



PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

THE PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE
PRESIDIO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 300 N. HIGHLAND AVE., MARFA, TEXAS
79843.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY. *

Some members of the Commissioners Court and/or Presidio County employees may participate by video-conference, pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum of the Commissioners Court will be physically present at 300 N. Highland Ave., Marfa, Texas. A member of the Commissioners Court who is presiding over the meeting will also be physically present at the location listed above. The Commissioner(s) participating by video conference will be visible and audible to the public at the Judge's Office.

Participants can join the meeting using this link via computer or mobile device:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074455419>

Meeting ID: 850 7445 5419

Passcode: 323232

Join by phone dial: 346-248-7799.

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the County's website at <https://www.co.presidio.tx.us/page/presidio.Commissioners.Court> and/or <https://www.co.presidio.tx.us/page/presidio.CALENDAR>

Presidio County Commissioners Court

JOSE PORTILLO, JR., County Judge

DEIRDRE HISLER, Commissioner Pct. 1

OBED ESCONTRIAS, Commissioner Pct. 3

MARGARITO HERNANDEZ, Commissioner Pct. 2

FRANK (BUDDY) KNIGHT, Commissioner Pct. 4

Open Meeting

COUNTY JUDGE

Call to Order, Quorum Check

Meeting called to order at 10:14 am

County Judge, Jose Portillo, Jr. - Present

Commissioner Pct 1, Deirdre Hisler - Present

Commissioner Pct 2, Margarito Hernandez - Present

Commissioner Pct 3, Obed Escontrias - Present

Commissioner Pct 4, Frank "Buddy" Knight - Present

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Judge Portillo

Public comments.

Ed Davis, Sean McGuire, Charlie Angell, Jessica Barco, Joan Escamilla, Sam Kason, Katherine Germano, Bill Addington, Grace Wells, Henry Quintela, John Ferguson, Michael Ryan, Susan Butler, Martha Stafford, Barbara Baskin, Haylee Pines, Kelsi Logan, Michael Boyers, Jane Buller, Eduardo Barrera, Sandy Turbin, David Keller and Jennifer Simon in regard to the Border Wall construction.

We look forward to hearing from the citizens of Presidio County. Public Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. The Presidio County Clerk will be responsible for keeping time and announce a one-minute remainder of time.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to move agenda items #15, 16 & 17 up.
Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

15. Discussion and action to approve a resolution and order establishing a procedure and requirements for permitting special road use of county roads.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to table agenda item. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.



Item brought by Deirdre Hisler Presidio County Commissioner PCT 1

16. Presentation, discussion with action to approve the use/modification/reconstruction by Federal Contractors on Presidio County Roads.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to table agenda item. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

17. Discussion with action to approve the use of the Presidio County Courthouse lawn for a Rally by the No Big Bend Wall group on April 20, 2026.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve the use of the Presidio County Courthouse lawn for a Rally by the No Big Bend Wall group on April 20, 2026. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Recess at 11:57 am

Court back in session at 12:10 pm

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to begin with items #7, #8 then #1. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7. Discussion with action to approve resolution to accept a donated parcel in Shafter.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve resolution to accept a donated parcel in Shafter. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. Discussion with action to approve Special Warranty Deed for parcel in Shafter to be donated by Mr. Monroe Elms for the Shafter Public Water Supply's production well and water tower.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Special Warranty Deed for parcel in Shafter to be donated by Mr. Monroe Elms for the Shafter Public Water Supply's production well and water tower. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

ROUTINE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and take action to approve Budget Amendments and/or Line-Item Transfers.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion that the Presidio County Commissioner's Court confirm the County Auditor's certification of available funds and, due to unforeseen circumstances, hereby increase the Abandoned Vehicle revenue and expenditure budgets in accordance with the attached budget amendment form. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Commissioner Knight makes motion that the Presidio County Commissioner's Court confirm the County Auditor's certification of available funds, and due to unforeseen circumstances, hereby increase the LEOSE revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$4,441.75 each in accordance with the attached budget amendment form. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.



Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Line-item transfers as presented. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Discuss and take action to approve the Auditors Monthly Report.
Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve the Auditors Monthly Report as presented. Judge Portillo seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.
3. Discuss and take action to approve the Treasurer's List of Claims and Bills.
Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve the Treasurer's List of Claims and Bills as presented. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.
4. Discuss and take action to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report.
Commissioner Knight makes motions to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.
5. Discuss and take action to approve previous Commissioners' Court Minutes.
Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for 2/11/26, 2/17/26, 2/25/26 and 3/25/26 as presented, corrections need to be made on 3/11/26. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.
6. Updates and/or reports from Lone Star Strategy Group LLC
Ramon Rodriguez gave updates on grants.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item brought by Trey Gerfers, General Manager Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District

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SEE ABOVE
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Item brought by Danny Dominguez, Presidio County Sheriff

9. Discussion with action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hudspeth County and Presidio County regarding the housing of Presidio County Prisoners in the Hudspeth County Jail. Per diem rate changed from \$75.00/ manday to \$65.00/manday.
Commissioner Knight makes motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hudspeth County and Presidio County regarding the housing of Presidio County Prisoners



in the Hudspeth County Jail. Per diem rate changed from \$75.00/ manday to \$65.00/manday. Commissioner Hisler seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Items brought by Alicia Sanchez, Presidio County Auditor

10. Discussion with action to approve contract change order request for elevator material storage fees through 5 months. Total amount of \$16,470.59.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve contract change order request for elevator material storage fees through 5 months. Total amount of \$16,470.59.

Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

11. Discussion with action to approve Ramon Rodriguez to do contract work to finish the Road and Bridge new yard in Presidio. Payment to come out of R&B labor line.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Ramon Rodriguez to do contract work to finish the Road and Bridge new yard in Presidio. Payment to come out of R&B labor line. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

12. Discussion with action to approve contract for Engineer Services for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve contract for Engineer Services for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

13. Discussion with action to approve contract for Grant Admin Services for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle.

Commissioner Knight makes motion to take no action. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Item brought by Florcita Zubia, Presidio County Treasurer

14. Discussion with action to establish a committee to review and revise the Employee Personnel Policy.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to appoint Shanna Elmore, Florcita Zubia, Alicia Sanchez, Nancy Arevalo, Blair Park and Judge Portillo to a committee to review and revise the Employee Personnel Policy. Commissioner Knight seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Item brought by Blair Park, Presidio County Attorney

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Item brought by Jose Portillo Jr., Presidio County Judge

18. Discussion with action approve contract with project manager for RLEM (Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility) in furtherance of local job creation for the Texas Pacifico Railroad.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve contract with project manager for RLEM (Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility) in furtherance of local job creation for the Texas Pacifico Railroad. Commissioner Escontrias seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

19. Discussion with action to approve Presidio County Department Reports

- a.** County/District Clerk's Report
- b.** Capital Project Manager Report
- c.** Tax Assessor Report
- d.** Justice of the Peace, PCT1 Report
- e.** Justice of the Peace, PCT2 Report
- f.** Marfa EMS/Fire Report
- g.** Presidio EMS/Fire Report
- h.** Jail Report
- i.** Sheriff's Office Report
- j.** Emergency Management Report
- k.** Airport Report
- l.** Veterans Officer Report

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Presidio County Department Reports with the exception of the Veterans Officer Report. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

20. Administrative Update and Announcements from County Judge and Commissioners.



Commissioner Hernandez - Fallen tree in Loma Pelona, some branches were in the street. Landowner will trim trees.

Commissioner Hisler - Commissioner Escontrias and herself attended a meeting in Candelaria in regard to the Border Wall.

Commissioner Knight - Sidewalk where leak occurred several months ago has been fixed. Water heater in the Courthouse is not working and cannot find anyone to fix it.

Commissioner Escontrias - Work at the Road & Bridge Yard should begin soon. He is looking at getting quotes for Buildings A & B.

Judge Portillo - Attended Probate seminar in Lubbock.

21. Adjournment.

Commissioner Hernandez makes motion to adjourn at 1:39 pm. Commissioner Hisler seconds motion. Motion passes 5-0.

I certify that the above notice of the Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court was posted on the front entrance of the Presidio County Courthouse April 1, 2026, located at 300 N Highland Street, Marfa, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Portillo Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

**Jose Portillo Jr.
Presidio County Judge**

Notices to the Public:

1. Presidio County Commissioners Court meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. Reasonable accommodation and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. If you require special assistance, please contact the County Judge's Office at (432) 729-4452 or in the County Judge's office on the first floor of the Presidio County Courthouse at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings.
2. As authorized by the Texas Government Code, the Presidio County Commissioners Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, including but not limited to any of the matters listed above, including, but not limited to: Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.0725 (Deliberations by Certain Commissioners Courts about Contracts Being Negotiated); 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting a County Advisory Body); 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits); and 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).