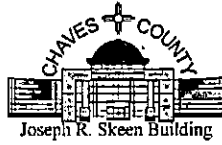




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ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

**CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY’S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bilberry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Taylor led the pledge and Commissioner Dana led in prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present in the chamber were Commissioners Bilberry, Dana, and Taylor. Commissioner Cavin and Commissioner Ezzell were present by phone.

Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Public Services Director, Mac Rogers, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Facility Maintenance Director, Scott Massey, Detention Center Director, Justin Porter, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, Under Sheriff, Charles Yslas, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2022.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation declaring Thursday, July 28, 2022, as 4-H Champions Day in Chaves County, was read out loud by Commissioner Dana. A certificate was presented to the members of the shooting club that were present and a photo was taken with the Commissioners in the chamber.

PRESENTATIONS

Kim Chesser, 399 Chesser Road – Representing the Coalition of AZ/NM Counties

Mr. Chesser stated he was just at a meeting and wanted to give a brief update. A letter was presented at the meeting concerning the 30 x 30 movement that was initiated by President Biden. They are calling for a full environmental impact statement to be done because the NEPA Regulations require this by law. There were 15 Senators that signed on to this letter that was sent to the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington DC. At their meeting they decided that the Executive Director, Howard Hutchison, would draft a letter and send it in joining with the Senators telling them they need to do an impact statement. Counties will be able to look it over before it is sent. On July 1st, the Fish and Wildlife came out with new rules on the wolves. That day environmental groups filed a lawsuit saying that they disagreed and wanted to change some things. They want the wolf to be changed from non-essential to essential. If that happened, it would destroy all private property rights. They are looking to file their own lawsuit and they have given Howard the go ahead to do the research on what it would cost to carry this case. There was a big case that was won between Virginia and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Supreme Court ruled that the EPA overstepped their bounds with air quality. This should have big implications because there has been a lot of government overreach over the years.

They give out awards each year to recognize elected county officials, state employees, and other individuals in Arizona and New Mexico that go above and beyond their duties to advance the mission of the Coalition of Counties. There is a high bar to receive an award. They are pleased to present the following award for 2021. The award will go to Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, who has been selected as the 2021 New Mexico State Employee of the Year. He consistently goes above and beyond his job requirements to advance the mission and policies of the NM and AZ Counties Coalition. A plaque was presented to Mr. Williams and a photo was taken.

Border Soil and Water Conservation District
Rosemary Thomas, 146 Caballo Road, Roswell
Deena Kinman, 2098 S Roosevelt Road, Elida

Ms. Thomas stated she is on the board for the Border Soil and Water Conservation District which was founded in 1941. Deena is the District Manager. They have updated their land use plan and have provided the Commissioners with a copy. Their land use plan is an executable policy for natural resource management and land use on district lands. Ms. Thomas gave the boundaries of the conservation district which is around 1.2 million acres with around 700,000 acres of that being private land. They partner with the Federal Government and other agencies to find out what funding sources are available. They become familiar with what their constituents are interested in and get the two together, so funding is available to private individuals. They can apply for and administer grants. They acquire grass seed to help repair and restore lands and prevent erosion. They have done local tree sales for wind breaks and have been involved in supporting cloud seeding. This is a way to enhance rainfall from existing cloud systems and get more rain on the ground. A copy of the report on cloud seeding was given to Commissioner Bilberry. They were able to get a license to cloud seed only in May and June and in that time, there were only thirteen or fourteen days they could do missions. They feel like they increased rainfall by approximately twenty percent. They have put in for a grant from the State of New Mexico to continue that for another three years. Some other programs they are involved in include enhancement for ranching management and farming, Ag business, working with natural conditions such as drought and erosion, and they support education of Ag business for youth by coordinating with schools.

Deena shared they are a cooperating agency. She thanked the County for the allocation they receive each year of \$1,000.00. Their main funding comes through the Legislature. The maximum amount they can be awarded each year is approximately \$14,500.00. This is used for Soil and Water Conservation resources, on the ground projects, and education. Ms. Thomas stated they would like to come back and visit every six months. Currently they are involved in a lot of water projects and helping producers find funding. Ms. Kinman said they would like to provide a cost share for private landowners and producers to combat African Rue.

