



**CHAVES COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Jeff Bilberry, Chairman
T. Calder Ezzell Jr.
Vice Chair**



**Dara Dana, Member
Richard C Taylor, Member
Michael J. Perry, Member**

William B. Williams, County Manager

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 9:01 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Perry led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry 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, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Detention Center Director, Justin Porter, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Sheriff Mike Herrington, Flood Superintendent, Brian Houghtalin, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2023.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

UPDATE FROM THE ROSWELL – CHAVES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Presenter: Mike Espiritu, President

Mr. Espiritu stated he attended the Air Service Conference in Phoenix a couple weeks ago, represented Chaves County, and met with six different airlines. The industry has a shortage of pilots. Genairsupport received a JTIP award for 25 new jobs. Chaves county is the leading community in the state for JTIP application awards. They held a Legislative reception in Santa Fe. They hosted a reception for the U.S. Navy with around 100 people in attendance and also hosted a leadership seminar. On March 14th they will hold another hiring event at the Civic Center. This Fall the EDC will host a site league forum which is a national economic forum. The early college high school students attended an event with respect to employment in the future. He is heading to an aviation tradeshow in a couple of weeks as well as working with aviation companies for job growth.

UPDATE ON THE ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presenter: Andrea Moore, President

Ms. Moore stated the Rise with Roswell breakfast will be held on March 23rd at the Fairgrounds. The Spring issue of Roswell Now is in the editing process. They attended Ag Fest as well as the EDC reception in Santa Fe. Tonight they have the ENMU Chancellor coming into town and a reception will be held for him at the Anderson Museum from 5:00 to 7:00. They have a Board meeting coming up next week. They are partnering with ENMU-R to help disseminate student resumes to employers.

UPDATE ON FLOOD CONTROL

Presenter: Brian Houghtalin, Superintendent

Mr. Houghtalin stated they are trying to get the project at the Macho Draw started. There might possibly be some additional funding coming from the State Legislature. They will kick off the river maintenance program soon and continue to clean up flooding along the Pecos.

PRESENTATION

JARAMILLO ACCOUNTING GROUP – AUDIT REPORT

Presenter: Scott Eliason, Field Manager

Mr. Eliason stated the scope of the audit was a risk-based approach. The audit approach was not to detect fraud however, they did not notice any fraud nor was any reported to them. The time frame for the audit started with planning in July, document design and implementation of the county's internal control structure and testing from July to August, compliance and account balance testing from August to November, and the financial statements process in November. Jaramillo Accounting Group is independent of the County and are not aware of any relationships JAG or its team have with the County that would impair their independence. There are some significant estimates in the financial statements. With Management's assistance, JAG recorded the cash to modified accrual journal entries to properly reflect balances in the fund statements at 6/30. JAG also recorded the modified accrual to full accrual journal entries to properly reflect balances in the entity-wide statement at 6/30. They are not aware of any material adjustments not recorded. The areas of focus are Internal Control Design and Implementation, Account Balance and Compliance Testing, Leases, and Assisting in Preparation of the ACFR. There were no findings in the financial statements.

Post-Audit communication:

Observation on qualitative aspects of the County's significant accounting practices – "Consistent with prior year"

Significant difficulties encountered during the audit – "None"

Uncorrected misstatements – "None Noted"

Disagreements with management – "None"

Management's consultation with other accountants – "None"

Significant issues discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management – "None"

Reaffirm Independence – "JAG is Independent"

PRESENTATION

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SENATOR LUJAN'S OFFICE

Bill Williams stated the Representative was unable to attend the meeting today.

AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated at the conclusion of last month's meeting a staff member found a minor error in the procedural process. Staff was able to correct the error and is asking for approval for the proposed amendment to the Chaves County New Mexico Zoning Ordinance No. 7. This is to amend Article I, General Statements, and Article XVIII, Special Use Permit, and incorporate Article XXIV, Wind Energy Conversion System, into the Chaves County 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 Permit

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. A notice of public hearing was advertised on January 28, 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

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE AMENDED CHAVES COUNTY NEW MEXICO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 7
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

2. ORDINANCE NO. O-112 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Financial Officer

Mr. Barraza stated Ordinance O-112 is an ordinance to adopt a County Gross Receipts Tax. In January's meeting permission to advertise for this public hearing was requested. The advertisement occurred on January 29th. The Ordinance was also posted on the Chaves County website as well as copies with the Clerk's Office for the public to view. This ordinance would take effect July 1, 2023 and will replace Ordinance O-90 that will sunset one day prior on June 30, 2023. By proposing this ordinance there will not be a raise in taxes.

Chairman Bilberry opened the public hearing for public comment.

Against: None

For: None

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. O-112
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

3. AGREEMENT A-23-002 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this lease is between Chaves County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for the lease of 15,652 square feet of the Chaves County Courthouse to house the Magistrate Courts. The Courts only wanted a seven-year lease because the Legislature has a bill to fund the building of courthouses for Magistrate Courts throughout the State. Staff would recommend approval of the lease.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-23-002
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

4. RESOLUTION R-23-004 – APPROVAL OF DWI GRANT AND DISTRIBUTION APPLICATION FOR FY 24

Presenter: Elly Hollon, DWI Coordinator

Ms. Hollon stated the Chaves County DWI Program would like approval to submit the FY24 Local DWI Grant and Distribution application. The estimated distribution amount for FY24 is \$446,176.00. The Chaves County DWI program is requesting under the competitive grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. This amount will fund our full-time treatment provider. The application will fund the project year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-004
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

5. RESOLUTION R-23-005 – DELETION OF PROPERTY AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Presenter: Lucia Serrano, Assistant Finance Director

Ms. Serrano stated their approval of this resolution will allow staff to remove the attached inventory. She passed out a revised Exhibit 'A' to each Commissioner this morning with all the assets listed. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-005
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

6. REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated approval is being requested for out of state travel for the NACO Legislative Conference held in Washington D.C. on February 10-15, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

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

7. 2023 COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated each year the Board of Commissioners are appointed to serve on standing committees. The appointments run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Approval is requested for the appointments of Commissioners to the 2023 Commission Committees.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE 2023 COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

8. 2023 CHAVES COUNTY ROAD HEARING APPLICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDERS

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated that twenty one applications were received for the 2023 Chaves County road hearings. The deadline to submit applications was February 3rd at 5:00 pm. Statute requires that three Freeholders be appointed to view the road requests and make a report thereof to the Commissioners. The following individuals have been nominated by staff: Drew Garnett, Matt Ingalls, and Sean Benedict. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL THE 2023 CHAVES COUNTY ROAD HEARING APPLICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF FREEHOLDERS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

9. RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated the Road Department is requesting ratification of out of state travel for Justin Campbell and Jeremy Calkins to attend a manufacturer's training to cover the safety, maintenance, and operation of their new distributor truck. The training took place in Wickenburg, Arizona from Monday, February 20th to Wednesday, February 23rd. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Williams stated because of the weather the date needs to be changed to the 24th as they will be returning today.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,596,250.62
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
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.

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer, very narrow unstriped Chicago Cubs mailbox, Mark Road

I am here today as secretary, litter and education person for Keep Chaves County Beautiful. We won the President's Award again and this is without any monetary help from the County. We do get labor and advice from the County and get taken to the principals office every now and then from the County. We have a cleanup on Saturday for any of you that want to volunteer to pickup trash at 353 Red Bridge Rd, all in that one area. The cleanup starts at 9am and will probably end at 11 or 11:30. We will take the trash to a proper facility, which is not going to be a compactor. Also, if there are any projects that you want Keep Chaves County Beautiful to put in the budget, our Grant cycle begins in March and we will have 10 days to put it together. Then see what the State does. I have already talked to Scott Massey and he wants two trees for the Courthouse Lawn, I told him maybe but they have to be colorful trees, orange, yellow and red so it stands out. So if you have any desire of what you need, or more cameras, let me know so we can put that in there.

