

Mora County Board of Commission

Emergency Meeting

July 22, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman George Trujillo called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE AND SALUTE TO STATE FLAG:

Chairman George Trujillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge and Salute.

3. ROLL CALL:

Deputy Clerk Mrs. Trujillo polled the board,

Chairman George Trujillo – present

Vice Chair John Trujillo – present

Member Veronica Serna – present

All present a quorum is present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice-Chair John Trujillo made the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Member Veronica Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman George Trujillo would like for the record to show that he would like to thank the following Manager Montoya, Fire Marshall David Montoya, Clarity Collins, John Romero, and DOT for going out yesterday to assess the flooding damage the severe thunderstorm done to the different areas within our County cause by the HPCC fire. He feels that FEMA nor the DOT care about the damage they caused to our way of life.

5. DISCUSSION – AREA FLOODING:

Interim Manager Mr. Montoya started the discussion on the flooding area he and others went out to see the damage the severe storm done to the

following areas Holman, Tramperos, Rio De La Casa, Murphy Canyon, Monte Alpanado, Ledoux and El Alto.

Several homes and families have been impacted with mud and water damage done to their homes.

Chairman George Trujillo stated that it's a shame that FEMA, State and Federal departments have not step up to help our County to recover from the Hermit Peak Calf Canyon fire and its lasting effects, look at the damage we must continue to fix due to the disaster they caused. He asked if there was any way for the county to demand help from those entities.

Ms. Clarity Collins Disaster Recovery Coordinator stated that she went around the flooded areas and saw first hand the kind of damage done by this storm she wish there was a way to demand the help but her and the interim Manager have been to meeting after meeting with all those departments and have asked and asked for help but the system is broken not broken but there is so much red tape to get from applications get submitted ten or more times to have it get to the right department just to have them instructed us to resubmit to another area. She feels for the citizens and will continue to work as hard as she can to get some kind of help. She stated that what we need to do is document everything and set some kind of organization on what we have submitted to make sure we have everything in the right order.

Road Supervisor Mr. Romero stated that his department has been out trying to help the affected areas by blading the roads and anything else we could provide. He stated that there are several families that have asked them to fix their driveways. He told them his department is not allowed to enter private land.

Chairman Trujillo stated that the county may in fact seek a legal team to fight on our behalf to see that will make HPCC FEMA, State and Federal department help us with the recovery of fixing the roads and other areas we need to help with.

Clerk Arellano stated that he agrees with Chairman Trujillo of getting a Firm to represent the county to hold those Department accountable. He stated that FEMA is claiming they will cover flood insurance, but he has not heard of anyone receiving coverage.

Interim Manager Montoya stated that there is \$30 million in the LGIP that the Board could possibly dip into if the board should feel we need to use for the fixing of the roads be it hiring contractors or more operators. He stated that the Board think on that for Tuesday meeting on how to proceed forward.

Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she has been listening to all the discussion today and has been formatting the Declaration to the County's needs, she is not using the cascading events terms for this resolution but is stating that this is a direct event from the HPCC disaster. She indicated that the board may seek a Firm to represent the county on the ongoing process to receive the fund to help the recovery of this disaster.

Ms. Pam Garcia with Senator Ben Lujan Office stated that Senator Lujan has been an advocate for Northern New Mexico and has been talking to senate and the White House to help the Citizens in his district, she said the process is tricky and the channels everything must go through has been frustrating not just for the Board but for all who must submit documentations.

Ms. Collins stated that the Board should assess that areas it needs help in and submit those documents to fill the gaps it needs that most help in, again she stated there must be the proper document submitted to have accountability.

More Discussion was had on what is needed and what the board should do to help the citizens, roads and other thing needed.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION – EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO FLOODED AREAS:

Attorney Ms. Cruz went over the declaration and recommended the Board approve the resolution as presented.

Vice-Chair Trujillo made the motion to approve the resolution as presented and the recommendation from the attorney.

Member Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Trujillo stated that no executive is needed at this time.

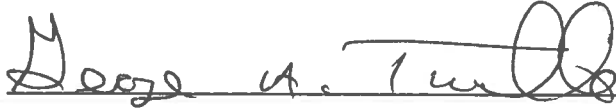
8. ADJOURNMENT:

Member Serna made the motion to adjourn at 10:18 am.

Vice-Chair Trujillo second the motion.

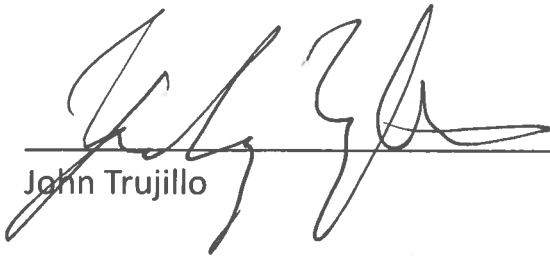
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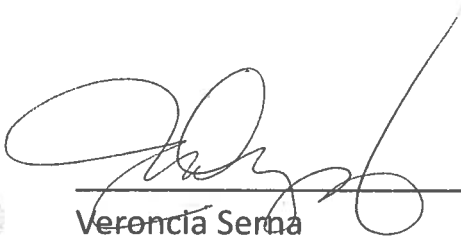
George Trujillo

Chairman



John Trujillo

Vice-Chairman



Verónica Serna

Member

ATTEST:



Carlos J Arellano

County Clerk

