

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2022**

*Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031*

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Gerard Saiz, Chairman (via Zoom)	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair (via Zoom)	
David A. Hyder, Member (via Zoom)	
	Troy Richardson, Member
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Dave Pato, County Attorney (via Zoom)	Adren Nance, County Attorney
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 12:30 P.M.
- 2) Commissioner Bizzell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**3) Report from Emergency Responders**

Fire Chief Propp stated that the fire started yesterday at 1:30 P.M. in Belen near Reinken Rd and the river and within 15-30 minutes it had jumped the river. As of today 800 acres have been burned. There have been a total of 19 structures burned, including one residence. The fire also went through Whitfield Wildlife preserve and caused damage there. Yesterday the Fire Management Assistance grant (FMAG) was submitted to FEMA and it was approved, the FMAG requires the resolution that is being proposed today. Fire Chief Propp thanked all the crews involved, resources were requested the minute the department received call. Good progress is being made considering the conditions. Chairman Saiz thanked all first responders and volunteers in the community. Commissioner Hyder asked if the Sheriff's Posse and animal control were still taking in livestock, cats and dogs. Fire Chief Propp replied yes, NM Livestock is also giving assistance as well as private parties are offering pastures. Commissioner Bizzell stated that he has been traveling through the district and it's amazing to see all the agencies that are involved. There is a great plan in place for the coordination of all the agencies involved. Mr. Monette stated that it's great to see ICS in action. Chairman Saiz thanked Mr. Monette for keeping everyone updated.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

**4) Approval of Emergency Resolution 2022-\_\_\_ Declaring a Disaster in the County of Valencia for the ongoing Big Hole Fire. Presenter: *County Manager Danny Monette*. Sponsor: *New Mexico CMI Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, SS 12-1041 to 12-10-11)***

Mr. Monette presented the declaration of emergency resolution and asked for approval.

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

County Clerk Milam announced Resolution 2022-37. (See Exhibit A)

**5) Adjournment**


Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting. **TIME: 12:40 P.M.**

<p><b>NOTE:</b> All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 12, 2022 Emergency Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.</p>
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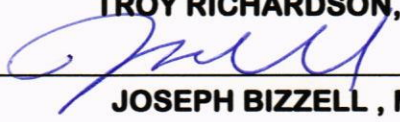
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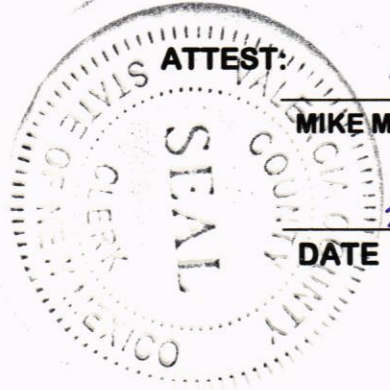
  
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**GERARD SAIZ, CHAIRMAN**

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**JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR**

  
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**DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER**

*Absent*  
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**TROY RICHARDSON, MEMBER**

  
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**JOSEPH BIZZELL, MEMBER**



**ATTEST:**   
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**MIKE MILAM COUNTY CLERK**

*4-20-2022*  
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**DATE**

*Minutes are not verbatim. The complete audio file from this meeting can be heard at <https://www.co.valencia.nm.us/>*