

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2017
Wagon Mound Village Offices

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of NM

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Saluted the Flag of the State of NM.

3. Roll Call

Commissioner Garcia – Present
Commissioner Trujillo – Present
Commissioner Griego – Present

4. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Trujillo recommended to review items #13 and #14 after executive session.
Commissioner Griego made a motion to approve agenda as amended
Commissioner Trujillo second the motion
All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. June 13, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Griego made the motion to approve minutes as presented.
Commissioner Trujillo second the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

b. June 28, 2017 – Special Meeting

Commissioner Trujillo made the motion to approve minutes as presented.
Commissioner Griego second the motion
All in favor. Motion carried.

c. July 11, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Trujillo made the motion to approve minutes as presented.
Commissioner Griego second the motion
All in favor. Motion carried.

d. July 21, 2017 – Special Meeting

Commissioner Griego made the motion to approve minutes as presented.
Commissioner Trujillo second the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion – Village of Wagon Mound and Surrounding Areas, Mayor Tom Herrera (invited)

No discussion. Commissioner Garcia stated Mayor Tom Herrera was not present due to unforeseen issues. Former Mayor Quintana welcomes and thanks the Commission for meeting in Wagon Mound. Commissioner Garcia thanks Mr. Quintana for attending the meeting and also stated she would like to talk with him and Mayor Herrera to discuss a few issues including the senior center and the ambulance service.

7. Public Comment

No public comment

8. Reports

a. County Manager Report

Interim Manager Steve Archuleta presented the County Manager report. Mr. Archuleta stated the County has had several PRC hearings and he believes the ambulance service is moving in a positive direction. 24 hour coverage is available. Several reports have been worked on and sent to PRC to show them the ambulance is responding to calls. Mr. Archuleta also stated several phone calls from concerned citizens and staff are still being made to the PRC. The County is asking for detailed information to address every one of those phone calls. The PRC investigation unit, Jimmy Vigil, and the Transportation Department have been very pleased with the County's answers. Mr. Archuleta stated he apologizes that the news story on channel 4 was not as good as it should have been, the positive comments that were made were edited out. Commissioner Garcia thanks Mr. Archuleta, Attorney Aragon, and the EMS Staff for all the work they have done and for being so responsive to the PRC. Commissioner Garcia stated the news story was not complete as far as the progression that has been made. She feels some communication work needs to be done to let the people in the Community know there is 24/7 EMS coverage. One misstatement on the news story was that there were only 3 EMS employees, there is actually 8 employees. Mr. Archuleta stated they did tell the news there was 24/7 coverage and 8 employees but it was also edited out. Commissioner Garcia made a request for Mr. Archuleta to follow up on an email from Jimmy Vigil. The email from Mr. Vigil was stating he got over a dozen phone calls about a woman who had died from a heart attack on July 14th and the ambulance did not respond. Commissioner Garcia asked for more information on this death and Mr. Vigil responded stating he was investigating the situation by talking to state police, the County Sheriff and to the EMS Director and found there was no such call that day. Commissioner Garcia stated she never got a clear answer from the PRC for that situation. Attorney Aragon stated there was an extensive conversation with Mr. Vigil. It seems like there is a concerted effort to undermine the ambulance service. Mr. Vigil has not taken any more credible complaints, a lot of those calls were anonymous and he is going based off facts as they are presented. Attorney Aragon also stated the call about the woman who suffered a heart attack happened back in October of 2016 and it seems to be a reoccurring problem. In terms of any new allegations since the County has presented to the PRC that there is 24/7 coverage. Also, there was an issue during the motorcycle rally. The County ambulance responded to a call in Wagon Mound and the superior ambulance responded to a motorcycle accident five miles outside of Mora. Mr. Vigil did an investigation on this issue and found the mutual aid was working as intended. Attorney Aragon stated the County will need to maintain staffing levels and needs to comply with the reports as they are given by the Chairwoman and PRC. Also, the County entered into a long term contract with Charlie Vandever as the Pharmacy consultant. Attorney Aragon stated on the record the ambulance service is moving in the right direction, there is full staffing levels and will have to maintain the full staffing levels and provide a level of care that is expected. Commissioner Trujillo stated the community should know the County is not obligated to have an ambulance service and Attorney Aragon should talk about that. Attorney Aragon responded stating the County is not legally obligated to have an ambulance service. If the County would voluntarily forfeit the ambulance certificate the County could still have an ambulance but could not charge for the services. If the County is unable to provide an ambulance, superior ambulance would be legally obligated to provide services to Mora County and the County would not have to pay them. Commissioner Trujillo stated he wants the ambulance service to continue and he commends Attorney Aragon, Mr. Archuleta and Commissioner Garcia for all they are doing. Mr. Archuleta stated he would like to talk to the Commission about all options for the ambulance service. Commissioner Garcia stated the County has made a very concerted effort to make the ambulance work for the Community. Also, Commissioner Garcia feels the public should be involved in hearing all options for the ambulance service and the Commission should hold a special meeting to include the public. Commissioner Trujillo stated a special meeting with the public included would be a good idea. Steve Archuleta stated the County had the first LEPC meeting. Commissioner Garcia along with people from the fire department and EMS department attended the meeting. Dominic Martinez from the Taos LEPC was a guest speaker at the meeting, he talked about what an LEPC is all about and how can he help Mora County get the LEPC going. These meetings will continue, they will be once a month. Mr. Archuleta also stated there has been a lot of rain which is causing the County roads to wash out, Johnny

Espinoza and his staff are doing their best to maintain all the roads. A schedule is being worked on which will show when and which roads will be worked on. If there are any emergencies on any of the roads those will become priority. Commissioner Trujillo asked if it is legal to hire trucks and drivers to haul the material due to the lack of CDL Drivers. Attorney Aragon stated yes it would be legal to hire drivers. Mr. Archuleta stated they would have to discuss the budget with Mrs. Casados. Also, sometimes material is not available and something the County should consider is stock piling to always have access to material. Mr. Archuleta informed the Commission that a staff meeting will be held to discuss how to help our constituents. Also, several meetings are being set up with the fire departments, the EMS department and the Sheriff's department.

b. Financial Report

Financial Director Doris Casados presented the financial report. *See Attachment.*

Commissioner Garcia asked Doris if two CDL drivers for the road department were no longer working, can those positions be filled. Doris responded stating yes they can be filled and she believes there is three positions that are vacant.

Steve Archuleta stated he saw on the financial report that the commission has \$1000 for travel trainings. Mr. Archuleta highly recommends that at least one of the commissioners attends the Nations Association of Counties in Washington DC. Commissioner Garcia stated she supports Mr. Archuleta's recommendation.

Commissioner Garcia asked Doris how much was in the legal fund for oil and gas. Doris stated there was \$16,000. Commissioner Garcia asked if the County can get a legal opinion on the use of that money. Garcia stated there were individuals that donated to the legal fund but she would like to use it for Development of the Ordinances.

c. Elected Officials Report

Clerk Carlos Arellano stated the Mora Fiestas went smoothly, everyone seemed happy. Commissioner Garcia Thanked everyone involved with the Fiesta Committee, this was the best one yet. There was a lot of compliments from the public. Commissioner Trujillo had one complaint about there being no access for the disabled people to get to the entertainment.

d. Department Reports

Frances Muniz stated she has two applications for the indignant fund. Commissioner Garcia stated she would like Mr. Archuleta and Attorney Aragon to work on these applications. The County use to have an indignant fun and then it went dormant, it's been about three years and the county has not processed any applications. The County used to have an indignant fund committee, who would review the applications and make recommendations for the Commission. Commissioner Garcia also stated for the past few years The County has used the indignant fund to pay the 1/16 Medicaid contribution and the safety net care pool 1/12. Also the County tapped into the indignant fund to help pay for the ambulance. The County will have to do a cash flow analysis on the indignant fund to see if there can be an indignant program.

Fire Administrator Ed Littleton stated that the Fire Department completed the required annual pump test last month, the County was 100% compliant. Next month will be the annual hose test and maintenance of all vehicles. Mr. Littleton stated CHET Fire Department received the first quarter distribution. Commissioner Griego asked if anyone addressed the depleting of Mr. Littleton's funding on his contract. Commissioner Garcia stated Steve Archuleta will look into it.

Commissioner Garcia thanked Steve Archuleta for the positivity he has brought to Mora County.

Road Supervisor Johnny Espinoza presented the report for Solid Waste and the Road Department. Mr. Espinoza stated Solid Waste is leasing a truck and trailer from North Central for \$15,000 a month. Also, there is an issue in Watrous. The residents are dumping mattresses, couches and other trash in a local park. Cameras were supposed to be installed. Mr. Espinoza asked if he should continue to clean it. Commissioner Garcia stated she attended a community meeting in Watrous and a big concern for the community was the dumping on the local park. Commissioner Garcia stated she would like it cleaned ASAP and put up no illegal dumping signs. Johnny Espinoza stated he asked Max Gallegos and Jerry Valdez from Watrous to help clean it up but they were not willing to do so. Mr. Espinoza suggested to ask

the Fire Department to help and they can burn the trash. Commissioner Garcia stated the trash would have to be removed before they would burn. Also, the Watrous Fire Department would be willing to help. Mr. Espinoza asked the commission if the Road Department could be separated from the rest of the County's policies on across the board raises. The Road Department has advertised twice for CDL drivers but have not got a single applicant. Commissioner Garcia stated there is no policy on across the board raises. This was done in the past because it was easier than having to make a pay scale. Commissioner Garcia also stated the previous manager was asked to make a pay scale, it was in the process of being made but was not finished.

Steve Archuleta stated he spoke with Vivian Santistevan and asked for two proposals. One is to get the HR files up to date and to have a staff training. The second proposal is a cost comparison of employees in Mora County compared to other employees across New Mexico. Mr. Archuleta stated he would email both proposals to the Commission.

9. Expenditure Report – July 2017

Doris Casados presented the July expenditure report sent by email.

Commission Trujillo made a motion to approve as presented.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discuss/Review/Action – Resolution

a. Budget Transfer to 2220249 Fire Excise Share \$27,300.00

Commission Trujillo made a motion to approve as presented.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personal matters and pending litigation.

Commissioner Griego second. 10:41 a.m.

County Clerk Arellano pooled the Board

Commissioner Garcia ----- Yes

Commissioner Trujillo ----- Yes

Commissioner Griego ----- Yes

No decisions were made only discussion.

Commissioner Griego made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 12:06 p.m.

Commissioner Trujillo second the motion on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Arellano pooled the Board

Commissioner Garcia ----- Yes

Commissioner Trujillo ----- Yes

Commissioner Griego ----- Yes

11. Report – Mora County Complex

Commissioner Garcia presented 3 documents (see attachment). The first document was the schematics that were approved at the July meeting. As of now \$1.6 million of Capital Outlay Money was used for structural remediation which now brings the Complex up to code, completing Phase One. Phase Two will consist of the build out of office spaces. \$2 million from the GRT funds will be enacted, this will include the loan and bond for \$1.2 million. For Phase Three the County will revisit the GO Bond. If the GO Bond is passed at the next election that will help pay for the remaining office spaces. Phase Four is the Magistrate Court Offices which will run about \$3 million. Commissioner Garcia wanted to let the Commission know the advisory committee had been appointed and had a meeting. Another meeting will be scheduled before the next commission meeting.

(6.) Discussion – Village of Wagon Mound and Surrounding Areas, Mayor Tom Herrera (invited)

Mayor Tom Herrera spoke about County Road 529, an issue that was discussed at a meeting last year. Mayor Herrera followed up with Manager Sanchez last year but never received a response, he would like to know what to do about the road closure. Mayor Herrera also shared his concerns in regards to the lack of Ambulance Services in Wagon Mound. Attorney Aragon discussed the possibility of using a Wagon Mound Fire Department for Ambulance Services. Also, the other issue will be looked into.

12. Report – Mora County Ambulance Service

Discussion on Ambulance took place during the Manager report.

13. Discussion/Review/Action – Recommendation Pit Run RFQ

Discuss item 13 after executive session.

14. Discussion/Review/Action – Recommendation Base Course RFQ

Discuss item 14 after executive session.

15. Discussion/Review/Action – Mora County Goals for 2017-2018

See attachment.

Commission Trujillo made a motion to approve as presented.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Executive Session

Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personal matters and pending litigation. Commissioner Griego second. 1:40 p.m.

County Clerk Arellano pooled the Board

Commissioner Garcia ----- Yes

Commissioner Trujillo ----- Yes

Commissioner Griego ----- Yes

No decisions were made only discussion.

Commissioner Griego made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 3:36 p.m.

Commissioner Trujillo second the motion on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Arellano pooled the Board

Commissioner Garcia ----- Yes

Commissioner Trujillo ----- Yes

Commissioner Griego ----- Yes

17. (#13)Discussion/Review/Action – Recommendation Pit Run RFQ

Attorney Aragon put out a request for bids. There were three bids submitted. The County accepted the lowest bid pit run which was with Luis Pacheco. Mr. Pacheco complied with all the requirements, it is a six month contract.

Commission Trujillo made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

18. (#14) Discussion/Review/Action – Recommendation Base Course RFQ

Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to approve as presented.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

19. Adjourn

Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Commissioner Griego second the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried

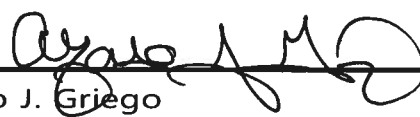
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Paula A. Garcia
Chairman

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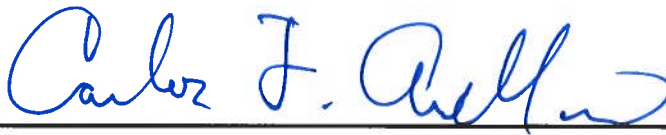
George A. Trujillo
Vice-Chairman

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Alfonso J. Griego
Member

Attest:



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Carlos J. Arellano
County Clerk

