



JULY 25, 2019

The Board of Chaves County Commissioners held their Regular Commission meeting in the Commission Chamber of the Joe Skeen Building, #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell, New Mexico. Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Commissioner Ezzell led the pledge and Commissioner Dana led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Dana, Ezzell, Corn and Cavin. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Bill Williams, Sheriff Mike Herrington, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

MINUTES

Commissioner Corn amended the minutes on page 8 stating under his comments it mentions Mr. "Pittman" which should be Mr. Pepin. Commissioner Corn moved to approve the minutes as amended from June 27, 2019. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION

ARIZONA/NEW MEXICO COUNTIES COALITION

Chairman Cavin presented with Commissioner Corn with a plaque from Arizona/New Mexico Counties Coalition. He stated this recognition is only given to those that go above and beyond their duties. A picture was taken of the Commission.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT A-18-032 WITH WINGS FOR L.I.F.E.

Lucia Serrano stated Amendment No. 2 to Agreement A-18-032 revises the scope of work as required by NMDFA. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Amendment #2 to Agreement A-18-032. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENT A-19-030 WITH THE CHAVES COUNTY FLOOD COMMISSION

Stan Riggs stated Chaves County entered into an agreement on April 6, 2006 with the Chaves County Flood Commissioner of Flood Control Services. The agreement covered operations of the Flood Commission regarding; procurement, personnel, policy, safety and insurance. The newly appointed Flood Commissioner, Tim Jennings, requests that this agreement be renewed in its entirety. Mr. Riggs stated this is a standard agreement. Commissioner Dana asked what Mr. Jennings had done so far. Mr. Jennings stated they have been working on drainage issues and have pointed out to the State some drainage problems on a State Highway. He also stated they have 5 items listed on the latest ICIP. He is learning a lot. Commissioner Dana asked if he would be able to provide a quarterly report. Mr. Jennings did not think that would be a problem. Commissioner Ezzell asked how the new building was coming along. He stated there is a water line issue and the water pressure will need to be increased. Commissioner Corn moved to approve Agreement A-19-030. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENT A-19-031 AND RESOLUTION R-19-033 WITH SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT/COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Stan Riggs stated this resolution and agreement would authorize Chaves County's membership in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments. Chaves County has budgeted the \$8,000.00 annual dues for this membership. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Agreement A-19-031 and Resolution R-19-033. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENT A-19-032 WITH LA CASA DE BUENA SALUD

Stan Riggs stated this agreement with La Casa would provide for medical, dental, and/or behavioral services to legal indigent residents of Chaves County. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Agreement A-19-031. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. La Casa CEO Seferino Montano

thanked Chaves County for their support for over 20 years. He mentioned they are looking into providing prenatal care. Since taking over the Behavioral Health in Chaves County things have been going well. It is very expensive. Mr. Riggs added that La Casa saved Chaves County when they took over Behavioral Health because the previous provider left. The number of behavioral health patients continues to increase. Mr. Montano stated there is a shortage of Therapists state wide. Commissioner Dana asked if ENMU-Roswell would assist with the shortage. Mr. Montano stated they have been working with ENMU and looking at all avenues. Commissioner Cavin thanked Mr. Montano for all their work over the years. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENTS A-19-034 & A-19-035 WITH US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), ANIMAL PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) AND WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS), FOR A COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE SERVICES PROGRAM

Stan Riggs explained that this is a cooperative service agreement with USDA, APHIS, WS and Chaves County for a Wildlife Services Program formerly known as Animal Damage Control. Chaves County will provide \$52,500 from the General Fund and \$52,500 from the Farm and Range Fund. One function of the program is to eradicate predators. Commissioner Dana asked if Brian had been replaced. Mr. Riggs stated the Interim Program Manager is Robert. Mr. Riggs mentioned the main cost is paying for trapping animals. Commissioner Ezzell moved to approve Agreements A-19-034 and A-19-035. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. Commissioner Cavin asked if we could get them to give us a report. Mr. Riggs said he thought that would be no problem. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-19-030 FIXED ASSET INVENTORY

Anabel Barraza stated the fixed asset report is 170 pages long and a link to the report was provided. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Resolution R-19-030. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-19-031 APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Anabel Barraza stated the Finance Department performed the end of year variance report and is requesting a budget adjustment for the line items in Exhibit A to ensure positive budget balances. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Resolution R-19-031. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. Commissioner Corn stated the Finance Committee went over this thoroughly. Chairman Cavin thanked Commissioners Corn and Ezzell for serving on the Committee and thanked the Finance Department. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-19-032 APPROVAL OF FY 2019/2020 FINAL BUDGET

Finance Director Joe Sedillo reviewed the budget recaps, expenses, revenues, and the cash forward after the June 30th close out. He mentioned the County has a \$42 million budget. The County has \$74 million in cash which includes the permanent fund. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Resolution R-19-032. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. Commissioner Ezzell thanked the Finance Department and Department Heads for their work on this monumental task. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-19-034 APPROVAL OF 2019 FINAL QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Deputy Treasurer Toni Gomez stated NMDFA requires that the 4th Quarter Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 be approved by the governing body. Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve Resolution R-19-034. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Corn stated "having voted in the affirmative on June 27, 2019 on item number 21, Resolution R-19-025 dealing with economic development I move to reconsider that vote and place it on the Chairman's table subject to amendment, substitution and further debate". Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

Stan Riggs stated the next 3 items on the agenda would need to be removed from the table. They were tabled at the last regular meeting. Commissioner Corn moved to remove the Appointments to the DWI Planning Council, the Appointments to the ETZ and the Appointments to the P & Z Commission from the table. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DWI PLANNING COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS

Lucia Serrano stated that according to the Chaves County DWI Program Charter the voting members of the Planning Council must be appointed by the Board of Commissioners in June of every odd numbered year. Listed are the current voting members, as well as 3 new recommendations of potential new voting members. The term of the voting members is 2 years. There was discussion about the recommended increase in voting members. Commissioner Corn commented on the large membership and stated they can get bogged down. A large number of these members are required by State Statute. Mr. Riggs stated that one half of the at-large members were not attending the meetings. Staff is recommending potential replacements for those members. Commissioner Corn stated since Harold Hobson has not been attending these meetings and Rita Kane-Doerhoefer has asked to be on the ETZ Commission these 2 could be removed. Rita Kane-Doerhoefer asked to do both. Commissioner Dana moved to remove Harold Hobson and add Joann Palomino to the Council. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Corn moved to remove Harold Hobson and add Joann Palomino and remove Rita Kane-Doerhoefer and add Carolyn Hollifield. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was 4 to 1 and the motion carried. Commissioner Dana voted no.

APPOINT THREE MEMBERS TO THE ROSWELL/CHAVES COUNTY EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING COMMISSION

Louis Jaramillo stated 3 members are appointed by the County and 3 are appointed by the City. Three of the 6 members must live in the ETZ. Harold Hobson does not live in the ETZ and Leroy Lang passed away. Royce Pancho Maples does live in the ETZ and would like to remain on the Commission. It has been recommended that Harold Hobson and Leroy Lang be replaced by Rita Kane-Doerhoefer and Michael C. Lackey and that Pancho Maples be re-appointed to the Commission. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt as recommended. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPOINT THREE MEMBERS TO THE CHAVES COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Louis Jaramillo stated staff is requesting 3 members be appointed to the ETZ Commission for a 2-year term. Jerry Wagner resigned from the Commission and the terms of Melody Salas and Dale M. Rogers have expired. Melody Salas and Dale M. Rogers have expressed a desire to be reappointed. Staff is recommending the reappointment of these 2 members and the appointment of Harold Hobson, all for a 2-year term. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt as recommended. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Corn moved to approve checks in the amount of \$2,222,700.52. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve the reports for the period. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Connolly stated as the Chairman of the ETZ Commission he wasn't sure if he should thank you or what he should say about them appointing Rita Kane-Doerhoefer to the ETZ Commission.

Sheriff Herrington invited everyone to the Jeff Stroble Memorial Service tomorrow at 2:00pm. Jeff's passing is a tragedy, but this community will come together to support his family and friends.

Rita Kane Doerhoefer stated the MOU's have not come in yet for Keep Chaves County Beautiful (KCCB). She will bring them in as soon as she gets them to get them signed and returned to Santa Fe. She was told they should be here by the middle of August. She stated the Road Department was very quick in getting a street sign at Country Club and Mark Road when told it was missing. She thanked the Facility Maintenance for getting the trees and vegetation planted from KCCB. She would have the Patriot Flag Line set up for the Memorial. She shot her 18th skunk out by her house. The fireworks were not bad in her neighborhood this year.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Stan Riggs stated on August 1st the County will pay off the bonds on the Courthouse. The end of the year budget ended well, however the bad news is for a second month in a row Gross Receipts have decreased. This month we were down 3%. It was mentioned in May that there were concerns about the upcoming year because there were indicators showing a potential down turn in the economy. We hope this will not continue but we are concerned. The medical provider at the Detention Center changed on July 1st. It seems to have been a smooth transition. He thanked Clay Corn and his staff for their work during this process. Medical must be provided by the County for inmates. He also thanked all the First Responders. Their lives are on the line and we do not thank them enough.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Corn mentioned the Summer NACO Conference and he gave the Commissioners a handout on PILT which was a little over \$3 Million this year. SRS funds were around \$35,000. If the SRS goes away PILT will decrease tremendously. He mentioned a SRS and PILT "fly in" in Washington D.C. in September. These are important items to our County and we cannot let them slip through the cracks. There is a Public Lands Document, a proposed policy resolution and platform changes. Page 27 shows an endangered species resolution encouraging congress to amend the Endangered Species Act. This resolution got its start in this Commission Chamber. This document has been approved at the national level and presented the last 3 years. They must be proposed every year. He thanked the Finance Department for a great job on the budget. On the horizon is a closer look at the Juvenile Detention Center. It is very costly service provided by the County. It is anticipated it will lose \$829,000 in 2019 and it lost \$800,000 in 2018. Currently we are only housing 6 juveniles. This is another unfunded mandate we must look at closely. If our gross receipt numbers continue to decline something will need to be done because we have numerous responsibilities.

Commissioner Dana discussed Cumberland Park with Bill Williams. It is looking bad after all the work done out there. Maybe the Community Service people can help. When she went door to door she was told nothing gets done in south Chaves County. She thanked everyone for their work on the budget. She thanked the Sheriff for their work on crime. The elderly used to answer the door, but don't now because they are afraid. The block parties and lunch with the Sheriff is making a difference. We must prove to the Governor there is a border problem and it is affecting Chaves County.

Commissioner Ezzell thanked the Finance Department for the budget, it is a huge task. The news on PILT, SRS, and Gross Receipt trends is a broken record but cannot be ignored because of their importance to Chaves County.

Commissioner Bilberry thanked everyone for their work. He agreed with the input from the Commission. We should always keep first responders in our prayers. He took a tour of the courthouse and it was very interesting and he learned a lot. The Lesser Prairie Chicken issue keeps coming back and it affects everyone. The BLM Office will be moved to Grand Junction Colorado which is a real benefit to have them closer and more accessible. Coordination with the BLM seems to be stagnant. He really appreciated being a part of this great team. Mr. Riggs stated he would be meeting with the Roosevelt County Manager tomorrow in reference to the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

Chairman Cavin stated he appreciated the comments of the other Commissioners. He congratulated Stan's wife, Judge Riggs, on getting through the first hurdle of appointment to U. S.

District Court Judge. Chairman Cavin stated he attended some great meetings while at the NACO Conference. They had a good discussion with the Director from Intergovernmental Affairs from Washington D.C. The Administration is listening to us and now BLM is moving to Colorado. They need to be in the West to take care of these issues. We have teamed with other Counties to make things happen. We will have breakfast tomorrow with BLM to work on coordination. We have been in this battle for at least 5 years. Hopefully the final plan will be in our favor. Volunteers have been amazing in this County and they give up a lot of their time to help others. The Volunteer Fire Departments do great work. This is what makes us a great Community. He thanked the Sheriff. He stated God Bless America.

The meeting was adjourned pending the signature of documents at 10:37 a.m.

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