

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM at the SMC Administration Complex Commission Chamber Suite 201 at 500 W. National Ave., Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

2. ROLL CALL

Clerk Admin Assistant Jacob Gonzales administered Roll Call: Chairman Harold Garcia - present; Vice-Chairman Martin Sena - present; Commissioner Janice Varela - present; Commissioner Max Trujillo - present; Commissioner Kenneth Medina - present.

A quorum is present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Guadalupe County Hospital Administrator/SMC Health Committee Executive Consultant Christina Rivas-Campos 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".

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Manager Joy Ansley asked for item "h" NM Behavioral Health Institute Update be discussed after item "a". Item "o" Contract for services – Center for Health Innovations SMCFCHC be discussed after item "e" Approval of SMCFCHC Roster. Item "p" Introduction and Update on Healthcare Study Group be discussed after item "b".

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for approval are RM-07-10-2023, and SM-07-28-2023.

Motion to approve RM-07-10-2023, and SM-07-28-2023 minutes made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC INPUT FORUM

Mr. Orlando Vigil spoke on the road issues in East Pecos regarding the water overflow onto the County Road from the arroyo when heavy rains occur. The road is inundated with water and creates a hazard for citizens and emergency vehicles. Mr. Vigil also stated there are numerous potholes on this road. * Mrs. Dolores Vigil reiterated Mr. Orlando Vigil's statement regarding the water issues from the overflow from the arroyo. Mrs. Vigil also stated that the water flows into her property and creates a pond near her garage. Rocks, for erosion control, divert this water to her property. * Mr. Tim Hageman with NM Economic Development informed the Commission that the NMED is looking for an office space for a development director to be housed in Las Vegas. The NM Economic Development Conference will be held at the ABQ Convention Center on September 11th and 12th. B, Public Prefab has moved their processing facility to the Dee Bibb Industrial Park in Las Vegas. * Mr. Manuel Garcia spoke on the county needing to update its rural addressing. Mr. Garcia states his address Zip code puts him in Tremontina when he lives in Maes which has always had Zip code 87701. Mr. Garcia states he does not receive shipments due to this inaccuracy at the Rural Addressing system. The incorrect addressing can also affect emergency services. Mr. Garcia also spoke on incorrect assessments by the Assessor's Office. * Ms. Angie Lyster with the SMC Chamber of Commerce and Film Committee informed the Public that September 8th-9th LV/SMC Chamber of Commerce will host the "Fast Cars, Hot Bikes and Film Fun" mini-fair at the Plaza Park and a casting agency will be present. The Visitor Center is under direction of the Commerce and will start posting event and historical pamphlets in Villanueva to encourage tourism. The Villanueva State Park hosts approx. 1,000 visitors per week during summer months. NM Broadcaster's Association is honoring Las Vegas with three awards regarding the news & information coverage during Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fires; and an award for the La Plaza little league interview.

NEW BUSINESS

8. REGULAR ORDER

a. COUNTY MANAGER / DEPUTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Joy Ansley informed the Commission on the following matters:

*Treatment Center construction should be completed by Feb/March 2024. * Sheriff’s Building is on-target for completion by end-of-2023 and on budget. *Martin Aguilar will start soon as Construction Project Manager, and will be briefed on projects by PWD Director Benito Romero,

Deputy Manager Jesus Romero informed the Commission on the following matters:

*SMC is hosting 2024 NMAC Conference and a list of hotels has been sent to the NMAC. The Committee will meet this upcoming week. * August radio show was held on KNMX with the Assessor’s informing the Public about assessments and options available to taxpayer’s regarding fire/flood damage. * The offices of OEM, Safety, Maintenance and Fire are trading office space with Assessor’s. * Maintenance, Building, Safety and Warden’s office meeting was held where it was decided Mr. Johnny Montano would assist at the ambulance building in Pecos for weeding and other maintenance issues. * Project to install a cover over the bleachers at the County Fairgrounds will begin after the Fair is completed. * Mr. Bob Lewandowski assisted in developing an RFP for the Green Waste Project the County has been wanting to implement. * The purchase of the OLOS parking lot off National is nearly complete. Warranty Deed should be forthcoming. * Commissioner Max Trujillo directed Mr. Romero to contact FEMA for a representative to present to the Commission a status update on the Operations Status regarding the disasters and fund distribution.

h. NM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INSTITUTE – UPDATE ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dr. Tim Shields, NMBHI Administrator, updated the Commission on operations at the hospital that has called Las Vegas home since 1889. NMBHI has five units for licensed services – Adult Psychiatric Center, Forensic Criminology Studies and Detention, Community Based Services (11K citizens were served last year), Adolescent Services (males aged 13-17), and Meadows Nursing Facility. Dr. Shields stated the NMBHI is focusing on raising employee morale by increasing salaries and reducing mandatory overtime. NMBHI employs 605 people and 33 contractors. Dr. Shields also stated funding has been secured in the amount of \$68M to build a modern Forensic Criminal Building.

b. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

PWD Director Mr. Benito Romero informed the Commission on the ongoing blading and culvert repair that is being done through the counties road with a primary focus on the roads in the eastern part of county, Sabinoso & Conchas area. Mr. Romero is in discussions with FEMA regarding receiving reimbursements for flood and fire damaged culverts. Commissioner Varela

asked for review of the Vigil's concern at the low-water crossing in E. Pecos and in coordinating with the E. Pecos Water & Sewer Project.

