



COMMISSIONERS:  
MARK WALLER (CHAIR)  
LONGINOS GONZALEZ, JR. (VICE-CHAIR)

COLORADO

HOLLY WILLIAMS  
STAN VANDERWERF  
CAMI BREMER

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

SHERRI CASSIDY, CPFO, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

&

RYAN PARSELL, CHIEF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

**Citizen Outreach Group - August 17, 2020**

**Members Present Via  
Virtual/Teleconference  
Meeting:**

Stephanie Adams, Rafael Chanza, David Couch, Kelvin Dean,  
Arthur Glynn, Fadil Lee, Roland Rainey, Ross Robbins

**Excused Members:**

Ed Dills, Dan Lanotte

**Unexcused Members:**

CheyAnne Clemons

**County Staff Present:**

Sherri Cassidy, Kenny Hodges, Deanna Ruschioni, Nikki Simmons

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Vice-Chair, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.

**Guests:**

---

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Vice-Chair, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. thanked the COG members for their support in helping to get information out to businesses regarding the business grants available. He informed them that the El Paso County Commissioners are trying to help with anything they can regarding supporting the schools/education programs with the seventeen school districts. He also mentioned that he enjoyed photos he'd received from the 4H stock auction event at the El Paso County fairgrounds, and that he posted them to the Fountain Valley News.

**Administrative Items**

- 1) Stephanie Adams, COG Chairperson, introduced and welcomed Rafael Chanza, the newly appointed At-large member to the Citizen Outreach Group.
- 2) Members absent at the August 17, 2020 COG meeting: A motion was made to accept the absence of Ed Dills and Dan Lanotte as an excused absence, and CheyAnne Clemons as an unexcused absence; the motion was seconded and all present were in favor (8-0), with three members absent.
- 3) A motion was made to approve the July 20, 2020 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present (8-0), with three members absent.



### **CARES Act Update:**

Nikki Simmons, El Paso County Controller provided an update regarding the 2020 CARES Act Update that was presented to the BoCC on August 4, 2020, and can be viewed on the El Paso County website at:

<https://assets-admin.elpasoco.com/wp-content/uploads/Budget/COVID19CARESFunding/CARES-Budget-Update-8-4-2020.pdf>

Nikki spoke to the following:

- Heroes Act / Heals Act
- El Paso County Plans / Response, Resiliency and Recovery

All CARES Budget Updates, and Monthly CARES Spending Reports can be found on the El Paso County website at:

[https://admin.elpasoco.com/financial-services/budget-finance/covid-19-cares-funding/;](https://admin.elpasoco.com/financial-services/budget-finance/covid-19-cares-funding/)

### **2020 Financial Condition:**

Nikki Simmons provided an overview of the 2021 Financial Roadmap Update that was presented to the BoCC on August 4, 2020, and can be viewed on the El Paso County website at:

<https://assets-admin.elpasoco.com/wp-content/uploads/Budget/2021BudgetInformation/2021-Financial-Roadmap-Update-8-4-2020.pdf>;

Nikki spoke to the following:

- 2020-2024 Approved Roadmap
  - 2020 Approved Budget & 2021-2024 Plan
- 2021 Revenue Estimates
- 2021-2025 Roadmap with Updated Revenue Projections & Possible Changes
- 2021 Budget Process

Since there will not be an El Paso County Citizens College this year, Stephanie Adams asked if a link to the Citizens College webpage could be provided to the COG so that the newer members can view the department/office organizational videos to familiarize themselves prior to the start of the 2021 Critical Needs Budget Hearings on October 20 and October 22, 2020.

- Stephanie Adams, COG Chairperson and Roland Rainey, COG Vice-chairperson will present the Citizen Outreach Group's annual report to the BoCC on October 22, 2020, and the COG members are welcome to attend or view the meeting via El Paso County's

**Live Stream the Meetings** link at:

<https://boecc.elpasoco.com/#1510763393227-729535ec-5e53>;

It was decided to cancel the September 21, 2020 Citizen Outreach Group meeting and resume on October 12, 2020.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.**