



November 10, 2015

Agenda

5:00 P.M. Public Hearing
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

Sponsorship does not indicate endorsement of a given topic

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

- 4) Appeal of Administrative Decision made by the Community Development Director. Presenter: **Susan H. Compton**
Applicant Name (person appealing decision): Susan H. Compton
Property Address: 1246 Behnke Rd. Los Lunas, NM
- 5) Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing Valencia County Road Naming and Addressing Policies and Procedures. Presenter: **Victor Gonzales**

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 MEETING

November 18, 2015-Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

PRESENT	
Charles D. Eaton, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Alicia Aguilar, Member	
Helen Y. Cole, Member	
Danny Monette, 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 5:03 P.M.
- 2) Mr. Monette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Monette stated that the agenda for next weeks business meeting is fairly lengthy so with the commission's approval he would like to hold executive session starting at 3:00 p.m. and the regular meeting start at 5:00 p.m. The commission was in agreement with the suggestion.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S)

4) Appeal of Administrative Decision made by the Community Development Director.

Presenter: *Susan H. Compton*

Applicant Name (person appealing decision): Susan H. Compton
 Property Address: 1248 Behne Rd. Los Lunas, NM

Mr. Martinez stated that Ms. Compton would like to appeal a decision made by himself as the Community Development Director.

County Clerk Carabajal administered the oath to those wishing to speak on tonight's public hearing matters.

Ms. Compton stated that she thought she had confirmed on several different occasions that she was to present on November 18th but she has been out of town so she did not receive her certified letter, notifying her that she was to present at tonight's meeting, until yesterday. She is not ready to present at this time so she is asking the commission to table this matter until the next public hearing on December 9th.

Commissioner Cole moved to table this item until the next public hearing on December 9th. Seconded by Commissioner Aguilar. Roll call vote. Commissioner Cole voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Chairman Eaton voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Martinez stated that his staff will proceed with the normal procedure for notification for the upcoming December 9th public hearing.

5) Consideration of Ordinance Establishing Valencia County Road Naming and Addressing Policies and Procedures. Presenter: *Victor Gonzales*

Mr. Gonzales stated that he is not requesting that the ordinance be passed as it currently is, he believes that there can be more input to refine it so the ordinance can benefit the community, so he accepts any positive or negative criticism in regards to the ordinance.

Mr. Chuck Roberts stated that he has had continuous problems with addressing where he lives, some of the problems include mail delivery to the wrong address and multiple times when police have come to his home in error when looking for another residence. He went

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on to say that changing an address is relatively minor when it comes to the possibility of a life being lost because emergency services can't find you. (See Exhibit A)

Mr. Gonzales stated that he has been in contact with the county's previous addressor Richard Chavez who is now employed at the Valencia Dispatch Center. Mr. Chavez suggested some minor changes to be made to the proposed ordinance and wrote a letter to the commission asking them to adopt the ordinance, he also wrote that an addressing ordinance for Valencia County is something that is long overdue. (See Exhibit B)

Commissioner Cole stated that she would like to clarify that all the commissioners are on board with this so that in an emergency situation residents can be assisted; but they just want to make sure that they are doing it correctly

Commissioner Aguilar asked Mr. Gonzales if he had a chance to look into the concerns that she had previously brought up with the draft ordinance.

Mr. Gonzales asked if it was in regards to the percentage of residents who are favorable and unfavorable when it comes to naming a road.

Commissioner Aguilar stated that she just wants clarification on the more or less 10% when reading it becomes very confusing.

Mr. Gonzales stated that Sec 2.5 (D) states that if 10% or more owners object then the road name change would be stopped but if fewer than 10% object the road name will be changed.

Commissioner Aguilar stated that page 2.2 of the ordinance states that a road must meet county road standard prior to being assigned a name and that an inspection will be done by the county; but if residents need to bring the road up to county standards the purpose is being defeated. She would like there to be consistency between roads and easements and with the road department.

