

**MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION  
AUGUST 21, 2023  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

**Commissioner George Trujillo** called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** led the audience and Commission in the Pledge. All in attendance recited the Pledge and saluted the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

**3. Roll Call**

**Deputy Clerk Duran** polled the board:

**Commissioner George Trujillo – Present**

**Commissioner Johnny Trujillo – Present**

**Commissioner Veronica Serna – Present**

*Majority are present. Quorum has been met.*

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** asked if they could move item 11 after item 4.

**Manager Montoya** recommends the agenda be approved.

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to approve agenda as amended.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**11. Public Comment – Joseph Garcia** – Mr. Garcia stated he was appalled when he heard the way Mr. Martinez insulted two of the Commissioners and the County Manager. He stated the Commission has a lot of work to do with the recent fire and flooding and this is not the place to come insult them.

*Attorney Cruz asked for the meeting to be paused because of technical difficulties with the zoom link.*

**Mr. Garcia** continued with his public comment. He stated the public comment podium should be a sacred place where we handle County Business for the betterment of everybody not to insult people because of personal issues. He stated we elected these people to lead this County, lets let them do their job. He thanked the Commissioners and the County Manager for all the work they are doing. Mr. Garcia asked Commissioner V. Serna what she meant when she said she would not vote for Manager Montoya because he was aggressive with her.

**Commissioner V. Serna** stated it is still under investigation and she cannot discuss it.

**5. Discussion/Action – Approval of Second Addendum to Employment Contract with David M. Montoya**

**Attorney Cruz** stated this item relates to the current term within which Mr. Montoya has been appointed to serve as Interim County Manager. This agreement has a start date of August 11, 2023 to no later than September 15, 2023. The pay rate is the same, in the amount of \$333.33 per day. She stated there is language within this agreement reflecting the fact that if the Commission

hires a County Manager before September 15<sup>th</sup>, this temporary assignment will be terminated. The Commission is in the process of considering three applicants, Mr. Montoya is one of the three. Attorney Cruz recommends they approve this item so Mr. Montoya can get paid for the work he has been doing.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

**Commissioner V. Serna** stated she is not in the practice of approving retroactive contracts, and she will not support this motion.

*For the record, Commissioners George Trujillo – Yes*

*Commissioner Johnny Trujillo – Yes*

*Commissioner Veronica Serna – No*

*Two in favor, one abstains, Motion carried.*

**6. Discussion/Action – Subrecipient Grant Agreement FEMA-4652-DR-NM: Wildfire and Straightline Winds**

**Manager Montoya** stated this agreement has established us as a subrecipient to receive grant money from the State. He recommends we approve this item. Jeremy from Homeland Security stated this agreement is between Mora County and the State and after this agreement is signed Mora County can be reimbursed for the three projects they have completed. Further discussion took place.

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**7. Discussion/Action – Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution**

**Edna Sena** stated these budget adjustments are at the discretion of the County Manager. She presented the Resolution to the Commission, see attached.

**Commissioner V. Serna** asked why we are transferring this money before these have been presented to the Commission and voted on.

**Attorney Cruz** stated the agenda for today's meeting was going to have action items that mirrored these budget adjustments on this Resolution. Because those items are not on the agenda, she recommends the Commission table this item. Further discussion took place.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** asked manager Montoya to schedule a Work Session.

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to table this item.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated, for the record, he votes no.

*Two in favor, one abstains, Motion carried*

**8. Discussion/Action – Approval of SB-6 Loan Agreements #23-ZH9020-MORAC-05 AND #23-ZH9020-MORA-06**

**Manager Montoya** presented to the Commission, see attached. He stated the \$298,000 loan was to cover salaries and expenses during the fire and that was a Cat B. The \$44,000 was a Cat A for debris removal. He recommends the Commission approve this item.

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Clarity Collins** stated these loans are for work we already completed. They will be paid out by DHSEM, they are going to reimburse us in a very short amount of time, and we will be paying it right back.

**Commissioner V. Serna** asked if it is necessary to take out a loan for these if we have to pay it back within 30 days.

**Manager Montoya** stated if we have a chance to get some money lets get it and then we will pay it back when we get paid back.

**9. Discussion/Action – Consideration and Approval of Task Order Request from Bohannan Huston dated August 15, 2023, for CR A-030 El Alto Road and CR A-031 Camino del Medio – Split into 2 projects, Repackage & Contract Bidding Services**

**Manager Montoya** presented to the Commission, he recommends they approve this item so they can get El Alto and Camino de Medio out to bid.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner V. Serna** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**10. Discussion/Action – Approval Road Department Capital Outlay Truck Purchase for Road Superintendent**

**Manager Montoya** stated they were given Capital Outlay in the amount of \$70,000 to buy road equipment, after speaking with the Road Superintendent he found a pick-up truck he could use, see attached. He stated he spoke with Monica Tapia from DFA and she said we are about a week away from getting approval to spend this money, he asked if the Commission can approve this item today so they can place the order for the truck as soon as DFA gives the green light. He stated they did not have a problem with that.

**Attorney Cruz** stated the Commission can move forward with this item.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner V. Serna** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**11. Public Comment**

**a. Joseph Garcia**

*The commission made a motion to move this item after item 4.*

**12. Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matters to include hiring process for the County Manager position and pre-employment background and reference check for said position, and threatened litigation to include Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Wildfire Request for Proposal for Claim/Litigation Representation with attorney, Steve Kopelman**

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to convene into executive session at 5:21 pm.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Deputy Clerk Duran** polled the board:

**Commissioner George Trujillo - Yes**

**Commissioner Johnny Trujillo - Yes**

**Commissioner Veronica Serna - Yes**

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to reconvene from executive session at 6:04 pm.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Deputy Clerk Duran** polled the board:

**Commissioner George Trujillo - Yes**

**Commissioner Johnny Trujillo - Yes**

**Commissioner Veronica Serna - Yes**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** advised decisions were not made while in executive session, personnel matters and potential & pending litigation were discussed. Also, Steve Kopelman will have a meeting with Sandra Romero and the Committee to go over applications for proposal on the HPCC Claim.

**13. Discussion/Action – Professional Services Agreement Between W. Dennis Maez and Mora County for Background and Reference Checks for County Manager Position**

**Attorney Cruz** stated this is an agreement between W. Dennis Maez, who has his own Personal Investigations/Consulting Company, and Mora County. She recommends the Commission approve this agreement for the background and reference checks for the County Manager Position, all three candidates that applied for the Managers Position will go through this process.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made motion to approve.

**Commissioner V. Serna** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**14. Adjournment**

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:15 pm


**Commissioner V. Serna** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION



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Chairman



John H. Trujillo  
Vice-Chairman



Veronica M. Serna  
Member



Carlos J. Arellano  
County Clerk



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