

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

Special Meeting of

March 12, 2018

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Commissioner Garcia called meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO STATE FLAG:
Bureau of Election Clerk Trujillo lead the audience in Pledge and Salute of State Flag
3. ROLL CALL:
BOE Clerk Trujillo polled the board
Commissioner Garcia ----- Present
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Commissioner Griego ----- Present
All present and accounted for.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Griego made the motion to approve the agenda as is.
Commissioner Trujillo second the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.
5. PRESENTATION NM ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE – CONCERNING WHITE’S PEAK:
Commissioner Garcia stated that someone from the AG Office is to be here but maybe running late for some reason and with the cell service down throughout the county we are unable to contact him to see if he is ok. She stated that for the time being they will turn to our County Attorney for some updated info he may have on this matter. She state that she is glad to see some of the public here today and sees that there is a small amount that it could be more of informal meeting to have questions asked at any time.
County Attorney Aragon stated that with this meeting is to inform the public about the continued dispute with the Stanley Ranch and Our County over keeping the roads to White’s Peak open for public use. This dispute has been stagnant for quite awhile Stanley Ranch had a quite title suit that entitled them to close the roads off and place no trespassing signs though out the whole area. Mora county then Commissioner Olivas heard about this and started to protest these closures to the public land within the Stanley ranch. He stated that since that time line the AG Office has become involved and has spent a great amount of time to get this matter resolved through the courts in

fact this is the reason for this meeting starting of the court hearing next week the case will be in the Taos court room for two weeks and we are in need of the residents of mora county to attend to show support for these roads be open for everyone to use. The Hearing will be in Taos District Courthouse with Judge Backus starting on March 19, 2018 for two weeks.

Ari Burcoft arrived and said his apologies for being late but had to travel though out the northern part of the state to question potential witnesses for the upcoming court hearing next week. He stated that he and the AG Office feel we have a good case to win. He went over the history of how this case arrived in the AG Office. He stated that Colfax County has no interest in the road access and wants no part in the hearing. He stated that these roads have a great deal of history the shows them being used for years not just for hunting but to the collection of different home remedies and recreational use as well. He stated that the roads they are talking about are 20 total but they are working on the ones that go by Red Hill road and the o9ne near Manuel's Cr 9 goes to C10 near Red Lake road.

Several Residents of the County stated that they remember using those roads all of their lives to hunt and other reasons they have been up there and it is kind intimidating seeing all the no trespassing signs and to have one of their foremen bully them to leave. They feel it's not just the closing of the roads it kind invading the way of life for them and restricting the culture of our ancestors.

Mr. Burnocft stated that it would show that judge that these roads for the way of life and a part of our culture. So again he would like to encourage everyone to attend the hearing. He stated that this may be in favor of the County but if it is not they will continue the fight.

Mr. John Olivas stated that Patrick Lions was trying to land swap the Red Hills Road in a hidden agenda in favor for the Oil & Gas Leases. He stated that this does affect the different outfitters in the area and if they don't have GPS system it will make it harder to make a living.

6. PUBLIS COMMENT:

Commissioner Garcia stated that this meeting has been a good one to help inform the audience about the hearing and hopefully they can go out and share this information with others. We need the citizens go and show support.

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7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Commissioner Trujillo stated that there is no reason to go into executive session.

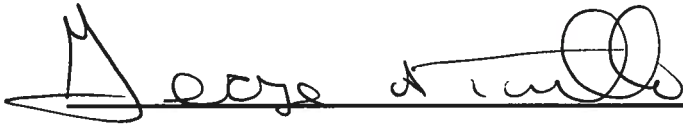
8. Adjourn:
Commissioner Trujillo made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Commissioner Griego second the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

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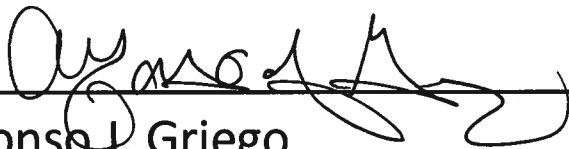
Paula A. Garcia

Chairman



George A. Trujillo

Vice-Chairman



Alfonso J. Griego

Member



ATTEST:



Carlos J. Arellano

County Clerk



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