

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**JUNE 2, 2021**

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

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

**1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:03 P.M.**

**2) County Clerk Milam led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3) Approval of Agenda**

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

**4) Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2021-Public Hearing/Business Meeting**

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Hyder 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: Presenter: HR Director, Orlando Montoya**

Mr. Montoya introduced Lichelle Armstrong, from the county manager's office, as the county's employee of the month. He stated that Ms. Armstrong is a capable, smart and helpful employee. Mr. Monette stated that Ms. Armstrong is great with the public and does a good job representing the county.

**NMSU Valencia County Extension Office Quarterly Report. Presenter: Interim County Program Director, Lynda Garvin**

Lynda Garvin, Interim County Program Director and Ag Agent, reported that the 14-week Master Gardner training program was recently completed, in May she partnered with several surrounding counties for the online Kitchens Creations class. The county extension office still has a limited amount of staff, 3 out of 7 positions are filled. Ms. Garvin stated that she will be speaking with the NMSU Northern District director regarding how to fill the family and consumer science agent position.

4-h Agent Sierra Cain reported that the 4-H program has been very busy. Several youths attended the horse school that was recently held, the Health Ambassadors won 3 national grants, there was a beef tag event held in March and 15 youth attended a swine, goat and lamb workshop. The community project for April and May was delivering cases of water to the homeless shelter. Over 30 youth participated in youth shooting sports and one team qualified for nationals in shooting sports. 12 youth participated in the recent "Welcome to 4-H" class and today was the last day of County Contest.

Minutes of June 2, 2021 Business Meeting

Mr. Monette reported that there was a zoom meeting today with the facilitators regarding the hospital feasibility study. They are going to schedule meetings with commissioners and staff next week.

**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 May 8<sup>th</sup>- May 21<sup>st</sup> and payroll dated May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**7) 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 a state budget adjustment

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-26. (See Exhibit C)

**8) Approval of Resolution 2021-\_\_\_: Local BARS. Presenter: Finance Director Loretta Trujillo; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Ms. Trujillo presented and asked for approval of a local budget adjustment.

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-27. (See Exhibit D)

**9) Appointment of Freeholders to View a Portion of Don Juan Dr. for Vacation; Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: Vice-Chairman Jhonathan Aragon**

Ms. Benavidez requested that the commission appoint 3 freeholders to review the vacation of a portion of Don Juan Dr. Mr. Nance stated that this is the first step in the process, a request is made then 3 freeholders have to be appointed to investigate that request. A freeholder is someone that owns land in Valencia County, those individuals will go out and review the road then come back with a report and recommendation. He asked if the commission or Ms. Benavidez had any individuals they would like to suggest for the committee. Commissioner Hyder suggested Bobby Caldwell. Commissioner Bizzell suggested Michelle Romero. Commissioner Aragon suggested Jim Crawford. Mr. Monette asked for additional names as possible alternates. Ms. Benavidez suggested Jim Lane and John Clemmons for alternates.

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval of the 3 freeholders and 2 alternates. Seconded by Commissioner Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**10) Resolution Requesting Belen School Board Permit the Bosque Community Park to be used by Residents of the County. Presenter: County Attorney, David Pata; Sponsor: Commissioner, David A. Hyder**

Mr. Nance stated that this resolution is a plea to the Belen School board to open the Bosque park or to allow the county to open the park. The goal of the commission is to have a safe place for the kids to play, have barbeques and have little league games. Commissioner Bizzell asked if there were any legalities if the park is not maintained. Mr. Nance stated that it is in the hands of the Belen School board at this point, if they choose not to maintain it there are other options the county could possibly pursue but the county doesn't want to turn it into anything else then a park for the kids.