

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

December 15, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 15, 2015, at the hour of 3:00 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:

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Roland Lassiter, HCDC         | Christy Ortiz, TWC            |
| Dave Carbine, Rural Addressor | Maria Sanchez, HCSO           |
| Priscilla Lucero, SWNMCOG     | Mr. Fred & Mrs. Betty LaMarca |
| Beth Cox, HCFC                | Mr. Allen & Mrs. June Hill    |

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Darr R. Shannon called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Darr R. Shannon, Present  
Commissioner Richard A. Chaires, Present  
Commissioner Marianne Stewart, Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chaires second the motion, motion passed.

**II. CDBG PUBLIC INPUT UPDATE**

**A. CDBG Input Update**

Priscilla Lucero presented to the Board information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Lucero stated that the Board needed to come up with a project for the CDBG Fund. She remind the Commissioners at the last meeting, that the projects the Board had in mind were the Animas Road Project, McCants Road, or Power Plant Road which Colonias monies will be sufficient for those projects. Lucero informed the Board of that the County has a forty-seven percent low modern income, which CDBG requires a fifty-one percentage. The City of Lordsburg alone has a fifty percent low modern income. Commissioner Shannon asked Lucero how does this percentage allow Hidalgo County to get anywhere with CDBG funding. Lucero told the Board that there are several ways to get this grant--by doing a community project. The City and County work together to take surveys of each family household. Another way is by looking at censes tracks to see where this project will be located and to get those families that are around the area involved with that project. Commissioner Stewart asked Lucero if they could get the count of the students that get free lunch and see if we could do the bridge on Animas Street. Mrs. Lucero said yes this can work but the amount cannot exceed the projected amount for the project. Commissioner Stewart asked if Lucero could look at the fairgrounds to start a project for a building with the CDBG.

**B. Selection of CDBG Project for 2016 Funding Cycle**

Commissioner Stewart move to approve to have Mrs. Lucero to check into a new structure building at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Chaires seconded the motion, motion passed.

**C. Resolution 2015-47**

Commissioner Chaires move to table Resolution 2015-47. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**III. RESOLUTIONS and AGREEMENTS**

**A. Resolution 2015-46- Resolution Authorizing Approval for Submitting for 2016 Colonias Infrastructure Fund**

Manager Hill presented the Board of Commissioner with Resolution 2015-46. Mr. Hill explained this Resolution is for McCants Road and Power Plant Road and it just needed to formalize it. Commissioner Chaires moved to approve Resolution 2015-46 authorizing to approve the application for submitting for 2016 Colonias Infrastructure Fund. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**B. Resolution 2015-48- Resolution Pursuant to December 9, 2015 Approval of Settlement Agreement to Budget Increases for Collective Bargaining Unit in Relation to Salary expenses- Detention, Dispatch, and Sheriff**

Manager Bob Hill presented the Board of Commissioner with Resolution 2015-48. This Resolution based on labor negation. Manger Hill explained they had reach an agreement to provide increase that was affected by labor negation budget commandant those individual one Sheriff, three Detention Center, and three in Dispatch. Commissioner Shannon asked Mr. Hill if the \$8,950 out of General Fund to be added into Sheriff? Mr. Hill said, "No that the \$8,950 was a combination of all three departments. The \$4,402 out of Corrections and the others in the General Fund." Commissioner Chaires moved to approve Resolution 2015-48 Resolution Pursuant to December 9, 2015 Approval of Settlement to Salary expenses to Detention, Dispatch, and Sheriff in the amount of \$8,950 out of General Fund and \$4,402 out of Correction Fund. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**C. Resolution 2015-49 A Resolution regarding Border Fence and Livestock Issues**

Commissioner Shannon presented Resolution 2015-49. Commissioner Shannon read to the public the Resolution 2015-49. Commissioner Shannon had request Border Fence and Livestock to the New Mexico Livestock to contact USDA and APHIS to replace the border fence between the two borders. Commissioner Chaires move to approve Resolution 2015-49 Border Fence and Livestock Issues. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Subdivision Claim of Exemption request- Kipp Cattle Company**

