MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING

of the BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2026 AT 1:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 08, 2026 in the SMC Commission Chambers at 500 W. National Avenue, Suite 201, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Deputy Clerk Michelle Lujan 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**

Mr. Verlyn Miller 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**

No changes made.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Commissioner Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Baca. Motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   -RM-08-11-2026
   -SM-06-29-2026
   -SM-07-29-2026

Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT FORUM***

Mr. Manuel Garcia informed the Commission there is currently a taskforce studying the implementation of IPRA across the state. They are speaking to Government Officials and the Public to get feedback about the process.* Mr. Garcia also stated I think the presentation during Executive Session, by Deb Sulzer, should be given during the Open Meeting. It is important to keep the Citizens informed as it is about the FEMA claim.
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NEW BUSINESS

8. **REGULAR ORDER**

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

County Manager Ansley informed the Commission Mesa Land Community College is sponsoring a local individual to conduct CDL examinations and he would like to use the property at Public Works for the testing site. We are excited to work with them and are creating an agreement that will be ready for consideration in October. * Manager Ansley stated the close-out documents for Palomas Wind Industrial Bond Project are ready for Chairman Garcia's signature. The Commission has approved and adopted the Ordinance. Bond Counsel Chris Muirhead with Modrall Law Firm confirmed the documents are ready for signing. The Palomas Wind Project has gone through the Planning and Zoning Board and it recommends passage. Pattern Energy has waived the Ordinance requirement that it be heard by the Commission within thirty days. The Commission had asked that we try to negotiate a higher PILT payment and have done so by joining forces with Torrance County and we increased the escalator payment from 2.5% to 5%. That equates to an additional 1.5 million for the County and an additional million for the schools over the course of thirty years. * Manager Ansley informed the Commission we have two emergency road projects with the Sulzer Group, being: CR B27 (Meyer's Road) and one in Ojitos Frios – both are low water crossings and have experienced major washouts. Contractor quotes have been received and The Sulzer Group is helping with task orders. * At the last meeting the Commission expressed their wishes for an additional Operator Position for Public

Works. The Disaster Recovery Coordinator is vacant and accounted for in the budget. This position can become an Operator position if the Commission approves the change.

Deputy Manager Jesus Romero informed the Commission, as mentioned in the last meeting, a local School District suggested the County grant them Opiate Settlement monies; in return, the Public be granted free admission to all sporting events. I spoke with the Opiate Remediation Collaboration to see how the program works and they would control SMC settlement dollars to implement the program and we would still have to collaborate with the schools. If we choose to do something like this, it will better to work directly with the schools and implement ourselves. * Counselor Castellano, Manager's Office and Human Resources Director Eileen Sedillo drafted an updated vehicle policy; which will be reviewed later. * The cable rewiring project has been completed here at the County Admin Building. I have been working with IT Director Kenneth Abeyta to locate cameras that need to be replaced, updated, added or moved for better surveillance. * Some staff members have been attending the Cobblestone Training. This software system will help track contracts via spreadsheet and will launch next week. * Deputy Manager Romero informed the Commission we have been seeing an increase in bear sightings at Convenience Centers mainly in Sapello and Rociada. We ask the residents to please be vigilant in these areas and do not leave trash outside the gated area.

Chairman Garcia asked Manager Ansley if she wanted direction on the Operator position now. Manager Ansley replied it is up to the Commission. Counselor Castellano stated since it was discussed in the Manager's Report, the Commission can give direction on it. The Commission stated they are in favor of the Heavy Operator position being added to Public Works.

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b. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES*

Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Director Justin Dimas introduced the new P&Z Administrative Assistant Jalen Martinez. * Director Dimas updated the Commission on the following:

- 219 Development Permit Applications (Accessory and ETZ permits included) have been issued since January 2026. 113 were approved/received permits. 106 were not approved due to not being complete.
- 65 Survey Plats have been approved.
- 8 Conditional Use Permits have been reviewed and moved to Commission for Approval.
- 434 Business Licenses have been processed. 70 new; 364 renewals.

37 short term rentals are reporting and paying the 5% gross taxable charges. I have been in communication with a vendor that assists the County in retrieving these fees. In the unincorporated areas of the county, there are 115 short term rentals. Vice-Chairman Sena asked what the consequences of not paying the fees are: Director Dimas replied we don't have any enforcement powers to this resolution. We inform lessors what is required. Commissioner Trujillo thanked Director Dimas for taking the initiative on this. We are a big county with places like Pendaries and Conchas. Director Dimas stated this vendor searches sites like VRBO and Air B&B and I am sure they will find a lot more. Commissioner Baca asked if this includes LLC's? Director Dimas replied all short term rentals are in their search. They are required to get a business license with us and report the 5% they receive on rentals per month.

Fire Chief Allen Sanchez informed the Commission most of the fires we have had were caused by lightning. We received two new water tenders that will go to Conchas and Cabo Lucero when ready. * Chief Sanchez stated, we received some thoughtful praise from Air Attack during the LOE fire on Land of Enchantment Ranch. We had three fires going at once within four miles of each other. Air Attack was impressed on the coordination with the US Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry and the implementation of our heavy equipment with Public Works Foreman John David Salazar and Public Works Director Andy Ulibarri, we have been able to utilize the heavy equipment and minimize loss of acreage. * Chief Sanchez informed the Commission that there had been a significant event that was not included on the handout. Last month we had a 50 ton storage container, filled with lithium batteries, crash about 1 ½ miles out of town. The Interstate was closed for 16-18 hours, but we were able to divert traffic onto the frontage road and it didn't really affect travel. We do not have enough water to maintain and manage lithium battery fires and if this had caught fire, I-25 would have been shut down in both directions for an undetermined amount of time. This container isn't very big, but it weighs about 110,000 pounds and holds 75-100 batteries. The container landed on its side down a four foot embankment and required two rotators to flip it up the embankment and onto the new truck. This would have been a state of emergency if it caught fire. Chairman Garcia expressed gratitude and commended Chief Sanchez and OEM Manager Jayme Vigil for their hard work and collaboration.

Public Works (PW) Director Andy Ulibarri informed the Commission the speed-bumps on Pork Chop Hill Road have been installed and are awaiting striping and signage. Rocky Road started blading, shaping, putting base course and installing culverts on B41E. Hays Plumbing continues to work on Williams Drive installing drop inlets and placing storm drains from main line to inlets. An emergency contractor is replacing culverts due to flooding and erosion on CR A3 in the Las Dispensas area. Our Road Crew has been busy on CR A11 cleaning and maintaining culverts, blading shoulders, trimming trees, cleaning storm drains and installing culverts when

needed. The Operators are covering their assigned areas and helping with ongoing projects. We have also been doing road maintenance and patching on Cinder Road, Gallegos Road, Cunningham Road and Los Vigiles. * Solid Waste has been busy with daily trash routes since both Packer trucks are down and waiting for parts. Our crews are working hard to maintain service. We replaced a 30R bin in Tecolote to accommodate the trucks being down. * The crusher is operational and has produced 4,650 yards of material. I would like to thank the Commission for their continued support, the employees for their hard work and ask for continued prayers for Justin Martinez. The Commission thanked Director Ulibarri for his and the employees hard work and for doing an incredible job.

Public Works (PW) Foreman John David Salazar gives the Commission an update with operator location and description of work. The roads affected are:

- B31A, B30B, B28A, B41A, Los Cavos Road, Tapia Lane, Chavez Ranch, A11A in Los Vigiles, Conchas Drive, Hidden Place, Bullhead Drive and Conchas Ranch Road.

The Commission expressed their gratitude.

Warden Steven Garcia stated in August we had 124 bookings and 163 scans at the Detention Center. There was an average daily population of 82 with the highest daily at 91. Today we are sitting at 100 inmates due to the Holiday weekend. I have been in communication with Probation and Parole to cut down the lengthy process for Court dates for parolees/probation inmates as this impacts population at the DC. * There are currently two vacancies for swing shift Sergeant and a Programs position. The Programs position closed on Friday; interviews forthcoming. Luna Community College (LCC) reached out to discuss classes they can offer to the inmates. * Last week we had the annual Fire Marshall inspection and we passed. *Chairman Garcia asked if the opening of the new Drug Center has had an impact on the Detention Center. Warden Garcia replied, I have had conversations with Dominique at the Center and received some flyers to post at the Detention Center for the inmates that are interested in receiving treatment. It is a short term treatment with a 28 day program, 35 days max (only if needed). I did propose that some of the Probation and Parole could utilize this program. I believe that we have had two inmates inquire about the program so far.

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez updated on the FY2024 audit for the Commission. Auditors were on site the week of August 24th and confirmed our final trial balance and fixed asset rollover. They should be sending their findings this week for the Manager to respond. Shortly after, they will send a draft. * We have hired a new Financial Specialist II that will be starting on September 28th and we will interviewing for the CPO position on Thursday. * Chairman Garcia asked where this puts in in compliance with our audits. We are still short one year right? Director Sanchez replied, yes, but as soon as FY2024 is complete, we will start on FY2025. Chairman Garcia asked for an estimated completion date. Director Sanchez replied I cannot give you an estimate, because we need to finish FY2024. We will start on FY2025 immediately after. Commissioner Trujillo asked if she was already preparing for the FY2025 audit. Director Sanchez

replied, it was hard to find everything when we were behind, but due to a new filing system, we have all of our documents ready.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Manager Jayme Vigil informed the Commission her report mirrors Chief Sanchez's. The incident he spoke of was a huge hazmat situation for us and I immediately started coordinating with NMDHSEM to provide resources, if needed. Call out was at about 2:00AM and we were on scene until 7:00PM. * I posted on the Facebook page and sent a County wide email in regards to a grant funding workshop for those affected by the fires and flooding. The event is tonight at the Mora Independent School District from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. They will go over water filtration system and home repairs for anyone affected. They are offering assistance with the grants tomorrow at the Building Resiliency Center on Lincoln Avenue, across from the Manzanares Building. * We have been really busy with fires, but I am grateful that we haven't had a really big one. The 850 acre Fowl Fire is creeping towards San Miguel County, but so far is staying in Harding County. * Chairman Garcia asked if they carry the proper PPE for hazardous situations and do you and Chief Sanchez feel comfortable handling situations like the one you both spoke? Manager Vigil replied yes. I do have a little hazmat training from my time at the Volunteer Fire Department. I do have a self-contained breathing apparatus, our bunker gear (PPE for structural firefighting), a hazmat trailer that has hazmat suits when needed and other breathing apparatus.

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c. FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTMENT PROJECTS

Fire Chief Allen Sanchez informed the Commission of the mark-ups projects for the new look of SMC fire apparatus' and the new specifications for brush trucks. My goal is to get an RMP because that will allow our resources to be deployed in and out of state. In order to do this the apparatus must reach certain specifications. The truck that is specked out right now, meets the highest level of California specifications. This means we could help with fires in California. We have an investment pool that consists of rolled over fire funds from past years and have been told that we need to spend these funds. I would like to use these funds to buy two new trucks. * The other project is the tower that we previously discussed, but this will be put on hold until the trucks are taken care of. * The quote that I received includes travel to Seattle and they have reserved our spot in production after seeing our commitment to purchasing the trucks. I am just seeking approval from the Commission to use the funds to purchase these trucks. All SMC trucks - old and new - will have this as standard imaging. Manager Ansley stated, I encouraged Chief Sanchez to put this on the agenda because it is a significant purchase.

Motion to approve purchase of trucks made by Vice-Chairman Sena. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

d. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Fire Chief Allen Sanchez informed the Commission, I have submitted a Letter of Intent to purchase apparatus vehicles. We do not get full credit for ladder service because we rely on Santa Fe County and City of Las Vegas for their ladder trucks for our ISO ratings. A new truck costs upwards of $2 million. I was able to locate a 2003 Pierce Quint for sale. A Quint is a ladder truck and pump with 500 gallon water capacity. We would also be able to use this truck for rope rescues and swift water rescues. I am looking for approval to travel to Nevada. I will be traveling with retired Chief Atencio and Chief Lucero from Santa Fe County. I negotiated the price down to $150,000 and that includes transport to New Mexico. The apparatus will require about $50,000 in repairs.

Motion Made by Commissioner Trujillo to approve out of state travel. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

e. PROMOTION RECOGNITION FOR DETENTION OFFICER*

Deputy Warden Xavier Romero re-introduced Laryssa Romero who was promoted to shift Sergeant and then to night shift Lieutenant. She has volunteered herself in the community and we are proud of her endeavors and everything she does for the facility.

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f. OATH OF OFFICE FOR DETENTION OFFICERS*

Deputy Warden Xavier Romero states, I have Vanessa Padilla here before you today. She came to us with previous experience and has completed all of the mandatory training. We are excited to have her back and she will be working swing shift for us. For Accreditation standards, it is important to have a female officer on swing shift and she is filling this position for us. I just want to thank Ms. Padilla for answering the call to corrections.

Due to not having the Oath, Chairman Garcia states, we will continue with the meeting and proceed with the Oath of office then.

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g. 8TH STREET EXTENSION FUNDING AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

Mr. Verlyn Miller from Miller Engineering Consultants (MEC) stated, there are three slides to my presentation. The first slide shows the vicinity map and the blue line shows Eighth St. Extension, also known as North Rd.. The project starts at the City Limits sign and continues North 0.65 miles

(3400 ft.) to Reds Junkyard. We started a project five years ago where we did an overlay on Eighth St Extension from the completion point of this project to the Subdivision. This road has a tremendous amount of drainage issues and when it rains we get all of the runoff from Porkchop Hill, basically uncontrolled. There is no drainage system on Eighth St. whatsoever and this causes the roads and residences near the road to flood. This facilitates the need for this project. * The next slide shows some snippets from the actual design. There is a pond just west of Eighth St, on the South side of the project, then it goes north to the termini. We are shifting the roadway to the West a little bit because we need to have the drainage infrastructure between the roadway and right of way line; therefore, we will shift the road west 5-6 feet to give us room for the drainage inlets and a storm sewer system. The water drains into the inlets, then the sewer system and discharges into and existing drainage crossing just north of the drainage pond. Drainage culverts aren't in good condition and this design will improve them. We will be widening the road from 20 ft. to 24 ft. with a small shoulder. The design is about 95% complete and the only thing missing is the drainage pond design. Once we get permission and the easements from the property owner, we should be able to have the design complete within 30 days. The County was awarded $3.1 million for this project and that was the full amount estimated for this project. We will issue the bid this winter and start construction in the spring. * Commissioner Trujillo asked what the capacity of the drainage pond will be. Mr. Miller replied, I am estimating one acre of land about 2-3 ft. deep. We don't want to make it too deep because it can retain water for too long and cause issues such as mosquitoes. We will put a device in the pond that will drain it slowly when it gets to a certain level and it will also have a concrete emergency spillway. Chairman Garcia thanked Mr. Miller for expediting this project. We are currently doing work on Williams Dr. that will also help the flooding, but is still a consideration for the future phases. It does make sense for Long term drainage upstream of Porkchop Hill should be looked into.

