

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 5, 2021

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

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

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Saiz announced that Commissioner Aragon will not be present for today's meeting.

2) Ms. Nancy Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2021- Public Hearing-Business Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vanessa Anglin commented that she owns property at the end of Don Juan Drive, they were never notified that the road wasn't a private drive and that it was going to be paved. The paving was done without permission and she would like to petition to have the road put back as a private drive.

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Commissioner Bizzell asked Commissioner Hyder to elaborate on and clarify the motion he made for the 25% raise. Commissioner Hyder stated that the motion at the previous meeting was for a 25% raise for all directors until the pay study is received back, any adjustments that need to be done after can come from management. Mr. Monette stated for clarification purposes that they will budget 25% of what was proposed for raises while the other 75% will be reserved pending the payroll study. Commissioner Hyder replied yes.

Mr. Monette reported that as of today Valencia County is in green status according to the color chart. He will be attending the insurance pool board meeting next Wednesday and Thursday in Ruidoso.

Employee of the Month: May 2021 and Recognition of Retirement. Presenter: *HR Director, Orlando Montoya*

Mr. Montoya introduced Court Security Officer Anthony Chavez as the county's employee of the month. Undersheriff Noah stated that Officer Chavez has been with court security for 2 ½ years. He is currently working to meet the requirements to get into the academy and is doing a great job in his position.

Minutes of May 5, 2021 Business Meeting

Mr. Montoya announced that Fleet Supervisor George Woodard will be retiring after 13 years with the county. Ms. Benavidez congratulated Mr. Woodard on his retirement, he will be greatly missed in his department. Chairman Saiz thanked him for his commitment to Valencia County. Mr. Woodard stated that the county has been a family to him and he will miss everyone, he encouraged the commission to get out and get to the know the workers in the county.

Q3 Financial Report. Presenter: Finance Director, Loretta Trujillo

Ms. Trujillo stated that the 3rd quarter financial report is a document that needs to be submitted to the state. Overall the county is doing well and the directors are doing well with their budgets. (See Exhibit A)

PRESENTATION:

6) Annual Presentation to the County Commissioners to satisfy 7-36-16 NMSA (Responsibility of County Assessors to Determine and Maintain Current and Correct Values of Property). Presenter: County Assessor Beverly Dominguez-Romero
County Assessor Beverly Dominguez-Romero introduced her Chief Deputy Assessor Ryan Baca. Mr. Baca presented the Assessor's annual report. Some of the items in the report included 2020 sales, a decrease in Ag, grazing and livestock, there was an increase in the amount of surveys and lot splits with no significant change in the exemptions processed. He stated that the office is on track to have a full reappraisal of the county completed by 2022. (See Exhibit B)

ACTION ITEM(S):

7) 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 April 10th-22nd and payroll dated March 4th, March 12th, and March 26th.

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

8) Approval of Resolution 2021-___: State BARS. Presenter: Finance Director Loretta Trujillo, Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of a state budget adjustment. She stated that she will be bringing budget adjustments to the commission on a regular basis as it is nearing the end of the current fiscal year.

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-23. (See Exhibit G)

9) Consideration of a portion of Bunton Road to be added to the County maintained list (District IV). Presenter: Public Works Director Lina Benavidez, Sponsor: Commissioner Joseph Bizzell

Ms. Benavidez stated that Bunton Road is currently on the county maintained list at the beginning of the road, however there is a driveway off of Hwy 314 that belongs to the Mireles' and they would like to deed 387 feet of their property over to the county. The deeded property will allow for safer access on Hwy 314. Commissioner Bizzell asked if the property owners will be effected in any way by donating the property to the county, will they be grandfathered in. Ms. Benavidez replied that is correct and Ms. Gonzales provided a letter with that information. Mr. Pato asked if the Mireles' will have any problem regarding septic. Ms. Gonzales stated that there should not be an issue as they still meet the 0.75-acre requirement. Ms. Mireles stated that they had been concerned if their 0.84 acre will be ok with future zoning or anything else and Ms. Benavidez and Ms. Montoya had addressed their concerns. Ms. Benavidez stated that she will file the letter from Ms. Gonzales with the deed.

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes.