Judge's authorization to a sign letter of support for the City of Socorro's Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) reorganization application. (#3912-OP)

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

### **MOTION: POSTPONE TWO WEEKS.**

Motion by Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

10. Approve a letter of support from Commissioners Court for the AgriLife Research Center at El Paso Community Project Fund proposal to acquire the Border City Distribution/Palm Street Market food production and distribution site and to renovate and expand its capacity as a small business incubator and food safety inspection site. (4007-OP)

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

11. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution providing for a 100 percent Tax Exemption for qualifying child-care facilities, as defined under Chapter 11 of the Texas Tax Code, as periodically amended, beginning in Tax Year 2024 and each year thereafter.

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

### **MOTION: APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A 100 PERCENT TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITIES, AS DEFINED UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, AS PERIODICALLY AMENDED, BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR 2024 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AND ALLOWING 60 ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR QUALIFYING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS TO APPLY FOR THE EXEMPTION.**

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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



## AUDITOR

12. 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 February 29, 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

### MOTION: ACCEPT

Motion by Commissioner Stout  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the Fabens Airport Improvements Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA for any construction, engineering oversight and administration cost associated with the construction phase of the hangar & entrance design project in the amount of \$14,951,850. Funds are available in CP-TCO23B-FABAIRHANGAR-CONSTRU and SG-GFAIREXP21-FED REV-GRNT. (Contract No. 2024-0219) (Precinct #3)

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

### MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

14. 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 ITEM #14 INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071.

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

15. Receive a presentation from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Report and related financial details, goals, and objectives.

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

## PRESENTATION RECEIVED

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

16. Receive a presentation regarding the 2024 Budget Register and Fiscal Year 2025 budget impact.  
John Sarah, Director, Budget & Finance Department (915) 546-2262

### MOTION: DELETE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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



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

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### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Leon

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Nay: None

### **MEETING RECESSED AT 12:03 P.M.**

### **MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:15 P.M.**

#### **17. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:15 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 regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 250,000 or more persons.  
Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding Public Information Act request #3787.  
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

D. 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

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(TxDOT CSJ 0924-06-534)  
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015

### **REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 3:56 P.M.**

18. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 250,000 or more persons.  
Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

### **NO ACTION**

19. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Public Information Act request #3787.  
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238

### **MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO FILE AND DEFEND ANY LITIGATION CORRESPONDING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST #3787.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A LETTER TO TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS REQUESTING CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A TEMPORARY REPURPOSE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITY FOR HOUSING INMATES WHEN CRITICALLY NECESSARY.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

14. 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**

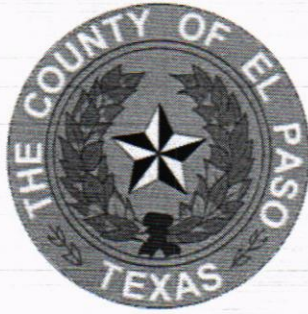
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 P.M.**



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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 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

8th DAY OF April, 2024

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING



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DELIA BRIONES  
COUNTY CLERK  
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Strategic Plan  
Priority

1. OPEN MEETING
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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### 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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*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708*

- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Letter of Intent for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) FY 2024 Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (EIP) Initiative. (#3983-OP)

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

- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Joint Election Services Contract with the Canutillo ISD for the Uniform Election to be held on May 4, 2024. (Contract No. 2024-0207)

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

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

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

- M. Approve and authorize the extension of four existing (4) Data Entry Operator (GS10) positions hired for the purpose of digitizing court records in-house through September 30, 2024, or until special revenue funding for this project is depleted, whichever occurs first. Funding is available in various SR-DCRECARCH- salary and fringe accounts.

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

- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with PyroCom Systems Inc., on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department, for the construction of a project identified as JPD Security Systems Bond Upgrade from March 25, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,405,292.09. Funding is available in CP-TN23A-JPD-RENOV-SECURITYSYS. (Contract No. 2024-0167)

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

- O. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of September 18, 2023, Item No. 4C on the Consent agenda to approve and authorize the creation of the Communications Policies, Procedures and Guidelines for the County Operations Department. (#95-OP)

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

- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Basic IDIQ INC for construction of the Sports Park Warm-up and screenings areas, Job Order Contract 581-19, in the amount of \$110,999.83. Funding is available in GF-SPORTSPARK-CAP OUT-EQUIP and GF-SPORTSPARK-CAP OUT-PARK IMP. (Contract No. 2024-0198)

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

- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a resolution for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) community application which will allow submission for funding to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). No County Match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0233)

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

- R. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for the Athena West Subdivision Replat G.

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

- S. Approve and authorize the variance request from the El Paso County Subdivision Order for Darrington Park Replat B Subdivision.

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

- T. 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*

- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Extension Option 1 On-Call Environmental Engineering Services Contract with Miller Engineers, Inc. DBA Souder, Miller & Associates for a one year term through February 5, 2025. Funding is available in SR-R&B-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0081)

*Fernando Hernandez, Infrastructure Services Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330*

- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract between Owner and Contractor with Allied Paving Company of El Paso, Inc. for the construction of the County's 2024 Roadway Paving a project identified as Bid# 24-011 FY2024 Road and Bridge Paving Project for the County of El Paso ("Bid# 24- 011") Funding in the amount of \$3,657,500 is available in SR-R&B-ROAD RESURFACING. (Contract No. 2024-0204)

*Fernando Hernandez, Infrastructure Services Director, Public Works Department (915) 273-3330*

- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso Disposal Services Agreement for solid waste and recycling services to multiple Countywide facilities from October 31, 2023, through October 31,



2028. Funds are available in various County Accounts. (Contract No. 2023-0870)

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

- X. Approve the purchase of Technology Modernization Project-Leasing Equipment for Information Technology Department (12404015) using the Region 19 Contract 24-7480 awarded to Spectrum Technologies (Spectrum Imaging Technologies Inc.) of El Paso, Texas; Total Price \$993,882.20 and Texas DIR Contract DIR-TSO-3763 awarded to Dell Marketing LP/Dell Financial Services LLC of Round Rock, Texas; 5 Annual Lease Payment \$224,299.33. Purchasing approved on March 18, 2024. Funding is available in GF-ITD-RENT/LEASES-HARDWARE.

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

- Y. Approve and authorize the award of RFQ 24-009 Project Hope/Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP) Intensive In-Home Mental Health for the Mental Health Court Services for Juvenile Probation Department to Pinnacle Social Services, LLC of El Paso, Texas. Purchasing approved on March 18, 2024. Funds are available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF SVC-GEN; PROJ HOPE-JUV MENTAL HEALTH CT 2024; and TJJD SPECIAL NEEDS DIV PROG 2024.

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

- Z. 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*

- AA Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement between Family Endeavors, Inc. dba Endeavors and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for individual and group therapy/counseling for peace officers/deputies employed the El Paso County Sheriff's Office from March 1, 2024, through March 1, 2025, at a rate of \$150.00 per session for no more than 100 sessions. Funds are available in SG-G1RESMH24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0249)

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

## **5. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Rosemary Neill for her contributions to the County and the El Paso Community.

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

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution for Deputy Peter John Herrera Day in El Paso County.

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

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life of Veteran Fernando Bermudez in El Paso County, Texas.

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

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **7. PRESENTATION**

- A. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Elizabeth Glasheen Stevens for her time and service as the chair of the El Paso County Ethics Commission, from January 13, 2020, to February 29, 2024.

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

- B. Present a Certificate of Appreciation to Albert Lanza for his time and service as a member of the El Paso County Ethics Commission, as the Dispute Resolution Center's nominee, from January 25, 2016, to March 10, 2024.

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

## **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*

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

9. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County Judge's authorization to a sign letter of support for the City of Socorro's Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) reorganization application. (#3912-OP)

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

10. Approve a letter of support from Commissioners Court for the AgriLife Research Center at El Paso Community Project Fund proposal to acquire the Border City Distribution/Palm Street Market food production and distribution site and to renovate and expand its capacity as a small business incubator and food safety inspection site. (4007-OP)

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

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

11. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution providing for a 100 percent Tax Exemption for qualifying child-care facilities, as defined under Chapter 11 of the Texas Tax Code, as periodically amended, beginning in Tax Year 2024 and each year thereafter.

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

## **AUDITOR**

12. 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 February 29, 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*

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

13. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment



to the Interlocal Agreement Project Development Agreement for the Fabens Airport Improvements Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to allow the County to reimburse the CRRMA for any construction, engineering oversight and administration cost associated with the construction phase of the hangar & entrance design project in the amount of \$14,951,850. Funds are available in CP-TCO23B-FABAIRHANGAR-CONSTRU and SG-GFAIREXP21-FED REV-GRNT. (Contract No. 2024-0219) (Precinct #3)

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

14. 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*

15. Receive a presentation from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Report and related financial details, goals, and objectives.

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

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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

*John Sarah, Director, Budget & Finance Department (915) 546-2262*

## **17. 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. (Postponed 3/18/24) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss and receive legal advice regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 250,000 or more persons.

*Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238*

- C. (Postponed 3/18/24) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding Public Information Act request #3787.

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

- D. 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*

## **REGULAR SESSION**

- 18.(Postponed 3/18/24) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 250,000 or more persons.

*Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 273-3238*

- 19.(Postponed 3/18/24) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Public Information Act request #3787.

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

- 20.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*