

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2013 at 2:00 P. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2013, at the hour of 2:00 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:

John Salazar, County Manager	Dolly Ward, HCDC
Tisha Green, Assistant County Manager	Brenda Hood, Herald
Roland Lassiter, Chief Deputy County Clerk	Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch Supervisor
Carmen Acosta, Chief Deputy Assessor	

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Shannon called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairperson Darr R. Shannon, Present
Commissioner Richard A. Chaires, Present
Commissioner Eddy H. Kerr, Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

County Manager Salazar requested to take off the number 33 under Resolution A. 2013 Courthouse Hours of Service on the Agenda. County Manager would also like to make a correction under Miscellaneous D. to remove the word Approval and replace it with Review and Score. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve agenda with the corrections as stated. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes on September 11, 2013, Special Meeting Minutes on September 20, 2013 and Regular Meeting Minutes on October 9, 2013. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

GUESTS:

No Guests

RESOLUTIONS, AGREEMENT, CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 2013-COURTHOUSE HOURS OF SERVICE

County Manager Salazar stated that back in April 24, 2007 the Commissioners changed the courthouse hours from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. County Manager Salazar also stated that with the complaints coming in from the public he would like to see the Commissioners make a decision to either stay on these hours or go back to the original hours. Commissioner Shannon stated she would like to see the offices stay open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the doors to the office never closed during these hours. This would give the public 8 hours to open doors. Commissioner Chaires stated he would like the offices to stay on the schedule they are on and he does not mind if the offices take a thirty-minute or an hour lunch break as long as there is someone there to provide service to the public. Commissioner Kerr agreed with Commissioner Chaires. Commissioner Shannon and County Manager agreed

that the office hours are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to remain open and not closed during lunch break.

RESOLUTION 2013-34-NMED GRANT AGREEMENT

This is a grant agreement that was signed on October 9, 2013 meeting. This is to give County Manager Salazar or Assistant County Manager Green signature authority to request grant reimbursements. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Resolution 2013-34 NMED Grant Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

AGREEMENT #2013-1138-SENIOR'S CENTER MEALS EQUIPMENT

This is an agreement to purchase a commercial refrigerator, freezer and a food processor. This equipment would cost \$6,600. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve Agreement #2013-1138-Senior's Center Meal Equipment for \$6,600. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

TRIADIC SOFTWARE CONTRACT

County Manager Salazar stated that since July 1, 2013 to October 20, 2013 he had numerous errors with Triadic. County Manager Salazar met with Lawyers about the contract he had with Triadic and the lawyers told County Manager Salazar that he had the authority to stop the contract. County Manager Salazar met with Triadic staff and they met an agreement. Triadic would allow the County to exit out of the contract. Hidalgo County will be getting back the money they initially paid Triadic. The initial contract with Triadic would have cover the Manager's office, Treasurer's Office and the Clerk's Office and the total cost would have been over \$60,000. Caselle will be the software for Treasures Office and Managers Office. Training will be available from Caselle for these departments. Commissioner Chaires motioned to cancel the Triadic Software Contract effectively October 21, 2013. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

EPA WATER COMMENTS

Commissioner Shannon stated that the protection agency is asking for comments and a study to see if they need more control of this County's water. The comments are due November 6, 2013. Commissioner Shannon asked the Board for her to take charge of getting qualified people to assist her in getting the comments. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve Commissioner Shannon to oversee the EPA Water Comments due by November 6, 2013. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

GRAY WOLF COMMENTS

Commissioner Shannon stated that the Gray Wolf Comments are due October 28, 2013 and she has all the proper paperwork for this and did not have it present for the Board to read but she had all her qualified persons to assist her in this project. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve letting the Chairperson to comment on the Gray Wolf. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

PER DIEM REQUEST FOR LUNA COUNTY ENDANGER SPECIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

This request is to approve the pay for Charles Tink Jackson who is the Endangered Species Committee Chair for Luna County. When Commissioner Shannon is not able to represent

Hidalgo County. Mr. Jackson would be the person who would address these issues when he attends the meetings with the US Wildlife, and Mr. Jackson would represent Hidalgo County. County Manager Salazar is requesting the approval for the per diem to pay Mr. Jackson. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve Per Diem Request for Luna County Endanger Species Committee Chair Mr. Jackson. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

APPOVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES RFP SELECTION

This is to review and score the legal services RFP. There were three proposals received October 18, 2013. County Manager had all three proposals for the Commissioner to review and score on their own time. County Manager Salazar also requested that the Commissioner turn in their scores to him for review so a decision can be made on November 13, 2013 meeting. County Manager would like the record to show that the three companies that made a proposal were Holt Mynatt Martinez P.C. out of Las Cruces, Keleher & McLeod P.A. out of Albuquerque and Nance Pato & Stout LLC out of Socorro. No action taken.

NMAC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Kerr attended the NMAC meeting in T or C. Commissioner Kerr took a tour of the Space Port, Fire Department and the Hanger where the Space Ship is stored. Commissioner Kerr also stated that with the Space Port in New Mexico it could bring in a lot of revenue for New Mexico and tourists attraction. Paul Gutierrez step away from the Directors position and NMAC brought in Steve Colpoman as the new Director. Commissioner Kerr would also like to bring up a few high lights about the meeting. A cement plant in New Mexico is using old crushed tires in their fuel to help on costs and has been effective. In the meeting, they brought up the New Affordable Care Act. Next meeting will be in January and Commissioner Kerr stated that he will be on vacation at the time so if someone else could take his place at that meeting. No action taken

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

County Manager Salazar stated he would get with Senator Smith in reference to the indigent funds. In addition, HMS and the County Manager's Office are working together to give proper information to the public.

EMS Director David Whipple did receive a 3500 diesel truck with 46,000 miles from NM Tech to utilize for our mobile command trailer.

Community clean up will be this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

NMDOT wants to meet with HCDC Supervisor and County Manager to discuss a clean up for the inmates to participate in and NMDOT would provide funding for this.

Border Patrol has taken the lead with the haunted house at the old HMS building. It will take place on October 29 and October 30, 2013.

Tink Jackson will be preparing a report for our region for the well activity and water activity.

Diamond A has not got back with the Manager's Office in reference to the Cemetery Road.

Commissioner Chaires wanted to recognize Commissioner Kerr in his hard work this year with the Discover Hidalgo. It was a positive outcome.

Commissioner Kerr thanks everyone who was involved in the Discover Hidalgo committee and had booklets made and wanted to hand them out. In addition, Commissioner Kerr would like to thank the Mariachis coming from Deming. There were at least 200 people in the stands watching them perform.

County Manager Salazar mentioned the road projects NMDOT made a decision to change effective this year to change from one certification to five certifications. With these changes, it is going to affect C001 and Franklin Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- TO DISCUSS LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTER AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978 SECTION 10-15-1(H)(2)-HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HIDALGO COUNTY DISPATCH, AND HIDALGO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Chaires moved to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(2) for the purpose of discussing personnel matter in Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department, Hidalgo County Dispatch and Hidalgo County Detention Center. Commissioner Kerr second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Kerr: Aye
Commissioner Chaires: Aye

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:24 P.M.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Chaires moved to return to open session and affirmatively stated that only those matter of which the meeting was closed were discussed in executive session. Commissioner Kerr second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Kerr: Aye
Commissioner Chaires: Aye

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECONVENE AT 3:24 P.M.

ACTION TAKEN/NOT TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Chaires moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Roland Lassiter, Chief Deputy Clerk

Darr R. Shannon, Chairperson

APPROVED:

Richard A. Chaires, Member

Eddy H. Kerr, Member