

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING**

JULY 7, 2021

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

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gerard Saiz, Chairman (via Zoom)	
	Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair
David A. Hyder, Member(via Zoom)	
Troy Richardson, Member (via Zoom)	
Joseph Bizzell, Member (via Zoom)	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance, County Attorney (via Zoom)	Dave Pato, County Attorney
Celia Dittmaier, Chief Deputy Clerk	Mike Milam, County Clerk
Press and Public	

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 9:00 A.M.
- 2) Mr. Monette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

- 3) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Emergency Manager Sarah Gillen reported that starting around 8:30 pm last night a thunderstorm moved into the City of Belen, there was overbanking of the Highline canal which caused massive amounts of water to inundate the city. She stated that at 2:30 A.M. a shelter was activated at Dennis Chavez elementary as 3 people were displaced. Red Cross is currently on the scene as well. Steven Gonzales, IC with the City of Belen reported that the city is still 35-40% under water in some areas, 10 septic pumping units are out pumping water and the public works departments from Valencia County and the Village of Los Lunas are assisting with heavy equipment to help fix the breach at Delgado as well as at Mesa Rd & Ben San. There are several agencies coming in to assess the water damage at businesses as well. (audio was briefly lost during Mr. Gonzales' report)

ACTION ITEM(S):

- 4) Approval of Resolution 2021-32 Declaring A Disaster in the County of Valencia for the Severe Flooding Events of July 6-7, 2021.

Mr. Monette stated that by approving the resolution it gives the county the power to request money/resources from the state to cover this emergency.

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

Mr. Gonzales stated that the areas of concern to avoid is the area between Chavez and Baca on Main Street and Delgado and De Soto, the downtown area of Belen. Mesa Road still has a lot of mud as well.

Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the July 7, 2021 Emergency 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

Minutes of July 7, 2021 Emergency Meeting

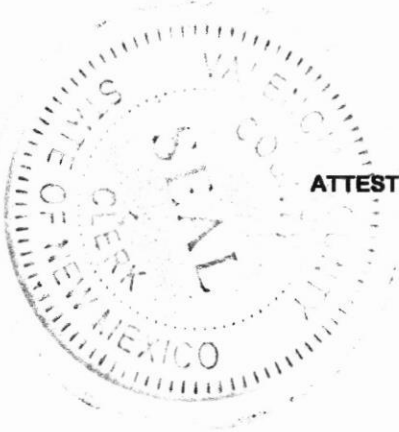
Abstain

JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR

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DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER

TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER

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JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER



ATTEST:

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MICHAEL MILAM, COUNTY CLERK

8-4-21
DATE

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