

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, 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  
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 Judge Hays. Commissioner Rodriguez 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 present Curtis Martin as the State appointed DAR Agent.  
Steve Paz – County Agent

Steve Paz introduced Curtis Martin as the State appointed DAR Agent. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

2. To accept a \$1,000 donation from Albright and Associates for the Ector County Sheriff's Office.  
Mike Griffis – Sheriff

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from Albright and Associates for the Ector County Sheriff's Office; 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

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Financial Fitness to lease the office space Room #109 at 1010 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Don Stringer – Commissioner Pct. 3

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve a one-year lease beginning December 1, 2021 to Financial Fitness for space Room #109 at 1010 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street; Commissioner Rodriguez 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

4. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to hold a Joint Primary Election to be held March 1, 2022 and a Joint Runoff Election to be held on May 24, 2022, and authorizing the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.  
Lisa Sertuche – Elections

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to hold a Joint Primary Election to be held March 1, 2022 and a Joint Runoff Election to be held on May 24, 2022, and authorizing the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. **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

5. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Notice of General Primary Joint Election, Early Voting Schedule, Ector County's Early Voting Schedule for the March 1, 2022 Joint Primary Election, Ector County Election Day Voting Centers, Early Voting Clerks for the upcoming Joint Primary Election and the Joint Primary Election – 2022 Tentative List of Co-Judges, and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Lisa Sertuche – Elections

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve Notice of General Primary Joint Election, Early Voting Schedule, Ector County's Early Voting Schedule for the March 1, 2022 Joint Primary Election, Ector County Election Day Voting Centers, Early Voting Clerks for the upcoming Joint Primary Election and the Joint Primary Election – 2022 Tentative List of Co-Judges, and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Simmons 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

6. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to address various issues of Gamerooms and the County's authority to regulate.  
Commissioners Court

City of Odessa Mayor Joven addressed the court to express his concern regarding game rooms and the lack of regulations regarding such businesses. Sheriff Griffis also addressed the court expressing his willingness to work with other departments to deter illegal activities at the game rooms. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.**

## **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS**

7. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action requesting Change Order #3 for Moss Mill & Overmill PO #38099 and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Lucy Soto – Purchasing  
Martin Leyva – Public Works

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for Moss Mill & Overmill PO #38099 and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. **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

## PERSONNEL REQUEST

8. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the starting pay of the Water Quality Specialist to be at a Step 2 and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Brandy Garcia – Health Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the starting pay of the Water Quality Specialist to be at a Step 2 and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Simmons 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

9. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action for the creation of a new position of Construction Inspector/Material Quality and to be paid out of sales tax and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Martin Leyva – Public Works

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the creation of a new position of Construction Inspector/Material Quality and to be paid out of sales tax and authorize the County Judge to sign; A second was made by Judge Hays. **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

## PUBLIC WORKS

10. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Replat of Lot 3, Block 8, Pleasant Farms Subdivision, a subdivision of 4.69 acres in Section 37, Block 43, T-3-S, T&P RY. CO. Survey, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 4) and authorize the County Judge to sign.  
Martin Leyva – Public Works

## ITEM WITHDRAWN

## CONSENT AGENDA

11. To review, consider, discuss, approve, and take any necessary action regarding the following proposed Consent Agenda:
- 11a. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Building Maintenance, Contract Services, 001-710-5309 from Building Materials, 001-710-5241 for \$34,654.  
Randy Donner – County Auditor
- 11b. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer to Self-Funded Liability Fund, Claims Settlements, 032-960-5382 from County Legal Fees, 032-960-5334 for \$20,000.  
Randy Donner – County Auditor

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

Voting for Motion:

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

## **BUDGET/FINANCIAL**

12. To consider, discuss, and approve a budget amendment to General Fund, Senior Centers, Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-630-5199 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$2,617.  
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a budget amendment to General Fund, Senior Centers, Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-630-5199 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$2,617; a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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

13. To consider, discuss, and approve a budget amendment to 2013 Capital Projects, Contract Services, 040-990-5309 for \$6,240, to Software Maintenance Contracts, 040-990-5283 for \$1,238 from Unreserved Fund Balance for \$7,478.  
Randy Donner – County Auditor

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a budget amendment to 2013 Capital Projects, Contract Services, 040-990-5309 for \$6,240, to Software Maintenance Contracts, 040-990-5283 for \$1,238 from Unreserved Fund Balance for \$7,478; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. **MOTION**

**PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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

14. To consider and approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for December 16, 2021 to review County financial statements and reports.  
Randy Donner - County Auditor

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for December 16, 2021 to review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to adjourn into Executive Session with a second by Commissioner Simmons. **PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to reconvene; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons.

**PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Gardner

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Stringer

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

- 16. 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 TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

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

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

**11:27 A.M.**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Stringer made a motion with a second by Commissioner Simmons 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 Regular Commissioners' Court meeting of December 16, 2021.



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