

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING / BUSINESS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 16, 2019**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
David Carlberg, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Charles D. Eaton, Member	
Gerard Saiz, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aragon at 5:00 P.M.

2) Mr. Newt McCarty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Carlberg moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**4) Approval of Minutes: October 2, 2019- Business Meeting**

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):**

**5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.**

Commissioner Hyder stated that the County Clerk had previously asked if the meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> could be moved to November 7<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Commissioner Eaton and Chairman Aragon thanked staff and management for organizing the recent employee appreciation event. It was a great, well organized event. They also thanked all county employees for the work that they do each and every day.

Mr. Monette thanked Orlando Montoya and Angie Womack for organizing the employee appreciation event.

County Clerk Carabajal thanked staff and the commission for feeding her office as they had to remain open that day.

Commissioner Saiz asked if there was a consensus for moving the date of the meeting.

Chairman Aragon stated, yes, the meeting will be moved.

Mr. Monette reported that he along with Commissioner Hyder attended a tour at the Valencia Flour Mill today.

**Valencia County Cooperative Extension Service Quarterly Report. Presented by Laura Bittner**

Ms. Laura Bittner and Mr. Newt McCarty briefly spoke on their numerous activities that have taken place in the last 2 ½ months. Ms. Bittner stated that they were awarded with 2 national awards for their Snack Pack Program and the Food Camp for Kids Program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Scott commented that the Western Spirit transmission line needs to be stopped, moved or buried.



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Stephanie McCleary commented that she is opposed to the Western Spirit transmission line, she requested that the commission have a meeting where Pattern Energy can do a presentation allowing public comment.

Vicki Husbands commented that she is opposed to the transmission line. Residents are being bulldozed by Pattern Energy and Western Spirit, residents need help from the commission.

Bill Vargas commented that he is opposed to the Western Spirit transmission line. Residents need the county's help; the project has a lot more negative than positive.

Santiago Montoya commented that he is requesting information on the property tax enacted for the use of building a hospital. He also commented that he requested that the state auditor audit every county department.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **6) Los Lunas School District – School Bond Election. Presenter: *Claire Cieremans***

Los Lunas Schools Chief Finance Officer Claire Cieremans stated that there is a bond election taking place. What is being proposed is a 4-year \$22 million bond, there will not be a tax increase it will just maintain the current tax that is in place. Commissioner Eaton asked if the high school pool was taken into consideration with the bond money. Ms. Cieremans stated that the pool is not a priority in this particular election.

##### **7) VIVO Theatre Consortium. Presenter: *Miguel Hidalgo***

Mr. Miguel Hidalgo stated that the VIVO Theater Consortium is advocating for a performing arts center in Valencia County. This type of center would allow members of the community to engage in music, arts and theater. Individuals also in attendance included Belen high school drama Director Steve Boliver, Los Lunas high school drama director Michelle Gammill, Marie Benoit with the Mansion Players, and Therese Hidalgo director of Companions of Jesus play. Mr. Hidalgo invited everyone to a meet and greet party in Belen on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Board Convenes as Indigent Board**

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

##### **8) Approval of Indigent Report. Presenter: *Maria Garcia*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business***

Mr. Montoya presented the indigent report and asked for approval for the amount of \$21,151.63 he also reported that the indigent fund balance was \$311,656.46.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit A)

##### **Board Reconvenes as Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **ACTION ITEM(S):**

##### **9) Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Disbursements. Presenter: *Finance Director, Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business***

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of accounts payable dated September 9<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> and payroll dated September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit B, C)



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Mr. Monette stated that Jeremias Silva is listed as the interim grant's administrator. Mr. Silva has stepped in until the vacant position is filled, and he had been doing a great job.

**10) Approval of the CYFD FY 21 - 24 Juvenile Continuum Grant Agreement. Presenter: Project Manager/Interim Grants Administrator, Jeremias Silva; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Mr. Silva stated that the grant application is due on November 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be before the next commission meeting. Mr. Silva requested that the commission grant authorization to the county manager to endorse the final grant due to the nature of the approaching deadline.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval allowing the county manger to sign the final agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**11) Consideration of Local Government Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement. Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Ms. Benavidez stated that NMDOT awarded the county \$300,000 for pavement rehabilitation and full depth reclamation of Van Camp Blvd. the county's match for the project is \$15,000 and NMDOT's share is \$285,000. Ms. Benavidez stated that the funds must be expended by June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit D)

**12) Approval for Safer Grant. Presenter: VCSO Chief Deputy Jeff Noah; Sponsor: Commissioner David A. Hyder**

Chief Deputy Noah stated that the proposed grant from NMDOT can be used for DWI enforcement, seatbelt enforcement as well as general traffic enforcement. The total amount of the grant is \$13,195 which is an increase of \$1750.00 from last year.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit E)

**13) Consideration to approve the Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) Junior Bill Appropriations Agreement - \$75,000 for operations of Valencia County Senior Centers. Appropriation ZD9073. Presenter: OAP Director, Nancy Gonzales; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Ms. Trujillo stated that Ms. Gonzales is out in training so she will present on her behalf tonight. Ms. Trujillo stated that the reimbursable grant award is for \$75,000 which can be spent on operation of the OAP Program.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit F)

**14) Consideration to approve the Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) Junior Bill Appropriations Agreement - \$125,000 for operations of Valencia County Senior Centers. Appropriation ZD9250. Presenter: OAP Director, Nancy Gonzales; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Commissioner Eaton moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit G)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) (5) 10-7-E-17 (8) the following matters may be discussed in closed session: a) Personnel; b) Pending or threatened litigation/administrative adjudicatory deliberation: Valencia County v. AmeriSource-Bergen Et al. Valencia County v. TRD; c) real property: VIA Et al. v. La Cabra, Belen



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**School Board v. Valencia County, d) other specific limited topics that are allowed or authorized under the stated statute.**

Mr. Nance stated that what was to be discussed is limited to what was presented on the agenda for executive session.

Commissioner Hyder moved to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hyder moved to return to regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Nance stated that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to those in the motion for closure and no final action was taken.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval of the summary as stated by Mr. Nance. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEM(S) CONT.**

**15) Consideration for opting out of Class Action suit with AmeriSource-Bergan. Presenter: County Attorney David Pato; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Commissioner Hyder moved to table the item. Seconded by Chairman Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

**November 7, 2019- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.**

**Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**November 20, 2019- Public Hearing @ 5:00 P.M.**

**Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031**

Chairman Aragon stated that the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**16) Adjournment**

Commissioner Hyder moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. **TIME: 6:45 P.M.**

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the October 16, 2019 Public Hearing/Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

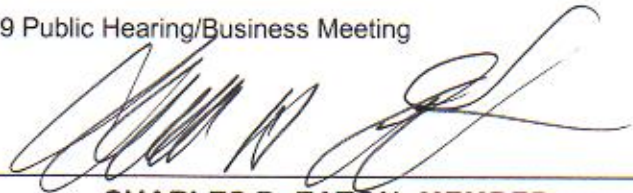
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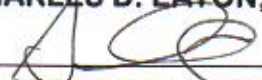
  
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**DAVID CARLBERG, VICE-CHAIR**

  
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**DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER**

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CHARLES D. EATON, MEMBER



GERARD SAIZ, MEMBER



PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

11-7-2019  
DATE