



Ector County Commissioner Court

Budget Hearings

June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, ECTOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ANNEX, ROOM 120

1010 EAST 8TH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS

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**CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT-1411**

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 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER MIKE GARDNER-1425**

The invocation was led by Commissioner Gardner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS-1410**

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-1440**

1. Public Participation/Comments-2381, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To receive public comments on non-agenda related items.

There were no public comments for this agenda item.

**BUDGET HEARINGS/MEETINGS-1479**

2. Budget Hearings/Meetings-2382, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *Proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget* for all Ector County 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.

Minutes Attachments

1. JP#3.pdf

2. JP#4.pdf
3. County Clerk - all funds.pdf
4. Constable Pct. #4.pdf
5. Building Maintenance.pdf
6. IT.pdf
7. Library.pdf
8. Purchasing.pdf
9. District Clerk.pdf

**001-440**

**Juvenile Probation** - Requested to replace 4 of their 11 vehicles and have chosen the ones with the highest miles. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the preliminary budget with changes of salary funding in the amount of \$90k being moved to the state and fund 001-440-5273 Board & Lodging Expense being increased to \$600,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-720**

**Cemetery** - The request for a Mule in the amount of \$11,683.54 will be considered in the vehicle budget and the pricing for the new plots will be considered at another time. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item 001-720-5171 Office Supplies reduced to \$1,000 and 001-720-5284 Copier Lease increased to \$2,210; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-780**

**County Extension Agents** - Requested a new truck and pen stock trailer that will be considered in the vehicle budget. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as is; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

At 10:27 a.m. the court took a 5 minute recess.

**001-201**

**Justice of the Peace Pct. #1** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons motion to approve as presented without the additional requested clerk position; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

**001-060 70th District Court**

**001-070 161st District Court**

**001-080 244th District Court**

**001-090 358th District Court**

**001-100 446th District Court**

The judges discussed the new state law increasing the pay for judges. The amount budgeted is a best guess until they see the rule from OCA. Judge Low requested office furniture and equipment including 4 chairs and a table for his desk. Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve with change to Judge Low's line item 001-070-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment decreased to \$4,000; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**019-950**

**Opioid Settlement** - Rebecca Grisham, Odessa Teen Court requested funds for an educational program. The program provides one dose of narcan to each participant. A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the request; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-425**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner to recess at 12:09 p.m. with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene at 12:59 p.m.; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-203**

**Justice of the Peace Pct. #3** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented without additional staff; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-204**

**Justice of the Peace Pct. #4** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve without new personnel; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-160**

**County Clerk** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with reclassification of deputy clerk to senior deputy clerk, line item 001-160-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment decreased to \$25,000 and line item 001-160-5252 Equipment Maintenance and Repair increased to \$3,000; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**014-160**

**County Clerk Court Records Management and Preservation Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**015-160**

**County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**023-160**

**County Clerk Archive Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-170**

**County Attorney** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to recess at 1:52 p.m.; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to reconvene at 2:09 p.m.; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-020**

**Commissioner Court** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #001-020-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment increased to \$31,414; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-021 Commissioner Precinct #1**

**001-022 Commissioner Precinct #2**

**001-023 Commissioner Precinct #3**

**001-024 Commissioner Precinct #4**

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with each precinct's line item for Professional Dues & Fees being reduced to \$720; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-010**

**County Court** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item 001-010-5161 Education and Travel Expense decreased to \$8,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-260**

**Auditor** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with the new receptionist position; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-890**

**Emergency Management Agency** - Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve with line item 001-890-5171 Office Supplies decreased to \$1000; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-471**

**Environmental Enforcement** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve with 10 roll off containers instead of 14, line item 005-471-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to \$0, line item 005-471-5507 Special Department Equipment reduced to \$105,340 and no personnel added; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-1 (Commissioner Simmons voted against the motion)

**042-870**

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

**046-870**

**Airport Capital Improvement** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

At 4:36 p.m., Commissioner Simmons made a motion to recess until 8:30 a.m., June 18, 2025; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to reconvene June 18, 2025 at 8:36 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

The invocation was led by Commissioner Simmons.

Commissioner Hall led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

**004-980**

**Elections** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #004-980-5105 Election Workers reduced to \$200,000, line item #004-980-5171 Office Supplies increased to \$4,500, line item #004-980-5172 Election Resources decreased to \$45,000, line item #004-980-5207 Subscriptions reduced to \$18,000 and line item #004-980-5326 Legal Advertising reduced to \$4,500; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-280**

**Tax Assessor Collector** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #001-280-5283 Software Maintenance Contracts increased to \$1,100; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to recess at 9:30 a.m.; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene at 9:46 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Gardner was not back on the dais at the time of the vote)

**001-120**

**District Attorney** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item 001-120-5208 DP Software reduced to \$5,000, line item #001-120-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$5,000 and line item #001-120-5332 reduced to \$10,000 and to increase paralegal pay by 6%; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**007-120**

