

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 (Via Zoom)	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance, County Attorney	Dave Pato, County Attorney
Michael Milam, County Clerk (Via Zoom)	
Press and Public	

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

2) Derrick Saiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded 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: August 18, 2021- ICIP Workshop**

August 18, 2021- Public Hearing/Business Meeting

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of both sets of minutes. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) **Commissioners, Committees and Reports.**

Employee of the Month: September 2021. Presenter: HR Director, Orlando Montoya

Mr. Montoya introduced Derrick Saiz as the employee of the month. Mr. Saiz has been with the county for 10 years and is Mr. Weston's right hand man out in the field. Animal Control Director Jess Weston stated that Mr. Saiz is a huge asset to the department, it is an honor to have him in the department.

Commissioner Bizzell announced that there is the possibility of flooding this weekend, residents are welcome to pick up filled sand bags in Belen or unfilled bags here at the county.

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

Valencia County 4-H Agent Sierra Cain reported that there were 47 participants in County Contest, 20 participants in District Conference, 22 participants in District Contest shooting sports and 11 youth attended State Conference. There were 220 indoor exhibits and 323 livestock exhibits entered into the County Fair. The county 4-H rodeo had over 40 participants, open enrollment for 4-H is starting soon.

PRESENTATION

6) **State of New Mexico County-Level Revenue and Expenditure Analysis. Presenter: Eddy County Community and Administrative Services Director, Wesley Hooper**

Mr. Wesley Hooper stated that Eddy County Commissioner Carlson had the idea to have a study completed by Arrowhead NMSU showing revenues and expenditures of each county that way it could be shown in black and white what Eddy County contributes to

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that state as a whole. Eddy County Commissioner Carlsen gave a brief presentation on the study that was conducted, stating that Eddy County provides 45% of the states operating budget. Providing money to southeast New Mexico helps the state give to other counties. Eddy and Lea counties get revenue from the oil and gas industry but the state is missing out on much more oil and gas revenue because New Mexico is not oil and gas industry friendly. Commissioner Carlson asked the commissioners to talk to their legislators and tell them that they support the oil and gas industry. Mr. Hooper stated that Sierra County and Hidalgo County passed a resolution supporting reinvestment in southeast New Mexico, he requested that the commission do the same and send it to the Governor. (See Exhibit A)

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 August 12th-August 25th and payroll dated August 13th.

Commissioner Bizzell 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. Commissioner Aragon was not present for the vote. (See Exhibit B, C)

Ms. Trujillo reported that yesterday the county received a \$1,370,000.00 reimbursement from the federal government for Meadowlake Road so now the general fund can be paid back.

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

Ms. Trujillo stated that the budget adjustments are mainly for grant awards, it does also include a budget adjustment for the 4 fire positions that were requested back in May as well as leave payouts for 3 exempt employees.

Chairman Saiz 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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-46. (See Exhibit D)

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

Ms. Trujillo stated that this budget adjustment is related to the county's Older Americans Program.

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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-47. (See Exhibit E)

10) 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 for approval.

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.

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2021-48. (See Exhibit F)

Commissioner Bizzell asked how much the county will be receiving from the internet sales tax. Ms. Trujillo stated that she won't have any information until the October GRT is received.