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**Citizen Outreach Group - June 15, 2020**

**Members Present Via  
Virtual/Teleconference**

**Meeting:**

Stephanie Adams, Kelvin Dean, Arthur Glynn, Fadil Lee,  
Roland Rainey, Ross Robbins

**Excused Members:**

CheyAnne Clemons, Ed Dills, Dan Lanotte

**Unexcused Members:**

David Couch

**County Staff Present:**

Sherri Cassidy, Ryan Parsell, Deanna Ruschioni, Nikki Simmons

**Commissioners Present:**

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr., Vice-Chair

**Guests:**

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

Commissioner Vice-Chair, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. addressed the COG members regarding the changes to the 2020 El Paso County Fair due to the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines/restrictions presently put in place by Colorado Governor Jared Polis. He mentioned that although most of the events have been canceled, the County is still planning to proceed with the 4-H events, and that he welcomes any feedback the COG members would like to provide regarding the possibility of holding additional events at the County Fair this year.

**Administrative Items**

- 1) A motion was made to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present (6-0), with four members absent and one opening to be filled.
- 2) Members absent at the June 15, 2020 COG meeting: A motion was made to accept the absence of CheyAnne Clemons, Ed Dills, and Dan Lanotte as an excused absence, and David Couch as an unexcused absence; the motion was seconded and all present were in favor (6-0), with four members absent and one opening to be filled.



### **Update/Overview of the CARES Act Funding:**

Nikki Simmons, El Paso County Controller provided an overview of the CARES Act Local Government Relief Funding Update & Proposed Budget PowerPoint presentation that was presented to the BoCC on May 19, 2020, and can be viewed on the El Paso County website at: <https://assets-admin.elpasoco.com/wp-content/uploads/Budget/COVID19CARESfunding/CARES-Act-Local-Government-Relief-Funding-Update-and-Proposed-Budget-May-19-2020.pdf>;

Nikki spoke to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act which encompassed the following:

- The CARES Act Funding
- CARES Local Relief Funding Requirements
- CARES Act: State & Local Government Relief
- El Paso County Allocation
- Commitment to Transparency
- El Paso County Plans
- Response, Resiliency and Recovery

There will be an update on this to the BoCC on June 30, 2020. COG members are encouraged to view the meeting if they can, and this update will be posted to the El Paso County Covid-19 CARES Funding website page at:

<https://admin.elpasoco.com/financial-services/budget-finance/covid-19-cares-funding/>;

### **El Paso County Revenue Growth Limitations:**

Sherry Cassidy, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the El Paso County Revenue Growth Limitations PowerPoint presentation; a copy of which is to be e-mailed to the COG members after the meeting.

Sherry spoke to The Five Revenue Growth Limitations Plus Gallagher, and the Revenue Considerations - 2020 & Forward:

- PROPERTY TAX REVENUE
  - ❖ 1982 Gallagher Amendment
    - 1) 1913 Annual Levy Law – 5.5%
    - 2) Property Tax Revenue Limit – TABOR
    - 3) Mill Levy Limit – TABOR
- TABOR REVENUE
  - 4) Fiscal Year Spending – TABOR
- DEBT
  - 5) Voter approval required for any multi-year direct or indirect district debt - TABOR

**Update to the 2020 El Paso County Fair:**

Ryan Parsell, Chief Public Information Officer provided an update to the 2020 El Paso County Fair. He mentioned that with the Governor's orders about crowd size and social gatherings still in place, and not knowing exactly where the orders and limitations would be in July, the Fair Advisory Board voted to hold a 4-H only fair which provides the ability for the kids to still compete on a local and statewide level. This does do away with a lot of the other fair festivities.

Since the El Paso County Fair is still going on but in a much more limited capacity this year, a consensus from the COG members present was to hold a COG meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> and reschedule the Sheriff's Public Safety Tax report to this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.