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COUNTY JUDGE WITHDRAWS LAWSUIT AGAINST EL PASO COUNTY

El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez announced today that County Judge Anthony Cobos has dropped the lawsuit he filed against the County of El Paso seeking to stop the El Paso County Board of Ethics from investigating an ethics complaint filed against him.

On Monday June 8, 2009, visiting Judge Martin Brock Jones ruled the County Board of Ethics was not a proper party in the lawsuit, allowing the Board to continue investigating the complaint filed by City Representative Emma Acosta against County Judge Anthony Cobos. The judge also ruled that the County Attorney was not disqualified from representing both the County of El Paso and the El Paso Board of Ethics.

El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez expressed his satisfaction with Judge Cobos' decision to nonsuit the county. "It is unfortunate that so much time and county resources were wasted on a suit without merit," Rodriguez said.

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