Manager Bob Hill presented the Board of Commission with a request from the Kipp Cattle Company making a name change to Kipp Cattle Limited Liability Company. They have look at the aspects how it will affect Hidalgo County subdivision requirements are exempt under item listed that non-parcel are smaller 140 acres. Manager Hill had reviewed the exemption they do meet the criteria. Commissioner Chaires move to approve Subdivision Claim of Exemption request for Kipp Cattle Company. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**B. Internal Budget Adjustment Request- Detention Center**

Commissioner Shannon addressed that there was statement made before approving the final budget that there will not be any more line bar, because the interruption of budget

process. Commissioner Shannon would rather see increase on this budget then taking one item to the other that creates consistency on the budget. Commissioner Shannon continued by saying that the Board can only approve two-line bar requests that for Stonegarden. Commissioner Shannon stressed that why should the County have a budget if the departments are not going to stick with it. Commissioner Shannon asked Manager Bob, "How would it hurt if we would change this to have increase to the budget then which to one line item to another?" Manager Hill responded that it would not hurt the budget we are just increase the request amount in overtime and increase overall budget requested. The results if we do not make the change we will have excess funds in the full times position filled. Commissioner Shannon asked, "If we do not approve of this will the time line for not increase budget by the amount of \$25,000 because we don't have this on the agenda to increase their amount. We are just moving funds from one line item to another, so we would not be able to approve. So how will he be able to pay out overtime if we do not have it in the line item? Manager Hill explained when we passed a resolution that overtime line item will go in the red. That is the line item going in the red not entire fund. Commissioner Stewart asked, "Mr. Lassiter on your schedule are you doing twelve shifts? Mr. Lassiter responded, "Yes, they only work three days of twelve hour shifts." Commissioner Stewart request to reschedule to an eight-hour shift then twelve hour because we will always have this problem with the overtime. Mr. Lassiter responded that we would need twenty-two employees to make the eight-hour shifts. The Dentition Center only has seventeen employees. Commissioner Shannon asked if the training was problem on this overtime line item. Mr. Lassiter responded that it was only ICE from July to August, and the detention officers been training watching videos been taking test there are only two people that could train. Commissioner Shannon explain that these people are here to train and having these two detention officers come in and work we have to pay them overtime. Commissioner Shannon explained if we do not come out of the red, she would be afraid that Treasurer Tyler Massey would not accept the checks. Commissioner Chaires move to approve the internal budget request for the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

#### **C. Consideration of Name Change for County Road C110 ISIS Way**

Manager Hill had a request by Commissioner Charies that the County had a road named ISIS. Rural Addresser David Carbine had contacted the people who live on this road and that road was named after a five thousand year old Egyptian Goddess-Isis. He would like this name to be change from ISIS Way to Holly Lane. Commissioner Chaires move to approve name change from Isis Way to Holly Lane. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

#### **D. Strategic Planning discussion**

Commissioner Shannon asked Commissioner Chaires, Commissioner Stewart, and Manager Hill to come up with some important things to make our County better. In January she would like having more projects ready with timelines and milestones so the County could accomplish these projects by June 2016. Commissioner Shannon will also like to have the community come up with projects and come talk to the County Manager with any ideas.

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Defoor asked the Border of Commissioners about the phases of the Colonies Project. He asked what the timeline is on phase one Animas Road and if there has been an application for phase two for McCants Road and Power Plant Road. Manager Hill responded that the money is actually a grant acceptance funding--it is coming. It is on its final design, and this project will be starting in March to April of 2016 to start the construction. The design could only go as far as the funding allows which will be starting from Dugan Tarango Middle School unto as far as the

money allows going down the road south. The application on phase two will be submitted this Friday, December 18, 2015.

Roland Lassiter forgot to mention that on office supplies they have \$4,000 in that line item. He has spent \$1,800 on supplies that he needed to start. Commissioner Shannon requested for Mr. Lassiter to watch what the detention is spending.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Chaires moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alyssa Olivas Esquivel, Chief Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Darr R. Shannon, Chairman

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard A. Chaires, Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marianne Stewart, Member