

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, at 8:30 A.M. came on to be held a **PUBLIC/BUDGET** meeting of the Ector County Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St., Odessa, Texas with the following members present:

Debi Hays, County Judge  
Eddy Shelton, Commissioner Precinct #1  
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2  
Dale Childers, Commissioner Precinct #3  
Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Precinct #4  
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, County Clerk

when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

County Judge Debi Hays called the meeting to order at 9:00 A. M. with a quorum of the court present.

### **BUDGET MEETINGS:**

1. To consider, discuss, review, and take any necessary action regarding the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget for all Ector County Elected 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.

Debi Hays – County Judge

### **COUNTY CLERK #160**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposed budget with a reduction in line item 160-5161 Educational Travel to \$6,000, line item 160-5166 Judicial Training to \$2,000 and eliminating one full time Deputy Clerk position and two part-time Deputy Clerk positions; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

### **COUNTY CLERK RECORD MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND #015**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez



**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2 #001-202**

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3 #001-203**

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4 #001-204**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 as presented, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 with line item #203-5193 Postage reduced to \$500 and Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 with line item #204-5193 Postage reduced to \$3,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

**LIBRARY #690**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented and to approve hiring for the vacancy in Children's Services; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to recess for lunch; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

Commissioner Childers made a motion to reconvene at 1:09 PM with a second by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

**COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT #780**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed but as presented but to change line item #780-5284 Copier Lease Contract to \$3,493 and line item #780-5165 Family and Consumer Science Agent Travel to \$3,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

**ELECTIONS #980**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to request bids for the purchase and installation of a server for Elections; a second was made by Judge Hays. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

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

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to take a 10 minute break at 2:00 PM with a second by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Childers; Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**PARKS DEPARTMENT #660**

Commissioner Shelton made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented with line item #660-5190 Small Tool Supplies reduced to \$720, line item #660-5241 Building Materials and Supplies reduced to \$3,000, line item #660-5352 Electricity reduced to \$12,500 and line item #660-5354 Water, Sewer and Trash Expense reduced to \$3,500; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**PROJECT MANAGER #025**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with line item #025-5171 Office Supplies reduced to \$500, line item #025-5193 Postage reduced to -0- and line item #025-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to -0-; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**AIRPORT #042-870**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the budget with line item #870-5509 Improvements and Construction reduced to \$100,000, line item #870-5307 Professional Services reduced to \$20,000, line item #870-5248 Grounds Maintenance Supplies reduced to \$5,000, line item #870-5241 Building Materials and Supplies reduced to \$10,000, line item #870-5243 Electrical Materials and Supplies reduced to \$30,000 and create a line item for Operations Transfer Out in the amount of \$50,000; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**ROAD MAINTENANCE #002-810**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with line item #810-5193 Postage increased to \$150; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**ROAD MAINTENANCE – SALES TAX DISTRICT #005-810**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item 810-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$2,000,000; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**ENGINEERING #002-820**

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Simmons with line item #820-5161 Travel and Education Expense reduced to \$2,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS #002-830**

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

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**EQUIPMENT SERVICES #051-770**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with line item #770-5247 Equipment Maintenance and Repair reduced to \$20,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**SHERIFF #360**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with an increase in line item #360-5283 Data Processing Contracts and Licenses to \$68,282 and line item #360-5207 Subscriptions to \$40,500; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**SHERIFF – SALES TAX DISTRICT #005-360**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the purchase of 27 Tahoes @ \$57,000 each and to implement a take home policy; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposed budget with the 7 vacant positions being budgeted beginning January 1, 2021; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton  
✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**ANIMAL CONTROL #001-361 & 005-361**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budgets with line item #361-5161 Education and Travel Expense reduced to \$1,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**JAIL #001-420 & 005-420**

Commissioner Childers made a motion to approve both funds with line item #420-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$2,000,000 and reduce line item #001-420-5103 Salaries by 10 jailer positions; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Sales Tax Fund #005-420-5103 with a reduction of 10 Jailer positions; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**JAIL MEDICAL #001-421 & #005-421**

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

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY #017-220**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to give Courthouse Security a 10% pay increase; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion. **MOTION FAILED. 3-2**

Voting For motion:

<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
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Voting Against Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers	

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 3-2**

Voting For Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Childers  
Voting Against Motion:  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Simmons  
✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to recess with a second by Commissioner Shelton.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:  
✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Childers with a second by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:  
✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE #710**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with the removal of the HVAC Technician position from line item #710-5103 Salaries, decreasing line item #710-5353 Natural Gas to \$100,000, line item #710-5354 Water to \$350,000, to purchase an ice machine for the Sheriff's Office and include \$453,934 lease payment; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:  
✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**HUMAN RESOURCES #030**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with line item #030-5307 Professional Services reduced to \$70,000, Longevity reduced to \$504 and line item #030-5171 Office Supplies reduced to \$5,500; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:  
✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**SELF-FUNDED LIABILITY #032-960**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #960-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$5,000; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:  
✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers



✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**HEALTH BENEFITS FUND #052-960**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with a reduction to line item #960-5368 Retiree Supplemental Medicare Premiums to \$1,221,000, line item #960-5380 Medical & Dental Claims – County to \$5,900,000, line item #960-5381 Medical & Dental Claims – Retirees to \$2,100,000 and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**WELLNESS CLINIC #052-961**

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

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**MISCELLANEOUS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to begin the transition of IT to the courthouse with remodel and prep work costs coming from the current fiscal budget; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to recess with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Childers with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Shelton

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Childers

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to re-purpose the Westside Senior Center for use by the Sheriff's Office; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**70<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT #060**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to approve the proposed budget; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**161<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT #070**

Commissioner Childers made a motion to approve the proposed budget; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**244<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT #080**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**358<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT #090**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposed budget; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**COUNTY COURT AT LAW #140**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with line item #140-5193 Postage increased to \$1500; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays  
✓ Commissioner Shelton                      ✓ Commissioner Childers  
✓ Commissioner Simmons                      ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 #150**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposed budget; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Shelton
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Childers
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**LAW LIBRARY #003-700**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposed budget with line item #700-5103 Salary reduced to \$40,811 or up to Step 3, longevity reduced to -0- and line item #700-5201 New Books reduced to \$50,000; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Shelton
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Childers
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the purchase of a dump truck in the amount \$115,000 to be paid for from the Sales Tax Fund; a second was made by Commissioner Childers.

**MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Shelton
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Childers
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Simmons made a motion with a second by Commissioner Childers to adjourn to the call of the chair. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

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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 PUBLIC/BUDGET meeting of August 10, 2020.



*Jennifer Martin*  
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 JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK  
 ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS