

**HIDALGO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
January 10, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met for a work session on January 10, 2012, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 300 Shakespeare, Lordsburg, New Mexico, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson Richard A. Chaires, Present  
Commissioner Eddy H. Kerr, Present  
Commissioner Darr R. Shannon, Present

**STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS PRESENT:**

John Salazar, County Manager; Tisha Green, Assistant County Manager; Carmen Acosta, County Clerk; Tyler Massey, Chief Deputy Assessor; Clarence Rudiger, Road Supervisor; Kacie Peterson, Scott Rhees and Mike Hayter, Lightning Dock Geothermal; and Lindy Kerr, DWI.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Chaires called the meeting to order.

**Review of January 11, 2012 Agenda:**

John Salazar, County Manager; Chairperson Chaires, Commissioner Kerr and Commissioner Shannon reviewed and discussed the upcoming agenda items. No action was taken.

**Forrest Olson-HMS (Hidalgo Medical Services) Operations:**

Forrest Olson, the new HMS-CEO, will address the Board tomorrow on HMS missions and operations throughout the tri-county area. In addition, Mr. Olson has committed to attend all scheduled commission meetings.

**CYRQ Energy/Lighting Dock Geothermal:**

Mike Hayter, representing Lightning Dock Geothermal, informed the Board that he will give a presentation on the progress of Lighting Dock Geothermal at tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Hayter explained that the route for the transmission will cross BLM land, state land and  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of private land, which runs next to county road C113, the old Animas highway. All right-of-ways and easements for the state lands and BLM lands have been granted. The private parcel agreement with the landowner has been delayed. Lighting Dock Geothermal is asking the County for a franchise agreement for the right-of-way and easement to use the existing county road C113 where it already crosses private land.

**Resolution 2012-01/DWI Grant Application:**

Lindy Kerr explained that this resolution is an annual requirement for DWI funding. She reported on the DWI program and funding sources. DWI will be receiving additional funding which will be used for more saturation patrols and for targeting underage drinking.

**Resolution 2012-02 & 2012-03/Public Meetings:**

These resolutions are in compliance to the Open Meetings Act regarding public meetings. The Board asked that manager's office to post these resolutions on the County website including information on special and emergency meetings.

**Resolution 2012-04 through 2012-07:**

These resolutions are approved annually.

**Resolution 2012-08/Holdiays 2012:**

This resolution is a schedule of paid holidays. Commissioner Shannon stated that she disagreed with President's Day being a floating holiday. Making it a floating holiday is like making it insignificant. After looking at the schedule, the Board suggested that Columbus Day be the floating holiday and President's Day be observed on February 20. The County Manager will get a state calendar to look at their holidays.

**Resolution 2012-09/Gila Regional Med. Center Sole Community Provider:**

Gila Regional Medical Center's annual request for sole community hospital payment is for the amount of \$51,960.48.

**CHC Contract:**

Due to the delay in opening the detention center the CHC contract has been amortized to be in line with what the County owes.

**Letters of Support:**

Letters to the governor supporting the appointment of Vance Lee to the Interstate Stream Commission and Commissioner Shannon to the New Mexico Border Authority will be presented for the Board's approval.

**Casual Employee/Road Department:**

The Road Department has a vacant position that will be filled by a casual employee that will help with maintenance throughout the County on a consistent basis. The employee will work less then 20 hours a week and coordinate with the city and state highway.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Shannon moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/Carmen Acosta  
Carmen Acosta, County Clerk

s/Richard A. Chaires  
Richard A. Chaires, Chairperson

February 8, 2012  
APPROVED

s/Eddy H. Kerr  
Eddy H. Kerr, Member

s/Darr Shannon  
Darr R. Shannon, Member