

**HIDALGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 2012 at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Animas Community Center at 12 Maverick Road, Animas, New Mexico, for the purpose of business and personnel matters to come properly before the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Tisha Green, Assistant County Manager; Carmen Acosta, County Clerk; Clarence Rudiger, Road Supervisor; Tyler Massey, Chief Deputy Assessor; Patsy Camacho, County Treasurer; Richard Gomez, Jail Administrator; Kacie Peterson, CYRQ Energy; Jennifer Medina, Diamond A Ranch; Justin Kipp, Brock Kipp, Ted and Wanda Awtrey, Coleen Moore, K. G. Edington, Barbara Pendleton and other citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Chaires called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

Commissioner Kerr moved to approve the agenda and the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes approved were from the work session held on September 11, 2012, the regular meeting held on September 12, 2012 and the special meeting held on September 27, 2012.

GUESTS

DWI Program Update:

Lindy Kerr, DWI Coordinator, reported that the DWI Program is doing better in the schools; they have taken over teen court and the statistics on drinking show a decrease.

- i. **Appointment of Council Member** – Commissioner Shannon moved to appoint Sandra Kolean as the new DWI council member. Chairperson Chaires and Commissioner Shannon voted for and Commissioner Kerr abstained. Motion carried with two votes for and one abstained.

Cloverdale Road:

Colleen Moore and Barbara Pendleton Turnage asked the Board what decision was made on the Cloverdale Road. Chairperson Chaires stated that the County Manager is working on the issues regarding Cloverdale Road and will be reporting on it at the November regular meeting.

Kipp Road Closure Request B113:

The County Manager recommended the closure of road B113 as requested by Justin Kipp. Mr. Salazar met with Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Ramos, the landowners, regarding the closure of B113 and neither of them had any issues with Mr. Kipp's request. Commissioner Kerr moved to close and completely vacate road B113. Motion carried unanimously. A letter will be sent to Mr. Kipp confirming the Board's decision to close road B113.

CONTRACTS, RESOLUTIONS, AGREEMENTS

Cooperative Agreement SB-7730 (900) 12/Amendment:

The County is requesting a time extension on Cooperative Agreement SB-7730 (900) 12 on the Animas Acres Subdivision two mile project. The time extension requested is from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013. The scope of work will remain the same and the funding will be utilized more effectively by combining the SB-7730 (900) 12 award with the three FY12-13 LGRF awards for the Animas Acres Subdivision project. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve Cooperative Agreement SB-7730 (900) 12 Amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amended Resolution 2011-37/SB 7730 (900) 12 Agreement Extension:

This resolution is a formal action required by the Board to amend the cooperative agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The amendment is a time extension from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 on the Animas Acres Subdivision project. Commissioner Kerr moved to approve amended Resolution 2011-37/SB 7730 (900) 12 agreement extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2012-42/EMNRD Grant-Hidalgo Fire:

The Hidalgo Fire District received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from EMNRD (Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department) to purchase fire fighter equipment. The grant requires a match of \$2,293. This resolution transfers the \$2,293 from unallocated Hidalgo Fire Funds (407-601) into the FY2012-13 expenditure budget to cover the required match. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve Resolution 2012-42/EMNRD Grant-Hidalgo Fire. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Service Company Underground Easement:

The Public Service Company is requesting an underground easement for electric power through the Flying J property and the Elks Lodge property. Commissioner Kerr moved to approve the Public Service Company underground easement request. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Comments on Designation of Critical Habitat for Jaguar:

Commissioner Shannon recommended that the Board approve the letter of comments from Hidalgo County with facts about the "Designation of Critical Habitat for Jaguar" as she feels the designation violates private property rights and public rights to recreation, hunting, farming, ranching and general living in our County. Commissioner Kerr moved to approve the letter of comments on the "Designation of Critical Habitat for Jaguar". Motion carried unanimously.

Out of State Travel for 2012 Border Conference:

Commissioner Kerr and the County Manager requested permission to travel out of state for the 2012 Border Conference in Sierra Vista, AZ from November 15-17, 2012. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve out of state travel for the 2012 Border Conference in Sierra Vista, AZ. Motion carried unanimously.

Hidalgo County Canvass Designation:

Commissioner Shannon, on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners, moved to designate the County Clerk's Office to carryout the County canvass for the General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Date or Special Meeting to Canvass Votes:

Commissioner Kerr moved to set the date to canvass votes for the General Election for November 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT

Indigent Hospital Claims:

The Board reviewed the indigent hospital claims for the month of October 2012. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the indigent hospital claims for a total of \$9,258.02. Motion carried unanimously. The approved indigent claims are as follows:

	APPROVED	DENIED	PENDING	TOTAL
Gila Regional Medical Center	4	0	1	\$ 8,362.62
Mimbres Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	\$ -
Memorial Medical Center	0	0	1	\$ -
Hidalgo County Ambulance	1	0	0	\$ 895.40
Presbyterian Hospital	0	0	0	\$ -
Mountain View	0	0	1	\$ -
Med Evac	0	0	0	\$ -

Round Table Discussion:

- Richard Gomez, Jail Administrator, informed the Board that the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service has negotiated a contract with the County that allows \$60 a day for per diem. The contract has been sent to the U.S. Marshals in Albuquerque to be signed and once it is signed, it will be finalized.
- Commissioner Kerr reported on the New Mexico Association of Counties legislative priorities.

PAYROLL AND BILLS

Commissioner Kerr moved to approve the payment of bills and payroll. Motion carried unanimously. The payment of bills and payroll was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Shannon moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

S/
Carmen Acosta, County Clerk

S/
Richard A. Chaires, Chairperson

APPROVED:
11-14-2012

S/ -
Darr R. Shannon, Member

S/
Eddy H. Kerr, Member