Mike Espiritu, Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Espiritu stated it's a pleasure to be a part of their team and support economic development in Chaves County. They had their annual meeting and he thanked Commissioner Taylor for attending. Next month he hopes to give a good presentation on last year and going forward for next year to give them a good sense of where they are headed. Last year they visited 480 businesses trying to help them with growth. They helped several businesses receive funding through the job incentive training program. They exceeded all their goals last year and he will present that next month. They currently have several projects in the works. Next year they will be doing a complete redesign of their website. They have a robust marketing strategy for the coming year and did receive some additional funding from the city. They will continue to visit about 40 businesses a month. There is a new Automotive and Welding Facility at Eastern New Mexico University Roswell. We have great programs at our university, and we see a lot of folks from Chaves County leave to go do those same programs some place else. We would like to keep people here to be great employees. He encouraged them to coach others about the amazing resources we have at this campus. ENMU-R is offering an advanced aircraft maintenance technician program. They are working with Job Corps to bring in students from all over the country to Roswell into this program. He's hoping young people will come here and stay here.

**AGENDA ITEMS
AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1.RESOLUTION R-22-033 – RATIFICATION APPROVAL OF CDWI APPLICATION FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 23
PRESENTER: ELLY HOLLON, DWI COORDINATOR**

Ms. Hollon stated the Chaves County DWI Program would like the ratification approval to submit FY 23 CDWI application. The estimated award amount for FY 23 is \$15,178.00. This amount will partially pay for one of the DWI Court Compliance Officer's salaries. The application will fund the project year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-033
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

**2. RESOLUTION R-22-034 – APPROVAL OF FY 2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET
PRESENTER: ANABEL BARRAZA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Ms. Barraza stated they are presenting for approval, the final budget recapitulation for fiscal year 2022-2023. The schedules will be available online after approval. The budget includes actual unaudited beginning cash balances. They are very grateful to have a good budget year. The interim budget was 99% completed and there were very minimum changes. She thanked everyone for their due diligence that was done with the interim budget and staff does recommend approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-034
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

**3.RESOLUTION R-22-035 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 21-22
PRESENTER: ANABEL BARRAZA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Ms. Barraza stated the Finance Department is requesting a budget adjustment for the line items in exhibit 'A'. These are the final budget adjustments for FY 2022, and they are for an increase in a grant that allowed them to re-allocate salaries into and investment charges and fees for FY 2022. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-034
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

**4. RESOLUTION R-22-036 – APPROVAL OF THE 2022 FINAL QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
PRESENTER: TONI GOMEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER**

Ms. Gomez stated the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration requires that the 4th quarter Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, be approved by the governing body. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-036
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

**5. RESOLUTION R-22-037 AND AGREEMENT A-22-036 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT/COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
PRESENTER: BILL WILLIAMS, COUNTY MANAGER**

Mr. Williams stated this resolution and agreement, if approved, would authorize Chaves County's membership in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments. Chaves County has budgeted the \$8,000.00 annual dues for this membership. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-037 AND AGREEMENT A-22-036
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

6. RESOLUTION R-22-038 – ADOPTING THE FY 2024-2028 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE PERMISSION FOR ACCESS FORMS DESIGNEES.

PRESENTER: GEORGIANNA HUNT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Ms. Hunt stated they are requesting approval of Resolution R-22-038 adopting the FY 2024-2028 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan and authorizing the permission for access forms designees. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Williams stated every year they discuss the top ten projects they would like to move forward, and they have a handout showing the priorities from last year. They need to scratch item #3 which is a complete TPO replacement, the roof on this building which was accomplished last year. They also need to scratch item #6, Chaves County Courthouse Security Enhancements. Most of this has been completed. He suggested putting Saint Mary's Complex Parking Lots on the list as priority #5 and Regional Mental Health Facility as item #9. If approved, the ICIP order would be as follows:

- 1 - Chaves County Health Department Building
- 2 - Road Department – West Brasher Bridge Replacement
- 3 - Pecos Valley Dispatch and Emergency Services
- 4 - Chaves County Historic Courthouse Window Replacement
- 5 - St. Mary's Place Parking Lots
- 6 - Road Department – East Pine Lodge Road Pavement
- 7 - Chaves County Administration Center Concrete Repairs
- 8 - Road Department – US 285 / Hobson Road Realignment
- 9 - Regional Mental Health Facility
- 10- Industrial Site Utility and Infrastructure Upgrade

Mr. Williams proposed an amendment to also approve the order of priorities.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-038 AS AMENDED BY MR. WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF PRIORITIES
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
AMENDMENT ADDED BY COMMISSIONER EZZELL TO AUTHORIZE THE PERMISSION FOR ACCESS FORMS DESIGNEES
COMMISSIONER DANA APPROVED THE AMENDMENT WITH AUTHORIZING THE PERMISSION FOR ACCESS FORMS DESIGNEES
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

**7. A. RESOLUTION R-22-040 AND AGREEMENT A-22-037 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS COUNTY ARTERIAL PROGRAM
B. RESOLUTION R-22-041 AND AGREEMENT A-22-038 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
C. RESOLUTION R-22-042 AND AGREEMENT A-22-039 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND NMDOT ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM**

PRESENTER: MAC ROGERS, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mr. Rogers stated the Local Government Road Fund offers a state-local match award from the New Mexico Department of Transportation. For the CAP, COOP, and School Bus programs the funding will provide a single penetration chip seal on approximately 99 miles of County Roads.

