



June 24, 2015

Agenda

3:00 P.M. Final Budget Workshop
Valencia County Commission Chambers
444 Luna Ave.
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Board of County Commissioners

Charles D. Eaton, Chair	District IV
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	District V
Helen Y. Cole	District I
Alicia Aguilar	District II
David A. Hyder	District III

Please Silence all Electronic Devices

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Agenda

WORKSHOP ITEM(S)

- 4) Final FY16 Budget. *Christina Card/Adrienne Kozacek*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please sign up on the sheet located just outside the Commission Chambers. The Board will allow each member of the public wishing to address the Board a full and complete opportunity to address the Commission.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS

July 1, 2015 – Solid Waste Workshop @ 3:00 P.M.

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

July 1, 2015 –Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FINAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

JUNE 24, 2015

PRESENT	
Charles D. Eaton, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Alicia Aguilar, Member	
Helen Y. Cole, Member	
Adrienne Kozacek, Interim County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eaton at 3:05 P.M.

2) Ms. Kozacek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Roll call vote. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Cole voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Eaton voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

WORKSHOP ITEM(S):

4) Final FY16 Budget. *Christina Card/Adrienne Kozacek*

Ms. Kozacek stated that on May 27th the board approved a preliminary budget, in that meeting there were some items that needed to be adjusted for the final budget and today's workshop is just to go over those items. As well as to go over some circumstances involving the budget that happened last week and what changes were made in response to that. Last week it was realized that the revenues from property taxes were overestimated in the preliminary budget, those numbers were reduced by 3/4 of a million dollars from what was originally presented in the preliminary budget. We were able to bring things back in line to present a balanced budget that amounted to reduction in operating expenses, some extra padding was taken out of certain accounts and the funded depreciation account was removed. The main purpose of that account was to have money set aside for next year when the bond debt service goes up. The budget balanced with the money taken from that account, and then begin the process of rebuilding that cushion. Several departments were able to help by finding some additional money in their budgets that they were able to give back, another thing that was looked at was salary and benefits. The numbers that are presented today allow for a balanced budget

Ms. Card stated that in the preliminary budget property tax revenue was estimated at \$11,525,000 but the final values that the Assessors sent to the state and based on those values property tax revenues are now estimated at \$10,755,000 which created the \$773,000 difference in revenues. In order to balance the budget reductions had to be made, General Fund expenditures were reduced \$172,640 transfers out of the General Fund were reduced by \$840,648 reductions in expenditures and transfers reduced the reserve requirement by \$40,660 the total amount of reductions was \$1,053,000 which right now in the budget creates a surplus of \$280,892.00. After reductions and one time expenditures the proposed surplus is \$420,892. In regards to salaries and benefits the union salary increases for ASCME Detention was \$201,000 Blue Collar was \$185,000 and FOP was \$217,170 for a total union salary increase of \$603,668. The cost of covering 80% of the currently enrolled employees insurance is \$237,982 There are a total of 291 budgeted positions for the fiscal year end 16 budget, 54 employees received a wage and salary adjustment, 2 employees received adjustments for education or certification, 20 employees received pay compression adjustments, 116 employees received union agreement adjustments. There are 10 new positions budgeted and 76 employees received no adjustments and the remaining 3 employees received adjustments due to job description changes. Commissioner Cole asked if the 76 employees that did not get an increase will receive anything eventually; several employees have written letters of concern being that their getting close to retirement. Ms. Card stated that all employees

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are at least low market rate a lot of the employees that are not receiving an increase in FY16 received an increase this fiscal year. But there are some employees that are eligible to receive a longevity increase. Commissioner Cole asked about the additional staff that was requested by the Detention Center, the preliminary budget showed an additional Records Clerk position but now that position is not listed. Ms. Card stated that she will make note and add that position back on. Commissioner Cole asked when addressing the employees that are eligible for longevity increases would take place. Ms. Card stated that it would be up to the commission for direction, the retention incentive fund is set aside. Ms. Kozacek stated that if possible she would like to see an implementation plan in place by August. Ms. Card stated that the county had received a letter from the Department of Finance and Administration stating that the county's preliminary budget had been approved. Commissioner Aguilar requested that the commissioners each get a copy of the letter.

Chairman Eaton thanked Ms. Kozacek and Ms. Card for their diligence in addressing the issues that came up regarding the budget last week. He has full confidence in them and their work and that they have everything under full control. Commissioner Aguilar thanked them for taking the bull by the horns in the absence of a County Manager and Finance Director. Commissioner Aguilar went on to say that even though there is a balanced budget she is saddened that it is before any expenditures or any planning for the future. Hopefully, in the next year, a 5 year plan can be worked on for desperately needed projects such as Detentions, the transfer station, the DA's office and the fixing or expansion of the courthouse. Ms. Card stated that having a 5 year plan in place would provide better direction for the Finance department. Chairman Eaton stated that the commission made a commitment to staff to improve the salary and benefits package and that was accomplished with this budget. The 3 union agreements have also been addressed. Ms. Kozacek stated that the final budget will be presented at the July 15th commission meeting for final approval. Ms. Card asked the commission to let her know if there are any additional changes that they would like to see.

Warden Chavez stated that he is getting 2 additional detention officers but he is willing to let one of the positions go to keep the pay the same for the detention side, he would rather have 5 hardworking employees than 10 employees that are disgruntled.

Commissioner Aguilar mentioned that Human Resources Director Mr. Zolnier had turned in his resignation and his last day will be on Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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5) Adjournment

Commissioner Aragon moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Cole voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Chairman Eaton voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. TIME: 3:36 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the June 24, 2015 Final Budget Workshop (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


CHARLES D. EATON, CHAIRMAN

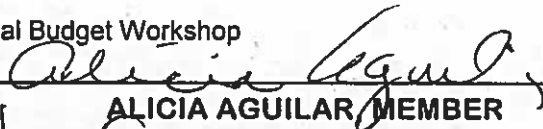

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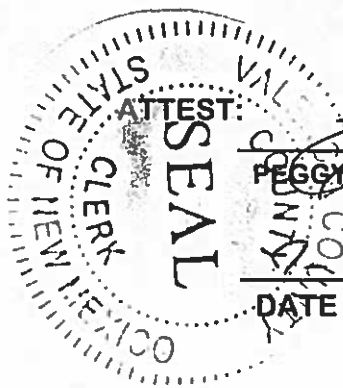
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HELEN Y. COLE, MEMBER




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