

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ICIP WORKSHOP**

**JULY 19, 2023**

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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
Kevin Knight, Chief Deputy Clerk	Mike Milam, County Clerk
Press and Public	

**1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 3:03 P.M.**

**2) Mr. Jess Weston 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 Sparkman voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 5-0

**WORKSHOP:**

**4) Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Workshop to Reorganize the Priority List for 2025-2029. Presenter: Public Works Director, Lina Benavidez; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

Mr. Monette stated that the ICIP list is used to request funding for capital outlay projects. What is shown on today's list are projects that the county has listed in the past as well as several new projects on the bottom of the list. He suggested that the county include smaller projects on the list that can be funded with junior bills funding, items such as dirt work for the flooding issue. Chairman Saiz stated that he was asked by a village councilor to include an aquatic center on the county's ICIP list as a regional request. The village is requesting \$20 million and would like to see it included in the county's top ten projects. Commissioner Bizzell and Commissioner Richardson stated that the aquatic center request was a good addition to the county's list, it shows support and working together. Commissioner Richardson stated that he would like to see the village and city of Belen place flood control project on their ICIP lists as well as that is also a regional project. Chief Propp stated that he is ok with moving the Jarales fire department down lower on the list, with the bond money they have received they were able to make some improvements. There are some fleet and communication needs that will need to be added to the list.

Undersheriff Noah stated that keeping the communication equipment high on the list is very helpful. Mr. Weston stated that he is requesting a new adoption facility, the estimated cost is a little over \$8 million. He also reported that after many years of trying the county has hired a veterinarian, October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the start date. Warden Gutierrez stated that the jail has been open for 23 years, and there are some things that need to be renovated such as the pipe chases. Ms. Benavidez stated that #9 (I-25 extension from Hwy 47 to Manzano Expressway) be moved higher on the list. She stated that she is hoping to get final approval on the ICIP at the first meeting in August as it is due to DFA by August 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Aragon asked if the Jarales fire department should stay in the top ten or lowered. Chief Propp stated that it could be dropped down out of the top ten so as to not compete with some of the other projects. He stated that there are two other projects, that are not included today, he needs to add to the list. The replacement of two rescue vehicles and communication equipment upgrade. Commissioner Aragon stated that he would like see multi use parks moved up on the list and amount increased as well as removing Cypress Gardens relief route. Chairman Saiz stated that current item #2 will be moved to #1.