

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING - BUSINESS MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2020

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

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.

Chairman Aragon stated that Commissioner Eaton will not be present for this evening's meeting.

4) Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2020- Business Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Monette read public submitted via email.

Members of the Valencia Community Action Network (VCAN) board submitted a letter stating that they would like to meet virtually with Commissioner Richardson to discuss the needs of Meadow Lake, Highland Meadows and El Cerro Mission, these areas of the county have been neglected. (See Exhibit A)

Tom Mraz commented that the county shouldn't waste more money on another hospital study. The county will also delay the process asking for more money from the state for a study. The mill levy money could be put to a better use, repurposing the funds should be put to the vote. (See Exhibit B)

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Mr. Monette announced that he would like to request a special meeting on December 22nd or 23rd at 1:30 P.M. to discuss the animal control ordinance.

Ms. Gonzales reported that the comprehensive plan contract was awarded to Bohannon Huston and they have started working on the plan, there was a meeting yesterday with the contractor and the county's department heads. Bohannon Huston will have a website dedicated to just the county's comprehensive plan where the public will be allowed to submit input. Fall 2021 is the tentative completion date for the comprehensive plan.

Fire Chief Culp announced that he is getting ready to retire as fire chief and his last day will be January 15th. He stated that he is proud to have been able to work with everyone over the last 4 years as the county's fire chief, is has been an honor for him. There have been many accomplishments over the last 4 years and he had the support of a great team and of the county. He stated that future growth for the fire department needs to happen with the growth of the career staff in order to have 24/7 coverage. He stated that it has been an honor to serve and he leaves his position with positive thoughts.

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Commissioner Richardson thanked Chief Culp for his service. Commissioner Saiz wished Chief Culp the best of luck in future endeavors. Chairman Aragon stated that Chief Culp was a great leader for the county, especially how he handled the pandemic. Commissioner Hyder thanked Chief Culp for everything that he has done for the county. Mr. Monette thanked Chief Culp and wished him well.

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

Mr. Montoya announced that the December employee of the month is Bureau of Elections Administrator Candace Teague. County Clerk Carabajal stated that Ms. Teague has been with the county a little over 9 years. She is an exemplary employee that goes above and beyond, she is an asset to the office and she is professional and very deserving of the recognition.

Mr. Montoya stated that his will be County Clerk Carabajal's last meeting. Chairman Aragon stated that County Clerk Carabajal is an awesome person and has always been very helpful. Her office has accomplished a lot and she will be missed. County Clerk Carabajal thanked her staff, her family, her husband and the voters. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as clerk for the last 8 years.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

6) Zone Change #2020-049 (District I, Commissioner Aguilar) Stan Herrera requests a Zone Change from Rural Residential 2 (RR-2) to Rural Residential 1 (RR-1) to split into two one acre lots. The property at Tract 45B2B2A1A1A2, Section 27, Township 7N, Range 2E, MRGCD Map 72 NMPM, 2.00 ac; also known as 490 Calle de Wences, Zoned Rural Residential 2 (RR-2), Filed in Book 11, Page 18 in the Office of the Valencia County Clerk.

Ms. Gonzales stated that the applicant, Stan Herrera, is requesting a zone change from RR-2 to RR-1 to split the property into 2 one acre lots. Ms. Gonzales read the full legal description of the property. County Clerk administered the oath to those wishing to speak on this matter. Ms. Gonzales stated that this matter was heard at the October 27th Planning and Zoning meeting. She stated that public works and planning and zoning had cited the same concern about access issue to any newly created parcel but Mr. Herrera spoke to a surveyor to make sure there are no access issues.

Ms. Gonzales stated that her department received a letter of support with 9 signatures, 6 of the people have standing in this matter. There was 1 email in support of the zone change and 1 letter in opposition. The planning and zoning board voted 4-1 for approval. Chairman Aragon asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of this item. There was no one that wished to speak. Ms. Gonzales read the 3 criteria for a quasi-judicial zone change, she stated that this application is consistent with the criteria. Chairman Aragon stated that the public hearing on this item is now closed. (See Exhibit C)

ACTION ITEM(S):

7) Approval of a Zone Change #2020-049 (District I, Commissioner Aguilar) Stan Herrera requests a Zone Change from Rural Residential 2 (RR-2) to Rural Residential 1 (RR-1) to split into two one acre lots. The property at Tract 45B2B2A1A1A2, Section 27, Township 7N, Range 2E, MRGCD Map 72 NMPM, 2.00 ac; also known as 490 Calle de Wences, Zoned Rural Residential 2 (RR-2), Filed in Book 11, Page 18 in the Office of the Valencia County Clerk.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval of the zone change. 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.

8) 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 November 21st – December 4th and payroll dated December 4th.

Chairman Aragon 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 D,E)

9) Approval of Resolution 2020-____: State BARS. Presenter: *Finance Director Loretta Trujillo*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

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Ms. Trujillo presented the state budget adjustment and asked for approval.

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.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-66. (See Exhibit F)

10) Approval of Resolution 2020-____: Local BARS. Presenter: Finance Director Loretta Trujillo; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Ms. Trujillo presented the local budget adjustment and asked for approval.

Commissioner Richardson 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.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-67. (See Exhibit G)

11) Consideration of MOA for the Improvements of Certain County Roadways in Tierra Grande. Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Ms. Benavidez stated that the proposed MOA is the renewal of a previous MOA with Tierra Grande. Tierra Grande Improvement Association will contribute \$10,000 in materials to assist with improvements and repairs of county maintained roads in Tierra Grande.

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 H)

12) Approval of Resolution 2020-____: Continuation of Local Emergency Disaster Declaration. Presenter: Fire Chief, Brian Culp; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Fire Chief Culp stated that the continuation of the COVID emergency disaster declaration allows the county to apply for grant funding or reimbursements pertaining to COVID related expenses.

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.

County Clerk Carabajal announced Resolution 2020-68. (See Exhibit I)

13) Request for Legislation to Define Hospital/24-Emergency Healthcare Facility.

Presenter: County Attorney, David Pato; Sponsor: Chairman Jhonathan Aragon

Mr. Pato stated that purpose of the proposed legislation that is up for commission approval is to make clear the following.

1. Mill levy proceeds can be used to support a hospital and/or 24-hour emergency healthcare facility.
2. Mill levy proceeds can be used to support a healthcare facility or hospital licensed as a remote location of an acute care hospital.

Mr. Pato stated that he has received positive feedback from at least one or two of the major health care providers regarding pursuing a project here in Valencia County.

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval of the proposed legislation. Seconded by Chairman Aragon. 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 J)

Mr. Pato stated that he and the county manager will now reach out to the legislative delegation and schedule meetings to discuss what the county is looking to accomplish with the draft legislation.

Board Convened as Indigent Board

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.

14) Approval of Indigent Report. Presenter: Human Resources Specialist, Maria Garcia; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business
Ms. Garcia presented the indigent report and asked of approval in the amount of \$24,214.03 she also reported that the fund balance as of December 3rd was \$626,953.97.

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. (See Exhibit K)

Board Reconvenes as Board of County Commissioners

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.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

January 8, 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
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

Chairman Aragon stated that there will be a special meeting on December 23rd at 1:30 P.M.

15) Adjournment

Commissioner Hyder moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. 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. TIME: 6:04 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the December 16, 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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GERARD SAIZ, CHAIRMAN

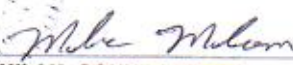

JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR


DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER


TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER


JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER

ATTEST:


MIKE MILAM, COUNTY CLERK

2-5-2021
DATE

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