



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORA COUNTY

Special Meeting – September 16, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Mora County Commission Chambers – 1 Courthouse Drive, Mora, NM

1. Call to Order

Chairman George Trujillo called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and saluted the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

3. Roll Call

Deputy Clerk Vivian Trujillo polled the board: **Commissioner George A. Trujillo** – Present; **Commissioner John H. Trujillo** – Present; **Commissioner Veronica M. Serna** – Present. A quorum is present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Deputy Manager Clarence Aragon stated on item 6, instead of M&T, its R and M. On item 7, there is a \$ sign instead of a zero.

Attorney Ernestine Cruz stated item 7 needs to be amended to read approval of NMDOT Resolutions, because it's more than one resolution related to time extension for projects numbers, L400627, L00634 and L400641.

Deputy Manager Aragon recommended approval of the agenda as amended.

Commissioner John Trujillo made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. **Commissioner Veronica Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. Discussion/Action: Resolution to Approve 2024 Certificate of Property Tax Rates for Mora County Rosalee Trujillo, County Assessor

County Assessor Rosalee Trujillo stated the tax rates did fluctuate a little bit; not by much. I don't have anything to do with the tax rates, DFA sets the rates.

Deputy Manager Aragon recommended item 5 be approved.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

6. Discussion/Action: Approval of the Court House Remodel Bid From R and M Construction for \$169,368.07

Deputy Manager Aragon stated this is a bid that was solicited under the CES contract for the renovation of the two rooms in the courthouse to accommodate the staff that was displaced due to the portable's insurance claim. Upon approval, the next step is to issue a purchase order and to upload it to the CES website, and then wait for their approval, and then I think we can mobilize the construction company to start the project. Mr. Aragon recommended approval.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

7. Discussion/Action: Approval of NMDOT Resolution # L400641, Related to time extension for County Roads L400627, L000634, L400641

Administrative Assistant Road/SW Monica Mondragon stated we are going to ask DOT for an extension to set the deadline from this December to next December.

Commissioner V. Serna asked if the money had already been awarded to us? So, its in the budget? I mean, we have it in our bank, maybe? So, I just wanted to suggest that that's a lot of money, I think that at our next meeting that we could have a resolution to have that money deposited into a state account, the Treasurer's accounts so we could get interest on that money.

Deputy Manager Aragon stated recommendation is that you approve the NMDOT resolutions as amended.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

8. Discussion/Action: Approval of Interim County Manager Contract

Attorney Cruz stated the requisite background check process continues. So, at this point in time, I do not have a contract for you, we need to wait for that process to be completed.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to *table*. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion.

Attorney Cruz stated HR Coordinator DesMarie Romero is engaged in ongoing discussions with your background check company, making sure that they have all the information that they need, and then also letting them know that they need to move this along. Once we have that final word, we'll be able to move forward.

All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Action: Approval of Termination of FEMA Lease related to Court House

Deputy Manager Aragon stated I recommend that this item be approved, as you well know, Chairman Trujillo was instrumental in terminating the FEMA lease for the room where they are currently housed to accommodate additional staff from the County. So, at this point, it's just pending approval and signature by the Commission or authorized personnel, so I recommend it be approved.

Attorney Cruz stated FEMA was very gracious in agreeing to terminate the lease, following dialog that was had by the County. I know that Chairman reached out and spoke with Jay Mitchell, and there was some dialog regarding the urgency and need to utilize the space in the complex. FEMA's point of contact, Dusty Griffin did circulate the termination agreement. It would be signed by Clarence Aragon on behalf of the County, and the agreement does indicate that the lease will be terminated effective September 21, which is this upcoming Saturday, which means that staff can commence the remaining move from the portables by the 23rd.

Commissioner G. Trujillo stated can you or Mr. Aragon send a letter thanking Jay Mitchell and Senator Ben Ray Lujan's office, and Pamela Garcia for all the help.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion.

Commissioner V. Serna asked if we have collected the outstanding lease payments?

Deputy Manager Aragon will verify if the payments have been collected.

Commissioner V. Serna asked if the Deputy Manager can be authorized to sign off on that too.

All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion: Other Informational Items

Commissioner G. Trujillo stated I have some good news. I had a call from Michael Lujan from the Forest Service out of Penasco. He and his General Manager have come up with \$100,000 to give to Mora County in an agreement to process the wood. He wants to talk to Tina and Clarence. I got some phone numbers for you guys, if you can call them Tina, because we need to have an agreement with him.

Commissioner V. Serna asked if we could make arrangements for them to make the payment, so we don't have to put it out to bid and make a decision on who processes it.

Attorney Cruz stated I'll ask that question Commissioner Serna, and if any of the Commissioners have any additional points of inquiry, feel free to send me an email, and I will include that in our topic of conversation.

Continued discussion took place regarding the processing of the wood.

Attorney Cruz stated since we're talking about the portables earlier, I just wanted to make note that I have been providing regular updates to New Mexico Counties. Robin knows that there's the final winded down that's taking place at this point with regard to vacating the portables, and she was informed about the termination of the lease involving FEMA. So, as a consequence, I would say that by the end of this month, there should be no further activity in the portables. You will have your Commission meeting there this upcoming Monday, and then there will be limited access, if any, until the EMS is able to vacate their pharmacy. Otherwise, there will be no further use of these portables going forward. The meeting will be held at the Mora Independent Schools Board Room, moving forward.

Attorney Cruz further stated at the meeting on Monday, what you'll be approving is a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mora Independent School District authorizing you to utilize their space. That's a Memorandum that I already worked on and discussed with Superintendent Cavazos.

Administrative Assistant Stephanie Casados stated the Work Session will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Mora Independent School District Administrative Board Room.

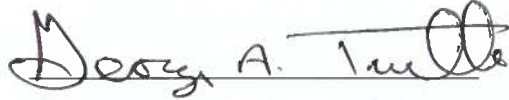
11. Signing of Approved Documents

The Commission signed the approved documents.

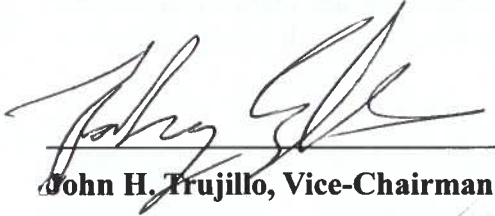
12. Adjournment

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

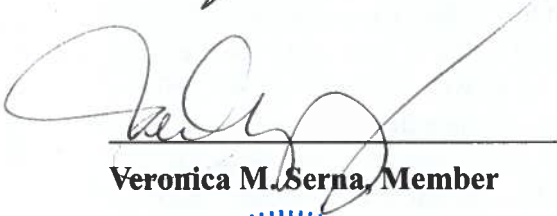
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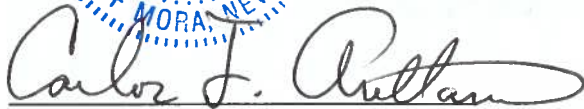
George A. Trujillo, Chairman



John H. Trujillo, Vice-Chairman



Veronica M. Serna, Member



Carlos J. Arellano, County Clerk