



Ector County Commissioners' Court

April 14, 2026

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
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 10:00 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.

Jim Moody, 1544 S. Shauneeta, Odessa, TX, spoke regarding all the junk and hazardous conditions that some truck companies are creating.

Shirley Jo Kelley, 4741 N. Flamingo, Odessa, TX, discussed concerns regarding the lack of water connections for residents in her neighborhood.

2. Proclamation, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a Proclamation* declaring April 29th, 2026, as *National Fentanyl Awareness Day*, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #2.PDF

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a *Proclamation* declaring April 29th, 2026, as *National Fentanyl Awareness Day*, 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 Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a \$40,500.00 *donation* from Barnhart Bolt & Special to the Ector County Sheriff's Office, 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 Garnder to approve a \$40,500.00 *donation* from Barnhart Bolt & Special to the Ector County Sheriff's Office, 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 5-0

4. Hoopla Database: EC Library, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to *approve* setting up and maintaining a new consortium with other libraries in West Texas for the Hoopla Database, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve setting up and maintaining a new consortium with other libraries in West Texas for the Hoopla Database, 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 5-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

5. Lease Agreement Renewal, Debbie Clay- Commissioners' Court Administrative Assistant

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Lease Agreement Renewal* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Whitney Brady with Financial Fitness, for the office space located in the Ector County Annex Building, Room #109, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #5.PDF

After Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the *Lease Agreement Renewal* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Whitney Brady with Financial Fitness, for the office space located in the Ector County Annex Building, Room #109, 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 5-0

6. Grant Acceptance: Texas State Library & Archives Commission TX Reads Grant, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* and *accept* the *Texas State Library and Archives Commission TX Reads "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" Grant* for the Ector County Library, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #6.PDF

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve and accept the *Texas State Library and Archives Commission TX Reads "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" Grant* for the Ector County Library, 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 5-0

7. 2025 Texas Public Libraries Annual Accreditation Report, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to *approve* and *accept* the *2025 Texas Public Libraries Annual Accreditation Report* on behalf of the Ector County Library, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #7.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve and accept the *2025 Texas Public Libraries Annual Accreditation Report* on behalf of the Ector County Library, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

8. Auctioneer Services Extension/Renewal , Andrea Moralez- Purchasing Agent

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *One-Year Extension/Renewal for Online Auctioneer Services* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Rene Bates Auctioneers, 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 #8.PDF

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a *One-Year Extension/Renewal for Online Auctioneer Services* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Rene Bates Auctioneers, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. Interlocal Agreement, Julie Prentice- Ector County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *Interlocal Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and the City of Odessa regarding building permits, building inspections, and certificates of occupancy, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. ECTOR COUNTY INSPECTIONS.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve an *Interlocal Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and the City of Odessa regarding building permits, building inspections, and certificates of occupancy, 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 5-0

10. Application, County Road Lease Bonus Form, & Payment, Julie Prentice- Ector County Attorney, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* and *accept* the *Application for County Road Lease*, the *County Bonus Form*, and a check in the amount of \$18,181.75 for the *lease bonus*, from Venture Royalty Partners regarding a 7.2727- acre mineral tract of land which is located beneath a portion of CR 2020, West University Blvd., in Odessa, Texas, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve and accept the *Application for County Road Lease*, the *County Bonus Form*, and a check in the amount of \$18,181.75 for the *lease bonus*, from Venture Royalty Partners regarding a 7.2727-acre mineral tract of land which is located beneath a portion of CR 2020, West University Blvd., in Odessa, Texas, 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

11. Tax Abatement Agreement Extension Request, Julie Prentice- Ector County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *One-Year Extension of*

Substantial Completion Deadline for the Tax Abatement Agreement by and between Ector County, Texas, and Seragio BESS, LLC., and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #11.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a *One-Year Extension of Substantial Completion Deadline for the Tax Abatement Agreement* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Seragio BESS, LLC., 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 3-2 (Commissioner Gardner and Commissioner Russell voted against the motion)

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

12. Hiring Salary Request, Delia Ortiz- Human Resources Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve hiring a Trial Chief* at the budgeted Step 23, hourly rate of \$64.33, due to qualifying skills, associated degree(s), 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 Hall made a motion to approve hiring a *Trial Chief* at the budgeted Step 23, hourly rate of \$64.33, due to qualifying skills, associated degree(s), 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 Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

13. Airport Post-Accident Safety Protocol, Jon Crain- Airport Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve the Post-Accident Safety Protocol* for the Ector County Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #13.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the *Post-Accident Safety Protocol* for the Ector County Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport, 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 5-0

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

14. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 7523 W. 26th Street, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve an MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 7523 W. 26th Street, 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 #14.PDF

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 7523 W. 26th Street, Precinct #1, 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 5-0

15. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 6040 N. Cypress Avenue, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve an MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 6040 N. Cypress Avenue, 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 #15.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 6040 N. Cypress Avenue, 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 5-0

16. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 359 N. FM 1936, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 359 N. FM 1936, Precinct #4, 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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 359 N. FM 1936, Precinct #4, 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 5-0

17. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 7570 W. 10th Street, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 7570 W. 10th Street, Precinct #4, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #17.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 7570 W. 10th Street, Precinct #4, 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 5-0

18. MHRC Development Proposal Application: 2501 N. Palomino Avenue, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 2501 N. Palomino Avenue, 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 #18.PDF

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve an *MHRC Development Proposal Application* to serve 2501 N. Palomino Avenue, Precinct #1, 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 Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

19. Subdivision Plat Application: La Junta Estates, 1st Filing, Eddie Landrum- Development Services Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *Subdivision Plat Application* for La Junta Estates, 1st Filing, a Subdivision of 31.16-acres in Section 34, Block 43, T-2-S, Precinct #4, 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 #19.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve a *Subdivision Plat Application* for La Junta Estates, 1st Filing, a Subdivision of 31.16-acres in Section 34, Block 43, T-2-S, Precinct #4, 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 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS

20. Stop Sign Addition Request: Florida Avenue, Jeffrey Avery- Public Works Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the addition of a stop sign and the associated placement on Florida Avenue to slow down speeding traffic, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the addition of a stop sign and the associated placement on Florida Avenue to slow down speeding traffic, 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 5-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

21. Budget Amendment Request: Building Maintenance, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to General Fund, Building Maintenance, Major Building Projects, 001-710-5510 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$647,200.00, 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 Hall to approve a *budget amendment* to General Fund, Building Maintenance, Major Building Projects, 001-710-5510 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$647,200.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

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

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to 2020 Capital Projects Fund, New Building, 039-990-5503 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 039-3310 for \$23,779,000.00, 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 #22.PDF

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a *budget amendment* to 2020 Capital Projects Fund, New Building, 039-990-5503 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 039-3310 for \$23,779,000.00, 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 Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

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

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve a budget amendment* to 2024 Capital Projects Fund, New Building, 027-990-5503 for \$22,180,513.00, and to Other General Expense, 027-990-5402 for \$5,000,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 027-3310 for a total of \$27,180,513.00, 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 #23.PDF

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve a *budget amendment* to 2024 Capital Projects Fund, New Building, 027-990-5503 for \$22,180,513.00, and to Other General Expense,

027-990-5402 for \$5,000,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 027-3310 for a total of \$27,180,513.00, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

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

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* the *Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report* for April 14th, 2026, and review County financial statements and reports.

Attachments

1. EXPENSE REPORT GENERAL 04 14 26.PDF
2. EXPENSE REPORT TRUST 04 14 26.PDF

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the *Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report* for April 14th, 2026, and review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Russell. MOTION PASSED 5-0

SPECIAL PROJECTS

25. Parking Garage: Construction Documents Package, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Ector County Parking Garage Construction Documents Package, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A presentation was given by Jack Eure of the DLR Group regarding some updates resulting from the discussions that were had a couple of weeks ago. Adam Ross, also from the DLR Group spoke regarding wayfinding and signage.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

Time: 10:50 a.m.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Time: 1:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to reconvene; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. Legal Matters, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney/Grant Writer

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 the Ector County Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport, 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

27. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- Ector 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 the *contract* by and between Ector County, Texas, and Butler-Cohen, LLC., regarding the Parking Garage and Courthouse, 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

28. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- Ector 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 associated discussions, and authorize the County Judge, and any other necessary party, to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Attachments

1. AGENDA ITEM #28.PDF

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to proceed as discussed in Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

29. Legal Matters, Julie Prentice- Ector 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 *Jazland Litigation* and associated discussions, 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 Simmons to hire Jim Allison as outside legal for the case as discussed in Executive Session; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED 5-0

30. Real Estate, Mike Gardner- Commissioner, Pct. 1

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *real estate* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, in relation to a property within Ector County, 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

31. Economic Development, Dustin Fawcett- Ector County Judge

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding *economic development* pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, in relation to "*Project Power*", 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

ADJOURN

Time: 1:59 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.

May 01, 2026 at 11:04 AM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk