

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 15, 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	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Michael Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

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

2) Roby Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hyder stated that he would like to table executive session and item #19. Mr. Monette stated that staff would like to table item #6.

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of the agenda as amended. 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: June 16, 2021 Public Hearing/Business Meeting

Commissioner Richardson 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ricky Gonzales commented that he is a resident of Belen whose property was affected by the recent flooding. The city hasn't done very much to assist with clean ups or roll offs, there are limited resources for people and it has been hard on some of the people in Belen.

Michelle Mares commented that she is resident of Los Lunas. Her son's property was destroyed in the recent preventable flooding. She requested that the commission act smart and fast as the flooding will happen again. There needs to be structures and studies done, there needs to be a water control authority. She requested that everyone reach out to legislators, representatives and those in authority because something needs to be done.

Mr. Monette read a letter submitted by Corky Morrison in support of the proposed Local Economic Development Act Ordinance.

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Employee of the Month. Presenter: *Human Resources Director Orlando Montoya*

Mr. Montoya presented Roby Connor as the July employee of the month. Mr. Montoya stated that Mr. Connor has been with the county for 3 years and is a worthy recipient of the award. IT Director Tesa Mast stated that Mr. Connor first started working in the department as an intern, he has been a saving grace in the department especially with the increased workload and she is grateful for such a reliable employee.

2023-2027 ICIP Workshop. Presenter: *Public Works Director Lina Benavidez*

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Ms. Benavidez gave an overview on the steps for creating the county's ICIP list, a workshop will be held in August and the final ICIP list is due on September 17th.

PRESENTATION:

6) Payroll Study. Presenter: Vincent Yermal; Sponsor: Human Resources Director, Orlando Montoya & County Manager Per Commission Direction
TABLED (see motion in item #3)

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 May 22nd-June 30th and payroll dated May 21st, June 4th and June 18th.

Commissioner Bizzell 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. (See Exhibit A-D)

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

Ms. Trujillo presented a state budget adjustment and asked for approval, she stated that that the majority of the transfers out of the general fund are to cover negative balances from grants until reimbursements are received by the county.

Commissioner Richardson 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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-33. (See Exhibit E)

9) Approval of Resolution 2021-___: Local BARS. Presenter: Finance Director Loretta Trujillo; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business

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

Commissioner Aragon 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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-34. (See Exhibit F)

10) Resolution 2021-___, In Support of New Mexico's Oil and Gas Industry. Presenter: County Attorney David Pato; Sponsor: Chairman Gerard Saiz

Mr. Pato stated that this resolution calls upon the legislative delegation and the Governor to demand that the Biden administration end its moratorium on oil and gas leasing on federal lands.

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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-35. (See Exhibit G)

11) Direction to Staff to Publish Removal of Inactive, Broken or Replaced Utility Poles Ordinance. Presenter: County Attorney David Pato; Sponsor: Commissioner, Joseph Bizzell

Mr. Pato stated that this ordinance came about from discussion with Commissioner Bizzell and his concern about weathered and damaged utility poles, the ordinance would require that owners of damaged utility poles have them removed for safety and aesthetic reasons. Commissioner Bizzell stated that this is a matter of keeping the public safe.

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