

**MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 2, 2023**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

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

**Commissioner G. 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.

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

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**5. Discussion: Emergency Update regarding Flooding in Mora County**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** introduced Interim Manager Montoya to present on this item. Mr. Montoya stated since the rains over the last couple of days we've had several county roads wash out and acequias jammed by debris and has been flooding out. Mr. John Romero has been responding to constituents, pinpointing a lot of the trouble spots: A045 (Montoso Rd), B015 (Tranperos Rd), B014 (Morada Rd), B019 (Encinal Rd), B024 (Dos Iglesias Rd), A040 (Canada de Soliz Rd), A042 (Morphy Canyon), B025 (Vigil Canyon Rd), B018 (Catron Rd), and A023 (Canada del Caro); stated they spent about 2 hours yesterday (with Commissioner G. Trujillo and John Romero) all over the county viewing damage. Not only damage that happened the night before, but ongoing damage. Some people are not able to get out of their driveways, when you have entire roads washing away it provides us with an extremely dangerous situation. Mr. Montoya stated he recommends we declare a state of emergency immediately and request the help of the state in order to get some emergency aid on the ground. Commissioner G. Trujillo stated for the record we started the meeting at 12:07. Commissioner G. Trujillo asked the other 2 commissioners if they have anything else to add. Commissioner J. Trujillo stated we just need help our people instead of just saying what we need to do. Commissioner G. Trujillo stated we are in dire need from the state as we continue with these emergencies and flooding issues. Commissioner V. Serna asked if we pass this resolution now how long will it last. Commissioner G. Trujillo stated that Attorney Tina Cruz has the resolution. Attorney Cruz stated this will be in effect for 30 days.

**6. Discussion/Action: Resolution regarding Emergency/Disaster Declaration Pertaining to Flooding in Mora County which has affected various communities including Cleveland, El Coyote, Encinal, Holman, Guadalupita, Morphy Canyon and Tramperos**

Attorney Cruz presented. See attached. Commissioner G. Trujillo requested to ass B028 (Rio de la Casa Rd). Mr. Carlos Arellano asked if other roads get damaged can they be added, Attorney Cruz stated part of the resolution states that county employees continue to evaluate status, hopefully the state will recognize that this is evolving and actively being assessed on an ongoing basis. Mr. Arellano stated that Paula Garcia asked if acequias can be added. Attorney Cruz stated acequias are their own political subdivisions of the state, we made note they have been affected. Interim Manager Montoya stated it is his understanding there has been a change to the master debris removal project (DOT), we will have to rely on the state for debris removal. Attorney Cruz stated she recommends adopting the resolution with the addition of Rio de la Casa Rd (B028).

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

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**7. Executive Session**

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to convene into executive session at 12:24 pm.

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Deputy Clerk Duran** polled the board:

**Commissioner George Trujillo** - Present

**Commissioner Johnny Trujillo** - Present

**Commissioner Veronica Serna** – Present

Attorney Cruz stated to make note that typically we do not have additional items during an Emergency Meeting, however, there is an emergency situation of sorts that relates to personnel that we have to address at this time.

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to reconvene from executive session at 2:13 pm.

**Commissioner J. 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 G. Trujillo** advised decisions were not made while in executive session, personnel matters were discussed.

- Interim Manager Montoya stated that while the commission was in executive session he managed to get the resolution off to the State EOC, they are all prepped and ready to receive our declaration and act upon it. Mr. Montoya stated he also hired an Interim Director of HR, she will be reporting on Monday. Mr. Montoya stated we will have coverage on Fridays for the administrative office. Commissioner G. Trujillo asked Attorney Cruz if this is allowed since the rest of the county offices are on a 4/10 schedule. Attorney Cruz stated this is allowable because our practice has been to permit certain employees to be accommodated with their schedule.

Attorney Cruz commended Mr. Montoya for recognizing it needs to be customer facing. Commissioner G. Trujillo stated for the record he thanks Mr. Montoya and the employees that work 5/8's. Commissioner V. Serna requested the Interim Manager's email address. Interim Manager Montoya requested not to distribute his personal cell phone number to the general public. He has started to get harassed, and borderline threatened by certain members of the community recently. Commissioner V. Serna apologized for sending some group texts to some constituents and included his personal cell phone.

- Commissioner G. Trujillo stated we are having a Work Session on Monday at 4:30 pm with the State of NM and Main Street people out of Santa Fe. Interim Manager Montoya stated Lieutenant Governor Morales will be here Tuesday along with Secretary of Transportation to look at roads and meet with folks in Mora, local contractors. Commissioner V. Serna stated we have offered a lot of trainings for local contractors. Interim Manager Montoya discussed further the process of getting contracts.
- Attorney Cruz stated there is a possibility of a quorum on Tuesday when the Lieutenant Governor visits. This requires the posting of a notice to notify the public.

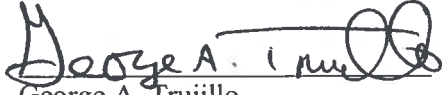
**8. Adjournment**

**Commissioner V. Serna** made motion to adjourn meeting at 2:22 pm

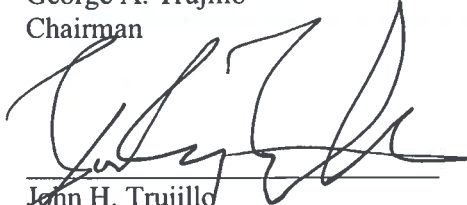
**Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconds the motion.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

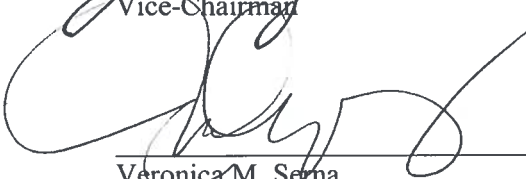
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