

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 1, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 1, 2017, at the hour of 8:30 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:

Bob Hill, County Manager
Melissa K. De La Garza, Hidalgo County Clerk
Robert Barrera, self

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Marianne Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Mora moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request to hire HCDC Detention Officers-discussion/action

County Manager stated Ms. Dolly Ward will be joining shortly and has requested to move forward with interviewing and hiring some detention officers.

Ms. Ward requested to hire at least one or two detention officers. Two detention officers would bring the total up to sixteen. During transports, the two administrator positions are fill-ins for the detention officers. Commissioner Stewart stated that the time sheets for this payroll have eight-six hours of overtime in the last weeks. Ms. Ward stated the overtime was because of several incidents. Commissioner Stewart questioned that if Ms. Ward has considered just a full-time temporary. Ms. Ward stated yes that is exactly what she wants to hire. Commissioner Shannon stated that apprehensions are down 70%; arrests are down on the federal side and she does not feel they will increase, Six and a half years later this detention center is struggling and she would personally like to see this as just a local facility. Temporary would be better since these officers quit and go apply for unemployment and then more are hired. County Manager Bob Hill stated a full time temporary would alleviate the financial aspect from the benefits the County offers. Commissioner Mora is concerned about training because of the amount of manpower. Commissioner Mora moved to approve the hiring of two full time temporary officers. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Shannon-stated that several people have told her that the electrical wiring during the fair was a disaster. Breakers were tripping all throughout the vendors booths. The power that was there for the 4H kids' buyers' dinner was completely taken out. The lights in the

animal barn and in the show ring were never upgraded. She inquired as to why 220v outlets are in each vendor's booth. County Manager stated he believed that they were according to the contractor, which are commonly used in cafes and such for units that are plugged into. Commissioner Shannon stated that was a horrible waste of a money decision-to put in a 220v outlet. It is a big expense wiring. County Manager Hill stated he is actually meeting with contractor today. As far as the Manager knows, there was never a request to do the lighting under the show barn area. Commissioner Mora stated for the manager to try to compile a list of what was lost such as the breakers. County Manager believes it was in the original design for the 220v outlets. Commissioner Shannon is extremely disappointed on the amount of money spent and that it did not work right. Commissioner Stewart asked for an update from the contractor after the Manager meets with him. Commissioner Mora stated to check to see if anything could still be under warranty.

County Manager-Bob Hill discussed that the previous presentation the National Guard gave on assisting with Commodore Road has several issues in order for this project to proceed. The National Guard is actually on the ground in Hidalgo County ready to begin working but needs approval to begin work. The BLM has given the ok, as long as the state has given the ok. One issue is the initial repair and the other is the ongoing repair. Commissioner Shannon stated that the main purpose of this project is for the border patrol and law enforcement to have access to the border. County Manager Bob Hill stated that the only way the guard can start this project is if law enforcement is involved. County Manager Bob Hill does not want Hidalgo County to miss this opportunity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- TO DISCUSS: LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978 SECTION 10-15-1(H) (2) – Detention Center Administrator interviews

Commissioner Shannon moved to go into executive session. Commissioner Mora seconded the motion.

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

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:49 A.M.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Shannon moved to return to open session and affirmatively stated that only those matters of which the meeting was closed were discussed in executive session. Commissioner Mora seconded the motion, motion passed.

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

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECONVENE AT 12:37 P.M.

ACTION TAKEN/NOT TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Mora stated that the Board concluded with the interviews and does not know if anything will be accepted-no names will be mentioned. The Board will be working with the County Manager on making offers.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Mora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk

Marianne Stewart, Chairperson

APPROVED:

Anthony J. Mora, Member

Darr R. Shannon, Member