

Mora County Commission
Emergency Meeting
Conference Call
Managers Office
January 1 & 2, 2019

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Commissioner Griego.
2. Pledge of allegiance and salute to the flag of New Mexico were recited by those in attendance.
3. Roll was called by County Clerk Arellano: Commissioner Griego – Present via phone
Commissioner Maestas – Present via phone
Commissioner Serna – Present via phone

Also, included in the conference all were County Clerk, Carlos Arellano; Rumaldo Pino, Emergency Manager; Michael Aragon, County Attorney, Frances Muniz, Interim County Manager.

4. Approval of Agenda – There was only one item listed on the agenda and it was to declare Mora County a state of “Emergency”. Commissioner Griego asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. ***Commissioner Maestas made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Serna second the motion. All in favor motion carried and the agenda was approved.***
5. Commissioner Griego asked for a brief status regarding the road department. Manager Muniz stated that all of the Road Crew were up and out and ready to “rock and roll.” She stated that the grader was up in Chacon, on the way to Buena Vista, and everyone else knew where they were supposed to be; so far so good.

Rumaldo Pino stated there were steps to be made before the County declares an Emergency and one of those steps was exhausting all of the County’s resources – man power, equipment.... etc. As all of the Road Crew were out and working that was a good sign. The next issue was having the Governor declare an Emergency. As of 11 am this had not been done. Rumaldo Pino stated that he would check with Homeland Security to find out if anything had been done. He was on the phone with Jeffery Phillips who stated that he was on the phone with San Miguel County wondering about but help as well. Home-land security stated that they would be waiting to hear from the Governor’s office to find out whether or not she wanted to declare an emergency based on reports from DOT’s recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding the proper protocol and what else needed to be done. Rumaldo Pino stated that if the Governor declared an Emergency, he had a list of

“independent contractors” who were ready to work (business licenses, liability insurance etc.) He stated these contractors would be able to work at getting the roads that the County would not be able to get to and also be able to help with getting private drives as well. A question about clearing private drives came about. Mr. Pino stated that it was against anti donation to clear private drives. Unless it is a matter of health and safety. The County would be liable for any damages. After this explanation the standard reply to whether or not the County could send some one to clear a drive will be “unless you are having an emergency (ambulance/fire) are needed Mora County will not be able to clear your private drive way.” Mr. Pino stated that is because we have all of our Road Department guys out and the County does not have the resources to clear every drive.

With that being said the Commission decided to recess until 5 pm when they would get an up date from Homeland Security and decide what the next step would be.

Roll was called by Clerk Arellano:	Commissioner Griego	yes
	Commissioner Maestas	yes
	Commissioner Serna	yes

The meeting was adjourned until 5 pm, Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Commissioner Griego via telephone.

Roll was called by Clerk Arellano:	Commissioner Griego	present via telephone
	Commissioner Maestas	present via telephone
	Commissioner Serna	present via telephone

A quorum was present.

Commissioner Griego asked if there had been any news from Homeland Security. Mr. Pino stated that there had been none. He repeated that unless the governor does not reply the County Roads are the responsibility of the County. He repeated again driveways will be cleaned on an Emergency basis.

A report was given by Manager Muniz of the roads having been worked on and a partial status of what would be done the next day.

Since nothing could be done regarding the “state of emergency” for Mora County it was decided that if EMS/Fire were needed one of the road crew would be requested to use the plow truck to ‘escort’ the ambulance to the call and open a trail as appropriate. Manager Muniz was directed to make this happen. Manger Muniz, called the road department and found a volunteer to help out. That was Robert Lee – as he lives in Mora (proper) and has access to both the yard and knows the operation of the ‘plow truck.’ The employee mentioned was to get paid on call status and more if he responds to a call.

Ending the questions for the evening. It was decided that the Commission would reconvene tomorrow (Wednesday, January 2, 2019) to make determinations and a status check with the road department.

It should also be noted that Manager Muniz was given the directive to be in charge of the Road Department until an interim Road Superintendent was named. Manager Muniz stated administratively, all non-essential employees will be placed on a two-hour delay tomorrow morning. An assessment of the conditions would be done in the morning as to whether or not the Courthouse would be closed.

With that being said Carlos Arellano called roll:	Commissioner Griego	yes
	Commissioner Maestas	yes
	Commissioner Serna	yes

The meeting recessed until 9 am Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

The Emergency Meeting was called to order at 9 am, in the office of the County Manager.

Commissioner Griego called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

County Clerk Arellano called roll:	Commissioner Griego	present
	Commissioner Maestas	present
	Commissioner Serna	present

Also present, Michael Aragon, Rumaldo Pino and Manager Muniz; who gave a status report on the progress of the County roads. Everything is going well and the crew has been very supportive and was pretty much done with the main roads. She stated that she was still getting phone calls about private drives and was letting constituents know that the County is not responsible for cleaning drives unless it is an emergency.

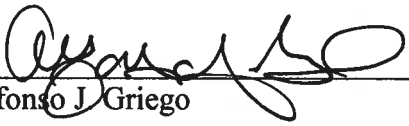
Commissioner Griego stated that it did not look as though the Governor was going to declare Mora County and Emergency/Disaster and we should continue as usual. Everything "seems like it is going well." If there were any problems issues or concerns that the Manager cannot handle, there would be a Commissioner in the building to assist with advice/recommendations.

Commissioner Griego asked for a motion to adjourn, ***Commissioner Maestas made the motion to adjourn it was second by Commissioner Serna. Motion was carried and approved.***


Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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Mora County Commission:



Alfonso J. Griego



L. Frank Maestas



Veronica M. Serna





Carlos J. Arellano, County Clerk