No action taken.

h. PRESENTATION BY US FOREST SERVICE ON GALLINAS ROAD PROJECT*

Ms. Amina Sena, District Ranger United States Forest Service (USFS), informed the Commission, we have been doing a lot of repair work. Our fire crews have put line around more than thirty incidents and helped respond to twelve more. Road work is ongoing as we have equipment on Iron Gate Rd., the Barillas area is up for contract soon and Capulin is going out to contract as well. * We have a workshop in the works with Lea Knutson from the Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance. Your crews have been working on Las Dispensas Rd. and if you need any heavy material to dissipate energy on your culverts, or need help in other ways, please let us know. We do have an easement in place in that area. * I really want to talk about the Gallinas Canyon

project. That area is very important to the Community as it provides access for grazing, fishing, recreation and it has cabins. Post fire, bridges have washed out and need to be rebuilt. We haven't had a lot of attendance for the public meetings, so this is an engagement opportunity to try and capture the voice of the Community. The picture on the screen shows the area of the project. The area of interest is the bottom of 263, where the black gate is. We split the corridor into three phases. We have put the images out to the Community, but haven't gotten a lot of feedback. We've been doing hydraulic models, stake holder meetings and public meetings. This is a funded project and we are going to move on it. We have a virtual meeting with Central Federal Land on October 14th and we are coordinating with the Gallinas Fire Station to have an in person meeting there. We are moving forward with geotechnical work, so October 19th – 30th we will be putting holes in the road to see what kind of rock abutment will be present. We will be coordinating with the private residents in the closed area to this. Environmental studies, typographical/boundary surveys and assessments are currently being done so we are ready to design and build as fast as possible. Public input will help us see if there is something else we need to be thinking about. Right now I am thinking about safety and that means pulling the road out of the river. The road is sitting in the Five Year Flood event plain. We are talking bout putting the road up high and access points need to be identified. This road has to be done to spec, which means out of the Hundred Year Flood event plain. The El Porvenir Bridge is complete and is over the Hundred Year Flood plain. We are also looking at decreasing the amount of water crossings. Section one covers the top of the road at the Burro Base and Trailhead, the Calf Canyon residences and below. In this section there are not a whole lot of changes because we can move the road and still access the private property parcels. Section two will have the most changes. We will be changing the amount of time the road crosses the river, decrease the number of bridges and bridges will be built high. The blue line on the slide represents the Hundred Year Flood plain and you can see the road above it. Section three doesn't have many alignments and the last area has potential if we can gain easements through private property or build a bridge for long term easement at E.V. Long. This concept will change how we recreate in the Canyon. * Chairman Garcia asked where we are on the agreement for the two roads we approved collaboration on. Ms. Sena replied, we received the comments from the Commission and my staff is reviewing them. Some of our agreement templates are shifting so we are pausing just a little bit. However my intentions to collaborate with the County are not paused. Circling back to Las Dispensas Rd., we can do something immediately in a grant funded way. My crews are currently on Bull Creek Rd. and Iron Gate Rd. as agreed upon, but the MOU may not happen until the next Fiscal Year in October. Chairman Garcia stated I was asking because now you are asking for support on this project. In my opinion the USFS should build bridges for forecasted flooding events instead of asking the public's opinion on them possibly wanted a normal flood season bridge. What good does it do to build a bridge if it is

going to be compromised? Mr. Bob Anderson asked me to attend a meeting in the Gallinas canyon, I will attend if possible, but keep in mind the County has no jurisdiction passed that gate other than emergency services. I would like to know your timeline for this project. Ms. Sena replied, I would first like to talk about easements. I now have a draft agreement for easement with the landowner where the black gate in located. The individual no longer resides there and I have great faith we will not have a locked gate in the future. We are still in discussions and the fear of the USFS not following through have been voiced, but I intend to follow through. I know the locked gates have hindered fire response in practice events and could be detrimental in an actual event. We are hoping to move the timeline as fast as possible. Commissioner Trujillo stated, I am happy to hear that the USFS are trying to get an easement for the locked gate. This canyon is a Community asset and I fell we should be able to use that road. I see this as an opportunity to improve the whole Canyon because it is in horrible shape after the fires. I am in full support of this project because I can see what it could be. My advice to you would be to get some kind of public campaign going and let people know that it could be lost to them completely. Get more aggressive with the information and use every venue and platform to bring awareness to the Community. Ms. Sena expressed her gratitude for his support.

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Chairman Garcia informed the Commission, we are going to proceed with the Oath of Office for the Detention Officer. This was item "f" on the agenda. Chairman Garcia recited the Oath of Office swearing in Ms. Vanessa Padilla. Vice-Chairman Sena congratulated Ms. Padilla and stated she was a student of mine. She has good morals and will be a great asset to the Detention Center.

i. PROPERTY TAX RATE SETTING ORDER FOR 2026 PROPERTY TAXES

County Manager Joy Ansley informed the Commission, we received the property tax rates from DFA on August 31st and as per the rules and I sent them out to all the tax authorities on September 1st. I received no feedback, so they are before you now for action.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Sena to approve. Second by Commissioner Trujillo.

j. INMATE CONFINEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND SMCDC

Warden Steven Garcia stated, I am re-presenting this agreement. It was presented last November I believe, but was never presented in front of the City Council. The only change in the agreement is the price is going from $175 to $200, with a onetime booking fee of $20. Manager Ansley informed the Commission they had approved this agreement in October of last

year, but it has not been implemented because the City Council has not approved it. We are asking for your approval once again so the Detention Center can implement the changes. Chairman Garcia asked Counselor Castellano to inform the Commission on the limits of the contract, as far as implementing it without the City's approval. Counselor Castellano replied, the Detention Center is owned by the County and the rates are imposed by the County. If they do not agree to the changes, they can take their inmates elsewhere. Chairman Garcia asked, if they don't pay the new rate, does that give us the authority to not accept their inmates? Counselor Castellano replied, we are required by the State to house them but it is also a requirement for us to receive payment for housing them. If they don't pay we could recover the money through a legal case or even mediation. My recommendation is to approve this and hopefully the City will put it on their agenda and approve it. This was presented to the City and after negotiations, this was the contract they agreed to approve. They just haven't yet.

Motion made by Commissioner Trujillo to approve. Second by Commissioner Baca. Motion carried.

Roll Call:
Chairman Harold Garcia- Yes
Vice-Chairman Martin Sena- Yes
Commissioner Bernadette Baca- Yes
Commissioner Max Trujillo- Yes
Commissioner Kenneth Medina- Yes
Motion carries unanimously.

k. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR 2027 NMDOT TPF PROJECT - 8TH ST. EXTENSION

Public Works Director Andy Ulibarri informed the Commission, I am here for approval on two resolutions. The TPF Match Waiver Resolution and the TPF Participation Resolution for the North Eighth Street Extension project. Total project cost will be $3,144,755.93. The Department of Transportation will pay 95%, being $2,984,668.13 and the County will pay 5% which is $157,087.80. Chairman Garcia asked if they approved the waiver to fund 100%. Director Ulibarri replied yes.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Sena to approve resolutions. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

l. REQUEST TO PURCHASE FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS*

Chairman Harold Garcia stated, the County Fairgrounds have been successfully used by the County Fair Association for years. We have seen an increase in 4H kids to 200 this year. They have the agreement with us, but they also have an agreement with the City of Las Vegas (City) for their property out there. That is the property I would like the County to purchase. I am seeking support from the Commission to converse with the City to purchase the property. Commissioner Trujillo stated, I do think adding the City's property to ours will add to the potential of having big events there. Acreage contains 44.2 acres on Parcel 1 and Parcel B has 2.5 acres. Chairman Garcia stated, we have talked about the possibility of Lodgers Tax being used to purchase. I do recommend pursuing the Lodgers Tax option to purchase this if you are able. A Letter of Intent should be issued. Chairman Garcia asked if the Commission was on board with giving direction to Manager Ansley to issue a Letter of Intent. Commission replied yes.

