

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2013 at 9:00 A. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 11, 2013, at the hour of 9:00 A.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	Clarence Rudiger, Hidalgo County
Tisha Green, Assistant County Manager	Saturnino Madero, HCSO
Roland Lassiter, Chief Deputy County Clerk	Cecilia Gomez, Chamber of Commerce
Dave Carbine, Hidalgo County	

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Shannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.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:

Commissioner Shannon requested that the November 26, 2013 meeting state Special Meeting. County Manager Salazar requested to take off item G. Proposed Predator Ordinance under Miscellaneous. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the agenda and minutes with the corrections as stated. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed. Commissioner Shannon requested not to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2013 until Commissioner Shannon has more time to look at them. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve the November 13, 2013 minutes and hold off on the November 26, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

GUESTS: FUNDING REVIEW-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cecilia Gomez the Chamber of Commerce Director presented the Commissioners with a presentation and copies of the request letter. In September/October/November/December of 2013, the Chamber of Commerce hosted and visited many sites in our County. In addition to the Chamber of Commerce progress, the Chamber of Commerce welcomed three new members, Motel 10, Mike Chase from Farmers Insurance and Hidalgo County Library. Manuel Saucedo requested \$10,000 to help promote local events, additional help at the chamber and to continue to recruit more members. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce \$10,000 until the end of June 2014. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

GUESTS: PRAIRIE DOG OBSERVATION RECOMMENDATION-MEIRA GAULT

Meira Gault gave a report on the Prairie Dog and included copies of past Ordinances, Permits, letters from past Commissioners, County Managers, Diamond A and Biologists. Meira Gault would like to see the visitations of the Prairie Dogs go from annually to every three years.

Commission Shannon requested that Meira Gault get with Ph.D. Samuel T. Smallidge and write a letter stating what they think would be the best outcome for the Prairie Dog. No action taken.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2013-42-AMBULANCE

The Hidalgo County Ambulance Department is requesting permission to transfer \$12,000 from unallocated General Funds into the FY2013-2014 expenditure budget to cover the cost to an ambulance. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Resolution 2013-42-Ambulance. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEXICAN WOLF SOCIOECONOMICS INPUT/COMMENTS

County Manager Salazar reported that the U.S. and Wildlife Services are requesting comments on socioeconomics and environmental justice related to the (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement on the Mexican Wolf. County Manager Salazar requested the Commissioners approval to get this informational process out within the 30-day notice. Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the County Managers office to respond and or comment on the U.S. and Wildlife Services Mexican Wolf Socioeconomics. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

LETTER TO SENATOR UDALL & SENATOR HEINRICH REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR FY2014 PILT FUNDING

County Manager Salazar explained to the Commissioner that the letters are for the PILT funding which provides approximately 26 percent of the counties general funds. The County could take a hit of \$703,000 and would essentially effect the county with lay-offs. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve sending the letters to Senator Udall and Senator Heinrich requesting support for FY2014 PILT Funding presented. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

LEE TREVINO DRIVE REQUEST

This is a request from local citizens requesting the County put speed bumps on Lee Trevino Drive. Clarence Rudiger with the Road Department had a few suggestions on how to slow down traffic by putting up different signs like Children at play signs and possibly lowering the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph. Mr. Rudiger also had some quotes for speed bumps to put on Lee Trevino but he explained that it would cost the county a lot of money. Commissioner Shannon expressed her concerns to the Sheriff and Undersheriff that Lee Trevino Drive needs some kind of patrol to watch for speeders in the area. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve and reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph on Lee Trevino Drive effective the day the signs arrive and a notice/letter goes out to the Glen Acre community to see if they are interested in the speed bumps. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Sheriff Madero handed out and went over the statistics of the 2013 NMDOT Overtime Grants. Sheriff Madero also explained that each Grants conducted on certain days and certain hours of the day based on the determination of the Grant. Commissioner Shannon had a request that the Sheriff look to see why the Deputies productivity fluctuates from one month to the other. Sheriff Madero said he would find out what the Deputies were doing on those months and report to the Commissioners.

NMED-DISCHARGE PERMIT

County Manager Salazar explained to the Commissioners that this was an email send out requesting comment approval for Discharge Permit. County Manager also explained it could be positive or negative comments but the deadline is December 20, 2013. If no comments County Manager Salazar explained, we do not need to respond back and if the Commissioners have, comments we need to notify them. No action taken.

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE-DAVID WHIPPLE

David Whipple explained different ways the County Fire Department could bill an insured motorist to help with costs of responding to calls such as a commercial motor vehicle fire. David Whipple mentioned a company called Fire USA that the County could benefit from in collections of their fees. Fire USA charges 20 percent while Hidalgo County would collect the other 80 percent. County Manager Salazar asked the commissioners to allow himself and the attorneys to view the Ordinance to make corrections. Commissioner Chaires motioned to have the County Manager visit with the attorneys and make necessary changes to the Proposed Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion, motion passed.

WNMU LEADERSHIP ATTENDEES APPROVAL

County Manager Salazar is requesting permission to summit three applicants from Hidalgo County. Tommy Dimas from the Transfer Station, David Whipple and Captain Rodney Plowman from the Sheriff's Department for the WNMU Leadership program. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve the WNMU Leadership Attendees as mention. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion, motion passed.

INDIGENT CLAIMS

Commissioner Kerr motioned to approve the Indigent Claims. Commissioner Chaires seconded the motion, motion passed.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mrs. Gault mentioned signs are down on County Road 001.

Commissioner Shannon explained to Mrs. Gault that the cattle are rubbing the signs down.

County Manager Salazar mentioned the deadline for the Mexican Wolf is December 17, 2013. County Manager Salazar is setting up a meeting December 23, 2013 with Senator Smith for the Capital Funding Project. On December 17, 2013, there will be a public meeting from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Kerr had a question regarding the Treasures Office and the Cassel issue.

County Manager Salazar told the Commissioners that Mike Martin the vendor would have to do a hard wire connection from the Treasures office to the Managers office.

Commissioner Chaires would like to thank the Sheriff's office for helping with the Community Christmas Tree.

CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve payroll. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion, motion passed.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Certification of Accounts Payable. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion, motion passed.

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 10:35A.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