Mr. Gonzales stated while there is nothing in writing the county usually has the fire department go out and look at the road but currently there are no specific points established to say a road qualifies and another one doesn't.

Chairman Eaton stated that in his agenda request Mr. Gonzales wrote that this ordinance would repeal ordinance that was adopted in 1984 and resolutions 93-10, 00-22 and 01-35 he would have liked to see these included in the packet to cross reference them.

Commissioner Aguilar requested that she receive a copy of the existing ordinance with the highlighted changes before the next meeting.

Chairman Eaton asked how many county dedicated roads and private roads there are in the county.

Mr. Gonzales stated that in county jurisdiction he estimates that there are 1,000 privately maintained roads, 20 state maintained roads, 650 county maintained roads and an unnumbered amount of unnamed easements.

Chairman Eaton stated that it will be troublesome to get the people to come in and purchase a sign.

Mr. Gonzales stated that the ordinance allows the county to be active in its efforts in regards to road signage.

Chairman Eaton stated that the county's current procedures are for the county to place signs on county dedicated roadways at the county's expense but on a private easement it's the responsibility of the property owner to come in and pay for a sign and the county puts the sign up.

Mr. Gonzales stated yes that is correct.

Commissioner Aguilar stated that she thought the language was that the owner put the sign up themselves. But how would they know the distance on where to put the sign.



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Ms Lina Benavidez stated that the ordinance does allow for the property owners to purchase and install the signs, but if they need assistance the county can assist them by going out and marking the distance.

Chairman Eaton asked what the cost is right now.

Ms. Benavidez stated that it is \$50 for the signage and the hardware.

Chairman Eaton stated that anything that can be done to improve addresses will help the emergency services, there will be some areas throughout the county that will be a big task to fix addresses. This may also create a heartache to a lot of people with having to change mailing addresses people may get upset but if we have to do it, we have to do it.

Mr., Gonzales stated that he has always been willing to help and has even at times called the post office for residents that are having issues.

Chairman Eaton stated that it would be a good idea to partner up with Emergency Services to do a campaign to stress the importance of having visible addresses. (See Exhibit C)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick Blea- Mr. Blea commented that he and several other people have gotten together as an informal/independent committee to discuss health care issues in Valencia County. The hospital is a county issue and the residents are looking to the commission to fix the mess. He would like the commission to hear the presentation that was made by Avalon Development at an open public forum a few months ago.

Mike Jones- Mr. Jones commented that he would like to be in attendance at a public hearing when a presentation on health care is held.

Robert Lucero- Mr. Lucero stated that the informal committee is brainstorming and coming up with ideas for health care in the county. Something needs to be done because people's lives are at stake. In moving forward he believes that the county needs to get Isleta involved as well because they are in such close proximity to each other.

Penny Griego- Ms. Griego commented that she attended the forum that was presented by Avalon Development and she would appreciate being able to present the information from the forum. She is also looking forward to resolution on the issue.

There was discussion between some commission members and county legal if a presentation would be allowed since the hospital issue is still in litigation. It was agreed upon that there is provision in the agenda that allows for full opportunity to present during public comment or if sponsored by a commissioner.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

November 18, 2015- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.

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

6) Adjournment

Commissioner Aragon moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Commissioner Cole voted yes. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Chairman Eaton voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. TIME: 6:14 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 10, 2015 Public Hearing (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



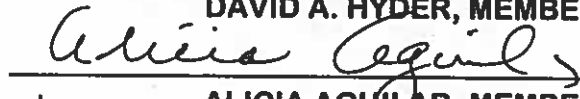
JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR

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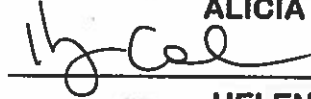




DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER

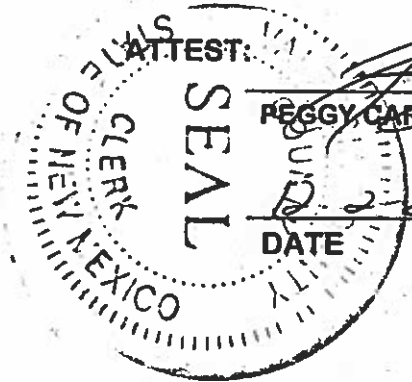


ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER



HELEN Y. COLE, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
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DATE 11-2-2015



November 13, 2015

Chuck and Glenna Roberts
3120 Highway 47
Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

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My husband and myself moved into our house at 3120 Highway 47 twelve years ago. During that time, we have had numerous mail carriers, each time we get a new carrier there is a period of adjustment due to several people using the same address of 3120 Highway 47 with letters attached such as A,B,C,D etc. The problem with this method is that almost none of the incoming mail has the correct letter designations on the envelope. Consequently, all mail comes to us. The current carrier does a pretty good job, but we still take a lot of mail back to the post office. We have made so many calls to the post office over the years we couldn't begin to count them. The post master seemed completely unable to rectify the matter so we went to planning and zoning. They tried sending letters to our neighbors suggesting they use a different address. The problem seems to have a fairly easy remedy in our case, because our house is the only one that opens onto Highway 47. Our neighbors all live on a street north of our property called La Frijolaria. Planning and zoning has assigned each house their own number on La Frijolaria, (there are approximately 5). Their mail boxes, however, are all physically located on Highway 47, so they continue to use 3120 Highway 47. I think if the post office would assure them they could leave the boxes where they are physically located on Highway 47 and each would use their individually assigned address on La Frijolaria, the mail problem could be easily remedied.

The other much larger and more problematic issue is that all EMT, Police, Fire Department, FedEx, and legal problems such as summons are delivered to us. Twenty-one times in the last five years police have come pounding on my door at all times of the day and night. This can be verified at the police station. None of these requests for services were initiated by us, with the exception or two or three times we called for help with wrecks on the highway in front of our house. It appears to the police that the residents at 3120 Highway 47 have continuous domestic abuse and other issues, when in fact, we do not! One day our son was sleeping on the couch in the living room. We heard loud pounding on both the front and back door. My son jumped up in alarm. My front yard was full of a SWAT team looking for someone at 3120 Highway 47. One night my husband was sitting in the living room late at night in his underwear and the police tapped on the window with a flashlight telling him to open the front door. My husband couldn't see who was on the other side of the window, because it was dark outside. He could have picked up a firearm, because he was alarmed. We do understand that the police are merely trying to do their job, but this is potentially a dangerous situation for us and the persons that requested service.

I can't count the times a neighbor has called for an ambulance or police and they have wasted valuable time coming to my house first, then running up and down La Frijolaria

Exhibit A

looking for the party that called them. As recently as Sunday night, November 8, police came to our door at 8:00 at night looking for someone needing their assistance. I told them where I thought they should go. They went to La Frijolaria, and a few minutes later I saw them returning down the lane. I don't know if they found the party they were looking for or not.

We are very greatly appreciative of the county for recently marking La Frijolaria. All we need now is for each neighbor to use their own number on that street. My husband and I have moved at least twelve times in our married life. Changing an address is relatively minor compared to losing your life because emergency personnel cannot find you. Not to mention the potential lawsuits, because Valencia County government agencies have now made it known that they are aware of the problem and might decide not to remedy the situation. Is it not the role of Valencia County Government to protect citizens as it applies to their lives and property?

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BY MY WORKING AT OUR DISPATCH CENTER NOW, I HEAR FIRST HAND THE PROBLEMS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ENCOUNTER WHEN TRYING TO LOCATE AN ADDRESS ON A STREET THAT THE ADDRESSING NUMBERS ARE OUT OF ORDER OR ODD OR EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD. IN A LOT OF CASES THE DISPATCHER HAS TO CALL THE CALLER BACK AND GET A DESCRIPTION OF THE HOME OR WHAT KIND OF VEHICLE IS IN THE YARD OR THE CALLER HAS TO ACTUALLY GO OUTSIDE THEIR HOME TO FLAG DOWN AN OFFICER OR A MEDICAL UNIT. THESE REAL LIFE OCCURANCES PRESENT A HUGE PROBLEM AND SOMETIMES CAUSE A DELAY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WHEN TIME IS OF ESSENCE.

THERE MAY BE A CALLER, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE CALL THAT MAY BE UNABLE TO SPEAK WHEN A DISPATCHER TRIES TO CALL THEM BACK OR GO OUTSIDE TO FLAG A RESPONDER DOWN.

THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE ON LIFE ALERT OR A SIMILAR ALERT SYSTEM AND CHILDREN THAT MAY BE AT RISK OF NOT BEING FOUND AS QUICKLY IN AN EMERGENCY. I COULD GO ON AND ON WITH OTHER REAL LIFE OCCURANCES THAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND DISPATCHERS FACE ON A DAILY BASIS WHEN TRYING TO LOCATE A CALLER WITH A NON-CONFORMING ADDRESS.

ROAD NAMING IS ALSO A CONCERN. BACK IN THE 1980'S AND 90'S ASSIGNING AN ADDRESS ON A MAIN ROAD TO A HOME LOCATED SAY 500 TO 1000 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM THE MAIN ROAD WAS NOT UNUSUAL BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY OF THE POPULATION BACK THEN. WITH THE GROWTH OUR COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED SINCE THEN, EASEMENTS NEED TO BE NAMED AND NEW ADDRESSES ASSIGNED TO HELP FIND THESE RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY. AN ADDRESSING ORDINANCE FOR VALENCIA COUNTY HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE AND I THANK VICTOR GONZALES FOR BRINGING THIS TO YOU FOR APPROVAL.

I ASK THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE WHICH WAS WRITTEN TO HELP SAVE LIVES IN VALENCIA COUNTY. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT AND I INVITE EVERY COMMISSIONER ON THIS BOARD TO COME AND VISIT VRECC.

RICHARD CHAVEZ 11/10/2015

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Exhibit B

MY NAME IS RICHARD CHAVEZ I AM THE FORMER RURAL ADDRESSOR FOR VALENCIA COUNTY.
I AM NOW EMPLOYED BY VRECC (OUR 911 DISPATCH CENTER) AS THE GIS MAPPING & MSAG
COORDINATOR.

I SUPPORT THE ADDRESSING & ROAD NAMING ORDINANCE THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU
FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT BY VICTOR GONZALES WITH A FEW MODIFICATIONS FOR YOU TO
CONSIDER.

UNDER DEFINITIONS: CHANGE MASTER STREET ATLAS GUIDE TO MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE.

SECTION 3-5 UNDER SUFFIX ABBREVIATIONS

AVENIDA NOR CALLE ARE TO BE ABBREVIATED TO AVE OR CA. IT IS PART OF THE ROAD NAME,
THEREFORE NOT A SUFFIX AS SHOWN ON PAGE 1-8.

CHANGE THE ABBREVIATION FOR CIRCLE FROM CR TO CIR.

HIGHWAY IN THE VALENCIA COUNTY MSAG IS SPELLED OUT COMPLETELY AND IS NOT CONSIDERED A
SUFFIX. REMOVE HWY FROM SUFFIX ABBREVIATIONS.

SECTION 5-1

MILE MARKER SYSTEM CHANGE 300 POSSIBLE ADDRESSES PER MILE TO 100 POSSIBLE ADDRESSES
PER MILE.

SECTION 5-1-J

NUMBERING SHALL START IN DOUBLE DIGITS.

THIS NEEDS TO BE MODIFIED.

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