

**MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Geroge Trujillo called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

Commissioner George Trujillo led the pledge and salute.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

Deputy Clerk Mrs. Vivian Trujillo polled the Board.

Commissioner George Trujillo – present

Commissioner John Trujillo – present

Commissioner Veronica Serna – absent

Two of the three Commissioners are present a quorum is met.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Manager Joseph Garcia recommended the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve the recommendation from the Manager.

Commissioner George Trujillo second the motion.

***All in favor, motion carried.***

**5. DISCUSSION: RESPONDE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS INVOLVING THE RECENT SNOW AND WIND EVENTS:**

Commissioner George Trujillo stated that in the past 48 hours the snow accumulation has been up to 30 inches in some areas with the possibility of more to come with wind to have major snow drifts forming. He stated that the need to declare the county a disaster is the only option to have enough help to dig out the citizens. He stated one death has been reported due to the EMS not being able to respond to that area.

Manager Garcia stated that he has been receiving calls from citizens requesting help to dig out to be able to get medications, and basic supplies. He stated that the County Offices have been closed these few days.

Commissioner John Trujillo stated that he too has received calls for help and would like to help everyone if that is possible.

Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she has been working on the declaration and resolution to proceed with the best course of action. She stated that one reason for the declaration was not enough staff nor equipment to provide a service for the county.

Sheriff Padilla stated that his staff has been working non-stop on helping the community as well as several welfare checks in which they have had to trek into private driveways with several feet of snow.

Both Commissioners George and John agree to thank the road dept for their hard work but acknowledge the need to hire contract private contractors to help county dig out the County from this massive snowstorm. This may include the snow removal from private driveways. More discussion was had.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: EMERGENCY /DISASTER DECLARATION PERTAINING TO SNOW AND WIND EVENTS IN MORA COUNTY:**

Manager Garcia stated that he recommends that the Board approve the emergency/disaster declaration for Mora County.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve upon the recommendation of the Manager.

Commissioner George Trujillo second that motion.

***All in favor, motion carried.***

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS TO ENGAGE IN SNOW REMOVAL TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND ENSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE:**

Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she has worked on the proper documentation to declare Mora County Snow Disaster. She has also worked on this resolution in the hiring of private contractors at a state rate of \$150/hr with the allotments of removing snow from private driveways with the signing of an agreement from the private landowner. She recommends the approval of the resolution to the Board.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve on the recommendation from the Attorney.

Commissioner George Trujillo second the motion.

***All in favor, motion carried.***

**8. DISCUSSION: OTHER INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that the meeting scheduled for Monday should be rescheduled for Tuesday at 4:00 pm and the meeting scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> be scheduled for December 29<sup>th</sup> due the need for more time for staff to properly post the need information.

Commissioner George Trujillo stated that the Sheriff Office should be the Command Center. He reminded the Manager to announce that if anyone needs help to call Commissioner John Trujillo, Commissioner George Trujillo, or Manager. He stated that it is their duty to ensure safety, and welfare for the County.


**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

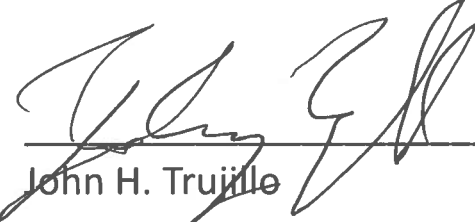
Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to adjourn at 11:30 am.

Commissioner George Trujillo second the motion.

***All in favor, motion carried.***

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George A. Trujillo Chairman

  
John H. Trujillo Vice-Chairman

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Veronica M. Serna Member

  
Carlos J. Arellano County Clerk



