

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Tom Mraz, Member	
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.

Chairman Aragon announced that the Governor has selected Tom Mraz as the replacement for vacancy in District 2. County Clerk Carabajal read the letter of appointment from the Governor. Belen Magistrate Judge John Chavez swore in Mr. Mraz. Commissioner Mraz stated that he wants to see positive progress and help the kids of this county. Commissioner Eaton welcomed Commissioner Mraz to the board, stating that Commissioner Mraz has always advocated for his community as well as the youth of the county.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Orlando Montoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

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 Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4) Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting

January 15, 2020 Public Hearing/Business Meeting

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval of both sets of minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mraz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Commissioner Saiz stated that the news had announced that the interchange and new river crossing will be happening with funds that were committed.

Mr. Monette stated that during the recent NMC conference the county received the RAP (Risk Awareness Program) award. He also mentioned that Detention Center numbers have gone up a little but the budget is being monitored.

- **OAP Submitting for Provision of Service for Older New Mexicans: RFP #2019-220-05. Presenter: *Community Development Director Nancy Gonzales***
Ms. Gonzales stated that Non-Metro AAA recently changed their RFP process this time around. Ms. Gonzales stated that she is looking into requesting four additional services to include outreach and client finding, chore services, and grandparent/caregiver serving children in home vouchers as well as grandparent/caregiver serving children vouchers.
Ms. Gonzales stated that she is also looking into the possibility of providing meals in Highland Meadows and El Cerro Mission.
- **2nd Quarter FY2020 Budget Report to DFA. Presenter: *Loretta Trujillo***

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Ms. Trujillo stated that the 2nd quarter finance report was submitted to DFA. The report includes a recap of fund balances, summary by fund and detailed funds. The county finds itself in a good financial standing halfway through the fiscal year but a lot of major expenses are due at the second half of the fiscal year. (See Exhibit A)

PRESENTATION:

6) Presentation of the FY 2019 Audit Report. Presenter: *The Accounting Firm of Southwest Accounting Solutions, LLC - Mr. Robert Piexotto, CPA.*

Ms. Trujillo introduced Mr. Robert Piexotto from Southwest Accounting Solutions. Mr. Piexotto briefly went over the FY 2019 audit report. He covered balance sheets on page 14-15, the numbers on pages 16-17 are similar from 2018-2019. Capital grants and contributions are down \$1.5 million, cash in the general fund has increased and fund balances are up. On pages 20-21 the major change is debt issuance; the county is carrying \$9 million in debt. Pages 74-79 lists the non-major funds, page 118 shows that federal awards are down ½ million dollars. Findings in the audit include cash control/bank reconciliation, DFA cash reporting and capital assets. Mr. Piexotto stated that overall the county is in excellent financial shape. Chairman Aragon, Commissioner Mraz as well as Mr. Pato thanked everyone involved in getting the county to a good financial standing. Commissioner Eaton stated that the county has to prioritize needs when additional funding is found. (See Exhibit B)

ACTION ITEM(S)

7) Approval to officially recognize and record Accounts Payable and Payroll Disbursements as part of the minutes of the regular county commission meeting before which body this matter came. Presenter: *Finance Director Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of accounts payable dated January 13th – January 24th and payroll dated January 17th.

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

8) Acceptance and Approval of Resolution 20-___: FY 2018-2019 Audit. Presenter: *Finance Director Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Trujillo stated that DFA requires a resolution from the board approving the audit report that was presented earlier in the meeting.

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

County Clerk Carabajal announced 2020-13. (See Exhibit E)

9) Consideration of Publication of Valencia County Ordinance 2020-___: Restricting Truck Traffic on Don Felipe Road in Belen, New Mexico. Presenter: *Public Works Director Lina Benavidez*; Sponsor: *Commissioner Charles Eaton*

Ms. Benavidez stated that back in 2019 Don Felipe road was paved using bond money, but once the improvements were made trucks hauling heavy, cement barriers started using the road and Don Felipe was not built for that type of traffic. The proposed ordinance would restrict anything over 5 tons. Commissioner Eaton stated that Don Felipe was in dire need of improvements for a number of years. After the completion of the road resurfacing trucks started transporting cement barriers down that road when previously they had been using Lopez Rd.

Mr. Pato stated that the first step in the process is to direct publication, advertise for 2 weeks then hold a public hearing. In the draft ordinance certain vehicles such as authorized emergency vehicles, government or utility vehicles and school buses are exempt. The ordinance also specifies that the sheriff's office would enforce the ordinance. Commissioner Mraz and Commissioner Hyder stated that there are other roads in the county that are getting worn from heavy traffic, those roads need to be

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addressed as well. Mr. Pato stated that perhaps in the near future the county can develop a process for road restrictions but right now a specific request is before the board.

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

10) Consideration of McCord Road to be added to the County maintained list (District III). Presenter: *Public Works Director Lina Benavidez*; Sponsor: *Commissioner David Hyder*

Ms. Benavidez stated that residents of McCord Rd are requesting that the road be added to the county-maintained list, she has also received phone calls from Belen schools about the condition of the road.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval of adding McCord road to the county-maintained list. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz.

A resident of McCord Rd. stated that the road is a bus stop for 10 children, roads surrounding McCord Rd. are paved but McCord is not. Commissioner Hyder stated that next year when roads for paving are looked at he will look into and consider McCord Rd.

Commissioner Hyder amended his motion to accept the road without bringing it up to minimum specs. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

12) Direction to Staff regarding correspondence with the New Mexico Department of Health regarding the Hospital. Presenter: *County Attorney David Pato*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Mr. Pato stated that several meetings ago the board gave direction to reach out to UNM, Lovelace and Presbyterian about obtaining support requesting clarification from DOH. Conversations were held with UNM and Presbyterian. The county is asking for clarification from DOH whether or not a 24hr emergency care center, licensed as a remote location by an acute care hospital may be permitted by DOH regulations and would meet the requirements for the disbursements of the hospital mill levy funds under the Hospital Funding Act.

Chairman Aragon moved for approval to pursue correspondence with NMDOH, Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit F)

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

February 19, 2020- Public Hearing/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

Mr. Monette stated that there is no meeting on March 4th because of the NACO Conference.

12) Adjournment

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


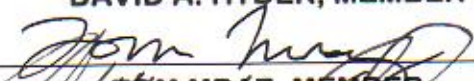
TIME:6:08 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the February 5, 2020 Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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JHONATHAN ARAGON, CHAIRMAN


GERARD SAIZ, VICE-CHAIR
DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER
TOM MRAZ, MEMBER
CHARLES D. EATON, MEMBER

ATTEST:


PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

2-19-2020
DATE