DWI Coordinator Mr. Vidal Crespin informed the Commission is now located at 518 Valencia Street -- County Annex . Mr. Crespin spoke on a collaborative project at Luna Community College and various other agencies for a Suicide Awareness Project on September 23, 2023. Professional resources will be available. September is also Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Month. Compliance staff will be attending the Sheriff's Conference in Ruidoso, and will complete training being presented by the Administrative Courts of New Mexico. Continued curriculum training at local schools. Commissioner Sena asked about DWI Safe Ride, and Mr. Crespin said that grant was not applied for; however, through LDWI funding safe rides can be secured for special events with prior planning.

IT Director Kenneth Abeyta informed the Commission the revamp of the County's website is in construction at the moment using ArtPro. The search mechanism is going to be user friendly and directs the query to the corresponding document or form. The website will link to City and Tourism links. A new ArcGIS program is being utilized to assist in mapping the county, and in devising the electoral districts in coordination with the County Clerk's Office. New copiers have arrived and Mr. Abeyta will revise inventory lists. Sheriff's office network connectivity is being planned at the new Sheriff's Building. Cameras are being updated and requisition will be submitted.

SMCDC Warden Antonio Padilla informed the Commission that the Detention Center supervisors were sent to the MOUD summit which is an opioid response seminar in preparation to receive the RISE grant.

Deputy Manager Romero spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Andrew Duran who was called out for a fire: a new fire truck delivered at a cost of \$240K.

p. INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE ON HEALTHCARE STUDY GROUP*

Ms. Christina Rivas Campos, Administrator of Guadalupe County Hospital who is spearheading the SMC Healthcare Study Group presented ideas to facilitate improvement of healthcare services provided in SM and surrounding counties and in opening the lines of communication to foster positive growth of services provided in the tri-county area with local and relevant providers and servicing agencies. Ms. Campos said Ancrem, a non-profit that is co-owner of St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe is funding the collaboration and strategic planning research for the SMC Healthcare Study Group. Ms. Campos promotes community involvement in determining direction for the future viability of healthcare in this area. If Ancrem funds the entire study, the funds allocated by SMC Commission may not need to be utilized.

For Informational Purposes Only

c. OVERVIEW OF ROAD VIEWING IN RIBERA [GONZALES RANCH] ON JUNE 26, 2023 – PROPOSED ROAD ADOPTION

Land Use Compliance Specialist Nanette Knox spoke on the application by Benito Lucero for the adoption of Santo Ysidro Lane which spans approx. 1.6 mi to the south past the church. Three road viewers and 14 citizens were in attendance. Two of the three road viewers recommended adoption; one did not as the 50 ft easement and adequate storm drainage negates its adoption. David Gutierrez was sworn in by County Attorney Gallegos and stated that he should be compensated for his property to allow for the easement of the road. Commissioner Trujillo indicated the County does not purchase property for roads.

Motion to table the adoption of Santo Ysidro Lane made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

o. CONTRACT FOR SERVICES – CENTER FOR HEALTH INNOVATION – SMCFCHC

Chair of SMC Health Council Meghan Irrig asked for approval of the \$50K contract between NM DOH and Center for Health Innovation for health services and resources to the Council.

Motion to approve contract for services – NM DOH / Center for Health Innovation – made by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried.

e. APPROVAL OF SMCFCHC ROSTER

Chair of SMC Health Council Meghan Irrig asked for approval of the addition of Ms. Anita Gonzales from NM MESA to the SMCFCHC roster.

Motion to approve Ms. Anita Gonzales to the SMCFCHC roster made by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

∨ item “f” was heard out of order as item “d” was accidentally skipped ∨

f. 2023-002 ROAD VIEWING PETITION COUNTY ROAD B52 ADOPTION/EXTENSION

Land Use Compliance Specialist Nanette Knox asked the Commission for approval of a road viewing. The petitioners asked for extension of the road and service due to him being an emergency doctor and the weather can hinder his availability in his emergency duties. Four miles would be added to CR B52.

Motion to approve Road Viewing for extension of CR B52 made by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

d. NM JUSTICE40 RESOLUTION

Ms. Pat Leohan presented the Commission with information on Justice40 which is an Initiative by Executive Order 14008 signed by President Biden that directs 40 percent of Federal investments be directed to marginalized and underserved communities being affected by climate disasters, increase investment in clean energy and transit, sustainable housing and workforce development for the emerging clean energy industry. This resolution will be presented as “semi-joint” with Mora County to maximize further funds to assist in watershed restoration and seeding of the current dual county burn scar from last year’s fire/flood disaster. Ms. Ellen Drew and Mr. John McLeod spoke on the added benefits for the county and our neighbors to maximize funding to reach the goals outlined in the Executive Order for Justice40.

