

# 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, September 16, 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:** 4 – Commissioner, Pct 1 Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Pct 2 David Stout,  
Commissioner, Pct 3 Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct 4 Sergio Coronado  
**Absent:** 1 – County Judge Ricardo Samaniego

### 1. OPEN MEETING

**THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 9:40 A.M.**

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**THE SENIOR CLASS AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL LED THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE.**

### 3. INVOCATION

**COMMISSIONERS COURT RECEIVED AN INVOCATION FROM PASTOR ANTHONY  
BEDOYA FROM CALVARY CHAPEL SUN CITY.**

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2024.  
*Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-546-2215*
- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Location Restoration Release Agreement between the County of El Paso and Warner Bros. Pictures for the use of the parking lot and facility located at 307 S. Campbell. (Contract No. 2024-0705)  
*Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-546-2215*
- C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Amendment to the County Attorney's office 36 month contract with Thomson Reuters for the Westlaw Proflex online legal research services which provides an upgrade to Westlaw Precision with AI Assisted Research to the current subscription features beginning October 1, 2024, in the amount of \$21,455.25. Funding is available in GF-CNTYATTY-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. (Contract No. 2024-0753)  
*Eddie Sosa, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247*
- D. 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*
- E. Approve amendment No. 43 to the County of El Paso's 2023-2024 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Special Revenue by \$556.00, increase Grants by \$7,652,054.58, thus increasing the overall budget of \$643,643,435.56 to \$651,296,046.14.  
*John Sarah, Director, Budget and Finance, 915-546-2262*
- F. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Extension to the Collection Services Agreement for Court Fees for Budget & Fiscal Policy for the County of El Paso with Delgado Acosta Spencer Linebarger & Perez, LLP, through September 30, 2025, after which the Agreement will automatically terminate unless the County exercises its option to renew for one additional one-year term. No fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2024-0623)  
*John Sarah, Director, Budget and Finance, 915-546-2262*
- G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of El Paso and Sacred Heart increasing their budget by \$220,000 for the provision of sheltering support to individuals that have been encountered by the Department of Homeland Security through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0668)  
*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485*

- H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fifth Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of El Paso and the Opportunity Center for the Homeless increasing their budget by \$300,000 for the provision of sheltering support to individuals that have been encountered by the Department of Homeland Security from January 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0670)  
*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485*
- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of El Paso and Salvation Army of El Paso increasing their budget by \$10,000 for the provision of sheltering support to individuals that have been encountered by the Department of Homeland Security through September 30, 2024. Funding is available in SG-GHUMANIT23-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2024-0672)  
*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485*
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between Nan McKay and Associates, Inc. and El Paso County, for consulting services to develop county-wide federal grant policies and advisory services from September 9, 2024, through September 8, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. Funds are available in GF-GADM-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0733)  
*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485*
- K. Approve and ratify the submission and County Judge's signature for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) El Paso County Region 10/HHSC Contract No. 000173100, Amendment No. 29 which increases funding for FY24 in the amount of \$300,002.40. (Contract No. 2024-0739)  
*Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485*
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Office of the Attorney General Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) Fiscal Year 2024 Q4 Invoice in the amount of \$7,571.30 and the Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production Record form for automated victim information and notification in El Paso County and the Invoice Certification Required by Texas Grant Management Standards. There is no fiscal impact to the County general fund budget. Funding is available in SG-GDASAVN24-OPERATING EX.  
*Bill D. Hicks, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 915-546-2059*
- M. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of July 15, 2024, Item No. 11A on the Regular Agenda: (ARP Project No. 1160) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the interlocal agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the completion of a study of the County's Tornillo port of entry in the amount of \$1,350,000. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0211) Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the revised interlocal agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the completion of a study of the County's Tornillo port of entry in the amount of \$1,350,000. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2024-0211)  
*Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177*

