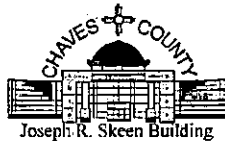




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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY’S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Ezzell, Dana, Taylor, and Perry. Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Public Services Director, Mac Rogers, Detention Center Director, Justin Porter, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Treasurer, Charlotte Andrade, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Sheriff Mike Herrington, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2022, AND DECEMBER 30, 2022.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR 2023

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, stated that in accordance with Ordinance #31, Chaves County Board of Commissioners must elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for the year 2023. The terms for these positions are for one year and the elections will become effective as soon as they vote.

MOTION MADE TO: ELECT COMMISSIONER BILBERRY FOR CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

MOTION MADE TO: NOMINATE COMMISSIONER EZZELL FOR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATION – GATEWAY CHRISTIAN WARRIORS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS DAY

The proclamation was read by former Commissioner Will Cavin declaring January 26, 2023, as Champions Day in Chaves County. Players and Coaches were present and were presented with the proclamation. A photo was taken with the Commissioners.

PROCLAMATION – GATEWAY CHRISTIAN WARRIORS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS DAY

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PROCLAMATION – GODDARD HIGH ROCKETS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS DAY

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PRESENTATION – CHAVES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, stated the Chaves County Detention Center has earned their fourth re-accreditation. They are the only Detention Center in the State who has had that many and were also the first to be accredited. Mr. Williams read the press release and invited Detention Center Director, Justin Porter, and Chief of Security, Clint McClain along with the Officers and Staff who were present to come up and accept the award. A photo was taken with the Commissioners.

PRESENTATION – RETIREMENTS

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, stated that Robert O will be retiring with almost 20 years in. He was not present in the chamber to receive his plaque.

Georgianna Hunt from the Finance Department will also be retiring with 25 years of service. She was presented with a plaque and a photo was taken with the Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A PROPERTY TAX REBATE BENEFITTING LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated that according to Section 7-2-14.3G, NMSA 1978, in every odd numbered year, the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on the question of whether a property tax rebate benefitting low-income property taxpayers in the County should be made available through adoption of a County Ordinance. The problem with this rebate to low-income property taxpayers is twofold. First, who actually qualifies as low income? The procedure to qualify is set out in Section 7-2-14, NMSA 1978. However, it is based upon New Mexico Income Tax returns and could possibly be manipulated. The second issue revolves around the tax itself. The taxes are not forgiven. The tax burden is shifted to the County to pay until an election occurs and the voters decide whether to impose a 1 mil property tax increase to pay for the taxes which have been rebated. In addition, this does not rebate state or school taxes, bond levies, etc. It only rebates the County and City portion of the property tax. Staff recommends denial of creating an ordinance. This public hearing has been properly advertised.

Chairman Bilberry opened the public hearing for public comment.

For: None

Against: None

Online: None

MOTION MADE TO: NOT CREATE THE LOW-INCOME TAX REBATE ORDINANCE
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

2. REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHAVES COUNTY NEW MEXICO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 7

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated this is to amend Article I, Article XVIII, and incorporate Article XXIV into the Chaves County New Mexico Zoning Ordinance No. 7.

Amend Article I – General Statement

Reorganize informational items, update referral documents, establish the County Planning and Zoning Commission, and expand and clarify staff’s procedures and requirements for future amendments to the ordinance, zoning applications, and public notifications.

Amend Article XVIII – Special Use Permits

Additional regulations and restrictions for considering a Special Use Permit.

Incorporate Article XXIV – “Wind Energy Conversion System”

Establish development standards for construction and operation of wind farms in Chaves County with the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and wellness of the citizens of Chaves County, NM.

The Chaves County Planning and Zoning Commission accepted public participation at four separate regularly scheduled meetings from September 2022 to December 2022. On December 6, 2022, the Chaves County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the amendments to Articles I and XVIII and incorporation of Article XXIV “Wind Energy Conversion System.” A Notice of Public Hearing was advertised on January 8, 2023, in the Roswell Daily Record, being more than fifteen days prior to this public hearing.

Chairman Bilberry opened the public hearing for public comment.

