



Ector County Commissioner Court

Budget Hearings

June 11, 2024

1:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, ECTOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ANNEX, ROOM 120

1010 EAST 8TH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER BILLY HALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

BUDGET HEARINGS/MEETINGS

1. Budget Hearings/Meetings, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Proposed 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget for all Ector County officials and County departments, including any adjustments incident thereto. The Court will be available to consider tabled items, policy matters, and long-range planning. The meeting will recess and reconvene as necessary in order to consider all matters incident to the budget.

Minutes Attachments

1. Budget Attachments.pdf

JUVENILE PROBATION #440

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with the proposed 16% salary increase lowered to 14% and to move one position to state funding from county; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

ELECTIONS #004-980

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Hall. The motion died due to a lack of a second. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with a cap on all the requested pay increases at \$1/hr with training session at \$20; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 - #150

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR #280

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT #3 - #203

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to leave the part-time position and not change it to the requested full-time; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT #4 - #204

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with the part-time position remaining the same and not changing to full time, line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense changed to \$6,000, line item #5171 Office Supplies decreased to \$4000, line item #5199 Departmental Supplies and Expenses decreased to \$0 and line item #5207 Subscriptions increased to \$500 for a cell phone; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSTABLE PRECINCT #4 - #394

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COUNTY JUDGE #010

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER COURT #020

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Gardner; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1 - #021

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense increased to \$5000; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 - #022

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense increased to \$5000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3 - #023

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense increased to \$6700; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4 - #024

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense increased to \$5000; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY #120

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve subject to the revision of the vehicle price; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND #082-120

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

MEDICAL EXAMINER #215

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to increase one certified officer position and increase existing salaries by 3 steps (6%); a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

NON-DEPARTMENTAL JUDICIAL #220

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

NON-DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL #320

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

AUDITOR #260

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PURCHASING #290

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

POSTAGE AND REPRODUCTION #970

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PURCHASING #290

This department was discussed again to address the pay for the Warehouse Manager. Commissioner Simmons made a motion that the pay be increased to step 6 \$15.94/hr; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT #330

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve with line item #5402 changed to \$8161; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4:45 p.m.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to recess until 9:00 a.m., June 12th, 2024 with a second by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9:00 a.m. June 12, 2024

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Hall; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-0 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Stringer were not present for the vote but joined at 9:02 a.m.)

TREASURER #270

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE #730

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

LIBRARY #690

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve with line item #5171 Office Supplies increased to \$19,000 and line item #5193 Postage increased to \$13,000; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Simmons voted against the motion)

LAW LIBRARY #003-700

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Simmons; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COLISEUM #041-860

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COLISEUM CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS #043-860

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Aaron Martin came back to address the court regarding a fence needing repair. Commissioner

Gardner amended his motion to increase line item #5509 Improvements and Construction to \$65,900; Commissioner Stringer amended his second. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons left at 9:56 a.m.

CONSTABLES #390

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

244TH DISTRICT COURT #080

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

161ST DISTRICT COURT #070

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense increased to \$5,500 and line item #5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment increased to \$2,500; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

358TH DISTRICT COURT #090

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

70TH DISTRICT COURT #060

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

There was a break from 10:33 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Simmons returned to the meeting.

POST SENTENCE MONITORING #425

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve with line item #5207 Subscriptions increased to \$32,000; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT #890

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5207 Subscriptions reduced to \$0; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT #005-471

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to \$0; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COUNTY CLERK #160

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve with line item #5284 Copier Lease Contract increased to \$7,203. Motion died due to lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5284 Copier Lease Contract increased to \$7,203 and with a \$1/hr starting pay increase with it flowing through the step system; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

COUNTY CLERK RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND #015-160

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to \$0; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

DISTRICT CLERK #110

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with a \$1/hr starting pay increase with it flowing through the step system and to include the Administrative Assistant in the pay increase, line item #5101 Salaries, Elected Official corrected to \$94,144, line item #5104 Salaries, Part Time corrected to \$62,793, line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense

reduced to \$16,595 and line item #5193 Postage increased to \$22,500; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

DISTRICT CLERK RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND #022-110

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JURY #210

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5193 changed to \$23,000, line item #5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment changed to \$13,000 and line item #5309 Contract Services reduced to \$86,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

12:28 p.m.

A motion to recess until 1:15 p.m. was made by Commissioner Simmons with a second by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

1:17 p.m.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to reconvene with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT #1 - #201

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

HUMAN RESOURCES #030

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5103 Salaries, Full Time changed to \$338,435, line item 5141 Auto Allowance changed to \$1,800, line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense changed to \$13,700 and line item #5164 Local Transportation changed to \$500; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

INSURANCE #032-960

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5382 Claims Settlements increased to \$80,000; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

HEALTH BENEFITS FUND #052-960

After discussion, no action was taken on this item.