**Rural Law Enforcement** - Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**013-170**

**Pretrial Intervention Fund** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve with line item #013-170-5161 Education and Travel Expense reduced to \$5,000, line item #013-170-5165 reduced to \$0, line item #013-170-5171 reduced to \$1,000 and line item #013-170-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to \$0; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**082-120**

**Civil Forfeiture** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented and to add \$80,000 to salaries for COLA; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**041-860**

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

**043-860**

**Coliseum Capital Improvement Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #043-860-5309 Contract Services increased to \$168,000 and line item 043-860-5509 Improvements and Construction reduced to \$0; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-394**

**Constable Pct. #4** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve with line item #001-394-5101 Salaries, Elected Official increased to step 8 \$77,002, line item #001-394-5161 Education and Travel reduced to \$6,000, line item #001-394-5183 Law Enforcement Supplies decreased to \$33,150 and line item #001-394-5207 Subscriptions reduced to \$60,700; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

Commissioner Hall made a motion at 11:39 a.m. to recess for lunch; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to reconvene 12:28 p.m. with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-710**

**Building Maintenance** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0 (During discussion, Commissioner Simmons stepped out of the meeting from 12:55 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

**001-620**

**White Pool House** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-660**

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

**001-630**

**Senior Citizens Center** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**069-630**

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

**001-310**

**Information Technology** - A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to approve as presented with line item 001-310-5161 Education and Travel Expense reduced to \$8,500 and line item #001-310-5506 Data Processing Equipment decreased to \$283,000; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-360**

**Sheriff** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to cut 2 Deputy I and II from salaries with baseline 8% pay increase, 2% for Deputy I up to Captain, 6% plus 2% for Inspector, Chief Deputy and Sheriff, decrease line item #001-360-5145 Other Allowance to \$150,000, decrease line item #001-360-5161 Education and Travel Expense to \$100,000 and decrease line item #001-360-5165 to \$18,000; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-420**

**Jail-Detention Center** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with line item #001-420-5145 reduced to \$100,000, line item #001-420-5168 Animal Supplies and Expenses increased to \$5,000, line item #001-420-5199 increased to \$10,000, line item #001-420-5206 Janitorial Supplies decreased to \$60,000 and line item #001-420-5309 decreased to \$1,600,000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-421**

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

**005-360**

**Sheriff's Office (Sales Tax District)** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with line item #005-360-5207 Subscriptions reduced to \$0; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-361**

**Animal Control (Sales Tax District)** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-420**

**Jail (Sales Tax District)** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented with line item #005-420-5145 Other Allowances reduced to \$100,000 and 005-420-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$150,000; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-421**

**Jail Medical (Sales Tax District)** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**007-360**

**Rural Law Enforcement** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**017-220**

**Courthouse Security** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with salary increases of an additional 8% baseline with 2% step; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-690**

**Library** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with line item #001-690-5207 Subscriptions reduced to \$170,000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Commissioner Simmons amended his motion to include the payment of the notary renewals as well; Commissioner Hall amended his second. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**003-700**

**Law Library** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to recess at 4:26 p.m.; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to reconvene at 4:36 p.m. with a second by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

#### **001-290**

**Purchasing** - Commissioner Russell made a motion to to add a contract specialist, reduce line item #001-290-5161 Education and Travel Expense to \$6,000, reduce line item #001-290-5171 Office Supplies to \$8,250 and increase line item #001-290-5403 to \$15,000; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION FAILED 2-3 (Judge Fawcett, Commissioner Gardner and Commissioner Simmons voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve without contract specialist, reduce line item #001-290-5161 Education and Travel Expense to \$6,000, reduce line item #001-290-5171 Office Supplies to \$8,250 and increase line item #001-290-5403 to \$15,000; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

#### **001-970**

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

At 5:23 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to recess until June 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene June 19, 2025 at 9:01 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

The invocation was led by Commissioner Simmons.

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#### **005-025**

**Development Services** - A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve as presented with only 4 new positions (Planner, GIS Analyst, GIS Administrator and Inspector) and reducing line item #005-025-5161 Educational Travel to \$20,000, decreasing line item #005-025-5171 Office Supplies to \$13,000, decreasing line item #05-025-5176 Uniform Supplies to \$3,000, decreasing line item #005-025-5190 Small Tool Supplies to \$3,000, decreasing line item #005-025-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment to \$25,000 and decreasing line item #005-025-5506 Data Processing Equipment to \$25,000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

Commissioner Hall made a motion to recess at 10:20 a.m.; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to reconvene at 10:34 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

#### **001-270**

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

Rick Mitchell addressed the court to ask to be appointed as the Veteran's Service Office. Mr. Mitchell has an office at the VFW. Judge Fawcett recommended he be paid \$10,000/yr as a part-time employee, \$500 for business cards with a space on the web site which is no charge. They also discussed creating an office at the old armory and revamping the whole building. Commissioner Gardner thanked Mr. Mitchell for his service. Commissioner Russell also stated that she has had several calls regarding the position and absolutely supports what he is doing. Commissioner Hall stated that he comes from a military service family and the support of veterans is necessary.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the re-creation of the Veteran's Service Office as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-150**

**County Court at Law #2** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-203**

**Justice of the Peace Pct. #2** - Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**018-200**

**Justice of the Peace Technology Fund** - Commissioner Gardner made a motion to give \$1 baseline pay for Deputy Clerks in Justice of the Peace Offices, Sheriff's Office and Treasurer and to authorize Judge Fawcett and Tristan Marquez to move funds from Education and Travel, Office Supplies and others from all four JP budgets to the Technology Fund and remove the operating expense that is being used to fund the JP Tech Fund; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**038-200**

**Youth Diversion** - A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to give a percentage rate pay increase as close to \$1/hr for the Youth Diversion Program Coordinator; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-140**

**County Court at Law** - Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to recess at 12:06 p.m.; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to reconvene at 12:38 p.m. with a second by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-030**

**Human Resources** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to remove the HR Generalist position completely, reclassify the department coordinator to an administrative assistant, increase line item #001-030-5393 Employment Advertising to \$15,000 and decrease line item #001-030-5307 Professional Services to \$60,000; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**032-960**

**Self Funded Liability Insurance** - Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**052-960**

**Health Benefits Fund** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with changing the health deductible to \$600 and plan payment for employee only to \$100, employee + Spouse \$335, employee + family \$400; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**052-961**

**Health Benefits Fund Wellness Clinic** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-470**

**Health Department** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**052-960**



**Health Benefits Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to change wording to employee + children would be \$335 as well but if spouse + children would be \$400; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Commissioner Hall abstained from the vote)

**001-215**

**Medical Examiner** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented with line item #001-215-5162 Transport Expense increased to \$260,000; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-110**

**District Clerk** - Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented with line item #001-110-5199 Departmental Furniture and Equipment reduced to \$12,450 and line item #001-110-5309 Contract Services reduced to \$15,000; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-210**

**County and District Courts Jury** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**014-110**

**District Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**022-110**

**District Clerk Records Management Fund** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**002-810**

**Road Maintenance Department** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented without 2 equipment operators but include the other 4 positions; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION FAILED 2-3 (Commissioner Gardner, Judge Fawcett and Commissioner Hall voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the budget as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

**002-820**

**Engineering Department** - Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

**002-830**

**Traffic Operations** - A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve as presented with line item #002-830-5161 Education and Travel Expense reduced to \$2,000 and line item #002-830-5283 reduced to \$20,000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

**005-660**

**County Parks** - Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-810**

**Road Maintenance** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**005-830**

**Traffic Operations** - Commissioner Gardner made motion to approve with the addition of

\$22,500 added to line item #005-830-5507 Special Departmental Equipment; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Commissioner Simmons stepped out of the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and returned at 4:23 p.m.

**051-770**

**Equipment Services Fund** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with the removal of the Health Department GMC Sierra, two Development Services vehicles, the dossier and crusher and give IT best 2 Tahoes from Juvenile Probation and one new one; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to recess at 5:18 p.m.; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to reconvene at 5:24 p.m. with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-392**

**Constable Precinct #2** - Mike Patton addressed the court to request funding for his position. He stressed the need for experienced constables and guidance that he could give the new constables and their deputies.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve with line item #001-392-5284 Copier Lease Contract reduced to \$0 and line item #001-392-5505 Motor Vehicle Equipment reduced to \$0; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-220**

**Non-Departmental Judicial** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-320**

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

**001-330**

**Economic Development** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-500**

**Children's Services** - Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-520**

**Non-Departmental Health and Welfare** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve with line item #001-520-5327 Medical Commitments increase to \$40,000; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-650**

**Historical Commission** - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTIN PASSED 5-0

**001-790**

**Soil and Water Conservation** - A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve as presented; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**001-950**

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

**021-900**

**Debt Service Fund** - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve as presented;

Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

**039-990**

**2020 Capital Projects - NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.**

**Fund 027**

**COURTHOUSE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION FUNDS - NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.**

**044-990**

**Capital Improvement Fund - Commissioner Hall made a motion to use \$450,000 expenditure for the post office and cemetery; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**Department Head pay increases - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to not raise anyone more than 10%, Carl Rogers would get 8% base pay increase with 2% step raise and do not include the reclassification from department coordinator to administrative assistant. Motion died due to lack of second.**

Lucy Soto asked for Aiden Roundtree to be reclassified. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to deny; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to limit the Public Works Director pay increase to 10%; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION FAILED 2-3 (Commissioner Gardner, Judge Fawcett and Commission Hall voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the Public Works Director's pay as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to reduce the Development Services Director's proposed pay increase to 8% with 2% step raise; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Gardner and Judge Fawcett voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a pay increase for the Coliseum Director of 8% with 2% step raise; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a pay increase for the IT Director of 8% with 2% step raise; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 3-2 (Commissioner Gardner and Judge Fawcett voted against the motion)

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons leave the proposed pay increase for the Building Maintenance Director as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to leave Commissioner's pay increase at 2%; a second was made by Commissioner Russel. MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Court did not meet in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN-1488**

**Time: 6:53 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.

July 31, 2025 at 10:26 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk