

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION RETREAT

MARCH 22, 2023

and

MARCH 23, 2023

Los Lunas Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Rd., Los Lunas, NM 87031

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
Morris Sparkman, Member	
Troy Richardson, Member	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance, County Attorney	Dave Pato, County Attorney
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
	Press and Public

Valencia County staff that were in attendance at the retreat included, Jess Weston, Derrick Saiz, Loretta Trujillo, Russ Schmidt, Ron Saiz, Celia Dittmaier, Sarah Gillen, Randy Gutierrez, Jesus Heredia, Denise Vigil, Jeff Noah, Jeremias Silva, Tesa Mast, Kevin Knight, Matt Propp, Melissa Jaramillo, Gabe Luna, Orlando Montoya, and Rustin Porter.

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 8:19 a.m.

2) Ms. Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Monette introduced Lisa Edwards, the visual facilitator that will be conducting the meeting. Ms. Edwards stated that she will be creating a visual report of the meeting, writing down ideas and creating a summary chart.

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

4) Strategic Planning: Departments and Officials

During the course of the workshop Ms. Edwards led the group in several round table discussions and small group exercises including reflecting on the history of the county, the current situation of the county, as well as a spot analysis of the county's strengths, threats and problems. Staff presentations were given by:

Mr. Montoya who addressed parks and recreation.

Ms. Jaramillo addressed illegal dumping/abatement.

Mr. Silva addressed ARPA funding.

Ms. Trujillo addressed the financial history of the county.

Chairman Saiz spoke on the I-25 corridor and the hospital.

At 2:26 p.m. Commissioner Aragon moved to recess until tomorrow. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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At 8:22 a.m. Commissioner Aragon moved to reconvene. Seconded by Commissioner Richardson. Roll call vote. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

5) Strategic Planning: Departments and Officials

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Ms. Edwards stated that today she would like to focus on envisioning the future of the county. During today's session Ms. Edwards led the group in round table discussions and several small group exercises. Some of the strategic priorities that the group collaborated on were:

- Hiring/Retention/Staff
- Financial Stability
- Parks & Recreation
- Community/Economic Development
- Communicating with the public
- Infrastructure & Projects
- Public Safety

Ms. Edwards spoke to the group about creating and activating a strategy and more discussion was held about what action steps the county needs to take to reach their goals. Mr. Monette and the commission thanked all those in attendance for working together in unity to set common goals for the county. (See Exhibit A)

6) Adjournment

Chairman Saiz adjourned the meeting. **TIME: 3:04 p.m.**

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the March 22nd and March 23rd, 2023 BOCC Retreat (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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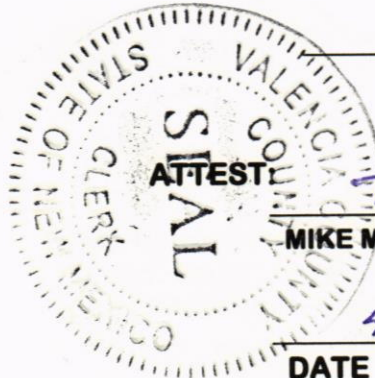
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MIKE MILAM COUNTY CLERK

4-5-2023
DATE

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