



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE: January 7, 2013

CONSENT OR REGULAR: REGULAR

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO
(IF APPLICABLE): N/A

SUBJECT:

Discuss and take appropriate action on court representative for Economic Development interviews.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC: To include statutory requirement, operational impact, or performance goal.

The County of El Paso has engaged with the City of El Paso on a shared services interlocal for Economic Development. This shared services agreement is part of an overall regional approach to economic development for the community and as part of the county's goal to collaborate wherever possible to maximize resources and save taxpayer money. As part of the agreement, the City will hire two staff members who will be funded by the County, housed at the City, utilize City resources and equipment, but whose focus is County economic development issues. The agreement was entered into during the FY13 budget and the positions have been posted. The County has a seat on the interview panel for the two staff, and the court needs to send either a member from the court or a staff member to participate.

The role for these two economic development staff members – Rural and Small Town Specialists – is to assist the County in developing an economic development plan (to include economic development on the Mission Trail, identification of other projects that could assist with economic development for the county, etc.).

The City of El Paso Human Resources (HR) has a list of applicants for the two Rural and Small Town Specialist positions. A total of 56 applicants have been approved by HR, of the 56 applicants 10 candidates have been selected for interviews. They are tentatively selecting January 16, 2013 and January 17, 2013 as possible interview dates. The panel can interview seven candidates on day one and the last three on day two. The City would like a county representative identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time.

PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY):

No prior Commissioners Court Action.

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable): N/A

DATE: N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Veronica Escobar, County Judge, (915) 546-2098