

**HIDALGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
March 22, 2017 AT 3:00PM**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on March 22, 2017, 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:

Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch	Clarence Rudiger, Road Dept.
Skeater Lassiter, HCDC	Pasty Camacho, HCSO
Tracy Chavez, HCSO	Emily Schilling, SWNMCOG
Judy Keeler, Self	Alice Webb, Library
Marsha Hill, COFC	Tom Dean, NMSU- CFS
Meira Gault, Self	Steven Gault, Self
Tisha Green, Manager's	Miriam Jacquez, Manager's
Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Clerk	Bob Hill, County Manager
Tyler Massey, Treasure	Tommy Dimas, Transfer Station
Bruce Ashburn, Chambers	

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairperson Marianne Stewart, Present
Commissioner Darr R. Shannon, Present
Commissioner Joey Mora, Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

County Commissioner Mora moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shannon second the motion, motion passed.

ROUND TABLE:

Tyler Massey, Treasure mention that 2nd installment were sent out. Mr. Massey said that the Treasure Office could start receive money as soon as tomorrow.

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AG- EXTENSION:

Tom Dean from Southwest District of NMSU is requesting \$27,469.93 in lieu of \$39,106.53 for this budget cycle because of the agent vacancy, which should be fill in May. Commissioner

Shannon asked if the County pays the utilities. Mr. Dean said yes there was an agreement with the Federal Government. No action was taken.

RURAL BOOKMOBILE:

Bob Hill mention that he is anticipating that the County will receive \$1000. No action was taken.

ROAD:

Clearance Rudiger asked the County Commissioner to go to fund 402-301-207 Telephone. Mr. Rudiger mention to the Board that he is going into the red, so he wants to budget \$3,200. He mention that three of his employee's don't use County phones, they like to use their personal cell, and asked if we could give them a stipend. Commissioner Stewart don't believe the County could give out stipends. Mr. Rudiger asked maybe we could upgrade the phones because of how old they are. Commissioner Stewart request \$3,500 into 301-207 Telephone. Rudiger requested \$3,050 in 108 Clothing Allowance, in 200 Vehicle Fuel \$45,000, 239 Safety Equipment \$1,750, 219 Supplies \$350, 215 Vehicle Maintenance \$50,000. Mr. Rudiger talked about the project matches where they are going to get the extensions in the amount of \$85,582. Tisha Green explained that the County will have to match 75% of the project which comes out to \$221,428 and it will all be in one line item 218 fund and the County will get reimbursed by the grant.

FARM & RANGE FUND:

USDA wrote a letter requesting \$31,000 from the Hidalgo County for FY 2018. Mr. Hill explained that last year they asked for \$35,000 and only got \$30,000. Commissioners agreed that the fund will stay at \$30,000.

TRANSFER:

Tommy Dimas requested \$48,000 for 203 Maintenance Contracts, 204 Disposal Fee \$95,000, 207 Telephone \$2,200 and everything else is still the same. Recycling Fund there are no changes keep the \$10,000. Mr. Dimas is requesting to name change 209 to Utilities and add \$1,600 and add a 210 for Drug Testing in Convenience Station and in Building Maintenance put \$5,400.

FIRE MARSHAL:

Rodeo fire had some changes that they have requested, in Vehicle Fuel \$1,000. Maintenance Vehicle \$10,000, Mileage Reimbursement \$1,200, Postage \$300, Telephone \$2,300, Utilities \$8,000, Building Maintenance \$5,000, Cleaning Supplies \$150, Office Supplies \$5,000, Per Diem \$1,000, Safety Equipment \$30,000, Training & Schooling \$1,000, Fireman's Acc. Inc. \$5,000, Forestry \$2,038 and in other Capital \$5,000. Mr. Hill spoke with Mr. Escobar and he said that he has a lot of Safety Equipment to be replace that's why he is asking for the amount of \$30,000.

INDIGENT CARE:

Tisha Green asked if this fund could be table until the next budget meeting. Commissioner Stewart mention that this item will be table.

DETENTION/ CORRECTIONS:

Roland Lassiter requested if he could move and remove some items from Corrections to Detention. In Corrections he will like to keep four (4) items; Safety Equipment, Training & School

Expense, Uniforms, and Law Enforcement Premium. Mr. Lassiter is requesting \$75,000 Law Enforcement Premium, Uniforms \$9,000, Safety Equipment \$9,500, Training & School \$ \$6,000. Mr. Hill asked if there was any Safety Equipment he need to fix or get. Mr. Lassiter mention that some of the Tasers had some issue and he has the City Police Department looking at them, so for right now they are sharing one Taser. Mr. Lassiter is looking for some stab vets for the Detention Officers. Commissioner Shannon explained to Mr. Lassiter if you need the \$9,500 go ahead don't tell us what we want to hear, tell us what you need. Mr. Lassiter doesn't want to budget this amount if we don't have to, there are grants that we could apply with the Sheriff's Department. The County Commissioners asked if Mr. Lassiter to go back and see what he needs and an amounts, and look around or look into grants. Commissioner Stewart asked if Corrections Fund will be table until next budget meeting.

In Detention Fund Mr. Lassiter is requesting four (4) more Detention Officers for transportation, In 203 Maintenance Contracts \$50,000 includes the cameras, telephone, spectrum, Ads accounts receivable. Postage at \$500, Utilities \$90,000, Telephone \$12,000 wants to add an extra line, right now I have three (3), Cleaning Supplies \$10,000 it was in Corrections line item will move to Detention, Care of Prisoners \$300,000, Commissary \$60,000, Feeding the Prisoners \$304,000, Office Supplies \$15,000, Vehicle Maintenance \$8,000, Fuel \$ 22,500 for transportation. No action was taken.

LODGER'S TAX:

Commissioner Stewart approve Lodger's Tax in the amount of \$4,000.

GRANTS:

Tisha Green explained that she will add a new add line (218) it will be one line item combine all named NMDOT Road Project in the amount of \$221, 428.

RECORDING AND FILING/ CLERK/ BUREAU ELECTIONS

Tyler Massey asked County Commissioners to table Recording and Filing. Mr. Massey wants to talk to the County Clerk and Assessor on purchasing a new phone system.

Bureau Elections Commissioner Stewart mention that we are fine. Bureau Elections are approve.

In Clerk Commissioner Stewart asked to table the Clerk fund due to salaries. No action was taken.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Shannon asked to reduce from \$5,000 to \$2,500.

Bruce Ashburn from the Chamber of Commerce presented the Board with a letter explaining how they promote Hidalgo County and why they need the request amount of \$10,000. Mr.

Ashburn mention that the \$10,000 request is for a full time employee without any benefits.

Commissioner will like the request of \$10,000. Commissioner Stewart asked to see by state statue what they are bow to. Commissioner Stewart asked for this item to be tabled.

LIBRARY:

Alice Webb mention that she had a meeting with the Mayor of Lordsburg, and he said his budget isn't set yet, but he will be committed to give the Library \$18,000. Mrs. Webb mention to

the Mayor about an upcoming project called Make or Space. Mrs. Webb explained the Make or Space project, which is a project to draw in young people, it's using the principle of Steam, which includes Math, English, Science, and Arts. Mrs. Webb asked the Commissioner to keep the funding where it's at, she not asking money for the project. Commissioner Shannon asked Mrs. Webb to go and talk to City Council and request more money. Mrs. Webb said yes I have talk to the Mayor. Mrs. Webb presented the Board with Resolution and read the third to the last paragraph. No action was taken.

Maintenance & Operating:

Commissioner Shannon questioned to reduce of his Utilities by \$5,000 which he only used in the year 2015-2016 \$57,000. Commissioner Shannon isn't saying we should change it. No action was taken.

County Manager:

Commissioner Shannon had a question to the per diem that was taking from Commission, I don't think another \$300 will be enough. No action was taken

RURAL ADDRESSOR:

Dave Carbine mention that his budget is the same.

COUNTY SHERIFF/ SB/ LE OT/ SG/ DARE/ LEPF/SI:

Commissioner Shannon had a couple a questions for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner asked about the \$38,000 for vehicle purchase, there is large amount in the special investigation line item \$23,518 and in fuel if they use \$12,000 for this past fuel, they budget \$40,000 what if we \$10,000 and do we need \$10,000 from Tee of Prisoners, so what if we take \$5,000 in the Tee of Prisoners, and maybe take out of a \$1,000 from towing. Commissioner Shannon mention if we could move money around the Sheriff fund so we don't have to use General Fund for this purchase. Commissioner Mora asked Pasty Camacho can we use the money from the special investigation for this vehicle. Mrs. Camacho said yes we could use this money towards the vehicle purchase.

FAIRGROUNDS:

Commissioner Shannon mention that the Fairground funds are about to go into the red, we need to budget an extra \$1,000 into utilities for this coming year. Commissioner Shannon request to budget \$8,500 in 209 Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Shannon mention why hasn't the fund from the medical complex hasn't been moved to the general fund, she believe that the Board passed the resolution to move the funds. Tisha Green explained that the County just received the notice from DFA and it will not take place until the end of the month.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Mora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Marianne Stewart, Chairperson

APPROVED:

4.12.17


Darr R. Shannon, Member


Anthony J. Mora, Member