

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUSINESS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 6, 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 & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

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

**2) Ms. Selena Dominguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chairman Saiz announced that Commissioner Richardson is running late.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**4) Approval of Minutes: September 15, 2021- Public Hearing-Business Meeting  
September 20, 2021 Special Business Meeting**

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval of both sets of minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tristen Kumar commented that he is a resident of Albuquerque that recently purchased land in Valencia County. He commented that the county's cannabis ordinance is roughly written. Location listed on page 3 letter N is vague and constricts business owners, page 4, #6G reads Socorro County instead of Valencia County. He stated that he has attended cannabis conferences across the country and is willing to work with the county as he is investing here.

*Commissioner Richardson joined the meeting @ 5:05 P.M.*

**DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):**

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

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

Mr. Montoya introduced Selena Dominguez as the county's employee of the month. OAP Director Ms. Gonzales stated that Ms. Dominguez started working with the county in September 2019 through the Career Links program. She showed up to work every day willing to do anything that was needed. She is now employed by the county as a site aid and is basically running the kitchen, preparing 600 meals a day. Ms. Gonzales stated that the county is lucky to have Selena and her hard work does not go unnoticed.

**25 Years of Service: Richard Shiplet. Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez**

Ms. Benavidez presented Mr. Richard Shiplet with a plaque and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the county. He is a committed and dedicated employee who is passionate about his job and willing to help any department. Mr. Shiplet thanked Valencia County and said he will stay as long as the county lets him stay. Chairman Saiz thanked Mr. Shiplet for his dedication as a county employee.

Mr. Pato reported that he and Chairman Saiz met with the Governor and her staff regarding the hospital project, the Governor has committed to appropriating funding