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**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title:	County Administration - Approval of Minutes
Submitted By:	Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator
Department:	County Administration
Department Phone Number:	915-273-3600
Subject:	Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2025.
Background:	
Estimated Time Needed For This Item:	

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



JACKIE BUTLER
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, March 17, 2025 – 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 Jackie Butler, 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 9:37 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THE TEXAS PLEDGE WERE LED BY THE INDIAN
SUMMER SERVICE UNIT GIRL SCOUTS OF THE DESERT SOUTHWEST, MARISELA,
ARIEL CHANNEL, EMMA, ADDISON, AND JULIA.**

3. INVOCATION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECEIVED AN INVOCATION FROM RABBI LEVI GREENBERG OF THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF EL PASO.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2025.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600
- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services to El Paso Area Transit Services Local Government Corporation between the County of El Paso, with the agreement, consent, and participation of the El Paso County Attorney and the El Paso Area Transit Services Local Government Corporation. (Contract No. 2025-0945)
Christina Sanchez, County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- C. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an interlocal agreement with Rate 41 entities and engagement with special counsel for El Paso County's intervention as part of Rate 41 in the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Proceeding, Docket No. 57568/ SOAH Docket No. 473-25-11219; Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, CA No. 0017-25-AA. (Contract No. 2025-0258)
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- D. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Outside Counsel Agreement between El Paso County, Texas and Kemp Smith, LLP, Mr. Gilbert Sanchez, In the Matters of John P. Briggs v. County of El Paso, Texas, Case No. 3:24-CV-00293-KC, CA File No. 0121-24-LD. (Contract No. 2025-0237)
Michael Gomez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- 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. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 62.011, approve and adopt the "Plan for the Selection of Prospective Jurors of El Paso County, Texas".
Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, Council of Judges, 915-273-3330
- G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Change Order #2 – Move Access Premium from Tier A to Tier B with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to modify the supervision access from Tier A - 32,200 reminders to Tier B - 62,000 reminders. Funding in the amount of \$3,305 is available in GF-CRMJUSTCOORD-CONTR SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2025-0155)
Catherine Jones, Director, Criminal Justice Coordination, 915-273-3353
- H. Accept the Criminal Justice Coordination Department's calendar year 2024 annual report.
Catherine Jones, Director, Criminal Justice Coordination, 915-273-3353

- I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Constituent Agencies of the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center Addendum No. 4 with Amendments between the District Attorney's Office and other constituent agencies to work together to combat gangs and other criminal organizations in the region. This agreement will take effect upon execution of all agencies and will remain in effect for three years. There is no cost to the County. (Contract No. 2025-0250)
James Montoya, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 915-273-3542
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Office of the Attorney General Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) Fiscal Year 2025 Q2 invoice in the amount of \$7,798.46 and the Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production Record form for automated victim information and notification in El Paso County. There is no fiscal impact to the County general fund budget.
James Montoya, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 915-273-3542
- K. ARPA Project No. 1260 - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Bliss, on behalf of the Directorate of Human Resources and the County of El Paso for the placement of an informational kiosk at the Fort Bliss Welcome Center to expand County information for the community for a two-year term effective upon the date of signature. This item is at no cost as funds were previously dedicated before December 2024 for the purchase of the kiosk. (Contract No. 2025-0222)
Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office, 915-834-8200
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the HOT Event Grant Award Agreement with Blue Bunny Film (Verus Studios) for the general promotion and tourist advertising of El Paso County via production of an independent short film and disseminating it outside the County service area from February 20, 2025, through October 30, 2025, in the amount of \$45,000. Funding is available in SR-TOURPROM-ADVERTISING. (Contract No. 2025-0211)
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement and addendum between El Paso County and Accurate Background, LLC to conduct pre-employment background checks for the County. Funding is available in GF-HR-PROF SVC-RECRUITMENT. (Contract No. 2025-0082)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520
- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Addendum to the Medicare Advantage Plan Group Agreement with UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company for Medicare eligible County retirees and their dependents. Funds are available in IS-HEALTH-RETMEDADVPLANFEE. (Contract No. 2025-0203)
Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources, 915-273-3520
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the El Paso County and Envisio Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of Envisio Software Subscription services. Funding for the total amount of \$194,726.70 is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2025-0185)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology, 915-273-3301

- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the service agreement between the Office of the Medical Examiner and Clinical Image Management Systems (CIMS) Symmetry Mini PACS Software License/Installation/Support for the Lodox Imaging System effective December 9, 2024, through December 9, 2029, in the amount of \$27,200.00. Funds are available in GF-MEDExAM-CONTR SVC GEN. (Contract No. 2025-0149)
Mario Rascon, Medical Chief Examiner, Medical Examiner, 915-273-3403
- Q. Approve budget amendment No.18 to the El Paso County's 2024-2025 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$1,300,000.00, thus increasing the overall budget of \$605,134,541.11 to \$606,434,541.11.
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-546-2162
- R. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032, accept the donation of grant consultant services from The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG). Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the no cost Letter of Agreement for grant consultant services with TFG, effective January 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. There is no fiscal impact. (Contract No. 2025-0073)
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-546-2162

ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER.

Motion APPROVE

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

- S. Approve and authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$40,000 from GF-PRKS&RECADM-CONTR SVC-GEN to GF-PRKS&RECADM-COUNTY EVENTS to help meet the projected costs for Tourism and Special events hosted in the County Parks.
Timothy Fulton, Director, Parks and Recreation, 915-273-3501
- T. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Francisco Torres Subdivision plat.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330
- U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Release of Obligation for improvements located in Cielo Del Rio Unit 1 subdivision (Instrument No. 0289). Further, accept the identified improvements into the County of El Paso Road System for maintenance.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330

- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Release of Obligation for improvements located in Hill Crest Estates Replat A subdivision (Instrument No. 6490). Further, accept the identified improvements into the County of El Paso Road System for maintenance.
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330
- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the necessary documents pertaining to donation of Real Property as follows: 389 Mountain Shadow Estates #54, lot 16 on Larchmont Dr. (Contract No. 2025-0229)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330
- X. 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
- Y. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of On-Site Sewage Facilities to the City Of El Paso, Texas stating the terms and conditions the County will provide for on-site sewage facilities inspection services from the date of signature through September 30, 2025. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one- year terms unless terminated by either party. (Contract No. 2025-0259)
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works, 915-273-3330
- Z. Approve and authorize the allocation of funds in the amount of \$564,690 from County skate-parks project CP-TAXCO2023B-CP PJ-SKTPK PROF as a dedicated match funds account for the El Paso Playgrounds, Sports Courts and Skateparks Renovations required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant. (Precinct 1,3,4)
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works, 915-273-3330
- AA. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(4), approve and authorize the use of Professional Service Exemption to purchasing procedures to purchase of the Legal Services for the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) for the El Paso County District Attorney's Office awarded to Jasuta Law Firm of San Antonio, Texas for an estimated amount of \$75,000. Funds are available in GR1BPUSU24.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349
- AB. Approve and authorize the Single Source purchase of Poll Pad Cables and Annual Fee (12503087) for El Paso County Elections Department awarded to KnowInk, LLC of Saint Louis, MO for a grand total of \$60,000. 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
- 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 Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing, 915-273-3349

- AD. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the FY25 Yearly Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) application participation form for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. (Contract No. 2025-0234)
Oscar Ugarte, Sheriff, EPCSO, 915-538-2006
- AE. GRANT AFFIDAVIT - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Texans Feeding Texans Grant Affidavit for grant year 2024. (Contract No. 2025-0239)
Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485
- AF. GRANT AMENDMENT – Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment 1 to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2025 Federal 5311 Rural Areas Public Transportation Project Grant Agreement (PGA) to revise the project budget and extend the grant time period to November 30, 2026. An additional County match for FY2026 will be required in the amount of \$202,223. (Contract 2025-0216)
Xavier Banales, Interim Director, Transit Operations, 915-273-3838

Motion APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, ITEM #4R WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER.

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1
SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3
AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Samaniego

5. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Deputy Chief Marc Marquez for 27 years of service to the Community of El Paso County, Texas.
Jackie Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 1, 915-273-3594

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1
SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3
AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Samaniego

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing National Transit Employee Appreciation Day in El Paso County, Texas.

Jackie Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 1, 915-273-3594

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1
SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3
AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Samaniego

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the women leaders of American Legion Post 832.

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

Motion APPROVE

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

- D. Approve and adopt a resolution congratulating Eleven Sixteen Hair and Makeup Studio for its grand opening in Downtown El Paso.

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

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]
MOVER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2
SECONDER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1
AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Samaniego

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, CONCERNED CITIZEN, ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS COURT BY READING SCRIPTURE AND SPOKE AGAINST ABORTION.

BRIAN STANLEY, DIRECTOR OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE, RECOGNIZED CARMEN HERNANDEZ ON HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER SERGIO CORONADO EXPRESSED HOW THE TNA WRESTLING EVENT AT THE COLISEUM WAS SUCCESSFUL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO FUTURE EVENTS. HE ALSO REQUESTED TO HAVE A STANDING ITEM FOR UPDATES ON THE 2024 GO BOND PROJECTS AND ANNOUNCED A JOINT MEETING HE WOULD BE HAVING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, WITH CITY REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANDRA CHAVEZ AT THE NORTHWEST CAMPUS OF EPCC AT THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY. HE ALSO ASKED IF THE COURT COULD BE BRIEFED ON THE AGENDA ITEM FROM THE MPO BEFORE THE COURT TAKES UP THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

7. PRESENTATION

- A. Receive a presentation from the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar on the U.S. House Appropriations process and congressional budget items.
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-546-2162

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. Approve the appointment of the nominee from the El Paso County Civil Service Commission (CSC), Destinee Brooks, to the Ethics Commission for the unexpired term ending January 31, 2026.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600

Motion APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINEE FROM THE EL PASO COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC), DESTINEE BROOKS, TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026.

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

9. COMMISSIONERS COURT

- A. Rescind the Commissioners Court Order of March 10, 2025, Item No. 13A on the Addendum: Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032. allow the County Judge to accept any donations for the purpose of travel to Taiwan to meet and discuss economic opportunities in El Paso County the week of March 14-21, 2025.
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office, 915-546-2098

Motion **APPROVE RESCINDING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER OF MARCH 10, 2025, ITEM NO. 13A ON THE ADDENDUM: PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 81.032. ALLOW THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAVEL TO TAIWAN TO MEET AND DISCUSS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN EL PASO COUNTY THE WEEK OF MARCH 14-21, 2025.**

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

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action to direct County Administration to create a new policy requiring members of the Commissioners Court to provide a report to the Commissioners Court following any trip for County Business within 30 days of return.
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office, 915-546-2098

Motion **POSTPONE ONE WEEK.**

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1
SECONDER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2
AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Samaniego

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- A. (ITEM TO BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the allocation, reprogramming, and structuring of existing County debt proceeds and potential future debt issuances, including authorizing the creation of new projects, the removal or modification of previously approved projects, the transfer of funds between eligible issuances, public awareness and outreach of these issuances, and the reallocation of funds within existing projects.

Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159

Motion PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, MOVE ITEM 10A, INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE PERTAINING TO POTENTIAL FUTURE DEBT ISSUANCES.

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:46 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 3:12 P.M.

Motion POSTPONE ONE WEEK.

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

- B. (ITEM TO BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.) Discuss and consider adoption of a Resolution of the Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas, directing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$54,000,000 to fund street improvements, utility system improvements, flood control improvements, and HVAC improvements at the Family Youth Services Center; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. (Contract No. 2025-0253)

Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159

Motion **POSTPONE ONE WEEK.**

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct. 4

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 3:34 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 3:42 P.M.

- C. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the programming of the FY2025 Special Project Fund.

Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-273-3592

Motion **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR THE CREATIVE PLACEMAKING PROGRAM, ALICIA CHACON COURTROOM RENOVATION AND GUN BUYBACK EVENT AS PRESENTED BY STAFF AND INCLUDED IN THE BACKUP.**

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1

SECONDER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

- D. Receive a presentation from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan.

Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-273-3592

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 12:21 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 1:06 P.M.

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- A. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032, approve and authorize the acceptance of event registrations and passes for the El Paso County Commissioners Court and staff and Economic Development staff for the Mexico Now Trade Summit on March 27, 2025, for the purpose of carrying out its economic development outreach for the Tornillo Port of Entry. (7645-OP)

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

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Jackie Butler Commissioner, Pct. 1

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

12. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- A. GRANT APPLICATION – Approve and authorize the Public Defender's Office to submit a renewal grant application for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) FY2026 Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program for the Padilla Immigration Counseling and Advice Program from October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$135,101.68. A grant match in the amount of \$108,081.34 is required for this last year of grant funding. Funding is available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution and Internet Submission Form. (Contract No. 2025-0156)

Kelli Childress, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender, (915) 273-3536

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

13. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. Receive a presentation regarding El Paso County FY25 budget updates and overview.
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-546-2162

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:13 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, 915-273-3600
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss litigation styled Brigitte Ballou v. County of El Paso, Texas; Cause No. 2022DCV0480; County Attorney case number: 0032-22-LD.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Dry Goods, a private business prospect.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177
- D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received regarding a Chapter 381 Agreement with Project Salsa, a private business prospect.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177

15. REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 5:07 P.M.

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation styled Brigitte Ballou v. County of El Paso, Texas; Cause No. 2022DCV0480; County Attorney case number: 0032-22-LD.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247

Motion APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN LITIGATION STYLED BRIGITTE BALLOU V. COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 2022DCV0480; COUNTY ATTORNEY CASE NUMBER: 0032-22-LD.

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct. 4

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement with Popular Building El Paso LLC. (Contract No. 2025-0084)
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177

Motion APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CHAPTER 381 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH POPULAR BUILDING EL PASO LLC. (CONTRACT NO. 2025-0084)

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2
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SECONDER: Sergio Coronado Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Samaniego

ADJOURN

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:12 P.M.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

Commissioners Court Chambers, El Paso County Courthouse
500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901

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COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 17, 2025 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:12 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 _____, 2025

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING