

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING - BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 19, 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) Fire Chief Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bizzell 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.

4) Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2021-Business Meeting

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Saiz stated that the public comments are in reference to the zoning item so they will be heard at that time.

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Mr. Monette reported that Valencia County went into turquoise today according to the color chart.

Bureau of Elections Administrator Candace Teague requested that a meeting to canvass the special election be held on Monday, June 7th around 9:00 A.M-10:00 A.M. There was a consensus from the commission on that date and time.

Mr. Nance reported that yesterday the county clerk's office received a proposed voters petition calling on the commission to call for an election on the question to issue bonds to construct and equip a county hospital. The petition is requesting that a special election be held once enough signatures are gathered. He listed several issues/problems that the petition has. He is concerned that the petition will slow down the process that the county has in place, the party's intent may be to speed it up but it will slow it down. If this fails, the county will not be able to seek additional funding for another two years. Mr. Nance suggested that the chairman reach out to the individuals and have a frank conversation with them and let them know that the county has a plan in place. Also a special election would cost around \$90,000 and the county does not have the budget for that. Chairman Saiz stated that this petition is not something that this commission is behind or supports at this time. He stated that if this passes the debt will have to be satisfied by an increase to taxes for Valencia County residents. He stated that he will reach out to the individuals behind this petition, he asked if any other commissioner would like to join in the conversation with him. Commissioner Aragon stated that he will join Chairman Saiz. Commissioner Bizzell asked if the county had been involved in a lawsuit regarding dictating where the hospital would go. Mr. Nance stated that the county has been involved in two lawsuits based on dictating the location.

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