



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORA COUNTY

Special Meeting – December 13, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman George Trujillo called the meeting to order at 8:35 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

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Interim County Manager Joseph Weathers recommended approval of the agenda as presented. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a roll call vote:* Commissioner V. Serna – excused; Commissioner J. Trujillo - yes; Commissioner G. Trujillo -yes. *Motion carried.*

5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Legislative Capital Outlay Requests

North Central Economic Development District Falcicy Fonseca stated there's two different Capital Outlay opportunities. One is to the Governor, and the other is to the Legislative Council Service. I would recommend that you pick your highest priority project and submit that to the Governor, and then submit your other ones through the Legislative Council Service that go to the regular Legislature. The Governor really wants to see that you've prioritized and picked your most important project, and you picked a project that can be finished in one phase with the funding that she might possibly award.

Mora County is seeking funding for the complex project. Architect Sheb Mirando initially presented a \$6 million request to DFA to complete vacant spaces (excluding the District Court), exterior repairs, and HVAC improvements, in addition to existing funding. DFA subsequently directed the County to provide a match for the District Courthouse, now estimated at \$4.8 million, requiring a \$2.4 million County match. The County plans to use approximately \$1.4 million from existing GO bond and Franken settlement funds, with a remaining \$1 million gap. Mirando clarified that nearly \$10 million is already allocated from various sources, and combining this with the \$6 million request exceeds the original project need. **Attorney Cruz** emphasized the need to prioritize the complex as the top legislative request to the Governor. After the meeting, the management team will work with Mirando to reconcile the numbers, considering DFA's matching requirement, to finalize the funding request.

Commissioner G. Trujillo presented the priorities for Capital Outlay for Senator Campos and Representative Sanchez, not for the Governor. Commissioner Trujillo stated my priorities, I think should be number one priority should be \$150,000 for land purchase so we can buy that land

where the wood lot is at and to build the buildings and whatever the Road Department needs. So, you got to address it, Road department/land purchase, I would say something like that. Number two priority would probably be the Veterans Memorial. I think the Veterans need \$175,000 to complete the project. I think the third item would be a wood processor and then capital outlay money to so we can partner with NMDOT on Guajalote Road to fix that road. Clarence, if you remember, we have asked John Herrera to give us an estimate, more or less what is the cost. You might want to call him before we send it into the Senator or to LFC.

Unless anything else, those are my priorities. I know, the Sheriff has some request for the Governor and for Senator Campos and Representative Sanchez. I know the EMS Director, Brenda was going to send Stephanie an email. I think she should meet with Stephanie after the meeting, so you can include what she's requesting.

Road Superintendent John Romero stated I would like to request 2 backhoes and dump truck to be used for Solid Waste and Road Department. The estimated cost provided was \$750,000.

Interim Manager Weathers stated my recommendation is that for the Governor's ICIP that Complex be the only priority, and that they discuss items of land, Veterans Memorial, wood processor, NMDOT for Guajalote road, backhoe, dump truck, EMS and the Sheriff's item be included in the LFC, ICIP.

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a roll call vote:* Commissioner V. Serna – excused; Commissioner J. Trujillo - yes; Commissioner G. Trujillo -yes. *Motion carried.*

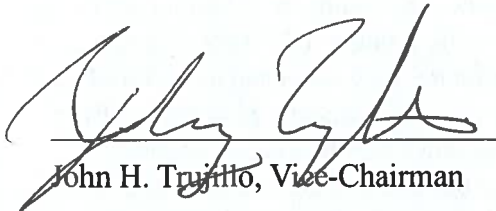
6. Adjournment

Commissioner J. Trujillo made a motion to approve. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** seconded the motion. *All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:09 a.m.*

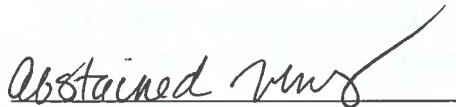
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