

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017 BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday April 11, 2017, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting convened at the San Miguel Administration Complex located at 500 West National Avenue, Suite 200, New Mexico 87701.

ROLL CALL:

Upon a call of the roll, Chairman Rock Ulibarri present, Vice-Chairman Arthur J. Padilla present, Commissioner Janice Varela present, Commissioner Maria Martinez present, and Commissioner Chris Najar present and a quorum was duly noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION TO NM STATE FLAG

Commissioners, staff and citizens in attendance joined in the pledge and salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Padilla to amend Item 13 typo error stating Ojitos Frios when it should be San Pablo. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Najar to approve the agenda. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Najar to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular meeting. Second by Commissioner Varela. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW SAN MIGUEL COUNTY EMPLOYEE

VIDAL MARTINEZ-San Miguel County Manager

PUBLIC INPUT FORUM

Chris Wolff- CEO at Alta Vista Hospital- spoke of promises set to come to the Alta Vista Hospital.

Benerito Gallegos- road issues concerning CR 45 and also the Memorandum of Understanding

Lorenzo Flores- Concerned about Medical attention not being carried out at the Alta Vista

Katherine Kahn- Community issues and hospital concerns

Connie Trujillo- Certified Mid-Wife concerned about women's health

Manuel Garcia- Complete the task and voiced County issues

Joan Cron- Voiced concerns on the closure of the OBGYN

Patty Leahan-Voiced concerns on Alta Vista Regional Hospital and spoke of starting a forum open Community board.

Salvador Higgins- Against the hospital care, religious issues and against fracking

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION: San Miguel County Board of Commissioners Mission and Vision Statements and overview of the recent San Miguel County Board of Commissioners Retreat

PRESENTER: Rock G. Ulibarri, San Miguel County Board of Commissioners Chairman

San Miguel County Chairman Rock Ulibarri presented to the Commission the Mission and Vision Statements and overview of the recent San Miguel County Board of Commissioners Retreat, that was held in Albuquerque late last month. Mr. Ulibarri stated that the Commission in the recent retreat discussed building Vision Unity and planned on where the Commission can better improve the County.

PRESENTATION: Various County Concerns
PRESENTER: Gabe Estrada, Community Member

Community Member Gabe Estrada presented to the Commission the Rio Gallinas Acequia issues and concerns, and E-911 programs and County Road 23 issues.

REGULAR ORDER

1. RESOLUTION 04-11-2017-CM-IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEST LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED CHEERLEADERS ON THEIR MARCH 25, 2017 NEW MEXICO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

San Miguel County Chairman Rock Ulibarri informed the Commission the West Las Vegas High School Co-Ed Cheerleaders recently competed in the New Mexico State Championship Cheer Competition held in Albuquerque, at the New Mexico Basketball Arena (Pit) on March 24th and 25th. On the 25th the West Las Vegas Cheerleading Team were named the New Mexico State Champions in the A-4A Co-Ed Cheer Division. They are being led by their coach Isabel J. Cavazos and their assistant coaches Lawrence Valdez and Liz Herrera. Chairman Ulibarri requested the Commission review, discuss and approve the Resolution recognizing the West Las Vegas High School Cheerleading Team.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Padilla to approve Resolution 04-11-2017-CM in recognition of the West Las High School Cheerleaders. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

2. SAN MIGUEL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY HUD SECTION 8 ANNUAL PLAN

San Miguel County Regional Housing Authority Employee Angelina Perea informed the Commission the San Miguel County Housing Authority is required annually to have an Annual Plan prepared and approved by the Commission. The purpose of the plan is to assist low income and very low income individuals and families. Ms. Perea requested the Commission approval for the Section 8 Annual Plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Varela to approve the San Miguel County Housing Authority HUD Section 8 Annual Plan. Second by Commissioner Najar. Motion carried.

3. REQUEST FOR MAY, 2017 MEETING OF THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE MOVED TO PECOS NEW MEXICO AND HELD ON MAY 10, 2017

San Miguel County Board of Commissioner Janice Varela Informed the Commission of the request to move next month's meeting (May 10, 2017) to Pecos. This is due to the Pecos High School Panthers bringing home the State Championship Titles. Ms. Varela stated it would be nice to recognize the Pecos High School Panthers, coaches, parents and all those who have contributed to the Championship Teams. Ms. Varela is requesting the Commission approve the proposed location and date of next month's meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Najar to approve the request for May, 2017 Commissioners meeting to be held in Pecos New Mexico on May 10, 2017. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried.

4. EXPLANATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE LATINA RESEARCH CONTRACT

San Miguel County Chairman Rock Ulibarri informed the Commission that during last month's Public Input Community Member Lorenzo Flores voiced his concerns regarding the Latina Research Contract. At this time Chairman Rock Ulibarri would like to address these concerns. Chairman Ulibarri read a statement that was composed by the prior Commission in which the evaluation was put on hold indefinitely. Chairman Ulibarri stated this was a personnel matter that would be discussed during executive session.

For informational purposes only.

5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROCEED WITH EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A HOSPITAL IN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY AREA

San Miguel County Chairman Rock Ulibarri informed the Commission due to various issues and concerns that the people of San Miguel County and the surrounding communities are having in regards to medical care, Chairman Rock Ulibarri would like authorization from the Commission to begin to process and explore other avenues to operate and construct a County hospital in the community. Chairman Ulibarri is requesting the Commission grant him approval to proceed with exploring various options that would lead to the construction and operation of a hospital in San Miguel County.

Motion made by Commissioner Varela to grant approval to Chairman Ulibarri to proceed with exploring the possibility of constructing and operating a hospital in the San Miguel County area. Second by Commissioner Padilla. Motion carried.

6. EXPLORATION THROUGH A COLLABORATION WITH THE EDC REGARDING THE POSSIBLTY OF BUILDING A FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAINING FACILITY IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

San Miguel County Fire Chief Mike Montano informed the Commission the exploration through collaboration with the EDC for the construction of New Fire Station, to include offices for County Personnel, training

facility, classrooms, a burn building, a rescue tower, and other training props to be determined. A training facility will not only provide much needed training for San Miguel County Volunteers, City of Las Vegas Fire Fighters, but will have the potential of creating new jobs and revenues for San Miguel County and the City of Las Vegas. The goal of this training facility is to educate our first responders in our communities and to reduce the impact of major catastrophes. Mr. Montano is requesting permission to explore the possibility of building a Fire Department/Training Facility in San Miguel County.

Motion made by Commissioner Najar for approval to explore the possibility of building a Fire Department/Training Facility in San Miguel County. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-2017-CM-ACEQUIAS WHICH SUPPORTS OPPOSITION TO WATER RIGHTS TRANSFERS FROM ACEQUIAS TO RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE

San Miguel County Commissioner Janice Varela informed the Commission that an application of a water rights transfer had been submitted to the State Engineer's Office which would divert water from the West Pecos Ditch. It is suggested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the adoption of a Resolution stating that the transfers of water rights in San Miguel County from traditional uses such as irrigation by the acequias, to residential subdivision or commercial uses elsewhere in the County of State would generally not promote the public welfare of the State because of the adverse effects on the acequia and communities involved. This item has been before the Board of Commissioners in prior meetings. Ms. Varela is requesting the Commission review and discuss said Resolution and take action to either approve or disapprove this Resolution.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Padilla to approve Resolution No. 04-11-2017-CM-Acequias. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried.

8. APPOINTMENT BY CHRIS A. NAJAR SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER, OF CHRIS TORRES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

San Miguel County Commissioner Chris Najar informed the Commission the term of the San Miguel County Planning and Zoning Commission members for District Two, Four, and Five have expired. The members of these districts are Janice Varela, Richard Rivera and Robert Gutierrez. At this time it is necessary to reappoint one or more members or appoint new members. Mr. Najar is requesting at this time that the Commission appoint Chris Torres to represent District 5 to replace the previous seat held by Robert Gutierrez.

Motion made by Commissioner Varela to approve the appointing of Chris Torres as recommended by Commissioner Najar to represent District 5. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

9. RATIFY THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE ROOF AT THE EL PUEBLO V.F.D.

San Miguel County Fire Chief Mike Montano informed the Commission the El Pueblo V.F.D. received a 2017 Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 with a matching commitment of \$25400.00 for the purchase of communication equipment, PPE and facility improvements. The repairs of the roof are covered under facility improvements. Mr. Montano is requesting the Commission permission to ratify the bid advertisement for the roof repair.

Motion made by Commissioner Najar for the approval to ratify the bid advertisement for the roof repairs at the El Pueblo V.F.D. Second by Commissioner Varela. Motion carried.

10. RATIFY THE ADVERTISEMENT AD FOR THE CABO LUCERO V.F.D. FOR THE WATER STORAGE AND DELIVERY SYSTEM

San Miguel County Fire Chief Mike Montano informed the Commission the Cabo Lucero V.F.D. received a New Mexico Fire Protection Grant for the construction of a dedicated fire suppression water supply system. The grant is for the amount of \$100,000.00 with a match of \$16,000.00 of the original project matching commitment of \$80,000.00. This water system will contain a 40,000 gallon water tank a hot box, and a fire hydrant. Mr. Montano is requesting permission to ratify the bid advertisement.

Motion made by Commissioner Martinez for the approval to ratify bid advertisement for the Cabo Lucero V.F.D. Second by Commissioner Najar. Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF BID AWARD OF THE BERNAL TRACKS COUNTY ROAD B28A MISCELLANEOUS ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER

San Miguel County Public Service Operations Division Supervisor Morris Madrid informed the Commission the San Miguel County Public Service Department went out for advertisement and opened bids on April 6, 2017. It was recommended to award bid to Franken Construction as they are the lowest bidder on the Miscellaneous Roadway and Drainage Improvements Project in Bernal Tracks County B28A. Mr. Madrid requested the Commission award bid to the lowest most qualified bidder Franken Construction.

Motion made by Commissioner Varela to approve awarding the bid for the Bernal Tracks County Road B28A to the lowest most qualified bidder Franken Construction. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

12. APPROVAL OF BID AWARD OF THE OJITOS FRIOS MISCELLANEOUS ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER

San Miguel County Public Service Operations Division Supervisor Morris Madrid informed the Commission the San Miguel County Public Services Department went out for advertisement and opened bids on April 6, 2017. It was recommended the bid be awarded to Franken Construction as they were the lowest most qualified bidder of the Ojitos Frios miscellaneous Roadway and Drainage improvements project. Mr. Madrid requested the Commission approve and recommend awarding the bid to Franken Construction the lowest most qualified bidder.

Motion made by Commissioner Varela to approve awarding bid the lowest most qualified bidder Franken Construction for the Ojitos Frios Project. Second by Vice-Chairman Padilla. Motion carried.

13. APPROVAL OF BID AWARD OF THE SAN PABLO MISCELLANEOUS ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER

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