



# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORA COUNTY

Special Meeting – February 12, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

Mora Library (David F. Cargo Building) 335 NM 518 Mora, NM 87732

**1. Call to Order**

**Chairman George Trujillo** called the meeting to order at *1:00 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**

**County 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**

**Interim County Manager Joseph Weathers** recommended striking items 5 a, b and c because the minutes had been approved at previous commission meetings. Also striking item 10. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve under the recommendation of the Manager. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a voice vote: Commissioner V. Serna* – yes; **Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.*

**5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Minutes**

**a. December 24, 2024, Regular Meeting**

This item was struck from the agenda during item 4.

**b. January 3, 2025, Special Meeting**

This item was struck from the agenda during item 4.

**c. January 14, 2025, Special Meeting**

This item was struck from the agenda during item 4.

**d. January 21, 2025, Special Meeting**

**Interim Manager Weathers** stated I have reviewed the minutes of January 21, 2025, and recommend approval. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the item under the recommendation of the Manager. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a roll call vote: Commissioner V. Serna* – yes; **Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.*

**6. Closed Session: Personnel Matter subject to Section 10-15-1-(H)(2); Threatened and Pending Litigation Update regarding HPCC Claim and Pending Federal Court Litigation involving FEMA and USA (Singleton Schreiber)**

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** asked for a motion to go into closed session. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to go into closed session. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a voice vote: Commissioner V. Serna* – yes; **Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes.

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.* The Commission entered closed session at 1:33 p.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 V. Serna** – yes;

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.*

**Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated during closed session no action was taken or decisions made we reconvene regular session at 3:00 p.m.

**7. Discussion/Action: Approval of Submission of Public Assistance through FEMA for the following immediate needs: (1) Road Department Equipment and (2) Road Department Personnel Costs**

**Interim Manager Weathers** stated I recommend approval. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the item under the recommendation of the Manager. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion.

**Attorney Ernestine Cruz** discussed the Road Department's immediate equipment needs, as provided by Deputy Manager Aragon. The list includes a VAC truck (\$582,044.23), two backhoes (\$153,230.99 each), a motor grader (\$393,515.38), a semi tractor (\$187,846.35), a semi-trailer (\$129,220.20), two excavators (\$385,755.31 each), a dozer (\$745,462.42), a water truck (\$182,847.20), a front-end loader (\$481,967.75), and a dump truck (\$531,166.77), totaling approximately \$3,926,277.62. Legal counsel Singleton Schriber reviewed the list and recommended submitting it through PA, with a plan to proceed through claims if denied. Initial discussions with Mr. Aragon suggested four additional Road Department operators, but this was revised to six operators, a mechanic, and a fully equipped service truck. Additionally, a trailer with safety signs and a transport truck were added to the equipment list. While proposed hourly rates were discussed (\$20 for general employees, \$50 for tractor truck operators), final rates are yet to be determined.

**Attorney Cruz** recommended to table the item until Tuesday so the list can be updated with the additional information.

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to rescind the initial motion. **Commissioner V. Serna** rescinded the initial second of the motion.

**Interim Manager Weathers** recommended to table the item until Tuesday's meeting where an updated list will be presented for consideration. **Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to table the item. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor on a voice vote:*

**Commissioner V. Serna** – yes; **Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.*

**8. Discussion/Action: Approval of Submission of Claim to New Mexico Counties for Smoke Damage Claim**

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to table the item. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. **Attorney Cruz** stated I would recommend that you look at the list of the buildings at this point, so that you can let me know if there are any additional buildings that need to be included, so that we can have that on the agenda for Tuesday.

**Commissioner V. Serna** stated you need to add the outbuilding located at the Solid

Waste Department. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated *all in favor on a voice vote*: **Commissioner V. Serna** – yes; **Commissioner J. Trujillo** – yes. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** – yes. *Motion carried.*

**9. Discussion/Action: Procurement Officer's Recommendation to Proceed with Procurement for the following: (1) Engineering Consultant (Bohannon Huston's Contract is set to expire in March 2025) and (2) Economic Development Grant (Non-Construction) Related Projects**

**Procurement Officer Adelita Encinias** stated I recommend proceeding with both of the items on the agenda. The contract with Bohannon Houston is set to expire, so we planned ahead to get it so that way we don't go without a contract. And then the Economic Development grant with Felicity, I recommend approval on that as well.

**Interim Manager Weathers** stated when Clarity Collins was here, she applied for an EGA grant, which was awarded for the non-construction. And in that grant, the language is for digitizing the deeds, digitizing the maps, and hiring a consultant to create a new land use plan for Planning and Zoning. So, we'll need to go out for procurement for all three items.

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

**10. Discussion/Action: Approval of Budget Adjustment Request**

This item was struck from the agenda during item 4 approval of agenda.

**11. Discussion: Update regarding Purchase of Dump Truck**

**Road/Solid Waste Administrative Assistant Monica Mondragon** stated the purchase of the dump truck went out to bid multiple times, and we never got a response. We found a vendor with CES that has a dump truck for sale. We do have Capital Outlay money in the amount of \$75,000 appropriated for Road Department machinery. We are in contact with DFA to see if we can purchase used equipment through Capital Outlay money. The discussion continued regarding other capital outlay projects and whether the Capital Outlay funding for the Road Department is still available with **Chairman Trujillo** stated when did we get that Capital Outlay money? I thought it was spent on the truck that Geno Maes has. **Interim Manager Weathers** stated no, we still have that Capital Outlay money. **Commissioner V. Serna** stated I want to remind you when you get Capital Outlay, they don't just give you the money. You have to make sure to draw it down once you have completed that. I don't know if they have already drawn down on the Senior Citizen bus. **Interim Manager Weathers** stated we have requested reimbursement. **Commissioner V. Serna** stated and for Geno Maes' truck? **Interim Manager Weathers** stated I will have to research that, I don't know. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated I think it's the \$75,000 you are going to use now. **Geno Maes** stated the truck cost \$42,000 so there is about \$33,000 left on the appropriation. **Interim Manager Weathers** stated our

Finance Director has been going through the budget, and we also have North Central Economic Development as our fiscal agent; Felicity is our point of contact. In a meeting with Felicity is where we discovered that we still have the \$75,000 Capital Outlay. **Commissioner G. Trujillo** stated to buy the truck, maybe we will come up with a CDL operator with it.

## 12. Other Informational Items

**Interim Manger Weathers** stated I want to remind everyone about Mora Day, February 20, 2025, at the Legislature. They're going to be presenting the proclamation on both the Senate and the House of Representatives floor, and then we have a reception at 5:00 p.m. at 112 West San Francisco Street. We're just trying to make sure that we have a clear number of who's attending. If the Commission is in need of rooms, please advise me, and we'll secure those rooms.

**Geno Maes** stated we drove the roads with the National Guard and were working on getting entry permission from the landowners so we could take down some of the dead trees on the side of the road that would impact the roads. Once we get permission, they will go in and start grading the roads. The right of way forms were sent on Thursday so they should be responding shortly. Emergency Manager Eugene Pino will be working on the 213 permits so the project can happen as soon as permission from the landowners is obtained. They have a crew of 40 with all the equipment. The project will begin at Morphy Canyon on the road with an estimated completion of two to three months.

**Interim Manager Weathers** stated I just want to inform the Commission, regarding the portables, there is an auction going on Saturday, so the portables are up for auction with J&J Auctioneer. It's online with their site. We can provide that information. JAG is in the building right now. It's coming along really will.

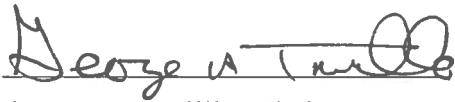
## 13. Signing of Approved Documents

The Commission signed the approved documents.

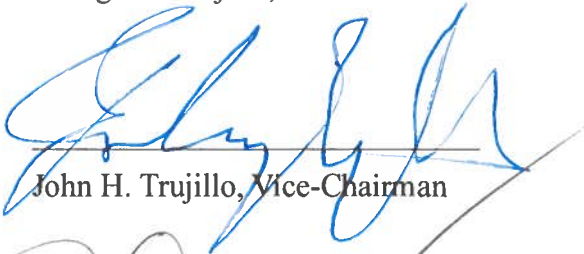
## 14. Adjournment

**Commissioner J. Trujillo** made a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner V. Serna** seconded the motion. *All in favor. Motion carried.* The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

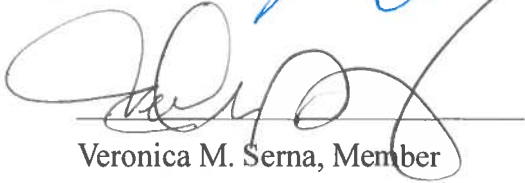
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