



Ector County Commissioners' Court

January 20, 2026

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  
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 BILLY HALL**

The invocation was led by Jim Wise.

**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.

Scott Johnson addressed the court to discuss Republic dumping oilfield waste behind his house along with new issues that have arisen.

2. Proclamation, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *Proclamation* declaring January 25th-31st, 2026, as *Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #2.pdf

Judge Fawcett introduced the staff of Medical Examiner's Office and read the resolution. Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the *Proclamation* declaring January 25th-31st, 2026, as *Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week*, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Out-of-State Travel Request, Jon Crain- Airport Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* out-of-state travel for Jon Crain, Airport Director, to attend the *National Business Aviation Association Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference* in Cleveland, OH, from March 24th - 26th, 2026, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve out-of-state travel for Jon Crain, Airport Director, to attend the *National Business Aviation Association Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference* in Cleveland, OH, from March 24th - 26th, 2026, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. Joint General Primary Election: Notice of Election/Early Voting Schedule/Election Day Vote Centers, Elizabeth Sertuche- Elections Administrator

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Notice of General Primary Election, Early Voting Schedule, and Election Day Vote Centers* for the *Joint General Primary Election* on March 3rd, 2026, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #4.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the *Notice of General Primary Election, Early Voting Schedule, and Election Day Vote Centers* for the *Joint General Primary Election* on March 3rd, 2026, 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 Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS**

5. 2026 Sole Source List Approval Request, Andrea Moralez-Purchasing Agent

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *2026 Sole Source List*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the 2026 Sole Source List, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

6. January 2026 Auction, Andrea Moralez- Purchasing Agent

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *declare surplus* and *approve* the *sale by auction* of the assets and other items on the *January 2026 Auction List*, in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle B, Chapter 263, Subchapter A, Texas Government Code, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; the auction is set to open January 21st, 2026.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to *declare surplus* and *approve* the *sale by auction* of the assets and other items on the *January 2026 Auction List*, in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle B, Chapter 263, Subchapter A, Texas Government Code, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

7. Contract Void Request, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary to *approve voiding* a previously approved/ executed *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Claude Everette Jr., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve voiding a previously approved/ executed *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Claude

Everette Jr., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.  
MOTION PASSED 5-0

8. Unimproved Property Contract, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Claude Everette Jr., regarding a 3rd Street right-of way acquisition, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #8.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve an *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Claude Everette Jr., regarding a 3rd Street right-of way acquisition, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. Owner's Rep Termination: Coliseum Barns B & C, Julie Prentice- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* terminating services with Parkhill as Owner's Representative (Rep) on the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project*, after design phase services are complete, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to approve terminating services with Parkhill as Owner's Representative (Rep) on the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project*, after design phase services are complete, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10. Architecture Agreement: Coliseum Barns B & C, Julie Prentice- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and OCB Architecture, LLC., for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #10.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve an *Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and OCB Architecture, LLC., for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project*, 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 5-0

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

11. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 2325 N. Moss Avenue, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 2325 N. Moss Avenue, Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #11.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 2325 N. Moss Avenue, Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

12. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 3860 N. FM 1936, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 3860 N. FM 1936, Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #12.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 3860 N. FM 1936, Precinct #1, 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 Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**PUBLIC WORKS**

13. Permanent Road Closure Request, Amber Valles- Public Works Department Coordinator

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a citizen's request to *permanently close* the road located at "Yealonda Avenue at 3rd", and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

**ITEM WITHDRAWN**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

14. Proposed Consent Agenda, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the following *Proposed Consent Agenda*:

14a.) Line-Item Transfer- Information Technology:

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a line-item transfer* to General Fund, Information Technology, D.P. Equipment, 001-310-5506 from Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-310-5199 for \$36,887, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #14.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve a *line-item transfer* to General Fund, Information Technology, D.P. Equipment, 001-310-5506 from Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-310-5199 for \$36,887, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL**

15. Revisit New Food Permit Fees, Samantha Russell- Commissioner, Pct. 3

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the new *Ector County Health Department Food Permit Fees* implemented for Ector County, Texas, as a result of Senate Bill 1008 and House Bill 2844, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; these bills regulate permitting and inspections for cities and counties.

Brandy Garcia addressed the court to explain the change in fees and respond to complaints received. She also answered questions from the Court.

Jerry Morales, Chair of the Texas Restaurant Association - Permian Basin Chapter addressed the court to express the viewpoint of the restaurant owners.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to reaffirm the fee changes and to extend a grace period for this year only; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

16. Budget Amendment Request: Airport, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to Airport Fund, Legal Expense, 042-870-5334 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 042-3310 for \$180,000.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, 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 a budget amendment to Airport Fund, Legal Expense, 042-870-5334 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 042-3310 for \$180,000.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

##### 17. Invoice Approval Request: Coliseum Barns B & C (Parkhill Final), Julie Prentice- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the payment for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project* to Parkhill through design phase services, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the payment for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project* to Parkhill through design phase services, 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 Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

##### 18. Invoice Approval Request: Coliseum Barns B & C, Andrea Morales-Purchasing Agent and Aaron Martin, Coliseum Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the payment for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project* to OCB Architecture, LLC., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the payment for the *Ector County Coliseum Barns B and C Renovations and Addition Project* to OCB Architecture, LLC., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

##### 19. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report: September 2025, Cleopatra Callaway- County Treasurer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Ector County Investment Report* for the quarter ending September 30th, 2025, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

#### Minutes Attachments

##### 1. Treasurer's Monthly report Affidavit September 2025.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the *Ector County Investment Report* for the quarter ending September 30th, 2025, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

##### 20. 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 20th, 2026, and review County financial statements and reports.

#### Minutes Attachments

##### 1. GEN EXP APP REPORT 01 20 26.pdf

##### 2. TRUST EXP APP REPORT 01 20 26.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to approve the *Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report* for January 20th, 2026, and review County financial statements and reports; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### 21. Ector County Courthouse Project Definition Final Report (Design-Build), Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a *presentation* from the Design-Build Team regarding the *Ector County Courthouse Project Definition Final Report*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

April Pottorf and Todd Orr addressed the court to give an update and presentation.

Jeff Russell spoke to the court to express his discontent with the amount of money being spent and the fact that most or all the CO money will be used with nothing left over. He also stressed his frustration with the fact that the new courthouse was not put out for a vote.

Claire Tulloch also gave a portion of the presentation.

#### **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM**

Time: 11:15 a.m.

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

Time: 12:50 p.m.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 22. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- County Attorney, Aaron Martin- Coliseum Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, in relation to the Ector County Coliseum and Jackalopes Contract for Hockey and Concessions, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to send demand letters as discussed in Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

### 23. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, in relation to a contract by and between Ector County, Texas, and Bureau Veritas regarding numerous Design- Build site projects, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

#### Minutes Attachments

##### 1. Agenda Item #23.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the contract that was discussed in Executive Session; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

### 24. Legal Matters, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, in relation to the Ector County Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

#### **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM**

### 25. Legal Matters & Real Estate, Julie Prentice- County Attorney, Dustin Fawcett- Ector County Judge

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title

5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and *real estate* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, in relation to property discussions with the City of Odessa, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM**

**ADJOURN**

**Time: 12:51 p.m.**

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Simmons with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

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 09, 2026 at 12:04 PM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk