



Ector County Commissioners' Court

January 21, 2025

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St.,  
Odessa, Texas

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**CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT**

Dustin Fawcett, County Judge  
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1  
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2  
Samantha Russell, Commissioner Precinct #3 (via Zoom)  
Billy Hall, Commissioner Precinct #4  
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, County Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER MIKE GARDNER**

The invocation was led by Commissioner Gardner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS**

Commissioner Hall led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS**

1. Public Participation/Comments, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To receive public comments on non-agenda related items.

There was no public participation for this item.

2. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, take any necessary action to *approve* a \$10,000.00 donation from Occidental Petroleum Corporation to the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve a \$10,000 donation from Occidental Petroleum Corporation to the Ector County Sheriff's Office; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 4-0

3. Training Request, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the attendance, travel, and expenses for three instructors to attend the Axon Taser Master School in Charlotte, NC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the attendance, travel and expenses for three instructors to attend the Axon Taser Master School in Charlotte, NC.; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

4. Harmony Home Coliseum Parking Lot Event Request, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* Harmony Home using the Ector County Coliseum's parking lot for the *2025 Party in the Parking Lot* event on April 12th, 2025; liability insurance will be provided prior to the event.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Harmony Home using the Ector County Coliseum's parking lot for the 2025 Party in the Parking Lot event on April 12th, 2025; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

5. 2024 Sole Source List, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director

To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the *2024 Sole Source List*, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the 2024 Sole Source List and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with the agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

6. January 2025 Auction, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *declare surplus* and *approve 'sale by auction'* for the items listed on the *January 2025 Auction List* in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle B, Chapter 263, Subchapter 263, Subchapter A, of the Texas Local Government Code; the auction will open Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to declare surplus and approve "sale by auction" for the items listed on the January 2025 Auction List; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

7. Eminent Domain Authority , Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the required documentation of Eminent Domain Authority in Texas, authorize the submission of the report to the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. [Agenda Item #7.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to *approve* the required documentation of Eminent Domain Authority in Texas, authorize the submission of the report to the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

**AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

8. Request for Qualification Specifications: Storm Water Management Plan, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director, Jeffrey Avery- Public Works Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Request for Qualification Specifications* for the *Ector County Storm Water Management Plan, Project #2024-RFQ-056*; the specifications have been designed by the Public Works Department and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the *Request for Qualification Specifications* for the *Ector County Storm Water Management Plan, Project #2024-RFQ-056*; the specifications have been designed by the Public Works Department and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

9. Bid Award: Temporary Personnel II, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director, Roger Primera- H.R. Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *award* for *Temporary Personnel Services II, Request for Proposals, RFP No. 2024-RFP-041*, to A and A Associates,

and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to *approve* the *award* for *Temporary Personnel Services II, Request for Proposals, RFP No. 2024-RFP-041*, to A & A Associates, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

10. Bid Award: Coliseum Website Redesign, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director, Aaron Martin- Coliseum Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *award* for *Coliseum Website Redesign, Request for Proposals, RFP No. 2024-RFP-052*, to Disrupt, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to *approve* the *award* for *Coliseum Website Redesign, Request for Proposals, RFP No. 2024-RFP-052*, to Disrupt, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

11. Design-Build Bid Award Withdraw, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *withdraw* any previous bid award approvals for the *Ector County Courthouse Design-Build Project*, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to *withdraw* any previous bid award approvals for the *Ector County Courthouse Design-Build Project*, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

12. Bid Award: Design-Build Services- Ector County Courthouse, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *award* of the *Design-Build Services- Ector County Courthouse*, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to not re-award and to go back out for RFQs; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Simmons amended his motion to not re-award and put an item on the next agenda to go back out for bid; Commissioner Hall amended his second. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MAJORITY 2-2 (Commissioner Gardner and Judge Fawcett voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Judge Fawcett to re-award to Butler-Cohen/DLR design build team; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

Ryan Gray and Sean Butler addressed the court to explain what they would be doing while other issues are resolved over the next few months.

Motion passed 3-1 (Simmons against)

13. Ector County Courthouse Scope of Work and Design, Shelby Rigtrup

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *scope of work and design* for the *design-build* of the new Ector County Courthouse, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to table until the full court is present; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 3-1 (Fawcett against)

## PERSONNEL REQUESTS

14. Overtime Pay Request, Jon Crain- Airport Manager

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a request to pay overtime in lieu of comp time for hourly employees at the Ector County-Odessa Schlemeyer Field Airport; this request is due to the hours necessary to maintain the airport, including holidays.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to deny the request and look at during the budget planning sessions; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

## POLICIES/PROCEDURES

### 15. 2025 Oaths and Bonds Approvals, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* all *2025 Oaths and Bonds* for all Elected Officials, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve all 2025 Oaths and Bonds for all Elected Officials, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner.  
MOTION PASSED 4-0

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### 16. MHRC Development Proposal Request: 14624 W. Tiovivo St., Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on an *MHRC Development Proposal* to serve 14624 W. Tiovivo St., Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

#### Minutes Attachments

##### 1. [Agenda Item #16.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve *MHRC Development Proposal* to serve 14624 W. Tiovivo St., Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.  
MOTION PASSED 4-0

### 17. MHRC Development Proposal: 11606 W. Burkett St., Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on an *MHRC Development Proposal* to serve 11606 W. Burkett St., Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

#### Minutes Attachments

##### 1. [Agenda Item #17.pdf](#)

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve *MHRC Development Proposal* to serve 11606 W. Burkett St., Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

### 18. Donation: E. Clara Hawthorn St. Garden Homes Subdivision, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *accept a donation* of E. Clara Hawthorn St., a public road within Garden Homes Subdivision, being 20.569 Acres in Section 2, Block 45, T-4-S, T and P RR Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept a *donation* of E. Clara Hawthorn St., a public road within Garden Homes Subdivision, being 20.569 Acres in Section 2, Block 45, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion.  
MOTION PASSED 4-0

### 19. Annexation, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *annexation* of real property, being a 3.94-acre tract, situated in Section 40, Abstract 593, Block 42, Township 2 South, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey, Ector County, Texas, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to table the item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

## BUDGET/FINANCIAL

20. Property Purchase Furniture Inclusion Request, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director, Debbie Clay- Commissioners' Court Administrative Assistant

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the purchase of furniture as part of the purchase of 312 E 2nd Street, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the purchase of furniture as part of the purchase of 312 E. 2nd Street, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

21. Financial Reports/Statements, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report* for January 21st, 2025, and review County financial statements and reports.

### Minutes Attachments

1. [AP Department Payment Report - 0353.pdf](#)
2. [AP Department Payment Report - 0362.pdf](#)

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for January 21st, 2025, and review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Time: 10:54 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to adjourn to Executive Session; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Time: 11:54 a.m.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 4-0

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding Papaw Street pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to authorize outside counsel to negotiate the final settlement with Danny's Asphalt & Paving as discussed in Executive Session; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

23. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, in relation to the newly appointed Ector County District Clerk and the associated salary and/or benefits with the position.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion that the salary for the newly appointed District Clerk be set in accordance with county policy at a step 1; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

## ADJOURN

Time: 11:55 a.m.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Simmons with a second by Commissioner Hall. 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 meeting held on the above date.

February 19, 2025 at 02:21 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk