

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING- BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	Via Zoom
Troy Richardson, Member	
	Charles D. Eaton, Member
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	Via Zoom
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	Via Zoom
Press and Public	

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aragon at 5:05 P.M.
- 2) Commissioner Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Aragon welcomed Commissioner Richardson to the board, he stated that Commissioner Richardson was sworn in this past Friday after the election results were canvassed and certified.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

Chairman Aragon stated that Commissioner Eaton is not present at today's meeting.

4) Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2020-Business Meeting

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson abstained. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Monette read the public comment submitted via email. All the individuals that submitted public comment expressed their opposition and disapproval of a loan for the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District. Members of the public that submitted comments included:

Jim Lane
Carolyn Ferguson
April Johnson
Donna Crawford
Ron Keller
Monica Trujillo
Richard Partsch
Ronnie Albers
Beverly Partsch
Grant Crawford
Jerry Gonzales
Naoma Dixon
Hiro Ababon
Ana Otero
Andrea Chavez
Corina Chavez
Dale Hull
Kenneth and Patricia Reuthinger
Beverly Castillo
Mark Braddock
Nancee Matthews
Steven & Charissa Hild
David Gardner
Marcella Trujillo

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Holly Woelber
 Kathleen Lee
 Carolyn & Allen Hancock
 Carol Chupp
 Isabel Salazar
 Cynthia Runyon
 Clara Cates
 James Runyon
 Duane Kimble
 Barry & Lori Wood
 Daniel Durant
 Judy Cannon
 James Runyon
 Thomas Nagy

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports

Update from New Mexico State University Extension Office. Presenter: *Sierra Cain*
 Sierra Cain introduced herself as the new 4H Youth Development Agent, she started her new position in March. Ms. Cain reported on several activities, the majority of them held virtually, that have taken place recently. In May county contest was held, state conference was held with 11 youth from the county participating. Nature Buds camps were held, there were 33 youth who submitted entries for the county fair and 104 youth livestock entries. There were also several workshops and meetings held virtually keeping the youth engaged while they were not able to meet in person. Ms. Cain also announced that 4-H open enrollment is open now through January 15th.

Linda Garvin introduced herself as the Interim Director and AG agent for Valencia County Extension office, she stated that she transferred from the Sandoval County extension office after being there 7 years. Ms. Garvin stated that the Master Gardeners program participants are meeting virtually and there are also gardening classes being held online twice monthly.

Employee of the Month – November 2020. Presenter: *Human Resources Director Orlando Montoya*

Mr. Montoya introduced Kathy Trevino as the county's November employee of the month. He stated that Ms. Trevino has been with the county for 20 years and is a hardworking and loyal employee. County Treasurer Sichler stated that Ms. Trevino is a wealth of knowledge and is an essential and valuable part of the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Silva gave an update on the CARES Act small business relief program. He reported that the application process closed on October 30th, a total of twenty-three applications were received. There were nine applications from the unincorporated area of the county for a combined requested amount of \$147,574.55. One application from Rio Communities totaling \$350,890.29. Six applications from Town of Peralta with a combined requested amount of \$195,890.74. Seven applications from Village of Bosque Farms with a combined requested amount of \$261,821.96. The total requested amount from the twenty-three applications was \$956,150.57. Mr. Silva stated that on November 10th a panel reviewed the applications to determine eligible and ineligible items that were requested. Letters of award will starting going out the end of this week and next. The panel identified \$616,228.39 of eligible expenses which is \$37,228.39 over of what the county was awarded in the amount of \$579,000.00.

ACTION ITEM(S):

6) Approval of Recognition and Recording 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 October 27th-November 6th and payroll dated November 6th.

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

7) Consideration to Review and Execute the 2020 Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement Number E2793 Valencia County Abandoned Property Abatement

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(\$500,000.00). Presenter: Grants Manager, Jeremias Silva, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business (Tabled 11/4/2020)

Mr. Monette stated that this evening the board is not approving any money spending, just approving the paperwork sent from the state. before any money is expended we have to get approval from the state.

Commissioner Saiz moved to remove this item from tabled status. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Silva stated that the legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the county to use for the abatement of abandoned properties in the county. He asked for approval of this funding opportunity for the county.

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

8) Consideration to Review and Execute the 2020 Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement Number E2786 Valencia County Hospital Study (\$20,000.00). Presenter: Grants Manager, Jeremias Silva, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business (Tabled 11/4/2020)

Commissioner Saiz moved to remove this item from tabled status. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Silva stated that the legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the county to plan, design and construct a hospital for Valencia County. He asked for approval of this funding opportunity for the county. Mr. Monette stated that the county had asked for \$100,000 from the legislature to do a study but only received \$20,000 in appropriations, he stated that Mr. Porter will be present at the December 2nd meeting to discuss what the study will cost. Commissioner Saiz requested clarification on what the money will be used for. Mr. Pato stated that the money will be used for the hospital feasibility study. Commissioner Saiz asked how long the county has to spend the \$20,000 and what the shelf life of the study is anticipated to be. Mr. Silva stated that the money will have to be spent before the June 30, 2024 reversion date.

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

9) Consideration to Review and Execute the 2020 Capital Appropriation Project Grant Agreement Number E2795 Valencia County PSD Interoperable Communication Equipment (\$200,000.00). Presenter: Grants Manager, Jeremias Silva, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business Board Convenes as Indigent Board

Mr. Silva stated that the legislature appropriated \$200,000.00 for the county to purchase and install interoperable communication equipment for public safety departments in Valencia County; the reversion date for the funds is June 30, 2022. He asked for approval of this funding opportunity for the county.

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

Board Convenes as Indigent Board

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

10) Approval of Indigent Report. Presenter: Human Resources Specialist, Maria Garcia, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

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Ms. Garcia presented the indigent report and asked for approval in the amount of \$24,394.02 she also reported that as of November 9th the indigent fund balance was \$654,318.11.

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

Board Reconvenes as Board of County Commissioners

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

**December 2, 2020 – Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031**

**December 16, 2020 – Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031**

Chairman Aragon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, enjoying the time with families with the guidelines that have been set in place. He stated that time with family is important especially during times like this.

11) Adjournment

Commissioner Hyder moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. TIME: 8:15 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 18, 2020 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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Troy Richardson

TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER

CHARLES D. EATON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

Peggy Carabajal
PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

12-2-2020
DATE

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