

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUSINESS MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 2022**

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	
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 5:01 P.M.**

**2) Kristen Gamboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Saiz stated that he received a request to table items #5, #14 and #30, also action will be taken on items #21-#27 as one item.

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of the agenda as amended. 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: No minutes to present**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Mraz commented that the Juvenile Justice Board needs an increase in funds, the county is not following state statute regarding the roll and formation of the board. Two outstanding board members have resigned. He requested that the bylaws be tabled tonight. He has had serious issues/problems with Mr. Silva, Commissioner Hyder and Melissa.

Chairman Saiz repeatedly asked Mr. Mraz to have a seat as Mr. Mraz' allotted time of 3 minutes had expired.

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

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

None

**Employee of the Month. Presenter: Human Resources Director Orlando Montoya**  
Tabled (See item #3)

**PRESENTATION(S):**

**6) Update from AREA and EDD on our Regional Competitive Position and Tools and Resources in NM to Win Mega Deals. Presenters: *President & CEO of AREA, Danielle Casey, Director of Business Development and Analytics of AREA, Grant Taylor, New Mexico EDD, Jon Clark, Mark Roper, Max Gruner, Village of Los Lunas Sr. Economic Developer, Kristen Gamboa; Sponsor: Chairman, Gerard Saiz***

Kristen Gamboa, Senior Economic Developer for the Village of Los Lunas, introduced Danielle Casey, President of ABQ Regional Economic Alliance. Ms. Casey spoke about the role of AREA in bringing in new business as well as supporting existing businesses. She also spoke about AREAS area of service and expertise. Commissioner Bizzell asked Ms. Casey if her company would take a look at the county's comprehensive plan. Also present were Mark Roper from the state Economic Development department and Max Gruner. Mr. Roper spoke briefly on tools available to help local communities with economic development. (See Exhibit A)