

**Board of County Commissioners  
Emergency Meeting  
Friday, November 1, 2024, at 12:00 pm**

**1. Call to order**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** called the meeting to order.

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

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Saluted the Flag of NM.

**3. Roll Call**

**Commissioner George Trujillo – Present**

**Commissioner John Trujillo – Present via phone**

**Commissioner Veronica Serna – Absent**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated *for the record*, I understand Commissioner Serna is out of the Country. Nobody can get ahold of her.

**Manager Weathers** stated it was attempted, Chairman.

**4. Approval of agenda**

**Manager Weathers** stated I recommend that you approve the agenda as presented.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the recommendation.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated, *for the record*, Commissioner John Trujillo is on the phone. Commissioner J. Trujillo makes motion to approve agenda as recommended by Manager Weathers. Commissioner G. Trujillo second the motion.

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

**5. Discussion/Action: Approval of a Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-023**

**Approving Precinct and Polling Places for the 2023-2025 Elections**

**Attorney Cruz** stated yesterday I was contacted by County Clerk Carlos Arellano regarding an emergency need to change a polling location in the Community of Wagon Mound. It was communicated that the existing polling location had issues with regard to mold and was not going to be safe or healthy for either your polling workers or members of the public. As a consequence, in communications with the Secretary of State's Office, the Mora County Clerk's Office was advised that there would need to be a new resolution adopted by the County Commissioners reflecting the change in polling location, and likewise, there would need to be a court order obtained that would authorize the change of polling location as well. There have been ongoing efforts to ensure that all of the requisite requirements that are set forth, under both State Law and the Secretary of State's Office are being met. This is the first step in taking care of what the Clerk's office needs to see happen, it's adoption of a resolution. I want to quickly make note that this is an emergency meeting. It is an emergency meeting because it refers to unforeseen

circumstances that, if not addressed immediately by a public body will likely result in injury or damage to persons or property or substantial financial loss to the public body. Within 10 days of taking action on an emergency matter, the public body shall report to the Attorney General's Office the action that's taken and the circumstances creating the emergency, provided that the requirement to report to the Attorney General is waived if there's a state of emergency. There's no state of emergency here, but it is an emergency meeting that's being held, so I will assist the Manager's office in preparing the requisite notice that needs to be provided to the Attorney General's Office regarding today's meeting. This is again an emergency because it will result in injury to persons, and that type of injury is to their voting rights. If you don't have a polling place that is situated in Wagon Mound, it adversely affects a fundamental right of the electorate, which is why you need to address this now.

**Manager Weathers** stated I recommend passing the Resolution as will be amended by our County Attorney.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the recommendation.

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

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated just one question, where is the change going to be too.

**BOE Clerk Vivian Trujillo** stated the Wagon Mound Schools.

**County Attorney Cruz** stated are you going to have somebody posted at the previously identified polling location to direct voters to the new location.

**BOE Clerk Trujillo** stated yes, we're going to place notices at the post office, at the building and have somebody physically present to direct the voter to go to the new precinct.

**County Attorney Cruz** stated that is something that Mrs. Trujillo and I spoke about this morning. She certainly has been working diligently to make sure all of the issues of concern are properly addressed. The thought process with regard to having somebody sit at the original polling site is that even if you post notices of the new location, somebody could potentially remove that notice, and then voters simply would not know where to go. Having somebody posted at the original site, so if there are any questions or concerns, they can be addressed on Election Day will help ensure that there's no confusion regarding the change in polling location, and that's actually something that I'll be making note of in the petition to the court as well.

**All in favor. Motion Carried.**

**Attorney Cruz** stated this would be my recommendation with regard to this one resolution. Ordinarily, what you do is all of the Commissioners sign resolutions which is not technically a legal requirement, as long as the vote is reflected in the resolution. I can just indicate what the vote was, and you can sign in your capacity as Chair, so you'll see that on the resolution as well. I just want for the record there to be clear that, typically is something that this commission does not do. It's not illegal. But just want to make clear that in this one instance, because of the telephonic participation in the emergency situation, that this is going to happen today.

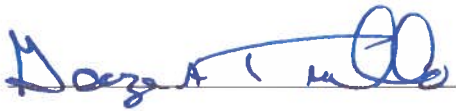
6. **Adjournment**

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**



George A. Trujillo, Chairman



John H. Trujillo, Vice-Chairman

*EMERGENCY*  
NO PRESENT FOR MEETING

Veronica M. Serna, Member

ATTEST



Carlos J. Arellano, County Clerk

