

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN SPECIAL MEETING
AT 9:54 A.M.
WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT**

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR, PRESIDING
ANNA PEREZ,
SERGIO LEWIS,
DANIEL R. HAGGERTY,**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 2
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 4**

WILLIE GANDARA, COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 3 - ABSENT

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

MEETING CONVENED

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MOTION # 1 (Item # 1)

On this day, Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk.

PRESENTATION

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MOTION # 2 (Item # 2)

On this day, Commissioners Court received a report from the County Auditor regarding the fiscal year 2011 and 2012 budgets for the County of El Paso, Texas.

WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET

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MOTION # 3 (Item # 3)

On this day, Commissioners Court held a work session on the fiscal year 2011 and 2012 budgets for the County of El Paso, Texas.

NO ACTION – UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

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MOTION # 4 (Item # 5)

On this day, Commissioners Court took no formal action on the agenda item to receive an update on Capital Projects and take any necessary action.

NO ACTION

**APPROVED – MOVE DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET
TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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MOTION # 5 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to move to executive session immediately the discussion of the agenda item to discuss and take appropriate action the fiscal year 2011 and 2012 budgets for the County of El Paso, Texas.

On this day, the Deputy Clerk announced that Commissioners Court would recess into executive session to discuss and take appropriate action regarding the fiscal year 2011 and 2012 budgets for the County of El Paso, Texas, to discuss a possible year end bond issue refinancing, and discuss rights and responsibilities with regard to the County's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel contracts, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071. The Court would reconvene to take official action.

The Court recessed at 9:56 a.m.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Haggerty
NOT PRESENT - Lewis

NO – None

MEETING RECONVENED

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MOTION # 6

On this day, Commissioners Court reconvened into special open session at 10:13 a.m.

**APPROVED – INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE
FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 7 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant an allocation in the amount of \$31,000 to the ITD Software Maintenance Account - 6304 for a Contract Management software license.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Haggerty
NOT PRESENT - Lewis

NO – None

**APPROVED – MERGER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 8 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to acknowledge the consolidation of the Information Technology Department and the Communications Department with their same funding allocations. Further, instruct the Human Resources Director and Chief Technology Officer to return to the Court in 90 days with a recommendation regarding specific recommendations for the combined department.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Lewis, Haggerty

NO – None

**APPROVED – REALLOCATION OF FUNDING
FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES – CONSTRUCTION
FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 9 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant a reallocation of funds in the amount of \$300,000 to the Roads and Bridges Construction account – 9502 for the Public Works Department.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

**APPROVED – INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SALARIES
FOR THE COUNTY CLERK
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 10 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant an increase in funding in the amount of \$7,227 for the County Clerk's salary and fringe benefits.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

**APPROVED – ALLOCATION OF AWARD FUNDING
FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT
FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 11 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Judge Escobar, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to appropriate an award received in equalization funding from the Task Force on Indigent Defense and create an Indigent Defense Enhancement account for the Public Defender’s Office in the amount of \$684,056.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

**APPROVED – INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR OFFICE EXPENSE
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 12 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant an increase in funding in the amount of \$500 for office expense for the County Attorney’s Office.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Perez, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

COMMISSIONER ANNA PEREZ WAS ABSENT FROM THIS POINT
THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

**APPROVED – INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE
FOR YOUTH SERVICES CENTER
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 13 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant an allocation of funding in the amount of \$80,000 for a building maintenance account for the Youth Services Center.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

**APPROVED – RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITION
ON MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE MANNING TABLE
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 14 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Haggerty, seconded by Judge Escobar, it is the order of the Court to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant a change in the grade and title from a Records Custodian to Office Specialist Intermediate for the Medical Examiner’s Office. There is no fiscal impact to the County.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Lewis, Haggerty

NO – None

**APPROVED – REGRADING OF POSITION
ON BORDER CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE MANNING TABLE
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2011-2012 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 15 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Haggerty, it is the order of the Court to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget sufficient funds to grant a grade change to a position on the Border Children’s Mental Health Collaborative from a G-29 to a P-2. There is no change in appropriations, only a change to the manning table.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Lewis, Haggerty

NO - None

MEETING ADJOURNED

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MOTION # 16

On this day, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED - SINE DIE

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS:

_____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

COUNTY JUDGE VERONICA ESCOBAR, PRESIDING