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m. STATUS OF DON GALLEGOS ST. WITH REGARDS TO 8TH ST. EXTENSION*

This item ties into Eighth St. Extension project. There are a couple of large communities upstream of Eighth St. that have experienced flooding and damage. We adopted Eighth St. so we could address some of the flooding issues downstream, but it doesn't address them upstream. I would like for the Commission to consider possibly adopting Don Gallegos Circle and Porkchop Dr. The agenda only states Don Gallegos Circle, so if that is the only one considered then I am good with that. We are looking at $4.1 million in outside funds this year to improve County right of ways and we have made great strides fixing roads such as Porkchop Hill Rd., Eighth St. Extension, the road in Pendaries, Storrie Project, and the Valley road. Eighth St. Extension is a vital community that we represent and we should look at their general safety and welfare. Commissioner Trujillo stated, by adopting this road we will be adopting all issues that come with it. If we can incorporate this into the current project, even in another phase of it, then I would be in support of it. This Commission is working to make the county better for its citizens and I appreciate that. The Commission is in agreement to give direction to adopt Don Gallegos Circle. Counselor Castellano informed the Commission, there are a few issues we need to comb through before official direction is taken. When this was adopted as a city subdivision the roads within should have been adopted as well unless stated otherwise. It appears the City did not adopt it and if that is the case then it is considered a private road. I would recommend the residents of the road petition the Commission for adoption of the road. This will also give me and Manager Ansley time to research if the road was adopted by the City and look into easements.

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n. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED VEHICLE USE POLICY

County Manager Ansley informed the Commission, Deputy Manager Romero is not present so either Counselor Castellano and I can present this item or we can table it till next month. Chairman Garcia asked if they felt comfortable presenting and they responded yes. Counselor Castellano stated, we condensed the policy to make it more straight forward. I encourage the Commission to really look through it and see if any changes should be made, but in my opinion it is ready for adoption. The Commission agreed to table the item until the next regular Board meeting.

Motion to table the item made by Commissioner Baca. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

o. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT JCG PLUMBING AND HEATING FOR PLUMBING SERVICES

Financial Specialist III Ebony Mondragon requested the Commission approve the contract with JCG Plumbing and Heating Services. They were the only ones to submit a bid so I am seeking approval to go with them.

Motion to approve contract made by Commissioner Medina. Second by Commissioner Baca. Motion carried.

9. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

a. CHECK REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez requested the Commission approve the Check Report for August 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Trujillo to approve the Check Report for August 2026. Second by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried.

b. BUDGET REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026*

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez presented the Budget Report for August 2026.
No questions or comments.

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c. GENERAL FUND BANK STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 2026*

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez presented the General Fund 2026 Bank Statement for August 2026.

No questions or comments.

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d. GENERAL FUND RESERVE BANK STATEMENT AUGUST 2026*

Finance Director Katherine Sanchez presented the General Fund Reserve Bank Statement for August 2026.

No questions or comments.

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Commissioner Medina asked Director Sanchez if the closing of the Southwest capital branch will affect the Finance Department. Director Sanchez replied, I don't think so, but I am going to follow up on it to make sure.

Motion to recess Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session made by Commissioner Baca. Second by Commissioner Trujillo. Motion carried. Regular Meeting recessed and Executive Session commenced at 3:19 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.

a. Update on FEMA Claims Presenter Deb Sulzer

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and resume Regular Session made by Commissioner Trujillo. Second by Vice-Chairman Sena. Motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 5:31 PM.

No action taken.

RESUME REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting made by Commissioner Medina. Second by Commissioner Baca. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

Approved the **13th of October 2026** as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County - New Mexico, of its Regular Meeting held the **08th of September 2026** at 1:00 PM in Suite 201 of the San Miguel County Administration Complex, 500 W. National Ave. in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Harold M. Garcia, Chairman - District 1

approved telephonically
Martin Sena, Vice-Chairman - District 4

Bernadette Baca
Bernadette Baca, Commissioner - District 2

Max Trujillo, Commissioner - District 3

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ATTEST:

Louanna G. Ortega, San Miguel County Clerk

Minutes submitted by Michelle A. Lujan

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