

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 12, 2014 at 9:00 A. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 12, 2014, 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	Michael D. Barragree, Mimbres Film
Tisha Green, Assistant County Manager	Glenn L. Tolhurst, Mimbres Film
Roland Lassiter, Chief Deputy County Clerk	Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch Supervisor
Jodi Hatch, Assessor	Tyler Massey, Treasurer
Judy Keeler, PLAC	Rose Lasher, Ambulance
Priscilla Perea, WNMU	Meira Gault, Prairie Dog Inspection
Stephen Gault, Midbar Ranch	Dave Carbine, Rural Addressor
Clarence Rudiger, Road Dept.	Sam Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

County Manager Salazar requested to remove Miscellaneous D. Office Closure Request – Assessor and move it under Guests. County Manager would also like to remove Miscellaneous C. Elimination of Road Maintenance on certain County Roads and for it to be discussed at the Round Table Discussion. Commissioner Shannon motioned to approve the agenda with the corrections as stated. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes on January 8, 2014. Commissioner Kerr second the motion, motion passed.

GUESTS:

JODI HATCH COUNTY ASSESSOR

County Assessor Jodi Hatch requested to have Fridays off in the Month of February to conduct fieldwork. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve the closure of Fridays in February for the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

MIMBRES FILM LLC-MICHAEL BARRAGREE AND GLENN TOLHURST

Mimbres Film LLC is requesting a letter of endorsement from the Hidalgo County Commissioners. This endorsement is to provide full spectrum film location scouting from site location to production support and location management during filming location in southwestern New Mexico. Chairman Kerr requested to set up at another date to make a motion.

WNMU LEARNING CENTER-PRISCILLA PEREA

WNMU Learning Center Director Priscilla Perea gave a presentation to the Commissioners of what WNMU Learning Center has to offer here in Hidalgo County. The statistics and enrollment have climbed significantly since she has taken over. Mrs. Perea's goals are to have someone from the high school enroll and take dual classes so by the time they graduate high school they could earn their associates degree. Hidalgo County Commissioners are pleased to see that Mrs. Perea is take the proper steps to influence the students that school is very important part of life.

PRAIRIE DOG REPORT-MEIRA GAULT

Mrs. Gault is still working on a proposal for the Prairie Dog. The proposal has no cost to the County.

PLAC- JUDY KEELER

Mrs. Keeler announced that Robert Barrera would take the roll of becoming a new Board Member with the endorsement of the Commissioners. Mrs. Keeler told the Commissioners that Robert Barrera would be a great member due to his expertise as a Law Enforcement officer and an advocate hunter. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Robert Barrera as a new PLAC Member. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed. Drafts on the Coronado Plan Comments are due on the 22nd day of February. Mrs. Keeler would like the Commissioners to make comments on their standpoint. Commissioner Shannon asked the Board if Mr. Salazar and herself to work alongside with Judy Kerr to make the proper Comments and present them before the deadline of February 22, 2014. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve the Coronado plan as mentioned above. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed. Judy Keeler asked the Commissioners to approve Resolution 2014-14-Wilderness Study Areas. This plan addresses the concerns of the local communities. Commissioner Chaires made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-14-Wilderness Study Area. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

*RESOLUTIONS, AGREEMENT***RESOLUTION 2014-11-COMMISSION BUDGET INCREASE**

Tisha Green explained to the Commissioners that this resolution is for an increase in the expenditures for \$310,000 to cover the cost of professional services, deductibles and unemployment fees. Commissioner Shannon made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-11-Commission Budget Increase. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-12-LANDFILL BUDGET INCREASE

Tisha Green requested permission to transfer \$10,000 from unallocated Solid Waste Funding (607) into the FY 2013-2014 expenditures budget to cover the cost of annual groundwater monitoring. Commissioner Chaires motioned to approve Resolution 2014-12-Landfill Budget Increase for \$10,000. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-13-TREASURER'S FEES

Hidalgo County Treasurer Tyler Massey requested from the Commissioners to approve fees for certain transactions within the Treasurer's Office. No Action Taken.

LIMITED LICENSE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT-DWIGHT DUMAS

This is a limited license for installing a forty-foot driveway on Mr. Dumas residence. Commissioner Chaires made the motion to approve the Limited License as mentioned above. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

MODIFICATION OF GRANT #12-LE-11030600-004- USDA FOREST SERVICES

Sheriff Madero explained to the Commissioner this grant has been rewarded to the County for a long time. The total amount funding will be for \$13,500. Commissioner Chaires made the motion to approve the Modification of Grant #12-LE-11030600-004-USDA Forest Services. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS**CATTLE GUARD REQUEST-LANCE WILLIAMS**

Lance Williams requested a cattle guard on S unit road, 8.6 miles north of Steins Exit 3 Interstate 10. Commissioner Chaires motion to approve the cattle guard. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

AMBULANCE WRITE OFFS

Rose Mary Lasher requested write offs for the last six months for \$44,157.38. Commissioner Shannon made the motion to approve the Ambulance Write Offs. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE 2ND STREET BUILDING REQUEST

The Knights of Columbus would like to lease/rent the building for a year with an intention of buying the building. The Knights of Columbus would also like to restore the building with the amount of money put towards repairs be credited towards payment. Commissioner Chaires made the motion to let County Manager Salazar negotiate the lease agreement with the Knights of Columbus. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

GILA NEBLETT REQUEST

This request is to close down the Gila Neblett Fire Department. Commissioner Chaires made the motion to give David Whipple the approval to go forward with the closure of the Gila Neblett Fire District. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR SPECIAL MEETING

County Manager Salazar requested the date of February 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. for a special meeting regarding the Animas Colonias Funds. Commissioner Shannon motion to approve the date mention above for a special meeting. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

INDIGENT CLAIMS

No action taken.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chairman Kerr mention to County Road Department Rudiger if he could come up with an excel spreadsheet monthly plan on the cost of the grader and funds being spent every month on equipment. Mr. Rudiger told Chairman Kerr that his employees already use a notebook to keep track of the roads that already been worked on a month-to-month bases.

Judy Keeler would like to thank the Commissioners on the roadwork C-001.

Chairman Kerr also asked Mr. Rudiger to announce his new employee. Mr. Rudiger stated he hired Hector Molina.

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 Shannon second the motion.

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

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:48 A.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: Chairman Kerr: Aye
Commissioner Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Chaires: Aye

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECONVENE AT 12:20 P.M.

ACTION TAKEN/NOT TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Chaires motioned to Certification of Payroll and Accounts Payable. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Shannon moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chaires seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Roland Lassiter, Chief Deputy Clerk

Eddy H. Kerr, Chairman

APPROVED:

Richard A. Chaires, Member

Darr R. Shannon, Member