

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER 23, 2020

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

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aragon at 1:34 P.M.

2) Commissioner Saiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Richardson 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 will not be joining today's meeting.

ACTION ITEM(S):

4) **Direction to Staff to Publish Title and General Summary of Animal Control Ordinance**
Mr. Nance stated that NM law Section 437.1 requires that prior to an ordinance being considered by the commission, the title and general summary of the ordinance needs to be published in a newspaper of general circulation for 2 weeks prior to the public hearing. After the 2-week timeframe the board can hold a public hearing to adopt the ordinance as presented, not adopt the ordinance or modify the ordinance. If approved the ordinance would then go into effect 30 days later. Mr. Weston stated that the changes that he made to the animal control ordinance were made to mirror the ordinance that the City of Belen and the Village of Los Lunas have in place. It was a general overall revamp of the county's current ordinance. Commissioner Hyder asked if any town hall meetings were held for public input. Mr. Weston stated that no meetings have been held. Commissioner Hyder asked how many meetings would have been ideal to have. Mr. Weston stated that he would have liked to have had 3-4 meetings for public input. Commissioner Hyder stated that with COVID restrictions in place there has not been a chance to hold any town hall meetings for public input and he would like to see that happen since this is such a sensitive issue, he would like to see this item tabled until meetings can be held. Commissioner Saiz stated that he does understand the concern but he made a commitment to move this ordinance forward and he would like to proceed forward.

Chairman Aragon moved to postpone action on this item until restrictions are lifted and public meetings can be held. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder.

Commissioner Richardson stated that he believes that this matter will bring a lot of public comment and he would like to hear that first.

Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted no. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 3-1.

Mr. Weston stated that he will bring this item back to the commission after obtaining public input.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

January 6, 2021 – Reorganizational Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

January 20, 2021 – Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live

Minutes of December 23, 2020 Special Meeting

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

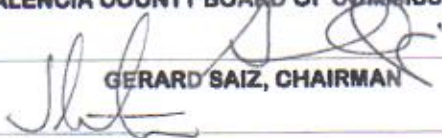
Chairman Aragon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy new year.


5) 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: 1:47 P.M.**

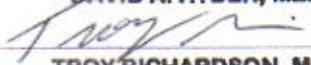
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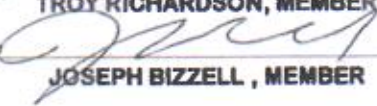
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 GERARD SAIZ, CHAIRMAN

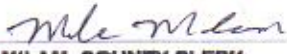

 JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR

 DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER


 TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER


 JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER



ATTEST: 
MIKE MILAM, COUNTY CLERK

12-5-2021
DATE

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