The roads proposed for these projects have not been resurfaced for 6 to 8 years. Following are the amounts being awarded:

COST	CAP	COOP	SB
NMDOT	\$269,534	\$124,131	\$277,300
CHAVES COUNTY	\$89,845	\$41,377	\$92,433
TOTAL	\$359,379	\$165,508	\$369,733
MILEAGE	53.6	27.77	17.63

Staff recommends approval of the agreements and resolutions.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-040, RESOLUTION R-22-041, RESOLUTION R-22-042 AND AGREEMENT A-22-037, AGREEMENT A-22-038, AND AGREEMENT A-22-039
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

8. RESOLUTION R-22-043 – APPROVING CHANGES TO PERSONNEL CHARTS
PRESENTER: EMMA DOMINGUEZ

Ms. Dominguez stated this resolution incorporates the renaming of the Detention Administrator/Major position to Chief of Security/Major and updating the position summary. Chart A-1 & E have been updated to reflect the change. Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-22-043.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-043
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

9. RESOLUTION R-22-044 – FIXED ASSET INVENTORY
PRESENTER: LUCIA SERRANO, ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR

Ms. Serrano stated she is bringing the new listing of all Chaves County capital assets as of June 30, 2022. The link provided will take them to the asset listing. <https://chavescounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1117/Acquired-Asset-Listing-Report-63022>. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-044
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

10. RESOLUTION R-22-045 – APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND CHAVES COUNTY FOR ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021
PRESENTER: ANABEL BARRAZA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ms. Barraza stated attached for their approval is acceptance of funding in the amount of \$12.5 million from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The funding is coming directly from the US Department of Treasury. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-045
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

11. RESOLUTION R-22-046 – TERMINATION OF THE ALDERMAN CAVE PROJECT
PRESENTER: BILL WILLIAMS, CHAVES COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Williams stated this resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute all documents associated with terminating the Alderman-Cave Industrial Revenue Bonds. The Alderman-Cave Plant is in the process of being sold and the new owner doesn't want to utilize Industrial Revenue Bonds.

Therefore, the Bonds must be redeemed. Once this project is terminated the property will be returned to the tax rolls. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-046
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

12. EMERGENCY RATIFICATION OF DWI PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

PRESENTER: ELLY HOLLON, DWI COORDINATOR

- A. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-011 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ANAYA COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES**
- B. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-012 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TEENS NEEDING TEENS PROGRAM**
- C. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-013 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY CASA**
- D. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-014 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ASPEN OF NEW MEXICO**
- E. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-015 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY YOUTH AWARENESS FOR THE SHATTERED DREAMS PROGRAM**
- F. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-016 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE VALLEY PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION**
- G. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-017 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHARACTER COUNTS FOR RISD PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION**
- H. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-018 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND WINGS FOR L.I.F.E**
- I. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-019 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ROSWELL REFUGE OF CHAVES COUNTY**
- J. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-020 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DIANE TAYLOR**
- K. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-021 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND HAGERMAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TEENS NEEDING TEENS PROGRAM**
- L. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-022 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND LAKE ARTHUR MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TEENS NEEDING TEENS PROGRAM**
- M. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-023 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND SERENITY COUNSELING**

Mr. Williams stated he would like to explain why there were so many emergency ratifications on the agenda for today. The State sends us a lot of agreements that have to be in place by the end of June. The Chairman has signed these and now they need to be ratified to show the Commission is in agreement. Items 12 and 13 were added to the agenda yesterday. Ms. Hollon sent them in and for whatever reason they did not make the agenda, so they were added with less than 24 hours' notice. This is an emergency because if they don't ratify these agreements the County could lose a significant portion of funding.

Commissioner Taylor stated he will abstain from voting on these resolutions for the DWI program.