For: None

Against: None

Online: None

MOTION MADE TO: ACCEPT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHAVES COUNTY NM ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 7
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

3.A. RESOLUTION R-23-001 – NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CHAVES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

B. RESOLUTION R-23-002 – NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CHAVES COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE BOARD

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Chaves County Board of Commissioners is required to publish a notice of public hearings each year. The attached resolutions, if approved, would establish Commission meetings once monthly and Indigent Health/Hospital Care Board Meetings quarterly, on the third Thursday of the month with IHC meeting at 8:30 and the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Dana stated she would like to move the February 16th meeting to the 23rd as there is some out of town travel that some of the Commissioners have planned.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-001 AS AMENDED AND RESOLUTION R-23-002
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

4. RESOLUTION R-23-003

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chaves County Finance Director

Ms. Barraza stated the Finance Department is requesting a budget adjustment for line items in exhibit "A". These budget adjustments are for various grants, a capital outlay reclassification, fire truck cost increases, and a donation from Devon Energy. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-003
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

5. PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE O-112 RELATING TO ADOPTING COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Barraza stated this will be replacing Ordinance O-90 which was passed in December of 2014 and will be sunseting in June of this year. Ordinance O-90 was to cover the Hold Harmless GRT that was to be phased out in the coming year. The Hold Harmless was passed during the Richardson Administration where the citizens wouldn't have to pay taxes for medical or food purchases. The Counties and Municipalities would be compensated every month from the State for the tax that was not being collected. The phase out started in 2015 and should be completely phased out by 2029. There is a six to seven percent drop every year and because of the phase out the State had allowed the Counties and Municipalities to recover from this by passing this 1/8th increment which is .125% of the gross receipts. Currently, the county gross receipts rate is 6.3958% and the City is 7.703%. The County only sees .9583% which is not exactly a whole percentage. Of the .125% they see this generates about 1.9 million and the general operating revenue currently is 38% that they see the gross receipts tax. The property tax falls behind in second place at 24%. This means that the GRT is our main revenue source. By proposing this ordinance there will be no raise in taxes. They would like to request permission to advertise for a public hearing to be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 9:00 am to consider this proposed ordinance. This ordinance would take effect on July 1, 2023. Staff requests approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE PUBLICATION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE O-112
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

6. WAIVER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FEES FOR BERRENDO WATER COOPERATIVE WATER LINE REPAIRS

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated Berrendo Water Cooperative has requested a waiver of permit fees for road excavations to repair water distribution lines. Permit number 2499 in the amount of \$4,090 is located along Mountain View Road and permit number 2493 in the amount of \$1,850 is located along Milky Way Road. Chaves County Ordinance #44 requires a permit for any Right-of-Way excavations and a provision of the Ordinance allows for the Commissioners to waive these fees. Chaves County Road department has inspected all road repairs. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE WAIVER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FEES FOR BERRENDO WATER COOPERATIVE WATER LINE REPAIRS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

7. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SUBMIT THE 2023 EMS FUND ACT APPLICATIONS AND SERVICE REPORTS ON BEHALF OF BERRENDO, MIDWAY, AND SIERRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated staff requests approval of the 2023 EMS Fund Act Applications and Service Reports on behalf of the Berrendo, Midway, and Sierra Volunteer Fire Departments. The reports are submitted online through the Department of Health's EMS portal, and they are required by the PRC annually to submit these reports for the EMS component for three of the volunteer fire departments. Across the three departments there are 39 licensed EMS personnel and last year they received \$18,777.00 from the Fund Act application for the three departments.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2023 REPORTS AND APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF BERRENDO, MIDWAY, AND SIERRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

8. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – RENO NEVADA – WESTERN STATES SHERIFF CONFERENCE - LIEUTENANTS

Presenter: Mike Herrington, Chaves County Sheriff

Sheriff Herrington stated the Chaves County Sheriff's Office is requesting authorization to send three Lieutenants, to attend the Western States Sheriff's Conference in Reno, Nevada on March 5th through March 10th of 2023. They will accompany the Sheriff and Under Sheriff to this conference. This is 18 different states that get together on the Western side of the United States to talk about issues we are experiencing. The registration fee is \$230.29 per person along with hotel stay plus meals. It is possible that an additional hotel accommodation may be required traveling to and from Reno, Nevada because they are driving. The total estimated cost to send each Lieutenant will be \$1,069.00. Registration has already been paid and the only amount outstanding will be hotel and per diem. Funds for this travel expense will be covered by the law enforcement protection fund. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO RENO, NEVADA FOR THE WESTERN STATE SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

9. REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams is requesting permission for out-of-state travel for Sean Davis to attend the Keep America Beautiful Conference, as a part of the Keep Chaves County Beautiful Grant. Mr. Davis will attend the conference February 20 – 23, 2023. It will be held in Washington, DC. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC FOR SEAN DAVIS TO ATTEND THE KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

10. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAVES COUNTY LAND COUNCIL

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated they are asking to re-appoint Scott McNally to represent Agriculture, Brian Archuleta to represent Recreation, and Jared Hembree to represent Extraction to the Chaves County Land Council for a term of three years per Resolution 94-59 and 14-032.

Commissioner Dana verified there are nine members on this council and asked when the last meeting was held. Mr. Jaramillo stated they have not had a meeting since March of 2021 because of the inability to have a quorum. Commissioner Dana asked if they have looked at possibly paring this down. Mr. Jaramillo stated that was a previous request, Brian Archuleta was appointed, but just a week or two ago in January they were unable to establish a quorum again.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAVES COUNTY LAND COUNCIL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

11. RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY INSURANCE AUTHORITY VOTING MEMBERS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the New Mexico County Insurance Authority held its annual meeting on January 17, 2023. Chaves County needs to appoint a voting member and an alternate. Staff is requesting that Ms. Lucia Serrano, Assistant Finance Director be appointed as the voting member and that Mr. Mac Rogers, Public Services Director be reappointed as the alternate.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY INSURANCE AUTHORITY VOTING MEMBERS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,180,400.60
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

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

John Brewington, 603 N. Brown Rd, Roswell, NM

Mr. Brewington stated on May 19th he filed an appeal with the ETZ Authority of a decision made by the ETZ Commission. The first hearing date of June 17th was postponed because one of the commissioners was sick that day. Fast forward to August 4th, for this hearing three commissioners were present but just one city councilor instead of two. That one was Jeanine Corn-Best. This hearing went forward with four people and ended in a two to two tie. After hours and hours of research he's come to the conclusion that Corn-Best was ineligible to participate and vote in the August 4th hearing. In fact, no councilors were eligible for most of 2022 to be on the ETZ Authority. On August 11th, one week after the hearing, Ed Heldenbrand was finally appointed by Mayor Jennings on the record at a regular city council meeting like it's supposed to be. It was voted on by the other councilors and approved. There's no evidence this ever occurred with Corn-Best during 2022. Mayor Jennings told him he didn't appoint anyone because he didn't know he was supposed to. No one told him. He didn't even know what the ETZ Authority was. As County

Commissioners you have the authority to reverse this unfair hearing and vote and that's what he's asking them to do.

Neil Binderman – 3751 E. Crossroads, Roswell, NM

Mr. Binderman thanked the Commission and Rita for being tenacious for getting the cameras put up at the compactor site. Hopefully that will address some of the issues. In 2017 they completed the methane plant not too far from his house in the county, are there any updates on this, is it ever going to open because at the moment he's getting a constant stream of trucks carrying manure and spilling it all over the roads going past his house. Can we check on the updates? Mr. Williams stated he has this as a note to check on. Mr. Binderman stated on the subject of the trucks he asked Sheriff Herrington if he could get a deputy down there because it's unlawful under state law to have a load uncovered and they are spilling it everywhere. Finally, the first time the changes were brought for the ordinances was back in May of last year and it was going to go before the P&Z and it was published in the newspaper, April sometime. As usual, it said the actual agenda was going to be posted on the county's website. It was posted on May 5th, two days after the P&Z meeting. Can we find out what is going on there because that may have an affect on the change of the ordinances you've just approved. If it wasn't posted correctly and it would be nice to be told of the agenda before the meeting not after. Mr. Williams stated they do post that on their website. He doesn't know in this particular instance what happened but that's just one of the places they post. They do post it in numerous places and he believes they are fulfilling the requirement of the open meetings act. They are changing the website and trying to streamline those operations there. Again, he can't answer specifically about that particular date but they do post it there as well as many other places. Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Anabel Barraza, 81 W Darby, Dexter, NM

Ms. Barraza introduced Adriana Zapata. She is replacing Georgianna Hunt as the Community Development Specialist. She also said Ray Matta will be replacing Robert Ortiz. Adrianna came from Court Services and Ray Matta came over from Road. She stated we have amazing employees and thanked the department heads for allowing employees to promote within.

Mike Herrington, Chaves Count Sheriff, #1 St. Mary's Place, Roswell, NM

The Sheriff introduced five new deputies. Four of them will be going to the Law Enforcement Academy in Hobbs this weekend. He thanked the Commission for allowing him to hire more deputies.

Daniel Dictson stated he is looking forward to serving this community.

Cody King stated it's an honor and pleasure to serve Chaves County.

Lorenzo Salas stated he is looking forward to working with the citizens in Chaves County and to make their lives better.

Matthew Cottrell stated he hopes to serve Chaves County for many years.

Jacob Avalos stated he looks forward to serving Chaves County.

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer, very narrow unstriped Chicago Cubs mailbox, we need our weeds mowed pretty soon, Mark Road

Ms. Rita thanked the Commission for approving Sean going to the Washington, D.C. in February. The cameras are up, and she has asked Mac to see if they need two more cameras because the grant cycle is coming up. She stated she knows they are sorry George is leaving but she is going to be a permanent member of Keep Chaves County Beautiful Board. Tomorrow she is trying out two new recipes and she will bring them for Robert, George, and Tina.

Charles Yslas, Undersheriff, #1 St. Mary's Place, Roswell, NM

Mr. Yslas stated we have lost a very good county employee and his friend, Joe Landry. He was the mechanic for the Sheriff's Office and he and the Sheriff would like to express their condolences to the family. He asked for a moment of silence to pay tribute to Joe for dedicating his livelihood to assisting Chaves County. His service will be Monday at 10:00 am at Ballard Funeral Home. The Chaves County Sheriff's Office will be escorting the service.

There were no comments online.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams stated they are thankful Georgianna made it all the way to retirement without saying the wrong thing at the wrong time and for a job well done. He thanked her for a job well done. He also talked about Robert Ortiz who is retiring and stated the hardest part was getting Robert to

understand that he was not responsible for actually doing the work, but he was there to supervise and make sure the others did the work. Robert has done a great job for the county. He welcomed Commissioner Perry and stated he looks forward to working with him. He thanked Will Cavin for all the work he did for them. Next month the Chairman will have the committees available. They would like to plan the annual visit to the Detention Center maybe in February. We lost one of our employees, the funeral will be on Monday and County staff was encouraged to attend the service. They received notice about a month ago that the ambulance service provider, AMR, is going to break their contract. They will serve until June 30th. The City and County together have been paying \$165,000.00 a year for ambulance service in Chaves County. They were asked what it would take for them to stay in Chaves County and they came back with a cost of \$2.65 million dollars to continue services. They have been meeting with the city to determine the best way to move forward. The city will be going out for RFP to evaluate ambulance service providers.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER PERRY

Commissioner Perry asked the Sheriff if the new officers were local. The Sheriff stated yes. Commissioner Perry thanked everyone for having him there.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor welcomed Commissioner Perry and stated they look forward to working with him and he's an excellent addition to the Commission. He thanked Georgianna for all her service, and he hopes she enjoys her retirement. He is looking forward to the new year and thinks they have a lot of great things that are going to happen in the county. We live in a great city, county, and state, and when he sees some of the problems other places have he sees we have a great county. He looks forward to a great year ahead of us.

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana welcomed Commissioner Perry and stated she looks forward to working with him over the next four years. She thanked the Sheriff for introducing his new officers, they appreciate them and thank them for their service to our county. She congratulated Georgianna. She stated that our family has grown, and our family has lost. When we lose one it affects all of us. She asked Joe to tell the family they are praying for them. This is going to be a wild year. The Legislature is in session, and we are already seeing some of the affects coming down. Last week she was in Santa Fe and sat in the House listening to the feed bill and it was incredible. The majority party has the attitude, "well, what are you going to do about it" then they completely shut everybody down and go on about their way. If you have never been to a legislative session, please go up and find out what goes on. She took Commissioner Cavin's place on New Mexico Counties Board of Directors and attended her first meeting. The next meeting will be February 18th. NMC is a great organization and a great resource for counties. She thanked Keep Chaves County Beautiful for the cameras. She gets a lot of calls about the trash in Midway and she hopes this will help. It was fun at the Midway Senior Center, they played Bingo and helped them put up their sign. She hopes our seniors will get out and about. She thanked all the employees of Chaves County.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell welcomed Commissioner Perry and the new Officers. He thanked Georgianna and stated it's been wonderful to have her. He told Mr. Brewington he was heard, and they will look into his request.

COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Bilberry stated he's known Commissioner Perry for about thirty years and it's a pleasure being able to work with him. He thanked all the staff and Georgianna. This is a wonderful county and a great place to live, it's the best county in New Mexico.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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