

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2024

1. Call to Order:

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

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

Commissioner George Trujillo stated please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the state flag.

3. Roll Call:

Deputy Clerk Elena Duran polled the Board:

Commissioner George Trujillo – Present

Commissioner John Trujillo – Present

Commissioner Veronica Serna – Present

All present a quorum was met.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner George Trujillo stated to Mr. Garcia, we have a full agenda, and I would like to let Mr. & Mrs. Martinez present to the Commission after we approve the agenda.

Manager Garcia stated that he recommends the agenda be amended to allow Mr. & Mrs. Martinez to speak after Item # 4.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve the agenda as amended by Manager Garcia.

Commissioner Veronica Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Martinez, Good afternoon. Chairman, board members. County Manager, Tina. County Attorney. She and her husband, Robert, are here to follow up a brief presentation on November 20. November 2023. She is here to ask for approval of a quitclaim deed to the 32 feet by 60 feet piece of property that the American Legion was deeded by Agnes, and then deeded back to Agnes, in 1992. She stated that after it was given to her, it then it was deeded to Robert. She stated that she doesn't think the county ever owned it, but we're asking that you sign a quit claim deed that just acknowledges Agnes deeded to the American Legion turned over the property for a fire department to the county then given back to Agnes, then she deeded to her son Robert.

Commissioner George Trujillo inquired if the County Attorney Ms. Cruz had any further instructions or comment to this matter.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she will follow up with Mrs. Martinez and the Manager on Monday so we can talk about what the next steps look like. Okay.

5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Loan Agreement #23-ZH9020-MORAC-05 (Senate Bill 6 Loan to fund the repair or replacement of public infrastructure due to HPCC Fire)
County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that would be the latest loan agreement that was provided by DFA. She stated that what's being asked of the Board is to approve the most recent loan agreement. I've reviewed the agreement I've consulted with

Manager Garcia, I've informed him that the loan agreement that's before you for consideration at this point traps the language from the prior four agreements as well.

County Attorney Ms. Curz stated that the agreement was provided to me by the manager's office, it's the exact same form of agreement as the others, it just includes two points, that would be different, the loan number, and the amount of money. Other than that it's the exact same agreement as the other four.

Commissioner George Trujillo inquired if the Board can approve it and sign it at the end of the meeting.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that's correct.

Manager Garcia stated that he recommends the approval of the Resolution as presented.

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

Commissioner Veronica Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion/Action: Consideration, and Possible Approval, of Recommendation by County Manager regarding purchase of new Grader for the Road Department:

Manager Garcia stated that Colin James and Rod Tyra from Four Rivers. They are present today to discuss the purchasing of the new grader. He stated that they met with them last week to discuss the orders that have been delivered to the yard two graders and mower attachments.

Mr. James stated that they brought the purchase orders for those items that had been ordered by the previous Manager and Mr. Romero.

Manager Garcia stated that the paperwork for those ordered items had been lost or misplaced. He indicated that he needs, direction from the board as to how to proceed with the purchase of the grader and what to do with the other equipment that has been delivered. Much discussion went on about each piece of equipment and what each piece of equipment does, and how it would benefit the Road Department. More discussion was had on the possible purchase or lease of other equipment once the FEMA monies start coming in.

Following the discussion Manager Garcia then referred to County Attorney Ms. Cruz to explain the recommendation for approval.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that the recommendation from the Manager is that the Commission authorized him to purchase the new grader for the road department utilizing the funds that have been provided by the governor's office, and explore the possibility of the trading of the two existing pieces of heavy equipment that can be utilized for purposes of creating that this is further conditioned upon the fact that of course, procurement needs to be followed, that the county's budget allows. She stated that then this is something that has to be done in coordination with the manager's office and the county attorney's office to ensure that Four Rivers is engaged in the dialogue, as well as the governor's office, and that would be her recommendation.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve item #6 on the recommendation from both the Attorney and Manager.

Commissioner Veronica Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion/Action: Consideration, and Possible Approval, of Recommendation by County Manager to address additional Heavy Equipment Purchases involving the Road Department, to include possible trade-in of used equipment:

Manager Garcia stated that he recommends that they lease the dozer.

More Discussion was had on the possible leasing or purchasing the other equipment and what monies are to be used.

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

Commissioner George Trujillo second the motion.

Commissioner Veronica Serna stated that there wasn't enough information to convince her so she will abstain on this vote.

All in favor, one abstained motion carried.

The Board thanked both Mr. James and Mr. Tyra for being here today.

