

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 7, 2021

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Troy Richardson, Member	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Michael Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:05 P.M.

2) Mr. Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

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

4) **Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2021- Budget Workshop**

March 17, 2021- Public Hearing/Business Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) **Commissioners, Committees and Reports.**

Employee of the Month: March 2020. Presenter: HR Director Orlando Montoya

Mr. Montoya announced that the employee of the month, Kendra Kaneshiro, could not make it to this evening's meeting. Ms. Kaneshiro is the bookkeeper in the Treasurer's office. Treasurer Sichler stated that Kendra is a joy to have in the office, she always has a smile and is supportive of her fellow employees.

Juvenile Justice FY2021 Update. Presenter: Grants Manager Jeremias Silva

Mr. Silva introduced Father Robert Mundy who is the chairman of the Juvenile Justice Board. Father Mundy, Continuum Coordinator Cassandra Montano and Noelle Chavez spoke on the functions of the board and the programs that are offered for youth in the community. Heather Benavidez introduced herself as the newest member of the Juvenile Justice Board. Commissioner Hyder stated that the current Juvenile Justice board is a great group, kudos to them.

Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Mr. Monette stated that he will be off this Friday and on vacation the 23rd-30th of this month.

Commissioner Aragon reported that NACO is really going in depth on the American Rescue Plan grant and how that money can be used, they are hosting a workshop on the topic. Mr. Silva stated that everyone is waiting for guidance from the Department of Treasury on how the grant money can be utilized, he will bring a project list to the commission for approval once it is complete.

PRESENTATION:

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6) FY 2020 Audit. Presenter: Kubiak, Melton & Associates, LLC Daniel Trujillo

Ms. Trujillo introduced Daniel Trujillo who is a CPA with Kubiak Melton & Associates. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is an audit partner with Kubiak Melton & Associates, this is the company's first year doing the county's audit. The completed audit is published and available on the state auditor's website. He stated that there were no difficulties performing the audit and it was submitted on time. Mr. Trujillo went over the FY 2020 audit findings, the repeat findings as well as the non-compliant findings. The county received an unmodified opinion for the FY 2020 audit. Mr. Trujillo stated that its their goal to be with the county for 8 years, they are available to help the county implement processes to make improvements. (See Exhibit A)

ACTION ITEM(S):

7) Approval of Resolution 2021-___: FY2020 Financial Audit. Presenter: Finance Director, Loretta Trujillo; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Ms. Trujillo stated that DFA Local Government Division requires a resolution showing commission acceptance and approval of the audit.

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-19. (See Exhibit B)

8) Approval of MOA Between Valencia County and City of Belen for the Purpose of Grading City of Belen Dirt Roads. Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: Commissioner Joseph Bizzell

Ms. Benavidez requested approval of a MOA between the county and the City of Belen for grading 2 miles of roadway, the city does not have the equipment needed to grade the roadway. The county will be charging the city for time and equipment used.

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

9) Approval of Resolution 2021-___: Adopting the Road Project Priorities for Expending County General Obligation Bond Funds. Presenter: Public Works Director Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: Chairman Gerard Saiz

Ms. Benavidez presented and asked for approval of the resolution for expending GO bond funds on road projects and equipment.

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-20. (See Exhibit D)

10) Approval of MOA Between Valencia County and the Village of Los Lunas for Reimbursement of Legislative Funds for the I-25 Corridor Design and Construction. Presenter: Grants Manager Jeremias Silva; Sponsor: Chairman Gerard Saiz

Mr. Silva stated that there was an error on how this item was listed on the agenda, it was mistakenly listed as legislative funds when it is actually GO bond funds. Mr. Pato stated that he is concerned about the mislisting on the agenda, he suggested that this item be tabled and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hyder moved to table this item. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

11) Consideration to Approve a Contract with Kulik Strategic Advisers Inc. DBA KSA for the Market Assessment and Clinical Services Needs Study. Presenter: Purchasing Agent Rustin Porter; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Mr. Porter stated that he is seeking approval of a contract with Kulik Strategic Advisors for the amount of \$169,176.71. Chairman Saiz asked what is the timeframe for the study to

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be complete. Mr. Porter stated that the study can take 90-180 days. Commissioner Saiz asked if a 60-day turnaround time can be pushed for. Mr. Pato stated we want to make sure the study is comprehensive but it can be made clear that time is of the essence. Commissioner Aragon stated that UNM may have some information that might be helpful to speed the process along.

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. (See Exhibit E)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) & (5) the following matters may be discussed in closed session: a) Pending or threatened litigation: Belen Schools v. Valencia County, Cisneros v. Valencia County; b) other specific limited topics that are allowed or authorized under the stated statute; c) collective bargaining: AFSCME Council 18 Local 1382 (Blue Collar), AFSCME Council 18 Local (Detention), FOP Valencia Lodge No 14 (Deputies)

Mr. Nance stated that what was to be discussed is limited to what was presented on the agenda for executive session.

Commissioner Hyder moved to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. @ 6:10 P.M.

Commissioner Aragon moved to return to regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. @ 6:35 P.M.

Mr. Nance stated that the matters discussed in executive session were limited to those in the motion for closure and no final action was taken.

Commissioner Richardson moved for approval of the summary as stated by Mr. Nance. Seconded by Commissioner Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

April 21, 2021 – Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

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

Commissioner Bizzell encouraged everyone to contact the governor in efforts to persuade her to sign HB 240.

12) Adjournment

Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting. TIME: 6:38 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 7, 2021 Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

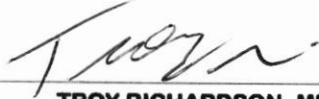
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TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER



JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER

ATTEST:



MICHAEL MILAM, COUNTY CLERK

4-21-2021

DATE

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