WELLNESS CLINIC #052-961

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY #310

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5351 Telephone changed to \$11,910; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

HEALTH DEPARTMENT #470

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense changed to 10,764 and line item #5176 Uniform Supplies changed to \$2,400; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #140

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT #005-025

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with the addition of a GIS Analyst and Permit Manager; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Gardner voted against the motion)

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve with line item #5161 Educational Travel changed to \$19,236 and line item #5176 Uniform Supplies changed to \$4,600; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

SHERIFF #360

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5171 Office Supplies decreased to \$40,000; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JAIL #420

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JAIL MEDICAL #421

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

SHERIFF - SALES TAX DISTRICT #005-360

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

ANIMAL CONTROL #005-361

A motion to approve as presented was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JAIL #005-420

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve with line item #5507 Special Department Equipment reduced to \$0; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JAIL MEDICAL #005-421

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COURTHOUSE SECURITY #017-220

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

At 3:04 p.m. Commissioner Stringer made a motion to recess for 15 minutes with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3:45 p.m.

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

446TH DISTRICT COURT #100

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COMMISSIONER COURT #020

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to include a pay increase of 8% for the Grant Writer/Attorney and change line item #5207 Subscriptions to \$25,000; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

COUNTY CLERK #160

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to increase line item #5193 Postage to \$14,000; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CHILDRENS' SERVICES #500

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

NON-DEPARTMENTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE #520

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

WHITE-POOL HOUSE #620

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

HISTORICAL COMMISSION #650

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

NON-DEPARTMENTAL OTHER #950

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

DEBT SERVICE #021-990

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES #005-530

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Hall stepped out of the meeting at 4:23 and returned at 4:31.

LOST REVENUE #006-922

No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Gardner stepped out of the meeting at 4:43 and returned at 4:45.

4:53 P.M.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4:55 P.M.

A motion to reconvene from Executive Session was made by Commissioner Gardner with a second by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4:58 P.M.

A motion to recess until 9:00 a.m., June 13, 2024 was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9:06 a.m. June 13, 2024

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Stringer; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Parks 001-660

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Vehicle Repair and Maintenance 002-750

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Road Maintenance 002-810

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5241 Road Maintenance

reduced to \$0, line item #5247 Equipment Maintenance and Repair reduced to \$10,000 and line item #5251 Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair reduced to \$30,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Engineering 002-820

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Traffic Operations 002-830

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Parks 005-660

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Vehicle Repair and Maintenance 005-730

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Road Maintenance 005-810

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Traffic Operations 005-830

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Equipment Services Fund 051-770

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve as presented; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Road Maintenance 002-810

There was discussion regarding the reclassification of the Assistant Director. No action was taken on this topic.

10:18 a.m.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to recess for 10 minutes; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to reconvene, with a second by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

County Extension Agents #780

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Airport Fund 042-870

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve what was presented in the handout; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Soil and Water Conservation #790

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Senior Citizen Centers #630

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment increased to \$4,500; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Senior Nutrition 069-630

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Justice of Peace Precinct #2 - #202

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with the Senior Deputy Clerk being reclassified to Youth Diversion Coordinator with the pay grade at 208 step 4 (Court Administrator) and removing the vacant Senior Deputy Clerk position; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

JP Technology Fund #018-220

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #5103 Salaries changed to \$36,110 and line item #5161 Education and Travel Expense reduced to \$1,000; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Rebecca Grisham from Odessa Teen Court requested funding from the county. They requested that Ector County fund 1/3 of the program along with the City of Odessa and ECISD. The requested amount was \$44,592.66. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to deny the request with a second by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 2-1 (Commissioner Gardner voted against the motion and Judge Fawcett abstained)

Cemetery #720

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to expand the cemetery; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Stringer voted against the motion)

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

County Attorney #170

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

County Attorney Pretrial Intervention Fund #013-170

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to recess for lunch with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

1:30 p.m.

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Gardner; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons left for the day during the lunch break.

Building Maintenance #710

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve with line item #5510 Major Building Projects reduced to \$50,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Judge Fawcett told the court that a couple of organizations have offered Veteran Services if the county provides the office space. The office would be staffed by the Permian Warrior Partnership and they would serve as the Veteran Services Department.

Tax Assessor #280

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the \$1/hr raise for the Tax Assessor's Office; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

To consider and discuss legal matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

3. Real Estate, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

To consider and discuss real estate issues/transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to proceed with the offer for the building located at the coliseum as discussed in Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

ADJOURN

Time: 2:17 P.M.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stringer with a second by Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Jennifer Martin, County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Proceedings for the Regular Commissioners' Court meeting held on the above date.

July 08, 2024 at 04:01 PM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk