

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 1, 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 5:04 P.M.

2) Emergency Manager Sarah Gillen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Mr. Monette requested that item #21 be tabled. Chairman Saiz stated that action will be taken on items #11-#16 in one motion.

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: *May 18, 2022- Public Hearing-Business Meeting*

Commissioner Hyder 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deirdra Velasquez commented that she is in opposition to the NROZ ordinance that was recently adopted. She outlined objections to the ordinance and listed several organizations that are also opposed to the overlay zone.

Ann McCartney commented that she a board member of 350 New Mexico and a member of Valencia Water Watchers. Now is not the time to expand oil and gas production in the state, it lowers the air quality and fracking threatens the water supply. She requested that a citizen's committee be formed to address the ordinance.

Amber Jeansonne commented that she is a member of Valencia Water Watchers, she read a letter from Sister Joan Brown the Executive Director of Interfaith Power and Light NM.

Bryonna Klumker commented that she is against land being rezoned for the purpose of oil and gas and is also against fracking. She asked if any geological surveys have been done, the long term impacts to the land and water need to be considered.

Jackson Krauss commented that oil and gas production can harm the water supply. There needs to be a massive change and go towards the solar and renewable energy market, everyone needs to think about the future.

Joe Mumley commented that he attended fracking meetings in Sandoval County a few years ago; studies show fracking can affect health. Sandoval County spent \$50,000 on a study and the study found there was no economic feasibility in the Rio Grande valley for oil and gas production.