

October 15, 2020

The Board of Chaves County Commissioners held their regular commission meeting in the Commission Chamber of the Joe Skeen Building, #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell, New Mexico. Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioner Dana led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Cavin, Bilberry, Ezzell, Dana, and Corn. Commissioner Ezzell arrived at 9:15 am. Also present were County Manager, Stan Riggs, Public Services Director, Bill Williams, Sheriff, Mike Herrington, Finance Director, Joe Sedillo, County Assessor Mark Willard, Chief Deputy Clerk, Cindy Fuller, news media, staff, and guests.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve the minutes from September 17, 2020. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 4-0.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Shane Kinsey, Roswell District Supervisor with the USDA gave a presentation by phone. This report is in accordance with the Work/Financial Plan for the previous year that encompasses partial FY19 and FY20. During FY20, Wildlife Services helped protect approximately 43,742 head of livestock valued at approximately \$21.6 million specific to Chaves County. That's a direct result of our Predator Damage Management Program. Reported and verified livestock losses due to predation totaled 13 animals and a loss of an estimated \$4,349.00. Using the estimates, we believe we've prevented over \$775,000.00 worth of possible livestock predation in Chaves County just this past year. They have worked on 56 ranches encompassing 517,185 total acres. They also provide other services including feral pigeon management, feral pig management, rodent damage management, and migratory bird damage management. They have two designated feral swine trappers. 99 feral swine were removed from NM in FY20. 80% of NM native wildlife spend time in the 1% riparian habitat. These species are particularly subject to negative impacts. USDA Wildlife Services appreciates your continued support as NM WS works to help protect the economic stability and integrity of local rural economies through our predator damage management and other wildlife management activities.

Commissioner Bilberry asked if Wildland Services had an airplane. Mr. Kinney stated yes, they do and it is based out of Alamogordo. They also have partners out of Clovis and Albuquerque and will be using their services with a helicopter. Commissioner Corn stated over the almost eight years he's been on the commission this has been a great partnership. Its done great work to help our ag industries. With the feral hog situation, it helps our farmers and our dairies. It's a great program and I'm proud to have been able to support them for the time I've been on the commission.

#### ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Commissioner Cavin stated the Chamber Chair has some family health issues and she won't be here.

#### EDC UPDATE

Mike Espiritu could not be at the meeting, but Melissa Juarez gave a report on the Cares Act. They have partnered with the City and the County. The City was funded \$1.3 million and the County was funded \$337,000. 120 Applications were received. They have contacted all 120 businesses and created a checklist of all documents required. One requirement was receipts from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> for two categories, one was business continuity consisting of utilities, rent, mortgage, marketing, insurance, and payroll. The other was business redesign due to COVID. There were 83 completed applications with all documents and receipts. Three for County and 80 for City. Verified receipts were \$1.9 million for City businesses and \$27,000 for County. They are still receiving calls even though the deadline has passed. They have turned those into