

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

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	
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

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

2) Members of the fire department led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

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.

**4) Approval of Minutes: *December 28, 2021- Special Business Meeting*
January 5, 2022 -Public Hearing/Reorganizational Meeting
*January 12, 2022- Special Business Meeting***

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of the minutes as presented. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

Chairman Saiz reported that he had a Zoom meeting last week with DFA regarding the \$50 million that the legislature secured for the hospital. The grant agreements are in the draft process and should be completed in a couple of weeks, once the agreement has been reviewed by legal a RFP workshop will be scheduled.

Introduction of New Valencia County Fire Chief, Matthew Propp. Presenter: *County Manager, Danny Monette, HR Director, Orlando Montoya*

Mr. Montoya introduced Matthew Propp as the new fire chief for Valencia County. Chief Propp thanked the commission for the opportunity to serve as fire chief for the county, he has an amazing staff and is looking forward to growing the department. He also announced that today is Nick Moya's last day with the county, Mr. Moya has been instrumental in his success so far. Mr. Moya stated that today is a bittersweet moment as he is leaving the county after a total of 15 years and starting with the City of Belen. He stated that he hopes to see the county and Belen be partners and form a strong team for the county. Chairman Saiz stated that Mr. Moya has worn his badge with honor and served the county with pride.

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

Mr. Montoya introduced Gerald Sanchez as the employee of the month, he stated that Mr. Sanchez has been instrumental in the turnaround which has happened in his department. Ms. Benavidez stated that Gerald Sanchez, a heavy equipment mechanic, has been with the county for 14 years. He is a hardworking, knowledgeable, and dedicated employee who is willing to assist wherever needed.