Motion to approve NM Justice40 Resolution in joint cooperation with Mora County made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

g. 2023-001 ROAD VIEWING PETITION BUFFALO LANE ADOPTION

Land Use Compliance Specialist Nanette Knox asked for approval to schedule a road viewing for the adoption of Buffalo Lane in San Juan. Mr. Gerald Ortiz submitted the petition. The road consists of .5 mile.

Motion to approve road viewing made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

i. RFP FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES FOR INVESTIGATION/LITIGATION REGARDING DAMAGES ARISING FROM HERMIT’S PEAK/CALF CANYON DISASTERS

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

j. ADDENDUM BETWEEN SMC AND EGB ELECTRIC

Maintenance Supervisor Peter Mares asked for approval of contract extension addendum of the existing contract with EGB Electric for another year [3 addendums remain].

Motion to approve one-year extension of contract with EGB Electric made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

k. ADDENDUM BETWEEN SMC AND JCG PLUMBING/HEATING

Maintenance supervisor Peter Mares asked for approval of contract extension addendum of the existing contract with JCG Plumbing/Heating for another year [3 addendums remain].

Motion to approve one-year extension of contract with JCG Plumbing/Heating made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

I. REVISION TO JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

Human Resource Director Eileen Sedillo asked for approval of correction for the newly created position of Construction Project Manager – the correction is to classify the position as Exempt. The position already filled was offered as an exempt position.

Motion to approve the position of construction project manager as exempt made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried.

m. 2025-2029 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)

Finance Consultant Thomas Navarette presented the ICIP working document status on several projects and informed the ICIP needs to be submitted by August 18, 2023. The following was determined on the following projects: the Sheriff's building will be completed FY-2025; Clerk's storage building will be completed FY-2025; Assessor's Spectrometry/Pictography is being reassessed; Shooting range will be completed FY-2025; EOC Computers is being reassessed as other sources of funding are incoming. The current ICIP plan is in effect as it is a working document. A resolution is needed for submission and will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Motion to approve the FY-2025-29 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) made by Chairman Harold Garcia with ratification of resolution in September. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

n. REQUEST TO REJECT BIDS – 4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT (CDBG 21-C-NR-I-04-G-91)

Development Consultant Mr. Alex Tafoya asked to reject the RM-07-10-2023 approved bid to 4 Rivers for CDBG 21-C-NR-I-04-G-91 as 4 Rivers is unable to provide the equipment on the approved bid. Mr. Tafoya will be seeking approval from Local Government Division for approval to change the request of equipment in order to re-issue the request for equipment.

Motion to approve rejection of CDBG 21-C-NR-I-04-G-91 made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried.

9. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING*

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez presented the Commission with Check Report for June 2023, and Cash Pool Reports for May and June 2023. The documents are of public record and available in the Clerk's office. *For Informational Purposes Only.

Chairman Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn Regular Session and convene Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session of RM-08-08-2023 and convene Executive Session made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried. Executive Session was convened at 4:09 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) of 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:

RESUME REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and re-convene Regular Session of the 08-08-2023 meeting made by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried. Resume Regular Session resumed at 4:58 PM.

i: RFP for Special Legal Counsel Services for Investigation/Litigation Regarding Damage Arising from Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Disasters

Motion to table RFP for Special Legal Counsel made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

No other discussions or actions taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Approved this 12th day of September, 2023 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico, of its *Regular Meeting* held August 08, 2023 at SMC Administration Complex, 500 W. National Avenue Suite 201, Las Vegas, New Mexico.



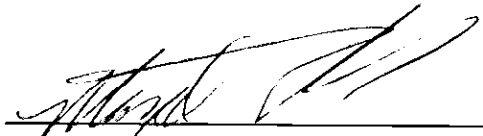
Harold M. Garcia, Chairman - District 1



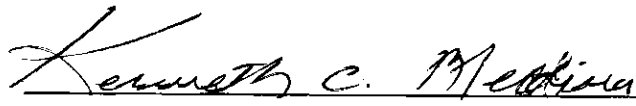
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Janice C. Varela, Commissioner - District 2

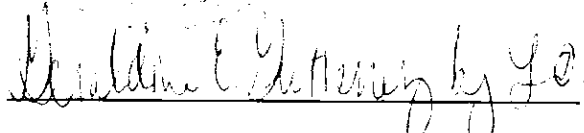


Max Trujillo, Commissioner - District 3




Kenneth C. Medina, Commissioner District 5

ATTEST:



Geraldine E. Gutierrez, San Miguel County Clerk



Minutes submitted by Jacob P. Gonzales

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