

On this the 8th day of February, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. came on to be held a REGULAR 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
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Don Stringer, Commissioner Precinct #3
Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Precinct #4 via telephone
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 10:04 A. M. with a quorum of the court present. The invocation was led by Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Stringer led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the verbal resignation of Monnie Sparkman that was presented at the Ector County/ Odessa Schlemeyer Airport meeting held on January 26, 2022 and to appoint David Dunham to the Ector County/Odessa Schlemeyer Airport Advisory Board.
Armando S. Rodríguez – Commissioner Pct. 4

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to accept the verbal resignation of Monnie Sparkman that was presented at the Ector County/ Odessa Schlemeyer Airport meeting held on January 26, 2022 and to appoint David Dunham to the Ector County/Odessa Schlemeyer Airport Advisory Board; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

2. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to allow the president of the Ector County/Odessa Schlemeyer Airport to assume the responsibility of the Airport Manager.
Commissioners Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to allow the president of the Ector County/Odessa Schlemeyer Airport Board to assume the responsibility of the Airport Manager; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the recommendation by the Ector County Airport Board for the installation of a walk through man gate that is located in front of a hanger owned by David Dunham.
Don Stringer – Commissioner Pct. 3

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Ector County Airport Board for the installation of a walk through man gate that is located in front of a hanger owned by David Dunham and for the costs incurred to be paid by David Dunham; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

- 4. To receive an annual report of Extension Programming in 2021 for Ector and Midland County.
Steve Paz – County Agent

Steve Paz, Lexi Ruch, Christy Curran and Abigail Pritchard addressed the court to give an update regarding projects and membership numbers. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

- 5. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on approving cedar fence post as surplus property and to consider donating to Ector County Utility District and authorizing the County Judge to sign.
Greg Simmons – Commissioner Pct. 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the donation of surplus cedar fence posts to Ector County Utility District to be used by an employee for the Gardendale horse association and authorize the County Judge to sign.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

- 6. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Amended Notice of General Joint Primary Election, Amended Ector County’s Early Voting Schedule, and Amended Ector County Vote Centers for Joint Primary Election.
Lisa Sertuche – Elections

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Amended Notice of General Joint Primary Election, Amended Ector County’s Early Voting Schedule, and Amended Ector County Vote Centers for Joint Primary Election; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

- 7. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Office Supplies and Toner/Ink Cartridges, and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the Office Supplies and Toner/Ink Cartridges, and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

8. To award, reject, or take any other actions regarding the request for proposal for Grant Administrator for the American Rescue Plan Act (RFP #21-11-02-01) and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with the agenda item
Lucy Soto – Purchasing
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the request for proposal for Grant Administrator for the American Rescue Plan Act (RFP #21-11-02-01) and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with the agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

After Executive Session Commissioner Simmons made a clarification regarding item #8 and motioned that the bid be awarded to Grant Works; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

9. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Fourth Amendment to Master Services Agreement between Securus Technologies, LLC and Ector County, and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Mike Griffis – Sheriff

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Fourth Amendment to Master Services Agreement between Securus Technologies, LLC and Ector County, and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

10. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding Change Order #5 for Cottonwood Road Improvements PO #38097, and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing
Steven Davis – Public Works

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for Cottonwood Road Improvements PO #38097, and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

11. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a proposed InterLocal Application for Immunization Program Funds for fiscal year 2022 – 2023, and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the purpose of providing immunization services in Ector County and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Brandy Garcia – Health Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a proposed InterLocal Application for Immunization Program Funds for fiscal year 2022 – 2023, and enter into a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the purpose of providing immunization services in Ector County and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**
Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

PERSONNEL REQUEST

12. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to move an employee to Heavy Equipment 1 at a Step 5 due to experience with the Airport and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Steven Davis – Public Works

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to move an employee to Heavy Equipment 1 at a Step 5 due to experience with the Airport and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

13. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on TTF Ranch Estates, 3rd Filing, 21.55 Acres located in Section 26, Block 44, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 4) and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Armando S. Rodríguez – Commissioner Pct. 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve TTF Ranch Estates, 3rd Filing, 21.55 Acres located in Section 26, Block 44, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 1) and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

CONSENT AGENDA

14. To review, consider, discuss, approve, and take any necessary action regarding the following proposed Consent Agenda:

- 14a. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer to Sales Tax Fund, Jail, Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 005-420-5199 from Motor Vehicle Equipment, 005-420-5505 for \$900.
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the consent agenda as proposed; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

15. To consider and approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for February 8, 2022 to review County financial statements and reports.
Randy Donner - County Auditor

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for February 8, 2022 to review County financial statements and reports; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion; **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session; Commissioner Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

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

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

Kriston Crow, 2388 Bainbridge Dr., Odessa, Texas addressed the court regarding Agenda Item #8. He asked the following questions of the court:

- 1) Did the County hire this business to distribute the funds? Commissioner Gardner responded that they will not choose who will receive the funds but will oversee the guidelines.
- 2) Is there any liability coverage provided by this company to Ector County in case the Federal Government determines something was not properly handled? Commissioner Simmons stated that they will provide protection for Ector County.
- 3) Has Ector County allocated any of the already received \$16 million? Judge Hays responded that Ector County had reimbursed themselves \$4 million and dedicated \$1 million to make changes needed in the County and District Courtrooms. The cost of the company will be \$175,000-\$200,000 per year.
- 4) Is there a timeframe of when the money will be distributed? Commissioner Simmons stated that the money is intended to help the County survive the COVID pandemic. It was not provided for the County give it all away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 16. To consider and discuss legal matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

- 17. To consider and discuss real estate issues/transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

- 18. To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

11:05 A.M.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Stringer made a motion with a second by Commissioner Gardner to adjourn to the call of the chair. **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 Regular Commissioners' Court meeting of February 8, 2022.



Jennifer Martin
JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS