

**MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING**  
**of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**of SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**HELD MONDAY, MAY 14, 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM in the SMC Commission Chambers at 500 W. National Avenue, Suite 201, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Deputy Clerk Elena I. Chavez administered Roll Call: Chairman Harold Garcia – present; Vice Chairman Martin Sena – present; Commissioner Bernadette Baca – present; Commissioner Max Trujillo – present. Commissioner Kenneth Medina – present.

A quorum is present.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Martin Sena led the Chambers in the Pledge, and:

**4. SALUTATION TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG:**

**"I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among United Cultures".**

Chairman Harold Garcia issued a welcome to Commissioner Bernadette Baca and offered support.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

County Manager Joy Ansley did not have any changes to Agenda. Chairman Harold Garcia requested to move item "I." Consideration of the County Manager Extension to last item on the Agenda to discuss in Executive Session.

Motion to approve changes made to the Agenda made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for Approval: SM-04-08-2024.

Motion to approve minutes of SM-04-08-2024 made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

## **7. PUBLIC INPUT FORUM**

Manuel Garcia spoke on C53A Road. Between cattle guard 5 and 6, there is a road on the east side of the main road about 1.2 miles; this side road is used when the dry lake fills with water every 10-20 years. The lake can fill up to 12 feet deep, cannot be crossed and can take up to 3 years to dry out. Mr. Garcia expressed the importance of the easement regarding this crossing. Last year, the new owners fenced the area and blocked it off. There are two cattle guards on either side but Mr. Garcia feels the County needs to address this issue. He then spoke about County annual audits. When previous County Manager was placed on administrative leave, the finance supervisor was designated as interim County Manager. Mr. Garcia feels this was a mistake. Over the next four months or so, the finance department fell behind but was able to complete the 2021 audit. However, the 2022 and 2023 audits were not completed. Mr. Garcia feels the County made an error by placing the finance manager as interim County Manager. In the future, Mr. Garcia stated that the State should be contacted and County should receive external help. Earlier this year on an agenda item, the Commission discussed getting a fiscal agent to solve the audit issue. Mr. Garcia expressed his disagreement with this and requested more transparency regarding these issues. As of the last months report, the 2022 was not complete.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. REGULAR ORDER**

#### **a. COUNTY MANAGER/DEPUTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Joy Ansley informed the Commission on the following:

\*Regarding anti-donation issues and funding allocations to non-profits in the County. A capital outlay operation that was received in 2022 was \$50K to the El Pueblo Community Center.

\*Capital Outlay appropriations have a process through the Department of Finance and Administration to be funded which includes a questionnaire that discloses project readiness, the owners of the project and several other factors. This new process will not allow the project to continue if an anti-donation issue exists. Because this project is for improvements to a building that's owned by a non-profit, DFA will not allow SMC to expend the funds. The funds will unfortunately have to revert to the State. If SMC had been aware of the during the last

legislative session that they were not going to approve this project, SMC could have re-authorized but due to time restraints this is no longer possible. \*Commission allocated \$30K to Ribera Cultural Center through ARPA funds. That building is also owned by a non-profit. County Managers Office did some research through the Assessor's Office that showed the land grant owned all three community centers in the valley. A land grant is considered a quasi-governmental entity and would have not interfered with anti-donation law. However, all three community centers have been deeded to a community association so there are anti-donation issues. There needs to be further discussion on proceeding on this matter. It's related to the issue with the El Pueblo Community Center except this is SMC funding instead of capital outlay. \*\$20K has been allocated to the El Valle Community Center for purchase of computers. SMC will retain ownership of equipment and a user agreement will be drafted with the Community Center so the public can have access to those computers. \*In 2023, SMC received \$90K from a junior bill appropriation for El Valle Community Center and the intent was to develop and operate a food pantry. According to DFA, this is a clear anti-donation violation and SMC cannot move forward on contracts regarding that project. DFA informed that SMC has time to re-authorize funds during next session to allocate to another SMC project. \*State of NM has announced \$25 million has been allocated to the Fire fighter and EMT recruitment fund; there is ongoing discussion on how to expend those funds and then SMC will apply. Chief Duran has a meeting today to gather additional information about the funding. \*On April 30, 2024, SMC had annual ARPA report due. There is updated project expenditure for Commission to review. The report outlays projects that have had ARPA funds allocated to them, project descriptions, allocated funds, what has been encumbered/spent, what's been encumbered out of the ARPA fund, invoices on these projects and total invoice to date. Report explains that almost 4 million of ARPA funds have been encumbered and SMC has been paid and invoiced \$2.8 million. The requirement for the November 2024 deadline has been met. The report also shows which projects have been completed, are in progress, have been allocated funds but not yet under way, and projects that are in progress but have not yet had funds expended. \*Received notification today from the Department of Finance and Administration that annual forest reserve payments are forthcoming. SMC Road Department will be receiving \$154K. Schools will be receiving \$154K split between the two districts. \*Update on the County Construction Projects: Sheriff's Department Addition and Voting Machine Storage are substantially completed; waiting on a few punch list items to close out. The shooting range is almost substantially complete. All three of those projects will most likely be closed out by next month's meeting. Treatment center is still moving along which is estimated at 90 percent completion. The State's portion is almost complete as well which is under a different contact than SMC.

Chairman Harold Garcia inquired about the Treatment Center regarding the status on requests for proposals.

County Manager Joy Ansley stated that the Committee would need to meet to decide on final decision and that can be discussed at a later time.

Deputy Manager Jesus Romero informed the Commission on the following:

\*Deputy Manager continues to spend majority of his time in the Assessor's Office, working with staff daily on tactual corrections, and AG land issues. \*Working this week with a few tax payers whose land had not been assessed in the past. \*Focus is on roll-over notice of values. Appraisal staff is working on affidavits, land splits, and processing permits. Deputy Manager expressed appreciation for several employees of the assessor staff who continue to work long hours and weekends. \*Continued large amounts of FEMA related issues in the office. Monique Cisneros is filling in for the manufacture homes department. She has been working non-stop on those account corrections, doing tax releases and entering new accounts. \*Due to influx in customers regarding FEMA claims, Tuesdays and Thursdays have been allocated from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM for individuals who need additional assistance with manufactured homes. \* Ongoing progress on the 2024 Summer Conference. Meetings are held about every week with about 30 days left until start of conference. Latest update is checking that everything has been paid in full and ready for setup. \*Budget meeting was completed for the County Manager's office and Assessors Office. Dorene completed and submitted the evaluations to PTD. \*Continued work with IT Director Kenneth Abeyta on new system updates and door access equipment. Working with the Sanborn team to go over server equipment repairing issues and will go live along with the original proposed timeline of June. \*KNMX Radio show continues.

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**b. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

Mr. Martin Aguilar, Road Foreman, notified the Commission that projects and roads have been halted due to staffing shortage in Solid Waste Department. \*There are zero drivers in Solid Waste as of Friday, May 10, 2024. Road crew has been hauling solid waste. \*Volume of trash has increased. Projects and other scheduled items have been postponed. \*There is continued effort to recruit for the driver positions. \*Some grading and repairs have been completed.

Commissioner Kenneth Medina asked if there were any applicants for the Solid Waste positions.

Vice Chairman Martin Sena inquired if there has been effort to recruit from West Las Vegas CDL program.

Commissioner Trujillo commented on volume of trash increase. City of Las Vegas Transfer Center was down for two weeks which may have attributed to the increase of trash.

Mr. Aguilar stated that there are no applicants for Solid Waste driver positions. They will look into contacting the schools for recent graduates as possible applicants.

Mr. Benito Romero, Public Works Director informed the Commission on the monthly report for April. \*Approval from legal to advertise RFP for the Emergency Road Work. The blade, shape, haul and place of materials with the FEMA guidelines in place so the emergency protective measurers work can begin to be contracted. \*First draft of RFP is complete with approval from Attorney Chico Gallegos RFP's for debris removal, debris monitoring, and engineering services will be submitted. \*Due to shortages in staff at the City of Las Vegas, trash has tripled. \*Continued effort in recruitment at the schools. Currently there are two applicants with interviews pending. \*FEMA inspections were completed on the following roads: C48, A12, C23, A6, A3, A2, B15A, Cinder Rd, Campus Drive and Cunningham regarding road damage as well as the culverts and any other flooding issues with additional scheduled site inspections within the county roads. Met with Sulzer Group and added an additional 34 roads that require inspection regarding damage for FEMA. \*Continued work to develop mitigation strategies for high flow locations. \*Developing a master schedule of projected timelines for recovery projects. \*Working with contract engineer on LGRF and TPF bid packets for 22/23 and 23/24. \*Road Sign Project has been approved by FEMA with funding for 150 County Roads. Additional signs such as hazard identification signs on turns, stop signs, high-flow areas, and flood signs are included in project. \*FEMA approved funding for Solid Waste Container Project for twenty 40 yard bins, ten 30 yard bins, thirty 5 yard bins and 4 compactor receivers included for this project. Delivery is under way and will be processed at Public Works property. \*Continued work on capturing all bridge damage inside and outside the burn scar. \*Development in project to capture crusher operations during disaster. Public Works is seeking additional funding for operating the crusher during the disaster. \*Project updates are as follows: Chapelle Blade and Shape paving started May 9, 2024. Continued work has been postponed until there is a meeting with the contractor for some issues with the paving process. Sheridan spot patch is ongoing today to prepare for the chip seal in that area. \*Green waste project received no bids, so they will have to re-advertise.

Commissioner Kenneth Medina inquired about the La Liendre project.

Chairman Harold Garcia questioned in regards to the staff shortages in both the City of Las Vegas and SMC in Solid Waste Departments, if that could also be included in the drafted RFP.

Commissioner Max Trujillo commented about local drivers being lost to FEMA projects and how that can be added into the discussion with Sulzer Group for Solid Waste project.

Vice Chairman Martin Sena inquired on the Chapelle Project, if there is excess in the budget to add speed bumps around the residential areas. Vice Chair Sena then asked if a low water crossing in Ojitos Frios area is part of the FEMA project.

Mr. Romero informed that they will be awarding bids today May 14, 2024 for the La Liendre project. He told Chairman Garcia that there is an ongoing discussion about a Solid Waste project with the Sulzer Group. He reported there is no additional budget to add speed bumps to the Chapelle Project. Regarding Ojitos Frios, that has been captured on A12 in the damage inventory.

Mr. Antonio Padilla, Detention Center Warden, presented to the Commission the monthly report for April. \*Recruitment for employees continues with job fairs, signage and radio advertisements. Four new employees have been hired in the last several months. \*Accreditation Staff Development Manager Position has been filled. Several trips have been made to Valencia County to meet with their Accreditation Specialist who is a member of the Accreditation Standards Board. By next Monday, he will begin getting into the accreditation files. December 2024/January 2025 is a tentative timeline for the accreditation team to visit on site for the accreditation program. \*There were 225 bookings this month. Sheriff's department has 79, following Las Vegas Police Department of 81. Sheriff's department is active regarding arrests. \* Discussion with County Manager about the facility population. With summer coming, there are a lot of festivities around the community: graduations, fiestas, biker rally that will affect the population. \*Mr. Vidal Crespin from the Fourth Judicial District Court oversees a small portion of the Early Release Program. This program was successful regarding population control in the beginning; there are some issues now that are being worked through. Population is starting to increase gradually. Today being at 91, last month's numbers were at 68. Population could increase to the 120 in late June/early July. \*Programs continue at the facility including church services and AA meetings.

Chairman Harold Garcia inquired about a community action group that was active before COVID that was beneficial to the facility in regards to the programs.

Mr. Padilla in communication with Sally Flores who hosts the Citizen Advisory Committee about 3-4 months ago, and there was not much interest from previous members. Mr. Padilla will reach out again.

Ms. Amanda Salas, Director of Planning and Zoning updated the Commission on the following: Land Use Compliance Specialist position has been filled. \*From April 2024 to current, there have been 61 Development permits issued which highlights an increase in building. On average there are about 20 permits issued per month. \*Planning and Zoning office has become more

customer service related. Majority of the time is spent answering phone calls and visits from the public regarding FEMA related issues. \*Ms. Salas is working very closely with Assessors Office to resolve any issues and expressed gratitude to the Assessor staff for their efforts. \*Full Debris Removal Program with the State of New Mexico for post fire recovery had been postponed as of May 31, 2023 but has recently started up again. Ms. Salas is currently working with the Sulzer Group to assess if parcels are being worked efficiently. \*Ongoing discussion with Sulzer Group about an RFP regarding Debris Removal. There are many calls from constituents regarding post fire and post flood cleanup. \*Ongoing AirBnb enforcement. There are 41 active lodgers. 6 new lodgers will be added within the week. Lodger's tax has accrued \$89,503.47 for this fiscal year so far. \*Increase in film permits. 11 permits have been issued since January 2024. Filming continues at Blame Her Ranch and film permit will be complete tomorrow May 15, 2024. \*RFP out for Destination Marketing and Tourism that will be completed May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Kenneth Medina thanked Ms. Salas for working with the constituents regarding FEMA related issues.

Commissioner Max Trujillo also thanked Ms. Salas for the work her office has done especially regarding the building permits.

Andrew Duran, Fire Chief informed the Commission that a new tender will be delivered tomorrow, May 15<sup>th</sup>, for use at Rowe Fire Department. Fire Department ordered the tender 2 years ago so this is a much anticipated delivery. \*Regarding the 25 million allocated for Recruitment and Retention for fire fighters and EMT's that County Manager Ansley had mentioned. There is ongoing discussion how SMC could utilize those funds. FEMA funding for this program is also a possibility which would help augment and sustain program.

Mr. Dennis Esquibel, Director of Emergency Management thanked the Commission for allowing him to serve in his current position. Mr. Esquibel has taken a new position of Disaster Recovery Project Manager with SMC. He expressed gratitude to Chief Duran and Connie from the Fire Department for their continuous mentorship. He thanked County Manager and everyone who assisted with the disaster for their help.

Commissioner Martin Sena and Chairman Harold Garcia thanked Mr. Esquibel for his work as Director of Emergency Management.

Mr. Vidal Crespín, SMC DWI Coordinator, updated the Commission on a successful Child Abuse Awareness Event that took place in April at Melody Park. \*Conducted breathalyzer tests for both school districts for prom events. \*Too Good For Drugs Curriculum was completed in all three school districts at end of April. \*Compliance staff completed Probation Advanced Training and received certificates for Court Officer Advanced Training in Hobbs, New Mexico.

\*Mr. Crespin attended the grand council meeting at the roundhouse in Santa Fe to seek and finalize funding for FY 25. Funding has been approved for approximately \$58K in distribution and \$70K in grant funds. \*Preparing for Veterans Health Fair next week as well as State Hospital Health fair. \*Working with the City of LV with the Boys and Girls Club to conduct presentations to the summer school students. \*Assisting with the Summer Conference hosted by SMC now in June.

Commissioner Martin Sena mentioned a group in ABQ that works with families to battle against struggles with fentanyl and asked about collaborating with the group here in San Miguel.

Chairman Harold Garcia inquired regarding the Summer Conference, asking if after hours rides with the DWI program will be an available option for guests to use.

Mr. Crespin agreed with Commissioner Sena and will make an effort to reach out to that group. Regarding the Summer Conference, the safe ride vehicle will be operational and contact info will be provided to guests and local business to ensure the safety of guests after hours.

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**c. RECOGNITION OF CERTIFIED APPRAISER REGINA DENARDO-SENA**

Deputy Manager, Jesus Romero congratulated Appraiser Regina Denardo-Sena from the Assessor's Office for completing the New Mexico State Property Tax Division IAAO Required courses over the last couple of years. There are 4 courses that consist of a semesters worth of work compiled into 4 days, with a mandatory test taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> day. Ms. Denardo-Sena successfully passed those tests and is now a New Mexico State Certified Appraiser, being one of three in the Assessor's Office. Mr. Romero then thanked Ms. Denardo-Sena and presented her with her state certified plaque.

**d. TO REPEAL LEDA ORDINANCE FOR EL VALLE COMMUNITY CENTER CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT**

County Manager Joy Ansley asked Commission to adopt this ordinance to repeal the LEDA Ordinance for El Valle Community Center Capital Outlay Project. Four years ago, an ordinance was adopted for a LEDA project at El Valle Community Center. Through Economic Development Department, the process to close out that project is to adopt an ordinance repealing that LEDA Ordinance. The original ordinance was 081021 that Commission adopted in 2021. The funding is spent and dispersed; this is the final step.

Motion to approve to Repeal LEDA Ordinance for El Valle Community Center Capital Outlay Project made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Chairman Harold Garcia. Motion carried.



**e. FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FACILITY AND SPACE UPDATES**

Chief Judge Flora Gallegos wishes to begin a discussion with the Commission to either expand the space or requiring a new build that would house multiple County agencies such as Magistrate Court, Sheriff’s Office, or DA Office. \*When the courthouse was built there were two judges. Now there are three judges, a Hearing Officer and 52 employees in the district. Nine of those employees work outside the county. Courts take on more tasks each year. \*District Court provides programs that deal with matters outside hearing cases. These programs address such issues as access to justice, drug treatment, behavioral health court, community safety, reducing recidivism and self-help services. \*Beginning with the new fiscal year, new staff will be hired for the following positions: Competency Diversion Program, two additional Security Personnel and an additional Hearing Officer. \*The Administrative Office of the Courts have received for the last two legislative cycles funding that can be used to match County funds for new builds, and builds to existing buildings.

Vice Chair Martin Sena thanked Judge Gallegos for the work that the District Court and all their programs provide to the community and gave his support on this issue.

Chairman Harold Garcia stated that the current District Court Facility is fairly new; it would be a considerable investment to relocate. The Magistrate Court building is also fairly new and the Sheriff’s building just underwent reconstruction. Chairman stated that it is good news to hear of the expansion of staff. He suggested building a satellite office or buying a house nearby to renovate into an office.

Judge Gallegos stated they are open to any ideas. Some employees can work offsite.

Attorney H Chico Gallegos commented on the size of the current facility, stating that although fairly new, it small when it was built. There are large jury trials that sometimes need to take place offsite due to the jury size.

Commissioner Kenneth Medina thanked Judge for sharing the concerns of the Court on this matter. He was on the Commission Board when it was built. He agreed with Chairman Harold Garcia regarding the possibility of an annex building. He also gave his support on this issue.

\*For informational purposes only.

**f. SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH COUCIL FACTSHEET**

Meaghan Irrig, Health Council Coordinator presented to the Commission the San Miguel County Family & Community Health Council. \*Fact sheet highlights objectives and development plan

for SMC Family & Community Health Council. \*Objectives include developing a community health improvement plan in FY25, working on a SMC resource guide, partnering with community organizations to support recruitment and retention plans for healthcare providers in SMC, and advocating for needs of the vulnerable populations by participating in community events such as the Child Abuse Prevention Event in April. \*In this past year, there was a focus on capacity building; whereas this year this will be a focus on implementing a community health improvement plan.

\*For information purposes only

**g. PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2024 AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

County Manager Joy Ansley presented the Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness month. County Manager stated this is a standard annual declaration.

Motion to approve Proclamation Declaring May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness Month made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Seconded by Vice Chair Martin Sena. Motion carried.

**h. NARC TRAINING IN PUEBLO COLORADO FOR DEPUTIES J. VIGIL & J. PADILLA**

Sheriff Chris Lopez asked for approval to send two deputies to Narc Training in Pueblo Colorado. Training will focus on current identification of trends and narcotic investigations. Sheriff's Office continues to prioritize drug and addiction problems in SMC community.

Commissioner Max Trujillo thanked Sheriff for his work and showed his appreciation to the Sheriff's Office on their continued effort to address the drug issues in the community.

Commissioner Martin Sena showed his support for this training.

Motion to approve NARC Training in Pueblo Colorado for Deputies J. Vigil & J. Padilla made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

**i. 23/24 LGRF BID AWARD**

Mr. Benito Romero, Public Works Director asked the Commission to award the 23/24 LGRF Bids to Magnum Welding & Construction. SMC worked with Miller Engineering to contact several contractors on state contract to get sealed bids to award 23/24 LGRF's. Projects include Meyers base course, San Jose chip seal and La Liendre chip seal. Magnum Welding & Construction was the low bidder.

Motion to approve the recommendation to award the 23/24 LGRF Bid Award to Magnum Welding & Construction made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

**j. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS**

Mr. Benito Romero, Public Works Director asked the Commission for approval to renew the annual engineering contracts for Bohannon-Huston Inc., Miller Engineering Consultants and Suina Design Architecture for 2024.

Motion to approve the recommendation to renew all three annual engineering contracts made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Vice Chair Martin Sena. Motion carried.

**k. REQUEST TO CHANGE THE JULY MEETING DATE FROM JULY 9TH TO JULY 8, 2024**

Vice Chairman Martin Sena asked Commission for approval to change the July Commission Regular Meeting date from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> due to the International Mariachi Conference which Vice Chair Martin Sena will attend, taking place on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to approve the request to change the July meeting date from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

**I. CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY MANAGER CONTRACT EXTENSION**

\*Discussion in Executive Session; action/discussion notes will be added after the Commission exits Executive Session and re-adjourns the Regular Session.

(for adjournment and re-adjournment actions refer to section after Executive Session)

Motion to extend the existing contract for 1 year, with a 6-month evaluation, to be considered a supporting mechanism for the manager made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Bernadette Baca. Motion carried.

**9. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING**

**a. CHECK REPORT APRIL 2024**

Ms. Katherine Sanchez, SMC Finance Director, presented the Commission with the April 2024 check report.

Motion to approve the check report for April 2024 made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

**b. POOLED CASH REPORT APRIL 2024**

Ms. Katherine Sanchez presented the Commission with the April 2024 Pooled Cash Report – For Informational Purposes Only.

- The Check report and Pooled Cash Reports are available for Public Inspection in the Clerk's Office.

**c. UPDATE ON FY22 AUDIT**

Finance Director Sanchez informed the Commission on the FY22 Audit. \*The auditors have sent a draft of findings to be reviewed with County Manager. There will be written procedures on how to correct them. \*The tentative exit interview is scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. \*Once FY22 audit is complete, FY23 will begin.

County Manager Joy Ansley thanked Ms. Sanchez and Finance Department for their work; this audit occurred amid staffing shortages and the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon disaster. There are 6 draft items to review. None of which are material weakness findings. 3 of those items have since been fixed.

Vice Chair Martin Sena and Commissioner Max Trujillo inquired about attending the exit interview for educational purposes on the Board's behalf. Brief discussion on whether or not this could be considered a Special Meeting; Attorney H Chico Gallegos will look into it.

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Motion to adjourn the regular session of the RM-05-14-2024 and enter Executive Session made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Vice Chair Martin Sena. Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 2:16 PM.

**EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION**

Limited Personnel Matters, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) (as amended) of the Open Meetings Act, more specifically personnel matters regarding specific County departments:

Certain Purchases, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(6) (as amended) or the Open Meetings Act, and Section 13-1-116 of the Procurement Code.

Attorney-Client Privilege pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) (as amended) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion to exit Executive Session and re-adjourn the Regular Session of the RM-05-14-2024 meeting of the SMC Board of Commissioners made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carries.

Regular Session re-adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Motion to resume Regular Session made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Vice Chair Martin Sena. Regular Session resumes at 4:11 PM. No action taken in Executive Session.

Please refer to Item L for Discussion/Actions:

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Session of RM-05-14-2024 made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Bernadette Baca. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 4:15 PM.

Approved the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico of its Regular Meeting held the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 1:00 PM in Suite 201 of the San Miguel County Administration Complex, 500 W. National Ave.

  
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Harold M. Garcia, Chairman - District 1

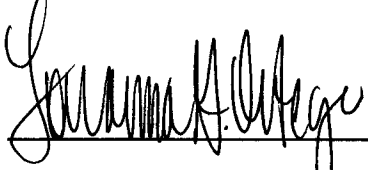
  
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Martin Sena, Vice-Chairman - District 4

  
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Bernadette Baca, Commissioner - District 2

  
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Max Trujillo, Commissioner - District 3

Absent  
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Kenneth C. Medina, Commissioner District 5

ATTEST:

  
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Louanna G. Ortega, San Miguel County Clerk

  
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Minutes submitted by Elena I. Chavez,

Reviewed/Edited by Jacob P. Gonzales 

## **NOTICE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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