

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on February 20, 2019, at the hour of 5:30 P.M. at the Hidalgo County Chambers at 305 Pyramid Street, Lordsburg, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting any and all business to come properly before the Board.

The following elected officials, staff, and public were present:

**Attendance sheet is attached.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Mora called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Anthony J. Mora, Present  
Commissioner John Hatch, Present  
Commissioner Joel Edwards, Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve agenda as presented. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS:**

**Resolution 2019-14- Budget Increase- Bureau of Elections, Hidalgo Fire- discussion/ action**

Tisha Green stated that Hidalgo Fire received a grant in the amount of \$90,000, and they need to budget 10% match, which comes out to \$9,000 and requested to move it from unallocated fire funds into fire budget. Melissa De La Garza stated the County Clerk is seeking \$11,000 for the special election for Lordsburg Schools. Ms. De La Garza said the money will be reimbursed back to the County. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-14. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Resolution 2019-15- Declaration of Hidalgo County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County- discussion/ action**

Sergeant

Andrew Arredondo read a letter on behalf of Sheriff Walter in support of the Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Tara Peterson, Kim Kvamme, and Jim Culberson all spoke and are in full support of the Resolution. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-15 Declaration of Hidalgo County to be a Second Amendment to Sanctuary County. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Policy and procedure on agenda items- discussion/action**

Chairperson Mora mentioned to the public that you don't have to wait for round table to speak to come to talk to the County Manager if you want to be put on the agenda. No action.

**Request for road maintenance in the Pyramid Shadows Subdivision- discussion/action**  
Jeff Callum requested the Board of County Commissioners to maintain the Pyramid Shadows subdivision road. Chairperson Mora explained that there is a process and he needs to get in contact with the County Manager to start that process.

**Request for consideration of an ordinance for ATV usage- discussion/ action**  
Bobby Holder requested the Board of County Commissioners to adopt an ordinance granting permission on County roads to drivers who have ATVs. Tisha Green stated that according to state law one can drive on the shoulder of the road. Chairperson Mora stated that the Board will do some reach on this topic. No action.

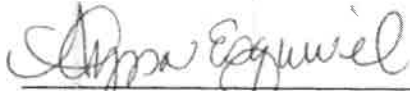
**Border Issues update- discussion/ action**  
Chairperson Mora mentioned that there are some positive things happening. Chairperson Mora explained that he has been talking to the Secretary Cabinet of Homeland Security on a weekly basis. They have contacted Verizon to put up cell towers and radio repeaters in the County. The State will pay for these items. Chairperson Mora explained that six State Police Officers are assigned to the County. Chairperson Mora also said that medical personnel is looking to see if a mobile clinic will be useful close to the border. He also mentioned that there are twelve military guards down at the border. Chairperson Mora told to the public to make be sure to report any issues that they have on their property so that the data may be collected.

**Roundtable Discussion**  
Jerry Davis stated that she wanted for everyone to understand the importance of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment--since 1990, over 80 million people have been murdered and every one of them had their fire-arms stripped from them.

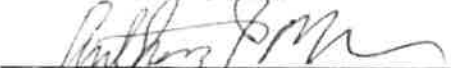
**ADJOURNMENT:**

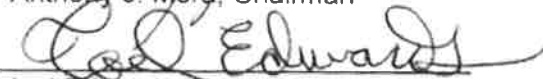
There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Shannon moved to adjourn. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Deputy Clerk

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Anthony J. Mora, Chairman

  
Joel Edwards, Member

APPROVED:

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John Hatch, Member