

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN SPECIAL MEETING
AT 9:27 A.M.
WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT**

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR, PRESIDING
ANNA PEREZ,
TANIA CHOZET,
DANIEL R. HAGGERTY,**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 3
COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 4**

SERGIO LEWIS, COMMISSIONER, PCT. # 2 – ABSENT

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

MEETING CONVENED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 1 (Item # 1)

On this day, Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk.

PRESENTATION

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MOTION # 2 (Item # 2)

On this day, Commissioners Court received a report from the County Auditor regarding the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget for the County of El Paso, Texas.

WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED F.Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 3 (Item # 3)

On this day, Commissioners Court held a work session on the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget for the County of El Paso, Texas.

**APPROVED – EQUALIZATION OF OFFICE EXPENSE;
APPROVED - EQUALIZATION OF OPERATING EXPENSE – GENERAL
APPROVED – ELIMINATE AUTO ALLOWANCE FROM COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3;
APPROVED – INCREASE FUNDING TO STAFFING REVIEW COMMITTEE
AUTO ALLOWANCE
FOR ALL COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OFFICES
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 4 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Chozet, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget sufficient funds to set equal appropriations in the amount of \$1,000 to account 6001 – Office Expense and \$500 to account 6201 – Operating Expense – General, for all four of the Commissioner Precinct Offices. Net impact to the budget is \$2,663.

Further, instruct the County Auditor to eliminate \$1,230 from account 6600 – Auto Allowance, from the Office of Commissioner, Pct. 3; and increase appropriations in the amount of \$1,230 to the Staffing Review Committee Auto Allowance pool for a total of \$21,230.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Chozet, Perez
NOT PRESENT - Haggerty

NO – None

MEETING RECESSED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 5

On this day, it was announced that Commissioners Court would recess for five minutes.

The Court recessed at 9:58 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 6

On this day, Commissioners Court reconvened into special open session at 10:26 a.m.

**APPROVED – INCREASE TO TRAVEL APPROPRIATIONS
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 7 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Chozet, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget sufficient funds to grant an increase in appropriations for Travel and Training totaling \$300,000 to be placed in the Travel Pool.

VOTE: YES – Escobar, Chozet, Perez
NOT PRESENT - Haggerty

NO - None

**APPROVED – INCREASE TO PARKING APPROPRIATIONS
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 8 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Judge Escobar, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget sufficient funds to grant an increase in appropriations to account 6605 – Parking, for the following Departments.

1. Increase in the amount of \$610 for Mental Health Support Services parking.
2. Increase in the amount of \$1,300 for Human Resources Intern parking.
3. Increase in the amount of \$1,575 for Probate Court Intern parking.
4. Increase in the amount of \$1,000 to GADMIN account for witness parking.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Chozet, Perez
NOT PRESENT - Haggerty

NO – None

**APPROVED – INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR POSITION ON
PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE MANNING TABLE
IN THE PROPOSED F. Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 9 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Chozet, seconded by Commissioner Perez, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget sufficient funds to grant an increase in funding to hire up to a Senior Trial Attorney (AO2), pursuant to the Attorney pay plan and depending on candidate experience, in an amount not to exceed \$92,401.56, for the Public Defender’s Office.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Chozet, Perez
NOT PRESENT – Haggerty

NO – None

**APPROVED – INCREASE TO BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE
FOR DISTRICT COURTS, COUNTY COURTS, AND ASSOCIATE COURTS
IN PROPOSED F.Y. 2012-2013 BUDGET**

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MOTION # 10 (Item # 4)

On this day, on motion of Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Chozet, it is the order of the Court to instruct the County Auditor to include as an appropriation in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget sufficient funds to grant a level allocation in the amount of \$1,280 to account 6011 – Books and Publications, for each of the District Courts, County Courts, and Associate Courts.

VOTE: YES – Judge Escobar, Chozet, Perez, Haggerty

NO - None

MEETING RECESSED

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MOTION # 11

On this day, it was announced that Commissioners Court would recess for five minutes.

The Court recessed at 11:21 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 12

On this day, Commissioners Court reconvened into special open session at 11:26 a.m.

COMMISSIONER ANNA PEREZ WAS ABSENT FROM THIS POINT
THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

MEETING ADJOURNED

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

MOTION # 13 (Item # 5)

On this day, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED - SINE DIE

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS:

_____ DAY OF _____, 2013.

COUNTY JUDGE VERONICA ESCOBAR, PRESIDING