



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORA COUNTY

Regular Meeting – October 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Mora Independent School District Board Room – #10 Ranger Drive, Mora, NM

1. Call to Order

Chairman G. Trujillo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 Elena Duran 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

Interim County Manager Joseph Weathers recommended amending the agenda, moving item 32. Discussion: Other Informational Items, after item 5. Public Comment. Move item 29. Closed Session after item 12. Discussion: Mora Mutual Water Association on the Gravel Pit on 518. Strike item 14 and 19.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Serna** asked for an explanation as to why items 14 and 19 are being struck from the agenda. **Interim Manager Weathers** stated we will take care of the two items at the next meeting. **County Attorney Ernestine Cruz** stated item 14 was listed incorrectly on the agenda. It should have been included on item 16, which is the correct item for the budget adjustment and ICIP resolution. Item 19 is a duplicate and should be disregarded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment*

Angela Martinez discussed ongoing issues with County Road A005 Monte Aplanado. Ms. Martinez requested the status of the progress on maintenance of the road. Further stating after the last rainfall the County experienced, the Road Department dug a ditch to drain the water that has impacted the driveway making it difficult to enter and exit her property. A culvert will correct the issue. Ms. Martinez was advised that the Road Superintendent, John Romero, will handle the situation regarding the ditch.

Attorney Cruz suggested watching for agenda items titled 'update by Thompson Consulting regarding SB 6 roads.' These items will provide updates on disaster recovery progress.

Rowan Stanland spoke on the Rancho Escondido quarry stating how it poses significant risks to the community. It's located near crucial water sources, including community wells around Rio de la Casa. Additionally, the quarry's proximity to residential areas raises concerns about air quality due to silica dust, a known carcinogen. The quarry's operation is within a FEMA flood zone and its lack of necessary permits further exacerbates the situation. The community urges local authorities to enforce zoning ordinances and protect public health and the environment. See attachment for full presentation.

Ella Arellano stated I'm here on behalf of the Mora County Chamber of Commerce. This year we have an event where we'll be putting banners for veterans on the light poles, and I had to purchase the banner holders. I'm here to see if I can be reimbursed for that cost, the total was around \$700.

Item 32. Discussion: Other Informational Items

Item 32 was moved up on the agenda during item 5 Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner J. Trujillo stated I have been accused of doing wrong, I want to share what the facts are. I ran for office almost 4 years ago, my intensions were to help the people of Mora County and improve the County. Many projects have been completed during the time in office such as the Tramperos and El Alto Road, and other streets that are going to get paved, the Veterans Memorial, last week at the Capital, trying to get money to finish the Complex. These are meetings we attend to help the people of Mora County but there are a group of people that want to bring down the hard work that we do. I'm being accused of using equipment from the County to help out a contractor, trying to bring down my definition of character, of who I am and what I do. That's not me. I have the facts. You know when you try to hurt me, you're hurting my family. I don't appreciate that at all, and I'm getting tired of it. So, Commissioner Serna, can you tell me who's the one that brought this forward? Because who made it known that the Commission...

Commissioner Serna stated I brought it forward.

Commissioner J. Trujillo stated okay, before we go any further, Mr. Romero, have I ever once used any equipment from the County? The equipment that I was on belongs to a contractor that I work for and the equipment is our rental grader.

Commissioner V. Serna stated it was something that was brought to my attention so since we cannot have conversations outside of open meetings, I asked Tina to relay the information to you.

Commissioner J. Trujillo stated I got calls from everybody accusing me, and I don't appreciate it. I really don't. I came here to help the people, and I think I've done a pretty damn good job. Then to get accused of this and now they want to bring me down. They want to bring the Chair down for all the hard work that we've been doing, which you have done work yourself, I don't appreciate it. I really don't, and I have a reputation that I protect all my life, and it's a hell of a reputation for the work that I do, and I plan to protect it, but when it gets attacked that way, you're hurting me and you're hurting my family, and that's all I have to say for now.

Commissioner V. Serna stated I just want to tell you that I appreciate your explanation. Because it was brought to me so I shared it with Tina. I'm glad you explained it and I think that should clear it up.

6. Discussion/Action – Approval of Minutes

a. October 3, 2024-Special Meeting

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner V. Serna** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

b. September 24, 2024- Regular Meeting Recessed

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner V. Serna** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconded the motion.

Commissioner V.Serna stated that September 24th was a continuation of the September 23rd meeting.

All in favor. Motion carried.

c. September 23, 2024-Regular Meeting

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

7. Update by the Mora County Veterans Memorial Committee

Larry Garcia presented the update. The Mora Veterans Committee is nearing completion of the Veterans Memorial project. They've finalized design details, including signage, flagpoles, and lighting and all the recommendations from the architect. Architect Tom Cordova has provided a preliminary cost estimate, and the committee plans to request additional funding from State Representatives. The committee is also collaborating with Mora Schools for a Veterans Day celebration, including a parade and school assembly. The Committee encourages community participation. Flags will be raised between the 7th and the 12th, in memory of Veterans Day.

8. Discussion/Action: Approving Request to the County Commission allowing the Mora County Veteran's Committee to work with the Mora Creative Council's Veterans Committee to initiate a fundraising initiative involving pavers/bricks for placement at the Mora County Veterans Memorial

Larry Garcia confirmed that the committee unanimously approved this request. Mora Creative Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in Mora County, has been the fiscal agent for a couple of years. The memorial will feature bricks like those at the Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire, allowing people to honor living and deceased veterans or active military personnel. To oversee this project, a separate committee such as the Mora Creative Council's Veterans Committee is necessary. This committee will collaborate with the community, develop policies and procedures, and handle marketing efforts.

Attorney Cruz stated I have had an opportunity to visit with the committee. The committee proposes engraved pavers for the memorial as a long-term fundraising strategy. They'll collaborate with the Mora Creative Council's Veterans Committee to develop a proposal, including design, sponsorship levels, and wording guidelines. The proposal will be presented to the Commission for approval before the Mora Creative Council's Veterans Fundraising Committee proceeds with fundraising.

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner V. Serna** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

9. Discussion: Project Status

a. EMS Facility and Communications Repeaters Alex Tafoya

Alex Tafoya presented an update on the repeaters. The County will submit a \$124,000 reimbursement request for the completed repeater CDBG projects. Delays occurred due to a missing form and several attempted requests for the form. The County has now received the form and will submit the reimbursement request. Once reimbursed, the CDBG communications project will be complete.

Regarding the EMS portion of the CDBG grant. I requested the letter that was sent out for an extension, I have yet to receive the letter. It is important that the letter is obtained

for the file and so it can be sent to the correct person at Local Government Division (LGD). Steve Lacy could not tell me what the status of the grant extension was, but he assured me that the County would receive a grant extension because they routinely do that. The status of the update on the Environmental Review (ER) was sent to LGD in February, the status has not been provided after several attempts to Steve Lacy. If the ER is approved the LGD will issue a Notice to Proceed and Authority to Use grant fund. Next the building plans and specifications need to be approved by LGD before the County can go out to bid. The architect submitted building plans and specifications to LGD three times, but LGD claims not to have received them. The plans were resent last Tuesday. The architect's office is now following up with LGD to determine the status of the approval process. The architect submitted building plans and specifications, including the Buy America language, months ago. However, LGD has misplaced these documents. The County will need to resend these materials and meet with LGD to address the project status. Due to staffing changes at LGD, progress on the project has been delayed.

10. Discussion: Update from the Forest Service Kenny Alcon

Mr. Kenneth Alcon presented the update. The Forest Service is currently focused on road repairs, specific to blading and shaping to make the roads passable, particularly in the Walker Flats and Capulin areas, due to recent rain damage. They're also working on hazardous tree removal, fencing projects and have completed land surveys for Walker Flats and Capulin. Fuel wood distribution is a priority, with Neighbors Helping Neighbors to process and distribute wood to the sites beginning November 4th. A fact sheet will be provided to the Manager's office, so the public knows who to contact. People are still collecting their fuel wood via the fuel wood permits. We are working right now with the agreement with Minority Farmers of the South. They are doing more survey work on land boundaries on fences that have been placed. Trail assessments and maintenance have been conducted, and plans involve collaboration with partners like the National Forest Foundation and Conservation International to secure contracts for local contractors. The Forest Service is aiming to complete a comprehensive report on their accomplishments by December.

11. Discussion: Acequia Martinez Concerns Regarding Gravel Pit Ed Martinez

Mr. Ed Martinez is a descendant of the founders of the Acequia de Los Martinez and Acequia de El Alto, two irrigation systems in the Mora Valley. He is concerned about the impact of a nearby quarry on these historical acequias. He provided a brief history of the acequias, explaining their establishment in the 19th century and their role in the valley's agricultural development. He highlighted the efforts to consolidate the management of the two acequias and to mitigate the effects of flooding, particularly through a partnership with the NRCS to install culverts. Mr. Martinez emphasized the importance of considering the impact of flood mitigation efforts on the acequias and the quarry when developing a flood plan for the Mora Valley. Mr. Martinez expressed concern about the potential impact of a new quarry on the Acequia de Los Martinez. He emphasized the importance of considering the unknown effects of the quarry on the natural flow of water and the ongoing flood mitigation efforts. He urged the Commission to evaluate the situation and consider the long-term consequences for the valley's water resources. Mr. Martinez provided a picture of the quarry's proximity to the ditch and highlighted the potential risks to both the ditch and the downstream Lucero ditch. He concluded by emphasizing

the importance of water to the community and the responsibility to protect it for future generations.

- 12. Discussion: Mora Mutual Water Association on the Gravel Pit on 518 Henry Sanchez**
Mr. Henry Sanchez is requesting the County's support for the Mora Mutual Water Domestic Association. He highlights the association's critical role in providing water and wastewater services to the unincorporated town of Mora. He emphasizes the aging infrastructure, the need for repairs and upgrades, and the rising costs associated with modern regulations and engineering requirements. He suggests that the County consider including the association in future infrastructure planning and funding initiatives. Mr. Sanchez expressed concern about the potential impact of a gravel pit on the local water supply, particularly the recharge of the aquifer. He acknowledged the need for gravel but questioned if the proposed location was the only viable option. He emphasized the importance of clean water to the community and the potential long-term consequences of compromising the water supply. Mr. Sanchez stressed the historical significance of the acequias and the need to protect them. He concluded by highlighting the unique position of Mora in terms of water access and the importance of preserving this resource for future generations.

Item 29. Closed Session: Threatened Litigation- Antonio Lovato, Karen Vigil and HPCC claim; pending litigation- HPCC Dec. Action and John Paul Vigil matter

Item 29 was moved during item 5 approval of agenda.

Commissioner G. Trujillo asked for a motion to enter closed session. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to enter closed session. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a roll call vote:* Commissioner John Trujillo – yes; Commissioner Veronica Serna – yes; Commissioner G. Trujillo – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated *for the record* Brian and Krystle and Robert Martinez are going into closed session. The Commission entered closed session at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner G. Trujillo asked for a motion to reconvene regular session. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to reconvene regular session. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a roll call vote:* Commissioner John Trujillo – yes; Commissioner Veronica Serna – yes; Commissioner G. Trujillo – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated the time is 1:11 p.m. during closed session, we visited with Singleton Schreiber regarding the HPCC claim and federal declaration judgment case. The meeting is protected by the attorney client privilege. We also visited about the other items on the agenda.

13. Discussion: Elected Official and Department Head Report(s)

a. Elected Official(s):

County Assessor – Attorney Cruz stated when I was at the County earlier this week, Assessor Rosalee Trujillo informed me that she is interested in filling a budgeted position within her office due to a high workload. She conveyed her hope that the position could be filled within the next month.

County Clerk – Deputy Clerk/BOE Vivian Trujillo stated we have been busy with the early and absentee process. It's been a great turnout on both. Early voting, we have 557 voters. For absentee, we have 111 returned and 112 still out. We're expecting maybe a 60

to 70% turnout at the end of the season. We're trying to be proactive and making sure we take all the precautions on the security for Election Day for everyone to be safe. We would like to request a meeting between the Manager's office and our office to go over a process to have better communication about minutes and how the process is going to be moving forward for both offices. I'll need a canvas meeting the week after election.

County Treasurer – Chief Deputy Treasurer Josephine Montoya stated the tax bills are currently being printed and will be sent out by November 1st. We will be receiving tax payments from now until the end of December.

Sheriff's Office – No report.

- b. **EMS – EMS report provided in packet. See attachment for full report.**
- c. **Planning & Zoning – Interim Manager Weather** presented the Planning & Zoning report. Approximately 28 folks have requested 911 address. They reviewed three plats for reviewing and reporting. Site visits were conducted in response to complaints regarding the trash. The new Enforcement Officer, Stephanie Casados, attended to those complaints. They issued a permit for All-in-One Excavation to extend the existing water distribution line on County Road B006, they are extending it from the existing line approximately a quarter of a mile down. There was a meeting held by the Planning and Zoning Committee on October 18. There were no action items.

Attorney Cruz stated with regard to All-in-One Excavation, the attorney for Agua Pura, Doug Perron, had filed a petition for a restraining order making note that the County needed to move forward with the permit. We addressed that so the petition has been dismissed, so that matter is no longer pending.

Continued discussion took place regarding the gravel pit. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated his concern regarding all parties being afforded the opportunity to make a statement regarding the pit. Also, permits that were given by former manager regarding B006.

- d. **County Manager – Interim Manager Weathers** stated we had extensive road damages through the flooding. Prior to that, we've been visiting all the county roads and assessing the needs. For the fire, we did assess what were the most eminent problems, meaning bus routes and we've been working off the list. We did submit four roads to the Department of Transportation. Los Alamitos, Rio de la Casa, Shortcut Road, and Murphy Lake Road. The tenant improvement work on the upstairs is progressing, with approximately 30% of the drywall, taping, and texturing completed. The interior wall and pony wall for Public Health have been constructed. A concern arose regarding fire suppression due to the sprinkler placement, but a potential solution involving special ceiling tiles that collapse upon exposure to heat has been identified. This solution would eliminate the need for specific sprinkler positioning.

Attorney Cruz suggested meeting with Debbie Rivera with Public Health to ensure the needs are met for buildout on that office.

Interim Manager Weathers continued his report stating 3 of the staff have moved into the green portable building. We are awaiting a bid from a contractor that's on the State list for the handicap parking at the Watrous Community Center. Antonio Maes is the new Facilities Manager; he addressed some issues at the Community Center. On the removal of the buildings, we're going to get an appraiser to come out to give us a value on the portables. We had issues last week where the power went out and the doors at the Sheriffs office locked, because of this we are working on getting the generator fixed.

- e. **Deputy County Manager – Clarence Aragon** – TLC has finished the repair of the HVAC units, all of them except one, the one remaining is not servicing any part of the building. It is scheduled to get repaired, but it wasn't on this existing work order that was completed. They were all recharged, motors were replaced, belts were serviced. I'm working with the Forest Service grant for \$100,000, it requires financial information that the finance department was unable to provide due to the absence of the director. Also, working on the transformer claim with the Association of Counties. I am in need of pictures, if anyone had taken any pictures, so I can submit with the claim. Jason had opened up a claim with Travelers Insurance Company for the HVAC system. I submitted the invoice from TLC that was in excess of \$14,000 to fix all those units. I'm going to submit that to Travelers with the information that they requested. It's possible that we might be able to recover some of that money.

- f. **Human Resources & Safety Coordinator/Risk Manager - HR Coordinator DesMarie Romero** presented the employee birthdays, anniversaries, new hires, new promotions, job transfers and job openings. See attachment for the full report.

Safety & Risk Manager Jeanie Abeyta stated for the month of October, I've identified locations for all fire extinguishers in all the buildings and emergency lighting. I did a training for all employees on evacuation and fire safety and fire extinguisher use. There was an incident with the HVAC units which pushed smoke into the Magistrate Office which caused an evacuation; everyone evacuated successfully. I went to Ocate Solid Waste and there are issues with the conditions of the current shed she is in. The Manager's Office will work on correcting the issues in Ocate. We received SDS sheets and binders for the complex and are currently organizing them. Chemicals used at the complex are being categorized and highlighted, with specific training plans for custodians. These materials will be distributed to all buildings, including EMS, Senior Center, and Solid Waste. We replaced a discharged fire extinguisher at Solid Waste. The GMC SUV requires a windshield replacement, and other vehicle maintenance issues, including headlight and washer fluid, need to be addressed. We created a safety log to track monthly inspections of lights and fire extinguishers. Two emergency lights failed during a recent outage and require repair or battery replacement. We are actively working on a safety plan with the assistance of DesMarie, Deputy County Manager, and the Emergency Manager. Incident reports have been logged.

- g. **County Commission – Commissioner V. Serna** stated we were at a meeting this week up on the Carson National Forest and there is still more wood to come down to the residents.

Commissioner G. Trujillo stated Singleton Schriber gave me this hat, *for the record*, I don't work for them. If someone reports me that I am an attorney. It's not true.

- h. **Road & Solid Waste Department – John Romero** stated we have been checking the watershed in anticipation of flooding. We are doing as much as we can with the mud, trying to keep the water in the ditches so it doesn't mess up the roads. The G model grader is in the shop in Albuquerque and should be ready on Tuesday.

Deputy Manager Aragon stated Monica and John have been working on a ticket log system for the roads so the operators will be able to log the daily work so we can create a reporting system for informational and funding purposes.

- i. **IT Manager – Travis Vigil** stated I have been working on the green building networking, we are 95% done and working on getting the phone lines working. Also, just working on daily activities with the main building and issues for all the different departments. I'm going to be creating a ticketing system so that way we can keep track of everything that I've done. We need to move the domain server out of the portables, after that, everything technical related, is removed. There was discussion on the District Court needing a standalone server room that's distinct from the one that's going to be utilized by the County. He will be assisting with locating documents for IPRA's and will be working on the county website.
- j. **Fire Administrator** – No report.
- k. **DWI – Geraldine Vigil** – stated in September, I reverted funding in the amount of \$19,880 we returned that to DFA due to the lack of a DWI Coordinator. I resubmitted a special application to reapply for this fund, and we were awarded \$19,550 out of that reverted money. We will have a public event for families at the Mora Spinning mill tonight 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- l. **MVD – Nicole Martinez** – stated we have been doing appointments for over a month now. We're at 45 people a day. We assist the elderly with setting up appointments.
- m. **Emergency Manager – Interim Manager Weathers** presented the report for the record. They've been working with DHSEM to get all paperwork completed for the EMPG grant. The County got \$35,000 to assist with the salary of the Emergency Manager. They've been working with DHSEM to bring a certified instructor to provide an active shooter training for County employees. Department of Transportation assisted a resident in Guadalupita who was stranded during recent flooding. We have been working with H2O, to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County, FEMA should be approving it by the end of the month, and work with DHSEM finalizing the grant for the installation of generators at the fire departments.

14. Discussion/Action: Approval of Resolution to Draw Down \$30,000 from Interest Account for Emergency Tree Removal

Item 14 was struck from the agenda during item 5 approval of agenda.

15. Discussion/Action: Approval of Job Description for a Paramedic

Human Resources Coordinator DeMarie Romero stated Brenda the EMS Director, also helped, as well as her staff, to develop a job description that the paramedic would be assigned to with Mora County. There is some of these essential duties and responsibilities that were used at other counties as well. I made an error on the second page. I duplicated a sentence, so I will get that removed prior to approval.

Commissioner V. Serna asked if any of the funds from the grant that was discussed at a previous meeting can be used for a position like this?

Attorney Cruz stated the grant's intent should be discussed by the entire team, including management, EMS, Fire Administration, and HR. It's crucial to determine if the goal is to create cross-trained firefighter/EMT positions, similar to a traditional Fire Rescue model, or to fund

standalone EMS services. A review of the legislation will clarify the specific intent and guide future position creation.

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

16. Discussion/Action: Approval of Amended ICIP Resolution

Attorney Cruz stated that item will be considered on Monday. I recommend to table the item.

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

17. Discussion/Action: Authorization for Human Resources Department to post and advertise the position of County Manager

Human Resources Coordinator DesMarie Romero discussed with the Commission what they would like to see for the County Manager position as far as advertisement of the position, and length of advertisement.

Commissioner Trujillo stated I think we follow the process that we did last time for 30 days. This is my opinion, and then have interviews a week after, then follow the process we have followed for the last four managers.

Attorney Cruz stated she will be able to advertise in the Optic on November 1. If you're advertising for four weeks, the closing date would be November 29th so you could start conducting the interviews that first week of December, and then you would likely be able to make a hiring decision by the regular meeting on December 19.

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

18. Discussion/Action: Approval of RAVE System (Notification System) DesMarie Romero, Human Resources

Safety & Risk Manager Jeanie Abeyta stated the system would be to address employee concerns about untimely notifications of closures, delays, and other important information, we can implement a mass notification system like RAVE Mobile Safety. This system can send alerts via email, cell phone, and home phone to up to 100 employees. The five-year cost is \$12,500, with a waived \$2,000 setup fee.

Attorney Cruz stated my recommendation would be that you table this item until Monday so that there can be communication between your safety employee and procurement to make sure the procurement matters are attended to, and then this can be reconsidered on Monday.

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

19. Discussion/Action: Approval to remove "GIS System" from the ICIP

Item 19 was struck from the agenda during item 5 approval of agenda.

20. Discussion/Action: Approval of Resolution to Transfer Ford Explorer to the Village of Wagon Mound

Attorney Cruz stated there are some logistical issues that are being navigated with the Sheriff's office on items 20, 21 and 22. I anticipate we'll be able to resolve them by Monday. So, these three items can be tabled.

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

21. Discussion/Action: Approval of Resolution of Resell of Firearms to Santa Fe Pawn

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

22. Discussion/Action: Approval of Resolution for MSCO to Donate Tasers to Taos County

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

23. Discussion/Action: Approval of Bid Award for Pit Run Material Adelita Encinias, Procurement

Procurement Officer Adelita Encinias stated I wanted to give an update on the bids. We have three bids that the County has now re issued, they include invitation to bid for purchase of propane, pit run material, and a dump truck. Due to procedural technicalities, the County had to re-issue the ITBs. All the advertisements were posted in the Las Vegas Optic today. Also, all amendments for the changing of dates have been posted on the County website under the procurement section. All bids will be due by Monday, November 4, at 9:00 am, they need to be submitted directly to my office. The public opening will be on Monday, November 4. It has different timelines. The propane is at 9:00 am, Pit run at 9:45 am and the dump truck at 10:00 am. We also invite the public to visit with us for the pre bid conference. This will take place on Wednesday, October 30.

Interim Manager recommended tabling item 23, 24 and 25.

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

24. Discussion/Action: Approval of Bid Award for Propane Adelita Encinias, Procurement

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

25. Discussion/Action: Approval of Bid Award for Dump Truck Adelita Encinias, Procurement

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

26. Discussion/Action: Approval of Lease Agreement for Tower

Attorney Cruz recommended the item be tabled until Monday to give the opportunity to discuss the item with the Procurement officer.

Interim Manager Weathers stated previously, the agreement was a 10-year agreement, and so I met with Mr. Roybal, and we negotiated. He wanted another 10-year agreement, and he wanted a 10% increase in the agreement. We did negotiate a four-year agreement and a 5% increase. Continued discussion took place regarding a month-to-month term and a yearly term. Also, the option of a Cellular on Wheels (COW)

Commissioner G. Trujillo stated I have an issue with a 4-year contract. I would like to see it as a one-year contract.

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

27. Discussion/Action: Approval of Addendum to MOU Between Mora Independent School District and the County of Mora

Attorney Cruz stated the original agreement was agreed to in September. Then there was a request by the school to ensure that it was clear that the County Commission could only meet when school was not in session, and that's what this amendment requests.

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

28. Discussion/Action: Approval of Location for DOT Regional Board Meeting

Commissioner G. Trujillo asked for a motion to table.

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

29. Closed Session: Threatened Litigation- Antonio Lovato, Karen Vigil and HPCC claim; pending litigation- HPCC Dec. Action and John Paul Vigil matter

Item 29 was discussed after item number

Attorney Cruz stated we discussed the Karen Vigil matter. Mr. Weathers did step out and was not a participant in that meeting.

30. Discussion/Action: Approval of Master Settlement Agreement with Target Corporation (Opioid Litigation)

Attorney Cruz stated the settlement that you have before you now involve defendant Target, and the law firm has agreed to a master settlement. The aggregate settlement amount is \$14 million that is going to get apportioned based upon population size. Your legal counsel in New York has recommended that you approve what is titled Target Master Settlement agreement, Exhibit B, and you essentially agree to be a settling subdivision, and you agree to participate in the settlement. The agreement that would be signed on behalf of Mora County by your County Manager is a page and a half just says that you agree to be a participant in the settlement.

Additionally, Cruz suggests forming a committee to oversee the utilization of settlement funds. The committee would likely include representatives from various departments such as law enforcement, education, mental health, and potentially a high school student. The committee's primary role would be to discuss and decide how the funds should be allocated, whether for treatment, education, or other relevant purposes.

Continued discussion took place regarding utilizing the opioid funds.

Interim Manager Weathers recommended approval. **Commissioner V. Serna** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

31. Next Regular Meeting –November 22, 2024

Commissioner G. Trujillo stated the next regular meeting will be held on November 22, 2024.

32. Signing of Approved Documents

The Commission signed approved documents.

33. Adjournment

Commissioner V. Serna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

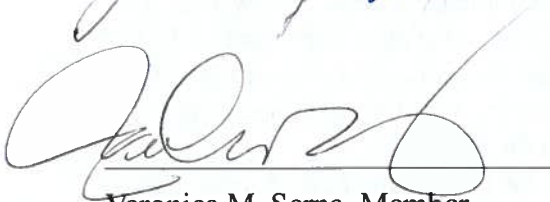
MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION



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Veronica M. Serna, Member



Carlos J. Arellano, County Clerk