

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING- BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2022

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

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
	Jonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair
David A. Hyder, Member	
Troy Richardson, Member	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Orlando Montoya, HR Director	Danny Monette, County Manager
Dave Pato, County Attorney	Adren Nance, County Attorney
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

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

2) Mr. Silva 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. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

4) Approval of Minutes: 10/05/2022- Business Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S)

5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.

None

PRESENTATION(S):

6) Connect New Mexico Pilot Program Partnership with Comcast. Presenter: *IT Administrator, Tesa Mast; Grants Director, Jeremias Silva*; Sponsor: *County Manager for Regular County Business*

Ms. Mast stated that there has been an effort to get broadband expansion in the county, Comcast has reached out requesting support in their efforts to run a hardline fiber connection for their Connect New Mexico pilot program. Erin Muffoletto with Comcast's Local Government Affairs division stated that Comcast has a new program, Connect New Mexico, in which they have identified 3,563 homes and businesses in the county currently not offered service. Comcast is seeking support from the county, they have also obtained letters of support from throughout the community. Mr. Silva stated that this is an opportunity to support Comcast's efforts, the county would not have any fiscal involvement. Ms. Mast stated that the county will write a letter of support and keep the commission updated on the project.

7) Update and Review on VCDC Expansion. Presenter: *Clemons, Rutherford & Associates Inc.*; Sponsor: *Grants Director, Jeremias Silva & VCDC Warden, Randy Gutierrez*

Mr. Silva stated that Clemons, Rutherford & Associates is the architect and Mr. Rutherford is joining the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Silva, Warden Gutierrez and Mr. Rutherford gave a brief overview of the proposed plans for expansion of the detention center. The planned expansion will include 92 beds and will allow for four additional classifications, not all but some of prisoners housed out of county will be able to be brought back. The expansion will also allow the detention center to be the only one in the state with a true restrictive housing unit. Mr. Silva stated that the anticipated cost for construction is \$6.7 million plus the design plans bring the total around \$7.2 million. He