



Ector County Commissioners' Court

August 26, 2025

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St.,
Odessa, Texas

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

Dustin Fawcett, County Judge
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1
Samantha Russell, Commissioner Precinct #3
Billy Hall, Commissioner Precinct #4
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, County Clerk
Absent:
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER MIKE GARDNER

The invocation was led by Commissioner Gardner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

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

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

To receive public comments on non-agenda related items.

No public comments.

2. Parking Lot Use Request, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the ECRP to use the Annex parking lot on September 13th, 2025, for their Pancake Breakfast Event, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; liability insurance will be provided to the County before the event date.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the ECRP to use the Annex parking lot on September 13th, 2025, for their Pancake Breakfast Event, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; liability insurance will be provided to the County before the event date; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

3. Resolution: Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *Resolution* designating October 2025 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #3.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to approve a *Resolution* designating October 2025 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

4. Annex Camera System , Brandon Wright- I.T. Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *installation* and *management* of a camera system for the Ector County Annex Building, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Brandon Wright, Information Technology Director, spoke to the court regarding the quotes and options that he has received.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the installation and management of a camera system for the Ector County Annex Building, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 3-1 (Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

5. Courthouse Design Discussion, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the design of the *Ector County Courthouse* as it relates to multiple departments and Elected Officials.

April Pottorff addressed the court to give a presentation regarding the inclusion/exclusion of Adult Probation in the new courthouse.

Laura Hall, Director of Adult Probation, addressed the court to answer questions.

Sheriff Griffis discussed the details of the security committee meeting and how it pertains to Adult Probation.

Jennifer Martin commented that once a defendant leaves the courthouse it is hard to get them back to set up payment plans and make payments.

Billy Carrigan went over a preliminary cost estimate for the remodel of the Bidco Building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to include the full operation of Adult Probation in the new courthouse; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

The discussion then moved to the Justices of the Peace offices.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the recommended layout that April Pottorff presented last week; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

6. Bid Award: Housekeeping Supplies II- 2025-IFB-090, Dianna Navarrette- Assistant Purchasing Agent, Billy Carrigan- Building Maintenance Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *award* for *Housekeeping Supplies II Project ID No. 2025-IFB-090*, to Wagner Supply, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the award for *Housekeeping Supplies II Project ID No. 2025-IFB-090*, to Wagner Supply, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner

Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

7. Request for Proposal Specifications: Hot Mix Asphalt Type D- 2025-RFP-099, Dianna Navarrette- Assistant Purchasing Agent, Jeffery Avery- Public Works Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve the Request for Proposal Specifications for Hot Mix Asphalt Type D, Project No. 2025-RFP-099*; these specifications have been designed by the Public Works Department and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the *Request for Proposal Specifications for Hot Mix Asphalt Type D, Project No. 2025-RFP-099*; these specifications have been designed by the Public Works Department and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

8. Issue for Permit & Bid Specifications: HOK Juvenile Center Construction- Project No. 24.09033.00, Dianna Navarrette- Assistant Purchasing Agent, Kevin Mann- Juvenile Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *Issue for Permit and Bid Specifications for the Juvenile Justice Center Construction Project No. 24.09033.00*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; these specifications were developed by the Juvenile Probation Department, HOK, and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to approve the *Issue for Permit and Bid Specifications for the Juvenile Justice Center Construction Project No. 24.09033.00*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

9. Request for Bid Specifications: Tripp Avenue Phase III, Dianna Navarrette- Assistant Purchasing Agent, Jeffrey Avery- Public Works Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the *Request for Bid Specifications for the Paving Improvements for Tripp Avenue Phase III from 3rd Street through I-20, Bid No. 2025- IFB-097* ; these specifications were developed by the Public Works Department, LCA, and the Purchasing Department, and are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval from the Commissioners' Court.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the *Issue for Permit and Bid Specifications for the Juvenile Justice Center Construction Project No. 24.09033.00*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

10. Public Hearing & Proposed Resolution, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To conduct a *public hearing* and to consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding an application and proposed *Resolution* by Oberon Solar II, LLC., Oberon Solar III, LLC., and Oberon Solar IV, LLC., for designation as a Reinvestment Zone and application for tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, generally located on a 4,689-acre tract, North of I-20, in Southwest Ector County, Texas, with such tract being location in Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #10.pdf

The public hearing began at 11:04 a.m.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing closed 11:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve an application and proposed *Resolution* by Oberon Solar II, LLC., Oberon Solar III, LLC., and Oberon Solar IV, LLC., for

designation as a Reinvestment Zone and application for tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, generally located on a 4,689-acre tract, North of I-20, in Southwest Ector County, Texas, with such tract being location in Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 3-1 (Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

11. Public Hearing & Tax Abatement Agreement, Julie Prentice- County Attorney, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To conduct a *public hearing* and to consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *Tax Abatement Agreement* under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code by and between Ector County, Texas, and Van Zandt Energy Storage, LLC., regarding property that is generally located on a 20.7391- acre tract along South Grandview Avenue, Precinct #4, Property ID 42430.00010.00000, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #11.pdf

The public hearing began at 11:05 a.m.

David Raskey addressed the court to discuss the benefits of the proposed abatement.

The public hearing ended at 11:11 a.m.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a *Tax Abatement Agreement* under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code by and between Ector County, Texas, and Van Zandt Energy Storage, LLC., regarding property that is generally located on a 20.7391-acre tract along South Grandview Avenue, Precinct #4, Property ID 42430.00010.00000, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 3-1 (Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

12. Garage & Fleet Services Agreement, Amber Valles- Public Works Office Coordinator

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Garage and Fleet Services Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Vector Fleet Management, LLC., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #12.pdf

Terry Good with Vector Fleet Management addressed the court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the *Garage and Fleet Services Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Vector Fleet Management, LLC., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

13. Unimproved Property Contract, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Westcrest Park, LLC., regarding a 50 ft. strip along the Southern border, T-2- S Block 43, Section 27, as depicted in Exhibit A, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #13.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to move to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 4-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to bring the item back from Executive Session; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Westcrest Park, LLC., regarding a 50 ft. strip along the Southern border, T-2-S Block 43, Section 27, as depicted in Exhibit A, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

14. Unimproved Property Contract, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Hector M. Payen and Irma S. Payen, regarding the property located on the Northwest corner of 16th Street and Tripp Avenue, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #14.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to move the item to Executive Session; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to bring the item back from Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 4-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the *Unimproved Property Contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Hector M. Payen and Irma S. Payen, regarding the property located on the Northwest corner of 16th Street and Tripp Avenue, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

15. Salary Change Request/Hiring, Billy Carrigan- Building Maintenance Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *salary change request* for the hiring of a Master Plumber at a Step 7, hourly rate of \$40.97, due to qualifying skills, a Master License, and experience associated with this position, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a *salary change request* for the hiring of a Master Plumber at a Step 7, hourly rate of \$40.97, due to qualifying skills, a Master License, and experience associated with this position, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

16. Variance Application: Proposed City Ranch Estates, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a *Variance Application* for a Replat of Lot 12, Block 2, City Ranch Estates, Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #16.pdf

Stan Piper addressed the court to go over the variance request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a *Variance Application* for a Replat of Lot 12, Block 2, City Ranch Estates, Precinct #1, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

17. Proposed Consent Agenda, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the following *Proposed Consent Agenda*:

17a.) Line-Item Transfer- 161st District Court:

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a line-item transfer* to General Fund, 161st District Court, Educational Travel, 001-070-5161 from Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-070-5199 for \$1,000.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #17.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve a *line-item transfer* to General Fund, 161st District Court, Educational Travel, 001-070-5161 from Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 001-070-5199 for \$1,000.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

18. Travel Reimbursement Request: Medical Examiner, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a *request for reimbursement* from the Medical Examiner for expenses incurred while traveling to Austin, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a *request for reimbursement* from the Medical Examiner for expenses incurred while traveling to Austin, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item and to add a G/L code for travel not related to education expenses; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

19. Judicial State Supplement Increase(s), Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* payment of increases in Judicial State Supplements beginning September 1st, 2025, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to wait to disburse the increased Judicial State Supplements (effective September 1st, 2025) until the funds are available; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 3-0 (Judge Fawcett abstained from the vote)

20. Budget Amendment: Capital Projects, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to Capital Projects Fund, Professional Services, 044-990-5207 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 044-3310 for \$569,500.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

ITEM WITHDRAWN

21. Budget Amendment: 2020 Capital Projects, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to 2020 Capital Projects Fund, Professional Services, 039-990-5307 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 039-3310 for \$46,600.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #21.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a budget amendment to 2020

Capital Projects Fund, Professional Services, 039-990-5307 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 039-3310 for \$46,600.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

22. Financial Statements & Reports, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report* for August 26th, 2025, and review County financial statements and reports.

Minutes Attachments

1. GENERA DEPT PYMT REPORT 08 26 25.pdf
2. TRUST DEPT PYMT REPORT 8 26 25.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for August 26, 2025 and review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Time: 11:27 A.M.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Time: 12:39 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to reconvene; Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, in relation to *Opioid Litigation*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #23.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the resolution and agreement as discussed in Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 4-0

24. Legal Matters & Real Estate, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *legal matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and *real estate issues/transactions* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, in relation to local health services and potential contract negotiations with Medical Center Hospital (MCH), and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

25. Personnel Matters, Delia Ortiz- H.R. Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *personnel matters* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, in relation to an Ector County Jail employee.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

ADJOURN

Time: 12:41 P.M.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Russell with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

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.

September 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk