

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING - BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 21, 2023

Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., 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 & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

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

2) Deputy Fire Chief Casey Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Chairman Saiz requested that item #13 be tabled and that #14 be moved to the first action item.

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

4) Approval of Minutes: June 7, 2023- Public Hearing/Business Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharon Smith, resident of 7 Lewis St., commented that there is concern about a cannabis farm in their neighborhood. Residents have tried calling the county but have not heard back, residents have questions that need to be answered.

Chuck Woodward, resident of 7 Lewis St., commented that the cannabis farm is not appropriate in a neighborhood area. Property values will go down and the crime rate will go up, residents should have a say in what comes into the neighborhood.

Ramon Baca, resident of 601 Edith Dr., commented that cannabis is a drug which will lead to stronger drugs over time, also in the mid 60's the river and wells ran dry don't take the valuable resources such as water from our children or grandchildren.

Michelle Shiplet commented that there is a cannabis farm going up in her neighborhood, the person that owns the farm is from Corrales. She voted for Commissioner Sparkman so he is expected to do something.

Samantha Tate, resident of Barbara St., commented on the cannabis farm in her neighborhood. Something needs to be done about it, they are trying to protect their neighborhood, please inform the public who they need to speak to in order to get issues resolved.

Chairman Saiz stated that those individuals speaking on the cannabis issue are not being ignored the county has very little to do with it at a county level, most of this comes from state regulations or ordinance. Mr. Monette stated that the individual with the cannabis farm has not come to the county with a plan or any request. Mr. Monette stated that he has spoken to Ms. Smith multiple times and has informed her that when the county has more information he will reach out to her. Mr. Pato stated that Commissioner Sparkman