

**HIDALGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in special session on August 17, 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.

Bob Hill, County Manager
Joey Whitten, USBP

Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Clerk
Felicia Barker, Help- NM, Inc.

The following elected officials, staff, and public were present:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Mora moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Shannon questioned if either of the other Commissioners were aware that the County had apparently paid out a claim to New Mexico Counties Association, regarding someone by the name Aguilera. The County payout was \$9,175.60 deductible for some kind of a claim that she was unaware of. County Manager Bob Hill explained that this claim was from last year. It came from the Detention Center. He explained that the County is obligated to give notify NMAC of any optional claims and this was an anticipation of a case. Commissioner Shannon asked if this claim was for a mishap at the Detention Center. Chairperson Stewart mentioned that she had questioned this claim awhile back but because there was nothing filed and she didn't know why the County had to pay a \$9,000 deductible to NMAC. Commissioner Shannon asked why the County had to pay a deductible for something that was never filed. Commissioner Mora requested a written explanation. Commissioner Shannon expressed that she is upset that the Commissioners never knew about the deductible until it was included with bills. Chairperson Stewart requested for the County Manager to get more information in writing if there had been a claim filed. County Manager Bob Hill said no claim has ever been filed.

Commissioner Mora mentioned that the letters were sent out-regarding the Department of Motor Vehicle. Representative Sweetser and the Cabinet Secretary responded. There was no response from Senator Smith. Chairperson Stewart mentioned that the DMV was open today and two women were there.

Commissioner Mora mentioned that he has changed his pharmacy to BestCare Pharmacy. Commissioner Shannon appeared excited and mentioned that this pharmacy is open until six o'clock even through holidays.

RECESS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL JAIL INSPECTION OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Mora moved to recess to conduct the annual jail to inspection and to reconvene here after inspection. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

RECONVENE FOLLOWING ANNUAL JUAL INSPECTION OF HIDLAGO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Mora moved to reconvene into session. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed. Commissioner Shannon asked to address the Round Table Discussion regarding the deductible that the Commissioners were previously talking about and the case had to do with Ms. Ashbrooke not Aguilera. Ms. Ashbrooke was a woman that passed away in El Paso after she had been in the Hidalgo County Detention Center. County Manager Bob Hill mentioned that this won't be discussed right at this moment. Commissioner Shannon requested that every part of the information be given to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL JAIL INSPECTION OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Commissioner Mora mentioned that there was some information that needed to be followed up on and give the Detention Center a month to address the issues that were discovered. Commissioner Mora listed employee safety, housekeeping in storage areas that were inadequate. Approaches to top shelves using chairs or crates instead of using step ladders. Chairperson Stewart stated that she witnessed soiled rags in the sink and stacked in a bucket below the sink. The kitchen area was dirty with water spots, dust on everything. There was lint on the walls in the laundry room, and on top of the machines which is a fire hazard. Commissioner Mora mentioned that there was a power strip behind the washers with an extension cord to an outlet that was not a GFCI. Commissioner Shannon agreed with both Commissioners about the following problems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO:

i. Limited Personnel Matters as authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H)(2)- Detention Center Administrator

Commissioner Mora moved to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H) (2) for the purpose of discussing personnel matter in Detention Center Administrator. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Stewart: Aye
Commissioner Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Mora: Aye

**MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 5:19 P.M.**

RECONVENE

Commissioner Shannon 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 Mora seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Stewart: Aye
Commissioner Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Mora: Aye

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECONVENE AT 5:55 P.M.

ACTION TAKEN/NOT TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Stewart explained that the Board have given direction to the County Manager to set up interviews for the five Dentition Center applicants.

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 5:56 P.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Clerk

Marianne Stewart, Chairperson

APPROVED:

Darr R. Shannon, Member

Anthony J. Mora, Member