

**MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Commissioner George Trujillo called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Garcia polled the board:

Commissioner George Trujillo - Present

Commissioner Johnny Trujillo - Present

Commissioner Veronica Serna - Present

Majority are present. Quorum has been met.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico

Commissioner George Trujillo led the audience and Board in the Pledge. All in attendance recited the Pledge and saluted the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

4. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner John Trujillo made motion to approve agenda.

Commissioner Veronica Serna seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

5. Announcements

a. Welcome to Eugene Martinez, County Manager

Commissioner George Trujillo welcomed Eugene Martinez as the new County Manager. Mr. Martinez stated he greatly appreciates the opportunity.

b. Assignment of Tamarah Barela to position of Human Resources Director

Attorney Cruz presented, stated this was added to inform the public of the assignment of Ms. Tamarah Barela to Human Resources Director. Attorney Cruz stated Ms. Catherine Martinez was hired as Administrative Assistant. In the interim Ms. Barela will provide support and assistance to Mr. Eugene Martinez and Ms. Catherine Martinez for the next 6 months to ensure they are properly prepared to move the county forward. After 6 months she will exclusively be Human Resources Director.

6. Executive Session

a. Pending Litigation – County Road B-006 Litigation involving John Paul Vigil and Agua Pura Water Association; Jennings v. Mora County; Isaac Martinez v. Mora County

Commissioner Veronica Serna made motion to convene into executive session at 4:08 pm.

Commissioner John Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Garcia polled the board:

Commissioner George Trujillo - Present

Commissioner Johnny Trujillo - Present
Commissioner Veronica Serna - Present

Commissioner Veronica Serna made motion to reconvene from executive session at 6:45 pm.
Commissioner John Trujillo seconds the motion.
All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Garcia polled the board:

Commissioner George Trujillo - Present
Commissioner Johnny Trujillo - Present
Commissioner Veronica Serna - Present

Commissioner George Trujillo advised decisions were not made while in executive session, potential & pending litigation were discussed. Personnel matters were not discussed.

7. Discussion/Action – County Road B-006 Litigation involving John Paul Vigil and Agua Pura Water Association

Manager Martinez presented, stated the following: I recommend based on the advice of legal counsel that the County Commission direct outside counsel, Carlos Quinones, to engage in settlement negotiations with counsel for John Paul Vigil to fully settle the lawsuit involving Mr. Vigil. A final settlement agreement will need to be agreed to by Mr. Vigil no later than February 17 and the matter, if resolved, will be placed on the agenda for a final vote by the County Commission on February 22, 2023.

Commissioner Veronica Serna made motion to approve.

Commissioner John Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Veronica Serna made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:46 pm

Commissioner Jon Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

George A. Trujillo
Chairman

John H. Trujillo
Vice-Chairman

Veronica M. Serna
Member

ATTEST:

Carlos J. Arellano
County Clerk