Last but not least, It's baseball season, the Cubs have been in Camp since January, most have started in February but we needed more help. So if you want to play, let me know. You all have a good day. Thanks!

Jan Lambert Moss – 6105 Kincaid Rd. Roswell, NM

I was here a couple of months ago and complained about my neighborhood and so far I haven't seen anything done and its kind of getting worse. Yesterday I was out in the yard and heard someone screaming and yelling and thought a dog got her in the alley. She was so high on drugs she couldn't even walk, I don't know who she was and had never seen her before. She was dropping and picking up syringes while she was walking. Picked up a weed and held it like an umbrella and I finally had to tell her to please move on. She wandered over to the Allsup's but this is a happening thing out where I live and I am afraid to go out in my yard at night and I put my dog inside at night because she will bark at anyone going across. There is a big section at the base where they have the 6 foot chain link split across, so they can go to the Allsup's through there and dog's coming through there, I had a mutt breed, imported German Shepard who crawled over my fence and through there and I had a gun in my hand but I couldn't shoot him because I am in a close neighborhood. I was not happy about that, but he came from the base and people are back and forth through there. I don't know who can fix that fence, so they have to walk on the sidewalk. I found a machete in my yard and have no idea who's it is, and I have a 6-foot chain link fence and gates that are locked. It's getting pretty bad, I put 8 camera's up and they stood on a lawn chair and unhooked my cameras in my yard. I don't know who to go to or what to do but it's scary out there. They are living in motor homes and cars two blocks down; they block the alley and have 3-4 cars where you can't even get through the alley. That's a hazard if the fire department needs to go, they're cutting up cars and burning tires at night. It's really bad and we need some help out there. I don't know who to talk to, if you've got any suggestions on what we could do, I would appreciate it. I'm not afraid, I have a gun, but I don't want to shoot somebody, It's real simple I am 83 years old, next month, and I'm not safe, I'm a widow and I train drug dogs for a living and I'm afraid to leave my dogs outside. I'm afraid someone is going to throw something over to them and kill them because they do bark and guard the yard during the day but I put them up at night, so it won't bother the neighbors. I'm asking for help out there, there is unbelievable trash, as tall as a 6 foot fence and a property that I sold and it's not paid for yet, it stinks, they're burning trash in the yard. It's bothering neighbors, it's really bad. Like I said, I need help out there and so do the neighbors. So, if you could tell us what to do, I would really appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

Commissioner Dana

Mike, did you and Louis ever get that citation program together?

Sheriff Mike Herrington

So, we have towed off about 15 cars out there. We are out there constantly, one of the guys were in jail for a little while because of what we were doing, It quieted down but he's back out and seems he has picked up his behavior again. I'm getting phone calls about him driving and acting like a fool; We're constantly out there, the property across from their house, we're going to have it hauled off. I think the biggest problem we have is that the jail doesn't keep them in custody. It's not the jail, but it's the Courts. That is what we're dealing with and the second issue, which she can attest to this, is we're having a serious homeless problem. There is no place to take the homeless. We can go out there and deal with them being intoxicated and screaming at cars, but there is no place for us to take them if they aren't committing any crime. The fence that she's talking about, a pair of wire cutters, cuts that right back open. So, they take the path of least resistance, and a chain link fence will not work. It's an ongoing problem and I would say we've been dealing with it for about 26 years, that I have been with the sheriff's office where that fence has been fixed and cut repeatedly. Even on the other side of main street where the recycling yard was, same thing over there. It's just a constant thing, one of the best things she could do is get the camera systems, if we have video of them doing something, we can do something with that, but like she said the problem is they know how to get in there and disable her stuff. However, it is a constant and ongoing thing with our deputies and the individual and when I say individual, that's exactly what we're dealing with.

Justin Porter – 1 St. Mary's place

Just to elaborate on that and share the experiences we're having at the Detention Center with the homeless people and those addicted to drugs that we seeing are now commonly coming in and

admitting that they're using Fentanyl in our community. That Fentanyl is mixed with some other things and we're seeing changes on these people whether they're homeless or regular drug users are coming in impaired in very different ways than we have seen in the past. We've seen some big changes in that, so when you see and deal with these people in the community, we have shared with DWI and juvenile work groups that these things are out there and originally when it came out, everyone talked about that they were just blue pills and to be careful if you saw blue pills but as it has expanded, all the way back to Halloween, we started seeing that they looked like skittles or smarties so it's not just blue pills anymore. We've seen a lot of that and we have a fair percentage of our population is coming in that's addicted and will admit to it. I just want to caution everybody that when you see these things in the community, to just be aware, they're not things that you should just pick up with your hands, you should be using gloves or contacting someone to pick up because they are very dangerous and could be rapidly absorbed into your skin. Just be aware that it is in our community, it appears to be growing and I know the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department and ourselves are dealing with it in various ways and sharing information, but everyone just needs to be aware that it is a growing issue coming through our community. I'll stand for any questions.

Tamara Schubert – Chaves County Cooperative Extension Service

We just wanted to give a quick update and hopefully next month we will have our full annual report for you as well. On the 4H side, many of you know we do have a position open that is set to close this next month and hopefully we get some good candidates rolling in. We did get approval for our two big AG projects, progressive AG safety days and what is now AG Encounter will be offered to the school districts in April. On our AG side, the pecan weevil trap and education workshop that we had are already proving that we've had some active sites in the area that are now under treatment. Hopefully that will show an increase in our producers pockets as well. We will be hosting the Southwest ranchers workshop again this year and on the FCS side we have several diabetic education and prevention classes going as well, which are already showing positive results in individuals in lowering the A1C and are no longer prediabetic and diabetic so that comes back as notable information. So just a quick summary, but like I said hopefully next month, we'll have our full annual report for you all.

There were no comments online.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, we're going to leave here in a minute and go do our annual tour of the jail and look forward to that. We just returned from the NaCo conference in Washington DC and it's kind of a mixed bag, you go out there and meet many likeminded people where on the western interstate region board we voted on some resolutions that will help our Western way of life that will help our ranchers and farmers. We met people that are from California, Washington, Oregon that are just like us whom would like to see the law's go this way, very conservative people. They say that the population centers such as San Francisco, Portland are the areas where the weird stuff is happening in their states. They are just like us and we feel very energized and refreshed and then we walk out of that meeting down the hall to the next meeting and you encounter just as many, if not more who don't think anything like we do in the West. So we continue to fight, but it's hard to say how effective we are at times. We did appreciate the Legislative Reception we had in Santa Fe, it was the first one that we've had in several years. Thanks to the EDC for putting that on they did a great job. We got to see a lot of very active people who do think like we do from all across the State of New Mexico, a lot of the Legislators that came through there are just like us, that was really good to see. We are getting ready to start our budget presentations and preparations, that's coming right up as it does quickly. We are looking forward to moving forward on that. I want to thank Tamara and the Chaves County 4H and Cooperative Extension Services, they do so many great things in our community and we don't always remember that until we need you. So Thank you for that and thank you Commissioners. That's all I have.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER PERRY

I want to echo a little bit of what Mr. Williams said on the NaCo trip, It was a neat trip, the one thing that I did realize is with the National Association of Counties, that there is strength in numbers. While those numbers vary from place to place, there is strength in it, we were having some great conversations with the National Forest Service about some of their communication issues, at least with us locally in Chaves County, and then we had 2-3 other Counties join in with us in this makeshift little meeting in the hallway. Then ironically another gentleman from another state echoed some of the same concerns that we had, and the nice thing about that is that you would never be able to get the number one or number two person at the Forest Services ear and their undivided attention if that had not happened and it was a spontaneous meeting and environment. It was nice to see that, the other important thing that I saw from my perspective that there are a lot of committees and a lot of County Commissioners that go up there and say they represent New Mexico and in fact they don't represent Chaves County, they represent their County and its important for us to be there and echo our opinions for Chaves County because some of those opinions given on the state do not reflect our value systems here. I appreciated that opportunity. I also attended the meeting the other night and it sounds like the Golden Gloves Boxing for youth sports is coming back to Roswell and it's going to be on the 24,25 and 26th at Roswell High School. It is neat to be able to support that, so if you have time, go out and support the youth boxers and what their doing.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

During the report from Economic Development and the Chamber, they were talking about employment recruiting and they touched on the College. I just want to say I had a recent experience with ENMU Roswell and their program with Internship and placement, I was very pleased with the program, and I was able to bring on a young lady who is studying the County and doing an internship with us and the professionalism of the organization and the people that they bring forth is great. So, any employer, please contact the college, it's a great source for finding future employees and I would highly recommend it and lets all enjoy a nice warm day without the wind

COMMISSIONER DANA

I attended New Mexico Counties board and I agree with Commissioner Perry, it is Northern New Mexico versus Southern New Mexico Deluxe. We had a few bills that Northern New Mexico wanted us to support, and Southern New Mexico did not. It was really an interesting discussion I would say. We do have New Mexico boards priorities and support and one of them is bringing back and trying to get some of our gaps in Law Enforcement and Detention Officers, trying to get that through and in state prisoner transport and extradition, there is just a variety of stuff that we are looking to support. Some of the bills that we were opposing with some interesting discussions, like I said its Northern New Mexico versus Southern New Mexico on some of these. The one thing that we did get through is just staying neutral on some of these and that was just the best that we could do, but it is interesting to be on that board too. Thank you Mr. Chairman for letting me take former Commissioner Cavin's place on this, it's very important that we have a voice. Thank you Bill and Michael for being on NaCo. We need a voice. We have to have a voice, because if we don't, then some of this stuff is just amazing and it feels like were fighting a losing battle but at least we get to state our piece. I want to thank Andrea and EDC both because I'm getting the emails from Andrea that we have some students and if you have a place to put these students, interns and job seekers, let's do it. Having a discussion with Mike this morning with the shortages we have here, if we can partnership and get these people into jobs, they are more likely to stay here and we need to keep our work force here and train them up and keep them here. I'm glad were doing these internships. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Just want to thank everyone for their hard work and congratulations on the audit results, Anabel to you and your staff. I'd like to express my thanks to the EDC for the reception they put together in Santa Fe, It was very well attended. I'd like to thank the Chamber for attending AG Fest, that was a good deal as well. I have nothing further. Thank You.

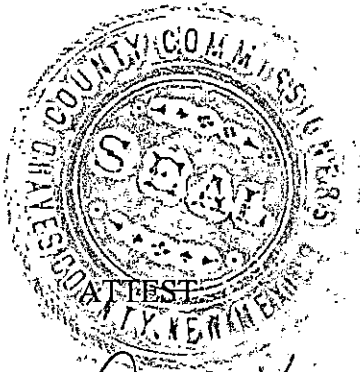
COMMISSIONER/CHAIRMAN BILBERRY

Anabel, thank you and your staff for all you do and Congratulations on your accomplishments. Commissioner Dana, thank you for stepping up to some of these positions and I know you will represent us well, and you will challenge them if they're not challenged, you will challenge them to step up. Commissioner Perry, thank you for taking your time to go to Washington and Bill as well, I know it's a sacrifice to do that. It's important to cultivate those relationships and it helps a lot. Thank you to everyone for all you do and all your hard work and please be safe out there and we're going to go sign documents, recess, and reconvene at the Detention Center. Thank You.

The meeting was recessed at 10:20 am.

Travel to tour Chaves County Detention Center
Commissioner Bilberry, Commissioner Dana, Commissioner Perry, County Manager Bill Williams, County Clerk Cindy Fuller, and Benefits Administrator Susie Colacchio

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.



Cindy Fuller
Cindy Fuller
County Clerk

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Absent
Jeff Bilberry, Chairman

By Phone
T. Calder Ezzell Jr, Vice-Chairman

Dara Dana
Dara Dana, Member

Richard C. Taylor
Richard C. Taylor, Member

Michael J. Perry
Michael J. Perry, Member