

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
DECEMBER 29, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Serna called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Trujillo polled the board:

Commissioner Serna – Present

Commissioner Trujillo - Present

Commissioner Maestas - Present

Majority are present. Quorum has been met.

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

Commissioner Serna 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 Maestas made motion to approve agenda with changes placing executive session after item #6 to discuss personnel matters and pending litigations.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

5. Public Comment.

Interim Manager Barela indicated **no one** was on Zoom for public comment.

Commissioner Serna indicated **no one** was present for public comment.

6. Discussion/Action – Minutes.

a. **September 15, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

b. **October 20, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

c. **November 16, 2022 – Election Canvass Minutes**

d. **November 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

e. **November 23, 2022 – Special Meeting Minutes**

Attorney Cruz recommended that the Commission approve items 6a to 6d, noting item 6e was approved at the December 21, 2022 meeting and was included on the agenda in error.

Commissioner Trujillo made motion to approve as recommended by Ms. Cruz.

Commissioner Maestas seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

7. Executive Session.

Commissioner Trujillo made motion to convene into executive session at 4:05 pm.

Commissioner Maestas seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Trujillo polled the board:

Commissioner Serna – Yes

Commissioner Trujillo – Yes

Commissioner Maestas – Yes

Commissioner Maestas made motion to reconvene from executive session at 6:06 pm.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Trujillo polled the board:

Commissioner Serna – Yes

Commissioner Trujillo – Yes

Commissioner Maestas – Yes

Commissioner Serna stated that no decisions were made while in executive session, personnel matters and potential & pending litigation were discussed.

8. Discussion/Action – Ratification of US Government Lease for Real Property – FEMA Space at the Mora County Complex.

Interim County Manager Temarah Barela advised that the lease negotiations continue between the County and FEMA and this matter is not yet ready for consideration by the Commission.

Commissioner Maestas made motion to Table.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/Action – Consideration of Approval of Amendments to Employment Agreement between Mora County and Temarah L. Barela, Interim County Manager.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz presented noting that Ms. Barela's contract as Interim County Manager is set to expire at the end of the month. It is expected that a new County Manager will be hired in the next month or two and her contract needs to be extended.

Commissioner Trujillo made motion to approve.

Commissioner Maestas seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/Action – Consideration of Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Motor Vehicle Division and Mora County.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz presented stating this is a standard agreement for MVD related services and the Commission should approve the Agreement as presented.

Commissioner Maestas made motion to approve.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

11. Discussion/Action – Withdrawal of Office of State Engineer Protest in the Matter involving Dennis and Annette Lucero.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she was in contact with Brett Olson about the withdrawal of this protest due to the fact that Phoenix Ranch and Mr. & Mrs. Lucero had reached an agreement resolving their dispute. Phoenix Ranch has since withdrawn its protest. She recommended that the County follow suit and withdraw its Protest at this time.

Commissioner Maestas made motion to approve.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

12. Discussion/Action – RESOLUTION – Increasing the Salary of the Newly Elected Mora County Assessor, County Sheriff, County Probate Judge and County Commissioner for District 1 and 2 in Mora County, Mora New Mexico.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz noted that state statute requires salaries be set for elected officials before their term begins otherwise no changes to salary can be made at a later date.

Commissioner Maestas made motion to approve the 20% increase in salary.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

13. Discussion/Action – RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Federal Emergency Disaster Agency (FEMA)-Funded Local Government Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Agreement Between Mora County and FEMA, Funding the Continued Qualifying Local Government Operational Expenses

Interim Manager Ms. Barela stated that this CDL would cover up 25% of the operational expense for the annual budget and recommends that the board approve the resolution to proceed to apply for the CDL loan.

Commissioner Trujillo made motion to approve.

Commissioner Maestas seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Maestas made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:21 pm.

Commissioner Trujillo seconds the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

X

George A Trujillo
Charman

X

John H. Trujillo
Vice-Chairman

X

Veronica M Serna
Member

ATTEST:

X

Carlos J. Arellano
County Clerk