

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MARCH 6, 2024**

*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	
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

**1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:01 P.M.**

**2) Ms. Rheganne Vaughn 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.

**4) Approval of Minutes: (02.21.2024 – 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:**

None

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

**5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.**

Commissioner Bizzell commended Ms. Melissa Jaramillo and her staff for everything that they do for the OAP and the seniors in the county.

Mr. Monette stated that the county was approached by the Village of Los Lunas asking for a letter from the county, for the village meeting tomorrow, stating that the county does not oppose the annexation of the properties along Morris Rd. Mr. Monette stated that that if there is no objection from the commission, as letters like this need to come from the commission, the letter can be presented to the village tomorrow. Mr. Nance stated that the county manager would be doing so under his current authority, as the commission has given direction to support this project. Commissioner Saiz stated that even if the board was to oppose this the village could still potentially annex the property. Mr. Nance replied that is correct, unless the county officially protested it and could prove that it could provide the same or better services then a municipality. Commissioner Bizzell stated that there were some zone changes for properties in that area that had been tabled, how will that be effected. Mr. Nance stated that if the annexation went through the case would be moot for the county, until that point it's still under the county's jurisdiction. Commissioner Aragon stated that to be clear the project is the I-25 corridor. Mr. Monette replied, that is correct. There was a consensus from the board for Mr. Monette to move forward with the letter.

• **Employee of the Month. Presenter: Human Resources Director, Orlando Montoya**

Mr. Montoya introduced Mr. Ted Garcia Jr. as the employee of the month. Chief Propp stated that the department is happy to see that Mr. Garcia received the award. He is the kind of guy that will bring up an issue and the first to be part of the solution, he is definitely deserving of the award. Mr. Garcia thanked the commission for allowing him to serve, it is a great honor to receive the award.