

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING / BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2020

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
District II, Vacant	
Charles D. Eaton, 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. Jess Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Chairman Aragon stated that a public forum was already held on #10, item #10 will be for discussion amongst the commissioners but any member of the public wishing to speak can do so during the public comment portion of the meeting. He also stated that per Mr. Monette item #11 will be tabled for tonight's meeting. Mr. Monette stated that the 2nd quarter budget report is not ready for presentation at this time.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**4) Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2019- Special Business Meeting
December 18, 2019- Public Hearing/Business Meeting**

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval of both sets of minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Small commented that she would encourage the county to reach out to stakeholders in the county to help guide the community as it changes.

Romy Baca commented that Western Spirit will destroy the way of life, the beautiful valley and homes. The way of life for children and grandchildren will be affected. Western Spirit has continually lied.

Stephanie McCleary commented that if the Western Spirit structure is built her way of life and retirement will be destroyed. She asked the commission to go to Santa Fe and help fight the project.

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Ms. Trujillo presented the board with a proposed budget preparation budget calendar, she would like to stick to the proposed schedule as close as possible. (See Exhibit A)

2nd Quarter Budget Report to DFA. Presenter: Finance Director Loretta Trujillo
Removed from agenda in item #3 motion

Solid Waste Contract Report. Presenter: Public Works Director Lina Benavidez

Ms. Benavidez reported that there have been several meetings held with UWS to ensure that the contract is being followed. UWS is purchasing items from within the county gas from Speedway and Conoco, parts from NAPA, tires from A.M.Y tires, drivers purchase lunch in the county and they also purchase from Home Depot. UWS will submit an office space proposal in the next 60 days. A recycling program will begin soon, they are looking

at creating vouchers for community members that do their own cleanups. A Meadowlake community cleanup will be held this weekend. Commissioner Eaton asked if a service facility mentioned in the contract on page 17 section 59 had been discussed. Ms. Benavidez stated that no, a service facility was not discussed, equipment is not being stored at Conejo because of vandalism but UWS has a MOU with Los Lunas Schools to store their equipment. Commissioner Eaton asked Mr. Monette to follow up with UWS about a service facility.

Employee of The Month- December 2019. Presenter: *Human Resources Director Orlando Montoya*

Mr. Montoya stated that directors can submit nominations for employee of the month and a county employee will be chosen and recognized every month. Mr. Montoya introduced Patsy Tharaldsen as the first employee of the month. Mr. Weston stated that every holiday Patsy is the first one that volunteers. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, she spends 2-3 days in her kitchen cooking a turkey dinner for the animals at the shelter. He thanked Ms. Tharaldsen for everything that she does for the shelter. Ms. Tharaldsen stated that the shelter has come a long way thanks to Mr. Weston. Chairman Aragon and Commissioner Eaton expressed their thanks for all the work done at the shelter.

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. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Ms. Garcia presented the indigent report and asked for approval in the amount of \$18,997.42, she also reported that as of January 8th the fund balance \$346,545.33.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. (See Exhibit B)

Board Reconvenes as Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Eaton. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEM(S)

7) Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Disbursements. Presenter: *Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of accounts payable dated December 7th-January 10th and payroll dated December 20th and January 3rd.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Chairman Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. (See Exhibit D-E)

8) Approval of Resolution 2020-____: State Bars. Presenter: *Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of a state budget adjustment

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Chairman Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-11. (See Exhibit F)

9) Approval of Resolution 2020-____: Local Bars. Presenter: *Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of a local budget adjustment.

Chairman Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-12. (See Exhibit G)

10) Direction to Staff Regarding Correspondence with Western Spirit. County Manager Danny Monette; Sponsor: Commissioner Gerard Saiz and Commissioner David Hyder (Tabled 12.18.19)

Mr. Monette stated that staff is asking for direction from the commission on how to proceed. He also stated that correspondence that was received from individuals was forwarded to the commissioners as well as Western Spirits answers to some of the questions that were asked. Chairman Aragon stated the commission represents the folks who spoke on the matter but the commission has no control whether this matter dies or moves forward. Commissioner Hyder stated that Socorro County sent out a letter, he would like the county to draft a letter supporting Socorro County and their concerns. Commissioner Saiz stated that he was disturbed that during the meetings there was a reference made to this corridor being chosen because it was the path of least resistance. He stated that Valencia County is unique, a lot could be resolved if the line was put underground. Commissioner Eaton stated that he is adamantly against this line, the only way he would consider it would be if it was buried underground. Commissioner Hyder stated that since the project started Western Spirit was asked to give regular updates and they did not, he also stated that Senator Clemente Sanchez had brought up questions about RETA board terms and appointments. Commissioner Hyder stated that Western Spirit has lied too many times and can't get their stories straight.

Commissioner Eaton motioned to direct staff and legal to issue a position statement similar to Socorro County in terms of opposition of the line going through Valencia County. With possible consideration only being given to an underground line. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

11) Consideration to Approve Lease Agreement between Valencia County and Enchanted Technology Solutions LLC for the Lease of Laptops for Sheriff's Department. Presenter: Purchasing Director, Rustin Porter, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Item tabled in item #3 motion .

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

February 5, 2020- Business Meeting 5:00 P.M.

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

February 19, 2020- Public Hearing/ Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

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

March 4, 2020- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

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

March 18, 2020- Public Hearing/ Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

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

12) Adjournment

Chairman Aragon stated that next week the NMC Legislative Conference will be taking place.

Commissioner Saiz moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. **TIME: 5:57 P.M.**

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the January 15, 2020 Public Hearing/Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


JHONATHAN ARAGON, CHAIRMAN




GERARD SAIZ, VICE-CHAIR



DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER



CHARLES D. EATON, MEMBER



DISTRICT 2, VACANT



ATTEST: 

PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

2-5-2020
DATE