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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 24, 2020

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chair	(via video)
David A. Hyder, Member	(via video)
Tom Mraz, Member	
Charles D. Eaton, Member	(via video)
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 2:00 P.M.

2) Chairman Aragon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Mraz moved for approval. 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.

4) **Approval of Minutes: None**

ACTION ITEM(S):

5) **Consideration of Resolution 2020-____: Amending the 2019 Polling Place Resolution 2019-32 for the 2020 Primary Election and Presidential Primary Election. Presenter: County Clerk, Peggy Carabajal; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

County Clerk Carabajal stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the NM Supreme Court directed the Secretary of State and county clerks to mail an absentee ballot application to every major party registered voter. Because of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic all eligible voters are being encouraged to vote by mail and in order to reduce the number of needed poll workers for the June 2nd Primary Election she requested that the number of election day polling location be reduced to the minimum number that is required by law. County Clerk Carabajal stated that the polling locations will be as follows: Belen Community Center, Bosque Farms Library, Del Rio Senior Center, Manzano Vista Fire Department, Pueblo of Isleta Veterans Center and the Valencia County Administration Building. County Clerk Carabajal stated that outreach informing the public will be done via social media and the News-Bulletin. Commissioner Aragon suggested that the county reach out to UWS to see if they will spread the information about the new sites in their billing/mailings. Mr. Pato suggested that a notice also be placed at the closed polling location informing voters where they can vote on Election Day.

Commissioner Saiz 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.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-32. (See Exhibit A)

6) **Consideration of Resolution 2020-____: Request for Delegation of Authority to Local Governments During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Reopen Businesses Ordered Closed Using Safeguards Currently in Place. Presenter: County Attorney, Adren Nance; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Mr. Nance stated that the proposed resolution is recognizing that during the COVID-19 crisis each county is different; the resolution is a request to the Governor and the Secretary of Health to allow the county's individual control on getting businesses back to work. Chairman Aragon stated that people are congregating in the big box stores because those are the only businesses that are open, if small businesses were allowed to be open with the same restrictions then traffic at the big box would be reduced. Small

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businesses are suffering during this time. He stated that he believes that the small businesses would follow and comply with the proper safety precautions that are currently in place. Commissioner Mraz stated that it's better to be safe than sorry. Having a small business is a struggle but the Governor is doing a good job and her recommendations need to be followed. Commissioner Eaton stated that he is concerned about the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county. The survival of business is important but health is more important at this time; this resolution is purely symbolic. Commissioner Saiz stated that if businesses are able to open with safeguards in place then people would be able to get back to work. Commissioner Hyder stated that this is not a request for small businesses to be open at 100% capacity; it's only fair that small businesses have the same chance as big businesses.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Eaton voted no. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted no. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 3-2.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-33. (See Exhibit B)

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

May 6, 2020- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook live
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

May 20, 2020- Public Hearing @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

7) 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: 2:25 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 24, 2020 Special Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

5/11/2020

DATE

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