Ms. Hollon stated all of these contracts had to be signed when DFA approved them, and they are requesting ratification for all items. Ms. Hollon read the agreements and stated the Chaves County DWI Program received funding under the LDWI Distribution of \$463,048.00 and the competitive grant of \$52,500.00 for FY 23. The ratified subcontracts listed will be allocated the estimated distribution amount and grant amount to provide various DWI related programs to the community of Chaves County. The term of subcontract agreements provided will extend from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS A-M (AGREEMENTS A-22-011 THROUGH A-22-023) AS READ INTO THE RECORD
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

13. EMERGENCY RATIFICATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM GRANT AGREEMENTS

PRESENTER: ELLY HOLLON, CONTINUUM COORDINATOR

- A. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-027 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY CASA FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM**
- B. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-028 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY CASA FOR YOUTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM**
- C. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-029 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY CASA FOR GENDER SPECIFIC PROGRAM**
- D. RATIFICATION AGREEMENT A-22-030 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND WINGS FOR L.I.F.E FOR WHY TRY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Ms. Hollon read the agreements and stated Chaves County received funding under the Juvenile Continuum Grant for programs addressing at risk youth. Chaves County would like to award the ratified subcontracts to keep providing services for this grant in the amount of \$196,795.00. The term of subcontract agreements will be from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS A-D (AGREEMENTS A-22-027 THROUGH A-22-030) AS READ INTO THE RECORD
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

OTHER BUSINESS

14. RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO LIBERTY HILL TEXAS – POLICE K-9 HANDLER COURSE – 80 HOURS

PRESENTER: MIKE HERRINGTON, CHAVES COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Herrington stated several weeks ago they came to the Commission asking for approval to send a Deputy to Liberty Hill Texas to receive canine training. The training was paid for by Altrusa and they appreciate them very much. The County paid for the out of state travel. The training was on July 10, 2022, and was supposed to run through the 22nd of July but it was extended until the July 25th so they could get a National certification. The cost was \$9,000.00. Altrusa is going to pay for a percentage of the K-9 cage which has increased drastically. He introduced Deputy De La Cerda and Korbe. She is very well trained, and they are thankful to Deputy De La Cerda stepping up and doing this. The veterinarian, Dr. Walker, has donated all services for care. The food is donated by Tractor Supply for this canine as well as their other one. They are both currently on duty, and have been commissioned and sworn in.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

15. RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL FOR OUT STATE TRAVEL ON BEHALF OF THE ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM

PRESENTER: GEORGIANNA HUNT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Ms. Hunt stated she is requesting ratification of approval for out of state travel on behalf of the Adult Drug Court Program to allow Drug Court Representatives to attend the National Adult Drug Court Program Conference in Tennessee held July 25-28, 2022. Attendees will be Officer Giovanni Ramirez with Hagerman PD, Timothy Wyatt with the District Attorney's Office, Renee Broberg with the Public Defender's Office, and Araceli Hernandez with Jared Kallunki's office.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL ON BEHALF OF THE ADULT DRUG COURT PROGRAM
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,877,558.15
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER VISITOR NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

Marvin Clements 6102 Kincaid, Lykins Subdivision

Mr. Clements stated he has been here before and is back here doing the same complaint. His neighbors have gotten worse. He would like to have some sort of resolution to this problem. They dismantle cars down there and he understands there isn't supposed to be a wrecking yard in a residential area, they have no septic tanks, there are all kinds of motorhomes and camp trailers. One piece of property on Hobson has seven or eight motorhomes parked on the property. He tells Louis that no one lives there but two people but every one of the campers has lights on at nighttime. On the Chips property the guys dismantle cars with an ax. They have no water, no sewer, no septic. He complained to the environmental lady, and she says she has to give them time to make updates, but nothing happens. There's a lot of traffic and now there are homeless people living in one of the abandoned houses. They cook outside every night. He doesn't know where they use the bathroom at. They dump oil on the ground. If we have an ordinance, why can't we do something.

Charles Yslas, Chaves County Undersheriff

Mr. Yslas stated they understand Mr. Clement's complaints and he is personally working hand in hand with Louis. They are looking at State statutes and County ordinances and doing everything in their power, but they have to stay within the law. On some of the violations there are time frames. They have involved environmental agencies for any type of septic issues and things like that. They are working to resolve this issue for Mr. Clements and the neighborhood. He sits on the board for the Roswell Gun Club and on the 21st of this month they have a meeting. There was an overgrowth of weeds at the Gun Club, and they use this range for qualification purposes. He put the President in contact with Justin Porter, Detention Administrator. He thanked Mr. Porter as well as the work release program for cleaning it up. They did an outstanding job. The Gun Club is a 501C3, so they are non-profit.

Mike Herrington, Chaves County Sheriff

Sheriff Herrington stated they have a concern over the increase of homeless people in Chaves County. They are moving out into the County, and they are everywhere. They are coming in on busses. The individuals they have talked to said Albuquerque is giving them \$50.00 and putting them on a bus to us. The group they have encountered that has come here recently is volatile. They have mental illness problems and become angry and aggressive quickly. They are in the process of trying to figure out what they can do. He has met with Mayor Jennings. We have quadrupled the number of homeless in two months. They tell them to go to the mental health facilities, but they will not go. The Sheriff's Office just went through psychology training and when they, (the homeless), have schizophrenia, they don't know what voice yours is. They don't know who is telling them what. We will have some serious consequences in Chaves County if we don't come up with a plan to deal with this. The group here now is very territorial towards those who are coming in. When they were removed from the riverbed up north, they were introduced to the city and they are everywhere, sometimes getting a drink out of our back yard water hose. He is working on solutions.

Rita Kane Doerhoefer – Online

Ms. Doerhoefer stated she went to take a look at the situation as a member of the ETZ Commission and it is not a pretty site, it's not acceptable. She was scared to get out of her truck on the second property on Ryan. It's a hazard and probably an environmental problem. She would not go there at night.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams stated it was a good thing to see the 4H group here this morning especially since they are doing the county fair now. They did a wonderful job representing our community. He and Commissioner Cavin just got back from NACO. They talked about the usual issues we have here, Waters of the United States, 30x30, changes to grazing regulations, alternative energy plans, and managing of the forest. He thanked the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties for the plaque and recognition. It is a real honor to work with and for this group and hold up the ideals we have here in the southwest. Road Department is getting closer to wrapping up their chip seal for the year. They have done a lot of miles and continue to do a good job. He congratulated Brian Houghtalin as the new assistant flood control director. They have been working with the State to continue our building inspection program because Brian was the building inspector. Those inspections are a valuable asset to our county. He's reached out to contractors because it's in their best interest to help us to find people to fill these positions. If you know of anyone that has construction experience and is looking for a career, send them to the county website. He thanked the whole county staff.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor stated he attended the Economic Development's annual luncheon yesterday and it was very interesting. It was very positive. Economic development is still our main goal here, agriculture has been a big base for us, but now it's the Airport. We all have concerns about agriculture with the dryness and drought. He noticed this past week in central Texas that the farmers didn't even plant. 70 to 80% of the land doesn't have anything growing on it this year. A lot of it is because they are worried about lack of water. At the meeting yesterday they also mentioned we are losing another Dairy. This is a concern to us as it affects our farmers here that are growing feed. We need rain and water; this drought is really hurting this part of the state.

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked Andrew for reading Ms. Rita's comments. We're trying to implement Facebook and it's hard to implement some of this technology. There is a delay. She knows Ms. Rita has been laid up but she is still out and about. She thanked Mike for working with the group at the base and she is surprised environmental groups are not doing more to take care of this. She thanked Charles and Justin for representing the Gun Club. We're seeing more and more agriculture go out of business. Agriculture is changing as we know because of the rise of marijuana being legalized. We are seeing a shift towards the growing of marijuana. It was very nice to see former Commissioner Kim Chesser and the ladies from Border Soil and Water. It's nice to see when we do fund programs that the people come in and tell us exactly what they are doing. She appreciates that. She understands some people are leaving us and she is sad about this but also understands people need to leave and grow. Hopefully we can get back to full capacity. She is happy they were able to increase employee pay and benefits. It's an investment and great partnership.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell congratulated the 4H team. He congratulated Bill Williams for the much-deserved recognition for his service. We do have a county fair going on and he will make arrangements for them to go in on the purchase of an animal in the amount of \$500.00. Anyone who wants to contribute can get him a check. He congratulated Anabel and her team for the successful completion of the budget process.

COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin stated he would like to echo all the things that the other Commissioners had already said. It's been a busy summer and they had a good trip to Denver. He stated it's amazing to work with such an amazing group of people here in Chaves County between all of the citizens and Commissioners. God bless Chaves County and America and let's finish July strong and he'll see everyone in August.

COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Bilberry stated he really appreciates everyone's hard work. He congratulated Bill for his well-deserved award and thanked him for what he does. He told the Sheriff, he appreciates him and his team working hard to keep us safe. Not a day goes by that he doesn't think about them and what they do. He appreciates all the commissioners as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.



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