8. Discussion/Action: Authorization of request for extension of the CDBG Grant Agreement set to expire on April 30, 2024:
County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she can go over this item on the request from Alex Tafoya. She stated that he reached out to the manager earlier in the week indicating that the CDBG

grant agreement for the EMS building is set to expire on April 30, 2024. Mr. Tafoya has recommended that the county move forward with requesting an extension.

Commissioner Veronica Serna made the motion to approve Item #8 on the recommendation from the County Attorney. Commissioner John Trujillo second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Veronica Serna stated that for the record that I spoke with Wayne Saunter who sits on the CDBG board he did mention that in the event some of these projects cannot get done because of the increased cost to proceed they do have some money a set aside to help us with that. She noted that she wanted to mention it for the record and hopefully the County will know that before they expand for other projects

9. Discussion/Action: Approval of Exhibit 1-G pertaining to Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form for CDBG Grant:

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that this is another request from Alex Tafoya. He's updating the file and annually there needs to be a update to the signatory designation form, as he explained it. The prior form identified Tamara Barela is the interim county manager and the prior chair of the commission, Veronica seven was identified as another signatory. Mr. Tafoya has redrafted exhibit 1-G so that it will have Mr. Garcia identified as the County Manager and Chairman George Trujillo he'll identified as a signatory in his capacity as chairman of the commission.

Commissioner Veronica Serna made the motion to approve item #9 on the recommendation from the County Attorney.

Commissioner John Trujillo second the motion.
All in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/Action: Resolution Approving Disbursement of Funds from Appropriation No. 23- ZH5048-54 for the Hire of Law Enforcement Personnel with the Mora County Sheriff's Office:

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that last year there had been an appropriation by the state legislature to from the prior year to provide law enforcement with funds for recruitment and retention, and the subsequent legislative session 2023, the state legislature made some additional appropriations for the purpose of aiding law enforcement agencies throughout the state of New Mexico to be able to hire law enforcement personnel and support personnel as well. She stated that from the email chain that she received, it appears that this had been something that was communicated to the Sheriff's Office and Finance Department and it was time for the county to move forward with the approval of this item. The Mora County Sheriff's Office was provided a significant award from the state of New Mexico the amount of \$393,750, to hire of law enforcement and support positions. These funds are allocated over the course of a three-year period. During this first year, the amount of \$225,000 is to be utilized. In the second year, the sheriff's office can utilize \$112,500. In the final year, the remaining \$56,250 can be utilized again. This is for the sole purpose of hiring law enforcement officers and civilian personnel. The sheriff's office will be responsible for all the allocation reporting in accordance with what's being requested of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Sheriff

Office will be required, of course, to coordinate with the Human Resources coordinator, in accordance with the Mora County personnel manual to ensure that policy is being followed. The Sheriff or his designee will provide the quarterly report form to DFA, which is identified as Exhibit A to the grant agreement. It needs to reflect the names of the individuals that are hired, their hire dates, title of the position, and the position salary in accordance with the quarterly reporting forms. And then finally, for the purpose of ensuring that you all as a commission are properly informed. The final provision within the resolution that's before you indicate that any expenditures that are associated in connection with the appropriation will be reported by Sheriff Padilla or his designee to the County Commission, the County Manager and the finance department. And that's the resolution that's before you currently. On further discussion and explanation from the County Attorney and Sheriff Padilla on the future funding for this resolution it can be done.

County Attorney Ms. Cruz stated that she has seen several typos on this resolution she recommends approving but she will correct those typos asap for their signatures.

Commissioner John Trujillo made the motion to approve item #10 on the Recommendation from the County Attorney.

Commissioner Veronica Serna second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried.

11.Executive Session: Limited Personnel Matters including Employee Complaints: No Executive was needed.

Manager Garcia would like to recognize both Ms. Cruz and Stephanie Casados for the work they do for the County to keep it up and up.

Commissioner George Trujillo wants to recognize Road Supervisor Mr. Romero for his work as well but needs to remind him not to work alone at night, he should have someone always helping him. Commissioner George Trujillo recommends Manager Garcia meet with the Road department staff and Mr. Romero on how to work in partners in case of an accident.

12.Adjournment:

Commissioner Veronica Serna made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner John Trujillo second the motion.

All in favor, motion carried at



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George A Trujillo

Chairman



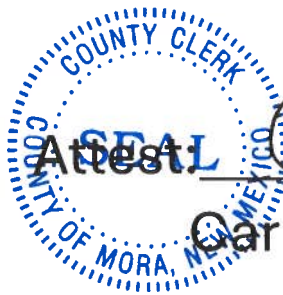
John H Trujillo

Vice-Chairman



Veronica M Serna

Member



Attest.



Carlos J Arellano

County Clerk