- N. (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: El Paso Child Guidance Center (Contract No. 2024-0714), Medical Center of the Americas Foundation (Contract No. 2024-0674) and Paso Del Norte Center of Hope (Contract No. 2024-0715). Funds are available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.  
*Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177*
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Joint Election Services Contracts with Anthony Independent School District (2024-0702), Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (2024-0728), El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4 (2024-0701) and the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso (2024-0769) for the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024.  
*Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections, 915-546-2154*
- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the First Option to Renew General Service Agreement with Central Transport to pick-up/deliver electoral machines and equipment for the El Paso County Elections Department during all elections in an amount not to exceed \$66,880. Funding is available in GF-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. (Contract No. 2024-0746)  
*Lisa Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections, 915-546-2154*
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Governmental Entity Coverage Information Form to report proof of coverage information, pursuant to the Texas Labor Code for coverage year October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. There is no cost to the County.  
*Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520*
- R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between El Paso County and Vertosoft, LLC for Workiva Government Financial Reporting Software. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the total amount \$56,223.70. (Contract No. 2024-0709)  
*Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology, 915-273-3301*
- S. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Acceptance, Processing and Housing of Children Adjudicated to have Engaged in Delinquent Conduct with Reeves/Loving County Juvenile Probation Department from June 7, 2024, through June 7, 2025. (Contract No. 2024-0497)  
*Rosie Medina, Chief Officer, Juvenile Probation, 915-273-2036*
- T. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between El Paso County, on behalf of its Medical Examiner, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, specifically for the Southwest Brain Bank, for the period beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. (Contract No. 2024-0760)  
*Mario Rascon, Medical Chief Examiner, Medical Examiner, 915-273-3403*

- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Pedestrian Access Easement between the County of El Paso and Developing Eastlake Wings, LLC. Funds are available in GF-PLAN&DEV-OPS EXP-GENERAL. (Contract No. 2024-0522)  
*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330*
- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Development Agreement between the County of El Paso, and El Paso Scioto Property Partners LLC for right-of-way development in Gateway Estates. (Contract No. 2024-0755)  
*Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 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 and Development, 915-273-3330*
- X. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Master Lease Schedule and Managed Document Service Agreement with Spectrum Technologies for copier services for copier services for the Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$1,383.59 per month for 36 months. Funds are available in GF-PUBLICDEFEND-RENT/LEASES. (Contract No. 2024-0567)  
*Kelli Childress, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender, Public Defender*
- Y. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the contract between County of El Paso and Basic IDIQ, Inc. for the construction of concrete basketball courts for Westway Park, Agua Dulce Park, Ruben Estrella Park and Risinger Park in the amount of \$505,720.00. Funding is available in SG-GSKATEPR22-CAP OUTLAYS, GF-NEIGIMPRVPGM-CAP PROJ CONT, and GF-PWADMIN-CAP PROJ-CONSTRUCT. (Contract No. 2024-0725) (Precinct 1,3,& 4)  
*Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works, 915-273-3330*
- Z. Approve and authorize the Single Source Purchase Poll Pad Equipment and Software (12410284) for El Paso County Elections Department awarded to Knowlnk of Saint Louis, MO for a grand total of \$245,850.00. Funds are available in GF-ELECTIONS-ELECTIONS EXPENSE. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (c), as a single source item, it is exempt from the provisions of the County Purchasing Act. Single Source will be re-evaluated as required to ensure compliance with statute.  
*Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349*
- AA. Approve and authorize the purchase of Labor and Equipment for Erecting an Existing Prefabricated Building for El Paso County, Texas Public Works Department (12409260) using TIPS Contract 23010402 awarded to Keystone GC LLC of El Paso, Texas for the amount of \$200,251.66. Purchasing approved on September 3, 2024. Funding is available in CIP24-PWINFRA-CAPPROJ-CONTRUC.  
*Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349*

- AB. Approve and authorize the Purchase of One (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe and Two (2) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado for the El Paso County, Texas using Region 19 Contract 20-7355 awarded to Rudolph Chevrolet, LLC of El Paso, TX, in the amount of \$185,767.00 (of which \$800 are contract fees). Purchasing approved September 9, 2024. Funding available in SG-R1BPUSU24-CAP OUTLAYS and SG-ONDCP2023-EXPENSES-CY.  
*Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349*
- AC. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to reject all responses and close out solicitation RFP 24-023 Guardianship Services for the El Paso County, Texas; with permission to re-solicit at the discretion of the County Administration Department.  
*Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349*
- AD. 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*
- AE. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network (EHN) for the Operations of a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$923,038.37. Funds are available in GF SOPATROL-CIT-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0736)  
*Richard Wiles, Sheriff, EPCSO, (915) 538-2006*
- AF. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment 1 to Task Order No. 6 "Technical Assistance in Conducting Transit Planning Analyses for Various Projects for El Paso County Rural Transit System" with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) to extend the agreement to September 30, 2025. No additional costs are associated with this Amendment. Funds are available in GF-EPCMP-PROF SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2024-0724)  
*Xavier Bañales, Director, Transit Operations Department, 915-546-2159*
- AG. GRANT AMENDMENT - Approve and authorize the County Judge to e-sign and accept the FY23 County Essential Services Program Grant Amendment for the County Attorney Protective Order Victims Specialists Project funded by the Office of the Governor extending the grant through February 28, 2025. (Contract No. 2024-0758)  
*Eddie Sosa, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247*
- AH. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to e-sign and accept the FY2025 -Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant for the County Attorney's Victim Resource Program funded by the Office of the Governor from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$47,738.34 with a County match in the amount of \$11,934.59 for a total project award in the amount of \$59,672.93. County match funds in the amount of \$11,934.59 are available in GF-CAVICTR-XFER OUT. Further, an additional match in the amount of \$12,519.38 is requested to sustain the program due to a reduced award amount and is available in GF-GADM-XFEROUT-GRANT MATCH. (Contract No. 2024-0759)  
*Eddie Sosa, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247*

- Al. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division FY25 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program award on behalf of the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$243,498.15. A County match in the amount of \$327,141.85 is required and available in GF-VICTIMWIT-XFEROUT-GRTMTCH. (Contract No. 2024-0734)

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

Motion **APPROVE ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**SECONDER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution designating the week of September 15 - September 21, 2024, as Forensic Science Week in El Paso County, Texas.

*Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Precinct 1, 915-546-2014*

Motion **APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the recipients of the 2024 Community en Accion Latino Legacy Award.

*Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Precinct 1, 915-546-2014*

Motion **APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution celebrating 16 de Septiembre in El Paso County, Texas.

*Carlos Leon, Commissioner, Precinct 1, 915-546-2014*

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- D. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring Alicia Villa for her many years of effective community advocacy, and for her recognition this year as Jefferson High School Outstanding Ex.

*David Stout, Commissioner, Precinct 2, 915-546-2111*

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- E. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Sunday, September 22, 2024, as Lincoln Park Day in El Paso County, Texas.

*David Stout, Commissioner, Precinct 2, 915-546-2111*

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego



- F. Approve and adopt a resolution reaffirming El Paso County's commitment to being a Welcoming Community for all and encouraging all residents, community organizations, and local businesses to join us in celebration of Welcoming Week 2024, Citizenship Day, and 16 de Septiembre.

*David Stout, Commissioner, Precinct 2, 915-546-2111*

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- G. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing September 21, 2024 as "Massing of the Colors Day" in honor of the Military Order of the World Wars Greater El Paso Chapter's annual event.

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

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**SECONDER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- H. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the El Paso County Criminal Justice Coordination Department for their service to our community, and inviting the public to attend its first Reentry Resource Fair on September 18, 2024.

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

**Motion APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**SECONDER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, CONCERNED CITIZEN, ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS COURT REGARDING SEPTEMBER BEING DESIGNATED NATIONAL BABY SAFETY MONTH AND HOW THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE FOR A BABY TODAY IS IN THE MOTHER'S WOMB AMID TODAY'S POLITICAL CLIMATE. SHE RELATED THE STORY OF A GERMAN ANTI ABORTION ACTIVIST WHO GREW UP DURING WWII AND CONTINUES TO WORK IN THAT SERVICE TO THIS DAY.

## 7. PRESENTATION

- A. Receive a presentation recognizing the Bond Advisory Committee for their invaluable contributions to El Paso County.

*Jose M. Landeros, Director, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159*

### PRESENTATION RECEIVED

## 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the identified capital project shortfall for the Downtown Detention Facility – Elevator Modernization Project and the County Courthouse Freight Elevator Modernization Project.

*Jose M. Landeros, Director, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159*

Motion **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR RENOVATION PROJECT UTILIZING TAX NOTE 2023 SERIES D PROCEEDS. FURTHER, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:**

**\$213,259.08 FROM CP-TN22-FREIGHTELE-RENOVATIONS TO CP-TN22-SODETELEVA-RENOVATIONS**

**\$99,428.00 FROM CP-TN22-003-CONSULT/PROF SVCS (MANKATO CROSSING) TO CP-TN22-SODETELEVA-RENOVATIONS**

**\$100,000.00 FROM CP-TN22-OVERLANDCROS-PROF SVCS TO CP-TN22-SODETELEVA-RENOVATIONS**

**\$450,557.51 FROM CP-TN2022-CAP OUT-MISC TO CP-TN22-SODETELEVA-RENOVATIONS**

**\$566,950.00 FROM CP-TAXTN23D-CONSULT/PROF SVCS TO NEW ACCOUNT TO BE ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY AUDITOR**

**\$4,244.10 FROM CP-TAXTN2023D-BOND ISSUE COST TO NEW ACCOUNT TO BE ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY AUDITOR**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

## 9. LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A. Pursuant to Texas Family Code § 157.551, conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the need to adopt an ordinance or order that imposes a civil penalty for interference with a Child Custody Order, of not more than \$500, for engaging in conduct described by Section 25.03 of the Penal Code. (3179-OP)  
*Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office, 915-834-8200*

**Motion OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.**

**BRIAN STANLEY, DOUGLAS KNAUTH, COMMISSIONER SEGIO CORONADO, JUDGE JESUS RODRIGUEZ, AND GIL MUNOZ SPOKE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4  
**SECONDER:** Carlos Leon Commissioner, Pct 1  
**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Samaniego

**Motion CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3  
**SECONDER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2  
**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- B. Pursuant to Texas Family Code § 157.551, discuss and take appropriate action to approve and adopt an order that imposes a civil penalty for interference with a Child Custody Order, of not more than \$500, for engaging in conduct described by Section 25.03 of the Penal Code. (3179-OP)  
*Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office, 915-834-8200*

**Motion APPROVE AND ADOPT AN ORDER THAT IMPOSES A CIVIL PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE WITH A CHILD CUSTODY ORDER, OF NOT MORE THAN \$500, FOR ENGAGING IN CONDUCT DESCRIBED BY SECTION 25.03 OF THE PENAL CODE. (3179-OP)**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4  
**SECONDER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2  
**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Samaniego

## 10. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

- A. Approve and record into the Commissioners Court meeting minutes, the District Clerk's certification of the District Judge's Order to approve the County Auditor's Budget for

Fiscal Year 2025, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 84.021; 84.901; 111.044; 152.031; 152.032; 152.034; and 152.905.

*Norma Favela-Barceleau, District Clerk, District Clerk's Office, 915-546-2029*

Motion **APPROVE AND RECORD INTO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING MINUTES, THE DISTRICT CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE'S ORDER TO APPROVE THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 84.021; 84.901; 111.044; 152.031; 152.032; 152.034; AND 152.905.**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

**COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 12:41 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 1:47 P.M.**

## **11. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- A. Approve and authorize the revisions to the El Paso County Holiday Leave Policy.  
*Sam Trujillo, Interim CHRO, Human Resources, 915-273-3520*

Motion **APPROVE**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**SECONDER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- B. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 111.067, conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed El Paso County budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

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

Motion **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.**

**BETSY KELLER, BARBARA PARKER, JOHN SARAH, COMMISSIONER CARLOS LEON, COMMISSIONER ILIANA HOLGUIN, COMMISSIONER SERGIO CORONADO, AND JOE MOLINAR SPOKE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**SECONDER:** Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct 3

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

Motion **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**SECONDER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

- C. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, § 111.068, approve and adopt the attached El Paso County annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

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

Motion **APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ATTACHED EL PASO COUNTY ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.**

**RESULT:** Pass [4 TO 0]

**MOVER:** David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2

**SECONDER:** Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4

**AYES:** Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Samaniego

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:51 P.M.

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.  
*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*

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| <b>Motion DELETE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 12B AND THE CORRESPONDING REGULAR SESSION ITEM 13A.</b> |
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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>Pass [4 TO 0]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct 4 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Stout Commissioner, Pct 2     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Leon, Stout, Holguin, Coronado      |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Samaniego                           |

- C. 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*
- D. Discuss pending litigation styled Juana M. Avila v. El Paso County; Cause No. 2015-DCV-1531; County Attorney case number: 0098-15-LD, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.  
*Ian Kaplan, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247*
- E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss legal rights and responsibilities regarding the El Paso County Capital Improvement Bond and the upcoming public meetings.  
*Claudia Aranda, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, (915) 273-3238*

### **13. REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 4:02 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*

#### **REGULAR SESSION ITEM 13A WAS DELETED ALONG WITH THE CORRESPONDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 12B.**

- 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. Further, as required by the Office of the Governor for the Operation Lone Star grant, adopt a resolution approving the submission of El Paso County's grant application for the Operation Lone Star grant. Finally, take appropriate action regarding the continuation and renewal of the Disaster Declaration issued by the El Paso County Judge.

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

#### **NO ACTION**

### **ADJOURN**

#### **THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:05 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, September 16, 2024 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING