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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 24, 2025, and the special meeting of March 28, 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 24, 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: 5 – County Judge Ricardo Samaniego, Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jackie Butler, 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 9:49 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THE TEXAS PLEDGE WERE LED BY SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT NAYELA CRUZ.

3. INVOCATION

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2025.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600
- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Consultant Services with Lyle Sumek, dba Sumek and Associates, for strategic planning consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$37,000. Funding is available in GF-CNTYADMIN-CONTR SVCGEN. (Contract No. 2025-0192)
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600
- C. Approve the re-appointment of Commissioner David Stout's nominee, Isidro Torres, to the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers for a three-year term ending March 31, 2028.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600
- D. Approve the re-appointment of Commissioner Sergio Coronado's nominee, Steve DeGroat, to the Hospital District Board of Managers for a three-year term ending March 31, 2028.
Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600
- 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. Approved and authorize the County Judge to sign the termination notice with ByWater Solutions, LLC for a Libki Kiosk Management System at the Illumina Public Library. (Contract No. 2023-0265)
Irene Gutierrez, Executive Director, Community Services, 915-273-3485
- G. Approve and authorize the District Attorney's Office to transfer funds in the amount of \$26,299.00 from SR-DASPEC-OPS EQUIPMENT to SR-DASPEC-PROF SVC-GEN to cover the cost of legal fees up to year end.
James Montoya, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, 915-273-3542
- H. Rescind the Commissioner's Court Order of March 3, 2025, Item No. 11B on the Regular Agenda to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement with Schneider Electric USA Inc. and Plexxar 1625, LLC in the backup with the proposed redline edits. (Contract No. 2025-0166) Further, approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the revised Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement with Schneider Electric USA Inc. and Plexxar 1625, LLC. (Contract No. 2025-0166)
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development, 915-546-2177

- I. (ARP Project Nos. 1170 & 1171) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreements with Workforce Solutions Borderplex for Childcare Industry Support (2025-0272) and Small Business Support (2025-0271). No additional funds are required.
Roberto Ransom, Director, Economic Development Department, 915-273-3583
- J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Release of All Claims with Kessel Paving and Concrete & Swiss Re Corporate Solutions America Insurance Corporation for the HVAC and roof damages which occurred at the Northwest Annex, located at 435 E. Vinton Rd, Vinton, TX 79821, in consideration for payment of damages in the amount of \$16,063.30. (Contract No. 2025-0265)
Robin Sully, Director, Facilities Management, 915-273-3719
- K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Work Order No. 007 On-Call Architectural Contract with MNK Architects, Inc. for professional services related to the design services for the County of El Paso Downtown Detention Facility Sewer Project in the amount of \$139,877.20. Funds are available in CP-TN23B-DDF-RENOV-SEWER. (Contract No. 2025-0268)
Robin Sully, Director, Facilities Management, 915-273-3719
- L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement between the El Paso County and Continuant Managed Services. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE for the total amount of \$58,541.88. (Contract No. 2025-0186)
Art Nevarez, Director, Information Technology, 915-273-3301
- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the contract between the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and the Spectrum Technologies for the copy machines lease This agreement will be effective August 1, 2025, in the amount of \$94,076.40. Funds are available in GF-JPD-RENT/LEASES. (Contract No. 2025-0254)
Rosie Medina, Chief Officer, Juvenile Probation, 915-273-2036
- N. Approve budget amendment No.19 to the El Paso County's 2024-2025 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Special Revenue by \$930,065.20, increase Grants by \$1,147,172.27, thus increasing the overall budget of \$606,434,541.11 to \$608,511,778.58.
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-273-3582
- O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement VRF Project Development Agreement for the Tierra Este Road Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority authorizing the CRRMA to perform additional design services (additional utility coordination) required by the Texas Department of Transportation (grant provider) for the completion of the project in the amount of \$33,193.14. Funds are available through County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Proceeds in SR-TRANSPFEE-RGNL MOBLTY AUTHO. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2025-0078) (Precinct 3)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330

CORRECTION PER COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE – Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement VRF Project Development Agreement for the Tierra Este Road Project with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority authorizing the CRRMA to perform additional design services (additional utility coordination) required by the Texas Department of Transportation (grant provider) for the completion of the project in the amount of \$33,193.14. Funds are available through County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Proceeds ~~in SR-TRANSPFEE-RGNL MOBILITY AUTHO~~. No County funds are required. (Contract No. 2025-0078) (Precinct 3)

- P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Hosting Services Agreement and Addendum with Byrne Software Technologies, Inc. for defined server resources on their hosting site, in support of the Accela planning and permitting software for a 12-month term effective upon the date of signature. Funding in the amount of \$7,481.47 is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2025-0107)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Chief Administrator to sign documents submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) relating to the County's Storm Water Permit (TXR040202), pursuant to Texas Administrative Codes §305.128 and §305.44. (#7729-OP)
Michael McElroy, Director, Planning and Development, 915-273-3330
- R. 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
- S. Approve and authorize the Purchase of Four (4) ADA Compliant Type III Cutaway Buses for the El Paso County, Texas Transportation Authority using Oklahoma-Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) Contract SW0797C awarded to Creative Bus Sales, Inc., of Tulsa, OK for a total cost of \$907,556. Purchasing approved March 17, 2025. Funding is available in G5339R25-700000-707000 - 707001.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, 915-273-3349
- T. Approve and authorize the purchase of Public Safety Supplies and Equipment for the El Paso County, TX using BuyBoard 698-23 awarded to GT Distributors, Inc of Pflugerville, TX, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Houston, TX and Galls, LLC of Lexington, KY. Pricing/Discount as identified through cooperative contract. Purchases exceeding \$50k will be presented to Commissioners Court for approval on an individual basis. Purchasing approved on February 23, 2025. Funding available in various accounts.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, 915-273-3349

CORRECTION PER PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – Approve and authorize the purchase of **AS-NEEDED** Public Safety Supplies and Equipment for the El Paso County, TX using BuyBoard 698-23 awarded to GT Distributors, Inc of Pflugerville, TX, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Houston, TX and Galls, LLC of Lexington, KY. Pricing/Discount as identified through cooperative contract. Purchases exceeding \$50k will be presented to Commissioners Court for approval on an individual basis. Purchasing approved on February 23, 2025. Funding available in various accounts.

- U. 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
- V. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Barracuda Public Outreach Agreement with El Paso County for Task Order 10 with Barracuda Public Relations, LLC for public outreach services in support of Texas A&M Transportation Institute Task Order No. 10 (expansion of community demand response services) pending final legal review and approval from the County Attorney's Office. Funding in the amount of \$10,125 is available in SG-PLANST24-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2025-0260)
Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-273-3592
- W. GRANTS - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement in the amount of \$8,000 to \$10,000 with Gibson, Ruddock, Patterson, LLC to perform audit work needed to complete the required Independent Auditor Statement for Financial Data (IAS-FD) for the National Transit Database (NTD) in connection with various transit grants. Funding is available in SG-GRURALF24-OPERATING EX. (Contract No. 2025-0277)
Barbara Parker, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office, 915-273-3262
- X. GRANT MODIFICATION - Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept Modification 5 for West Texas HIDTA Multiple Initiatives (Grant No. G24SW0020A) on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Modification 5 entails an increase of \$290,000.00 for the grant period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025. This grant modification is at no cost to the County of El Paso. (Contract No. 2025-0256)
Ricardo Perales, Lieutenant, EPCSO West Texas HIDTA, 915-273-3448
- Y. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(4), approve and authorize the use of a Professional Service Exemption to purchasing procedures to procure the purchase and distribution of services necessary for the Consulting and Legal Services of Federal Regulations for the Housing of Federal Prisoners in the El Paso County Detention Center to Summerill Law Firm, PLLC of Washington, DC for services not to exceed \$100,000 (hourly rate as shown in tabulation). Funding is available in GF-GADM-CONTR SVC-GEN.
Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, 915-273-3349

- Z. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Service Agreement between El Paso County and the Summerill Law Firm for consultant and legal services related to negotiations with the U.S. Marshal's Office for the housing of federal detainees. (Contract No. 2025-0072)

Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-273-3582

Motion **APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH CORRECTIONS TO ITEMS #40 AND #4T.**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

5. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring Saturday, March 29, 2025, as Oro Temple #9 And Oro Court #20 Combined Annual Celebration in El Paso County, Texas.

David Stout, Commissioner, Precinct 2, 915-273-3559

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2

SECONDER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the 2025 Women's Commission Hall of Fame in El Paso County, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Precinct 3, 915-273-3594

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: Ricardo Samaniego County Judge

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- C. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring March 2025 as Social Worker Month in El Paso County, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Precinct 3, 915-273-3594

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: David Stout Commissioner, Pct. 2

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Texas Association of Mediators in El Paso County, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Precinct 3, 915-273-3594

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- E. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring Monday, March 31, 2025, as International Transgender Day of Visibility in El Paso County, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Precinct 3, 915-273-3594

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- F. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing April 9, 2025, as “Education and Sharing Day” in El Paso County, Texas.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office, 915-273-3591

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- G. (Postponed 3/10/25) Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing El Paso Boxer Stephanie Han for winning the WBA Lightweight Title and maintaining her unbeaten record of 10-0.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, County Judge's Office, 915-273-3591

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- H. Approve and adopt a resolution opposing any effort by the Texas Legislature to eliminate the Countywide Polling Place Program and electronic pollbooks.

David Stout, Commissioner, Precinct 2, 915-273-3559

Motion APPROVE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2

SECONDER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, CONCERNED CITIZEN, ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING HER VIEWS ON ABORTION.

JORGE IGNACIO PINEDA TARIN, CONCERNED CITIZEN, ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING A PERSONAL INCIDENT INVOLVING A DEPUTY WITH THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Receive a presentation and take appropriate action on the Emergency Services District #2's financing plan in the amount of \$7,580,000.00 to fund the construction of a fire station in Socorro, Texas and purchase two fire trucks.

Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-273-3582

Motion APPROVE THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2'S FINANCING PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,580,000.00 TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION IN SOCORRO, TEXAS AND PURCHASE TWO FIRE TRUCKS.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

8. COMMISSIONERS COURT

- A. (Postponed 3/17/25) 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 DELETE

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 11:57 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 1:09 P.M.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- A. Receive a presentation, discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's 89th Texas Legislative Agenda and Values Statements and provide discussion and input regarding Federal legislative items for the 119th Congress.
Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-546-2162

Motion APPROVE SUPPORT OF HB 1275, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PRODUCER DAIRIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THIS STATE.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2

SECONDER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

Motion OPPOSE THE FOLLOWING HOUSE BILLS:

– HB 1522 – CHANGES PUBLIC MEETING POSTING REQUIREMENT FROM CURRENT 72 HOURS TO 3 BUSINESS DAYS

– HB 19 – RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND REPAYMENT OF DEBT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND THE USE OF AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF DEBT

– HB 1453 – LIMITS DEFINITION OF PUBLIC WORK TO INCLUDE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC PURPOSE PROJECTS AND ALSO LIMITS CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY DETERMINE THE NEED TO FINANCE PUBLIC PROJECTS AND ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stout

Motion APPROVE SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

– HB 1109 – EXEMPTS COUNTIES FROM MOTOR FUEL TAXES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

– HB 148 – MANDATORY TRAINING FOR CENTRAL APPRAISAL BOARD MEMBERS

– HB 505 – ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFIED BIRTH RECORD, DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE TO A HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL

– HB 1080 – ALLOWS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO SATISFY PUBLIC POSTING REQUIREMENTS BY POSTING IN MEDIA WITH GREATER CIRCULATION THAN THE MAIN PAPER IN THE AREA AND ON THE COUNTIES AND COMPTROLLERS WEBSITE

– HB 1275 – REPEALS THE SECTION OF THE CODE THAT REQUIRES ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PRODUCER DAIRIES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THIS STATE

– SB 1173 / HB 1998 – INCREASES THE BID LIMIT FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000

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

Motion APPROVE ADDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND COMMUNICATE SUPPORT FOR THESE ITEMS TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ, CONGRESSWOMAN ESCOBAR, SENATOR CORNYN AND SENATOR CRUZ:

- SUPPORT FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS TO REMAIN TAX EXEMPT.**
- URGE CONGRESS TO CONSIDER REVISING THE POPULATION REQUIREMENT FOR COLONIAS TO RECEIVE CDBG SET-ASIDE FUNDING GIVEN POPULATION GROWTH.**
- SUPPORT THE GAO’S RECOMMENDATION TO USDA, ENCOURAGING THEM TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY APPLICATIONS FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS IN COLONIAS.**

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

- B. (Postponed 3/17/25) (ITEM TO BE HEARD APPROXIMATELY AT 3:00 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

NO ACTION

- C. (Postponed 3/17/25) (ITEM TO BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 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 MOVE ITEM #9C INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, TO DISCUSS LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: Jackie Butler, Commissioner, Pct. 1

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

Motion APPROVE THE 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

RESULT: Pass [4 TO 1]

MOVER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

SECONDER: Jackie Butler, Commissioner, Pct. 1

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Coronado

NAYS: Holguin

10. AUDITOR

- A. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 114.023, 114.024, 114.025 and 114.026, accept the attached presentation and the interim financial report for the month ended February 2025. 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**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

11. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Approve and authorize the acceptance of the fiscal year 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Program project award for a proposed veterans memorial in Tornillo, Texas.

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

Motion **APPROVE**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

- B. Pursuant to Section 2.1.2 of the El Paso County Property Naming Policy, discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed naming of the skate park located within Agua Dulce Park in honor of Mr. Mario Navarro. (CC PCT 3).

Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department, 915-273-3330

Motion **APPROVE THE PROPOSED NAMING OF THE SKATE PARK LOCATED WITHIN AGUA DULCE PARK IN HONOR OF MR. MARIO NAVARRO.**

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:58 P.M. TO DISCUSS ITEMS 12A, 12F, 9C AND 14A.

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
- F. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding the Pellicano Drive Widening Project, County Attorney's file number 0178-23-AA.
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- 9C. (Postponed 3/17/25) (ITEM TO BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 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, **PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071**. (Contract No. 2025-0253)
Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-546-2159
- 14A. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning the fire that occurred on March 21, 2025 in Anthony, Texas and the challenges, **PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071**.
POSTED FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025, AT 11:15 A.M.
Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Precinct 4, 915-273-3596

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 3:24 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:13 P.M. TO DISCUSS ITEMS 12B-12E, 12G AND 12H.

- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, discuss the exchange, lease or value of real property located within Block 1 Socorro Grant, El Paso County Texas.
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department, 915-273-3330
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.072, discuss the exchange, lease or value of real property located within block 17 Upper Valley Survey Tracts 2-A, 3-C, and 5-B, El Paso County, Texas.
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department, 915-273-3330
- D. 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
- E. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, discuss the County's legal rights and responsibilities pertaining to the County's Office of New Americans' ongoing projects and the Shelter and Services Program grant.
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, 915-273-3247
- G. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.0745, discuss the appointment and reappointment of board members, including Iliana Holguin, Sergio Coronado, Ashan Choudhuri, Krissy Lerdal, Andrea Hutchins, Leila Melendez, and Annette Gutierrez to the West Texas Spaceport Development Corporation, LGC.
Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator, Strategic Capital Development, 915-273-3592
- H. 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 Department, 915-273-3583

13. REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 7:20 P.M.

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the exchange, lease or value of real property located within Block 1 Socorro Grant, El Paso County Texas.
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department, 915-273-3330

NO ACTION

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the exchange, lease or value of real property located within block 17 Upper Valley Survey Tracts 2-A, 3-C, and 5-B, El Paso County, Texas.
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department, 915-273-3330

NO ACTION

- C. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending 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

NO ACTION

14. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning the fire that occurred on March 21, 2025 in Anthony, Texas and the challenges.
POSTED FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025, AT 11:15 A.M.
Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Precinct 4, 915-273-3596

Motion MOVE ITEM #14A INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071.

RESULT: Pass [5 TO 0]

MOVER: Ricardo Samaniego, County Judge

SECONDER: Sergio Coronado, Commissioner, Pct. 4

AYES: Samaniego, Butler, Stout, Holguin, Coronado

NAYS: None

NO ACTION

ADJOURN

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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Commissioner, Pct.1

ILIANA HOLGUIN
Commissioner, Pct.3

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Commissioner, Pct.2

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RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
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COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 24, 2025 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 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

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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County Judge

MINUTES

Special Meeting, March 28, 2025 – 10:00 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 Jackie Butler, 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 10:17 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NO ACTION

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 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

Motion APPROVE

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

- B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso County Parks and Special Events Facilities Use License Agreement for Standard Special Events with Big Fair Entertainment for use of the Ascarate Park Festival Area for an event scheduled March 28, 2025, through April 13, 2025. (Contract No. 2025-0257)

Timothy Fulton, Director, Parks and Recreation, 915-273-3501

Motion APPROVE

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

- C. Receive a presentation, discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's 89th Texas Legislative Agenda and Values Statements.

Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-273-3582

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

- D. Receive a presentation regarding various financial and budget information for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator, County Operations, 915-273-3582

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

- E. Receive a presentation and update regarding the County's Capital Improvement Bond Program.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 12:22 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 12:58 P.M.

- F. Receive a presentation and updates on the County's 2025-2029 Strategic Plan.

Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

- G. Discuss Strategic Leadership and Governance priorities and concepts in preparation for updating the 5-Year Strategic Plan Document for the County of El Paso.

Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator, County Administration, 915-273-3600

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

ADJOURN

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00 P.M.

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Friday, March 28, 2025 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

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EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

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