

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, August 19, 2024 – 9:30 AM

Enrique Moreno County Courthouse
Judge Alicia R. Chacón County Commissioners Courtroom
500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901

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**MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK
JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK**

Present: 5 – County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, Commissioner, Pct 1 Carlos Leon,
Commissioner, Pct 2 David Stout, Commissioner, Pct 3 Iliana Holguin,
Commissioner, Pct 4 Sergio Coronado

Absent: 0 –

1. OPEN MEETING

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 9:35 A.M.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **INVOCATION**

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECEIVED AN INVOCATION FROM PAM FARAONE.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2024, and the special meetings of August 13, 2024 and August 15, 2024.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-546-2215
- B. (ARPA Project No. 1093) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Research Service Agreement with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to conduct an analysis of the efficacy of the El Paso County Sheriff Department's Crisis Intervention Team. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0626)
Joel Bishop, Executive Director, County Administration, 915-546-2215
- C. 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
- D. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Title 10, § 2256.025, approve the attached list of dealers as authorized to engage in investment transactions with the County. These dealers have met the criteria established in the County's investment policy.
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office, 915-273-3262
- E. Approve amendment No. 40 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease Grants by \$4,736.00, thus decreasing the overall budget of \$640,084,566.99 to \$640,079,830.99.
John Sarah, Director, Budget and Finance, 915-546-2262
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the El Paso United Family Resiliency Center Staffing Agreement with United Way of El Paso County under the Office of the Governor's Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) grant, amending the Exhibit C Budget. (Contract No. 2024-0627)
Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485
- G. Approve and authorize the purchase of new transport vehicle for program use in the Community Services Department Senior Nutrition Program; to replace existing fleet involved in a collision with left over Nutrition program income and/or match funds. An account will be setup when item is approved by Commissioners Court. Funding is available in NUTRITM24-UNCLASSIFIED REV and SG-NUTRITM24-XFER-GRNTS.
Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485
- H. **POSTPONE ONE WEEK PER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and the following service provider participating in the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) initiative (Grant #2283712) from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, LaToya Scott Robinson. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0640)
Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 915-546-2059

- I. Pursuant to Texas Election Code 3.003, 3.004 and in conjunction with direction given by the Texas Secretary of State, authorize a local order for the General Election on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing State, District, County Officers, members of the Texas Legislature, members of the United States Congress and the President of the United States.
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections, 915-546-2154
- J. Approve and authorize the Early Voting Stations and Election Day Vote Centers for the November 5, 2024 General Election, which may be subject to change.
Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections, 915-546-2154
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with GAP Air Conditioning and Heating of El Paso, TX, to replace three ac units located at the County Courthouse elevator machine room in the amount of \$92,066.32. Funds are available in CIP24-FACILITIES-HVAC-RENO-REP. (Contract No. 2024-0581)
Robin Sully, Director, Facilities Management, 915-546-2009
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Keystone GC, LLC of El Paso, TX to replace and install the Plumbing Water Lines to the Kitchen at the El Paso County Jail Annex Facility in the amount of \$384,200.50. Funds are available in CIP24-FAC-JAILANX-IMPROVEMENTS. (Contract No. 2024-0579)
Robin Sully, Director, Facilities Management, 915-546-2009
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second option to renew the Inter-local Agreement Between Ricardo Arguelles d.b.a Confidential Drug Testing and The County of El Paso pre-employment and random drug testing services for the County Human Resources Department as they relate to the County of El Paso. Funding is available in GH-HR-PROFSVC-GEN. (Contract # 2024-0563)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520
- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Seventh Amendment to Master Service Agreement between the County of El Paso and Aetna Life Insurance Company for the Prudent Rx discount. Funds are available in account: IS-HEALTH-HEALTH/DENTAL CLAIMS. (Contract No. 2024-0587)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520
- O. **CORRECTION PER AUDITOR'S OFFICE** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Option to Renew Professional Services Agreement between El Paso County and Public Sector Personnel Consultants (PSPC) for Classification and Compensation Services from August 25, 2024, through August 24, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Funds are available in **GF-HR-CONTR SVC-GEN & GF-GADM-CONTR SVC-GEN**. (Contract No. 2024-0655)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520
- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the donation agreement and warranty deed to accept the dedication of Bill Bart Road as a public right-of-way. Further, authorize recording the documents in the County Clerks Office and accepting the right-of-way for maintenance as part of the County roadway system. (Contract No. 2024-0521) (Precinct 1)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330

- Q. 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 and Development, 915-273-3330
- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the second renewal option of Contract # 2022-0826 for Procurement Card Services for the County of El Paso with Citibank, N.A. (Citi) of Sioux Falls, SD. Funding is available through various County department accounts. (Contract No. 2024-0633)
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- S. Approve and authorize the As-Needed Purchase of Tires, Supplies and Services for the El Paso County, Texas using BuyBoard Contract 729-24 awarded to Broadway Motors, Inc, (dba Bill Williams Tire Center) of Midland, Texas, Southern Tire Mart, LLC of Columbia, Mississippi and The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio; and using Region 19 Contract 24-7477 awarded to Bill Williams Tire Center (Broadway Motors, Inc.) of Midland, Texas, Goodyear Commercial Tire & Service Center (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company) of Akron, Ohio and Tops Tire & Wheel (Vidal Enterprises Inc.) of El Paso, Texas. Discounts and pricing as indicated in cooperative contract. Purchasing approved on August 5, 2024. Funding contingent upon requesting departments.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- T. Approve and authorize the purchase of Three (3) New Basketball Courts for El Paso County Parks using Buy Board Job Order Contract (JOC) 728-24 awarded to Basic IDIQ Inc. of Austin, Texas for a total project cost \$379,290.00. Purchasing approved on August 12, 2024. Funding is available in SG-GSKATEPR22-CAP OUTLAYS.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- U. Approve and authorize the purchase of Annual Workiva Software and Services for Financial Reporting for El Paso County Auditor's Office using DIR-CPO-5327 awarded to Vertosoft, LLC of Leesburg, VA for a minimum discount of 16%. FY2024 Annual software cost is \$56,223.70. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. Purchasing approved on August 5, 2024.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- V. 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 Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- W. **PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER LEON** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Amendment to the agreement with Barracuda Public Relations, LLC. for the provision of professional services related to the 2024 Multiyear Capital Plan. No additional County funds required. (Contract No. 2024-0664)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

SECONDER: Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

AYES:	Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS:	None

- X. GRANT AWARD – Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2021 Section 5339 Formula Bus and Bus Facilities Project Grant Agreement (PGA), in the amount of \$42,954. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0560)

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330

- Y. GRANT AMENDMENT – Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment 1 to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2024 Rural Discretionary (RD) Project Grant Agreement (PGA) to extend the grant time period to December 31, 2024. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2024-0620)

Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330

COMMISSIONERS COURT POSTPONED ITEM 4H FOR ONE WEEK FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, A CORRECTION WAS READ IN FOR ITEM 4O PER THE AUDITOR’S OFFICE, AND ITEM 4W WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER LEON.

Motion **APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE NOTED CHANGES.**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

5. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing August 23, 2024, as a day to celebrate “Our History” through an augmented reality experience at the El Paso County Courthouse.

Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Precinct 4, 915-546-2044

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing local car clubs Street Memories, Detroit Iron and Border Town Muscle for helping raise funds for various citizens fighting life threatening illnesses in El Paso County, Texas.

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

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

SECONDER: Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution celebrating Marissa Teijo for her outstanding achievements that have brought significant acclaim to our community in El Paso County.

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

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

HECTOR URRUTIA, ADDRESSED THE COURT REQUESTING A COPY OF A RESOLUTION THAT WAS GIVEN TO UNIVISION NOTICAS 26 FOR THEIR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.

CARLOS CALLEJO, ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING THE “OUR HISTORY” EVENT TO BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024, AT THE ENRIQUE MORENO COURT HOUSE IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, ADDRESSED THE COURT RECOGNIZING AUGUST 21, 2024, AS NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY.

SERGIO CORONADO, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4, INFORMED THE PUBLIC OF A NEW BASKETBALL COURT THAT WAS APPROVED FOR THE WESTWAY COMMUNITY.

7. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended FY2025 budget and tax rate for Emergency Services District No.1 (ESD1).

John Sarah, Director, Budget and Finance, 915-546-2262

Motion APPROVE THE FY2025 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 (ESD1) WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING: A TAX RATE OF \$0.100000 WHICH IS MADE UP OF AN M&O OF \$0.052674 AND AN I&S OF \$0.047526 FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF: \$18,201,046.66.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3
SECONDER: Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1
AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None

- B. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended FY2025 budget and tax rate for Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD2).

John Sarah, Director, Budget and Finance, 915-546-2262

Motion APPROVE THE FY2025 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 (ESD2) WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING: A TAX RATE OF \$0.078856 WHICH IS MADE UP OF AN M&O OF \$0.054112 AND AN I&S OF \$0.024744 FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF: \$11,863,593.76.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3
SECONDER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4
AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:50 A.M.

- A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-546-2215
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding litigation styled United States v. Texas, No. 24-50149, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.
Bernardo Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247

Motion DELETE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS #8B AND #8E AND REGULAR SESSION ITEM #9A.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-46, County Attorney's No. 0104-24-AA.
Bernardo Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.076, discuss and receive legal advice concerning the County's rights and responsibilities with respect to security within the County Jail and law enforcement actions by the State that impact El Paso County operations.
Christina Sanchez, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding Contract for Software As A Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Enterprise Justice. (Contract No. 2023-0767)
Eddie Sosa, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247

DELETED

- F. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072, discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real properties located in Block 4 Socorro Grant and C.D. Stewart Survey 324.
Erich Morales, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3238

9. REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 12:05 P.M.

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding legal rights and responsibilities regarding litigation styled United States v. Texas, No. 24-50149, County Attorney's File No. 0165-23-PL.

Bernardo Cruz, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247

DELETED

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action to decrease the financial and operational impact to El Paso County as it pertains to law enforcement actions by the State, including arrests along the El Paso border.

Christina Sanchez, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247

NO ACTION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 12:16 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 12:34 P.M.

10. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

- A. Approve and authorize the Economic Development Department to accept a donation of a performance by (1) Radio la Chusma and by (2) Ballet Folklorico of El Paso in celebration of the "Our History," An Augmented Reality Experience event happening Friday, August 23, 2024, in the El Paso County Courthouse, pursuant to Texas Local Government Coded 81.032.

POSTED FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024, AT 12:30 P.M.

Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

AYES: Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:36 P.M.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 19, 2024 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:36 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

_____ DAY OF _____, 2024

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING