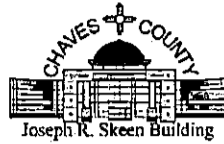


**CHAVES COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

**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 Perry led the pledge and Commissioner Dana 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, Purchasing Director, Analicia Nieto, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Treasurer, Charlotte Andrade-Gurule, Sheriff Mike Herrington, media, staff, and guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 18, 2023.**

**MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA**

**SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY**

**IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY**

**OPPOSED: NONE**

**RECOGNITION: CHAVES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT – JASON ROMERO**

Mr. Romero was recognized for winning the excavator competition at the Roadeo in Farmington at the NMC Conference. He was presented with an award and a photo was taken with the Commissioners.

**PRESENTATION: SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO VETERANS TRANSPORTATION  
Magil Duran, President**

Mr. Duran stated they are a 501C3 and do not accept any money from the Federal Government. They only receive grants and money from tournaments. They presently have 22 drivers that take veterans to any medical appointments they have. They have five vans. He estimates that 70% of the veterans they transport would not be able to go if they didn't take them. They don't charge the veterans anything. He has been doing this since 2010. Year to date they have transported 376 veterans. All the drivers are volunteers. They need three more vehicles and are requesting \$300,000.00.

**UPDATE FROM THE ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Andrea Moore, President, C.E.O.**

Ms. Moore stated they had their Chat with the County luncheon and County Manager Williams was their guest. Next week will start their Good Morning Roswell, formerly known as Mornings with the Mayor. The third Tuesday of every month will be the Sheriff's luncheon. In July, they will begin their education luncheons. Once school starts, they will bring back luncheon learns. The next issue of Roswell Now will be hitting doorsteps soon.

**UPDATE FROM THE CHAVES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**Presenter: Francis Brink, Project Manager**

Mr. Brink thanked the Commissioners for their continued support. They applied for and were awarded a grant known as the Leads Grant. Last month he and his boss went to Santa Fe and met with other economic development organizations, learned about trends and opportunities, and presented Chaves County. They presented Chaves County to seven different site selectors.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-23-011 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DFA/LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION FOR DWI LOCAL GRANT FY 23/24**

*Presenter: Elly Hollon, DWI Coordinator*

Chaves County DWI program was awarded \$50,000.00 in local DWI grant funds for the fiscal year 2023-2024. This funding will be utilized to fund a full-time treatment provider and supplies for Court Compliance. The term of the agreement will start on July 1, 2023, and will extend to June 30, 2024.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-23-011 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND PERRY ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED: NONE
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**ELLY HOLLON, DWI COORDINATOR, GAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2L.**

**2A. AGREEMENT A-23-012 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND SERENITY COUNSELING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**2B. AGREEMENT A-23-013 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY YOUTH AWARENESS**

**2C. AGREEMENT A-23-014 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION FOR THE VALLEY SCHOOLS**

**2D. AGREEMENT A-23-015 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND WINGS FOR L.I.F.E FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**2E. AGREEMENT A-23-017 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ASPEN OF NEW MEXICO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**2F. AGREEMENT A-23-018 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND C.A.S.A. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**2G. AGREEMENT A-23-019 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION**

**2H. AGREEMENT A-23-020 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DIANE TAYLOR FOR DWI PREVENTION SERVICES**

**2I. AGREEMENT A-23-021 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND HAGERMAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION**

**2J. AGREEMENT A-23-022 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND LAKE ARTHUR MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION**

**2K. AGREEMENT A-23-023 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHARACTER COUNTS FOR PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

**2L. AGREEMENT A-23-024 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ROSWELL REFUGE FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS**

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENTS LISTED IN AGENDA ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2L  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND PERRY  
ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
OPPOSED: NONE

**3. RESOLUTION R-23-013 – AMENDING THE COUNTY TREASURERS FEE SCHEDULE**

*Presenter: Charlotte Andrade-Gurule, Chaves County Treasurer*

Resolution R-23-013 will amend certain fees originally established under Resolution R-10-035 for digital tax account information requested by mortgage tax servicing agencies. Digital information is easily accessible and no longer warrants a \$250.00 fee. The new fee will be set at \$100.00 which is consistent with other New Mexico counties. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-013  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**4. RESOLUTION R-23-015 – TWO-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHAVES COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY**

*Presenter: Charlotte Andrade-Gurule, Chaves County Treasurer*

Pursuant to §6-10.10.G NMSA 1978, ...”The Investment Policy shall be reviewed at least every two years.” Resolution R-23-015 provides for the two-year review and in addition, expands the scope of the original policy by adding a secondary portfolio. The secondary portfolio identified as the “Operating Portfolio” will be focused on short-term investments with maturities not to exceed one year. Under the advisement of the County’s Investment Advisor – Insight Investment, and with the support of the Chaves County Investment Committee, the following proposed revisions are presented for consideration and approval. The proposed revisions delineate investment parameters for the permanent fund as well as the secondary operating portfolio. The Investment Policy has been reviewed by our legal counsel in confirming that all said investments fall within statutory compliance. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-015  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**5. RESOLUTION R-23-018 APPROVING COUNTY TO “PICK UP” PERA STATUTORY CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE**

*Presenter: Emma Dominguez, Human Resources Director*

Chaves County Resolution R-23-018 proposes Chaves County “pick up” the .50% PERA contribution rate increase for employees as approved in the interim budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024 on May 18, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-018  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**6. RESOLUTION R-23-019 APPROVING CHANGES TO PERSONNEL CHARTS**

*Presenter: Emma Dominguez, Human Resources Director*

This resolution incorporates the increase of Detention Chart E, the removal of four Detention Officer Positions, the addition of four Detention Clerk Positions, adding the Administration

Lieutenant position to Chart E, using ten Detention Officer positions as part-time positions, and the salary increase for the Planning and Zoning Director and Chief Financial Officer as approved in the interim budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 on May 18, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-019  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**7. RESOLUTION R-23-020 – CREATION OF ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT**

*Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk*

NM Statutes 1-6-20 and 1-6-22 call for the creation of an absent voter precinct and designation of the absent voter precinct polling place. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-23-020  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**8. RESOLUTION R-23-021 DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE 2023 LOCAL ELECTION**

*Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk*

Twelve polling locations were approved by Resolution R-21-027. The City of Roswell opted to participate in Local Elections beginning with the 2023 RLE. There are currently no polling locations in Ward 4 for the City of Roswell. This Resolution is to add Sierra Middle School as a polling location for the November 2023 Regular Local Election. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-021  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**9. RESOLUTION R-23-022 DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE 2024 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS AND THE 2025 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION**

*Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk*

NMSA Section 1-3-2 requires that for the conduct of any statewide election, in June or July of odd-numbered years, the Board of County Commissioners shall, by resolution, designate polling places and find that those precincts that are consolidated meet the requirements of NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-4. The following thirteen (13) voting convenience centers are being presented for approval for the 2024 Primary and General Elections and the 2025 Regular Local Election in Chaves County. The VCCs will be available to voters of any precinct in the county and will make voting more convenient and accessible to voters. They are as centrally located as possible within the county, with each VCC location providing individuals with physical mobility limitations unobstructed access to at least one voting machine. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-022  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**10. RESOLUTION R-23-023 – APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

*Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk*

In accordance with state statute, NMSA 1-4-34, the Board of County Commissioners shall, in June or July of each odd-numbered year, appoint five voters who shall constitute the Board of Registration for the County. No more than two members of the Board shall be members of the same political party. NMSA 1-4-37 states that the term of each Board member will be from July 1

of an off-numbered year (2023) until June 30 of the next succeeding odd-numbered year (2025). The following names are being presented for appointment: Dave Kunko, Dorothy Hellums, Sarah McArthur, Daniel Johnson, and Rita Kane. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-023  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**11. RESOLUTION R-23-024 – JOINING THE MULTIPLE-USE ALLIANCE**

*Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager*

This resolution declares the intent of Chaves County to join the Multiple Use Alliance. This Alliance consists of like-minded counties, soil and water conservation districts, farmers, ranchers, and others, across the West, who strongly oppose the many governmental agencies whose regulations and actions are removing lands from private ownership and reducing multiple beneficial uses of public lands. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-024  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**12. RESOLUTION R-23-025 – RATIFICATION APPROVAL OF CDWI APPLICATION FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

*Presenter: Elly Hollon, DWI Coordinator*

The Chaves County DWI Program would like the ratification approval to submit the FY 24 CDWI application. The estimated award amount for FY 24 is \$12,750.00. This amount will partially pay for one of the DWI Court Compliance Officer's salaries. The application will fund the project year from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-025  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**13A. RESOLUTION R-23-026 AND AGREEMENT A-23-028 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS – COUNTY ARTERIAL PROGRAM**

**13B. RESOLUTION R-23-027 AND AGREEMENT A-23-029 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDS – COUNTY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

*Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director*

The Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) offers a state-local match disbursement from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). For the CAP and COOP programs, the funding will provide a single penetration chip seal on approximately 65 miles of county roads. The roads proposed for these projects have not been resurfaced for six to eight years. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-026 AND AGREEMENT A-23-028 AND RESOLUTION R-23-027 AND AGREEMENT A-23-029  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

**14. RESOLUTION R-23-028 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ROSWELL REALTY INVESTORS LLC**

*Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager*

Chaves County would like to acquire a parcel of land in which to house the Cooperative Extension Service. The owner wishes to sell the land and the 4,843-square-foot building to Chaves County for the sum of \$1,259,180.00. The legal description is:

Lot 2B of Eye Associates Summary Plat Amended, in the City of Roswell, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, as shown on the official Plat filed in the Chaves County Clerk's Office on February 20, 2017, and recorded in Book 2 of Plat Records, Page 27B.

The real estate has an address of 1610 Southeast Main Street.

Additionally, it is requested that Chairman Bilberry be authorized to execute any documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVAL RESOLUTION R-23-028 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **15. APPOINTMENT OF NEW AND CURRENT DWI PLANNING COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS**

*Presenter: Elly Hollon, DWI Coordinator*

According to the Chaves County DWI Program Charter, DWI Planning Council "Voting Members" must be appointed by the Board of Commissioners in June every odd year. The attached membership form lists the current voting members and two recommendations for new voting members. The Chaves County DWI Planning Council would like to submit two new voting member nominees for approval: Sergeant Joel Saenz – New Mexico State Police, and Judge James Mason – Magistrate Court. With this approval, the Chaves County DWI Planning Council will remain with ten approved voting members.

MOTION MADE TO: ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS OF THE NEW AND CURRENT DWI PLANNING COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS  
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA  
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY  
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR, AND PERRY  
OPPOSED: NONE

#### **APPROVAL OF CHECKS**

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,831,290.58  
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.**

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

Ms. Doerhoefer is with Keep Chaves County Beautiful. They haven't gotten their grant yet. Anybody can come to them and ask for pickers, trash bags, gloves, and red rubber bands. They have the Pollination event coming up. They have been asked for the Alien Fest to make sure trash is picked up on the Courthouse lawn. She has all the community service workers and juvie helping to pick up trash. She has also asked Sheriff Mike if they could have a presence. They are also doing

the Farmer's Market. They will be doing the Chili Cheese in late September. Ray does an excellent job and leads by example with Municipal Court. She thanked Joe for two roll-offs. When the grant comes in, they sign it, they do more than just trash. She also teaches at the Boys and Girls Club. Keep Chaves County Beautiful won the President's Award with Keep America Beautiful.

**Sarah McArthur, 609 Mimosa Drive, Roswell, NM**

Ms. McArthur stated it's a basic principle of the establishment clause that the government is prohibited from promoting a certain religious belief. The government also cannot force an individual to enter a house of worship or profess a certain religious view. Many citizens are forced to enter a house of worship to fulfill their basic civic duty, the right to vote. She recognizes that in Chaves County we have alternatives such as absentee voting and 12 other voting convenience centers. She believes if a public building is available, it should be given priority and replace any church location. We have a location that should have replaced a church under the resolution just passed. Churches as polling locations have been known to take advantage of captive audiences. It is an honor to be chosen as a polling site. Many churches as well as one here in Roswell have been abusing their tax-exempt status by intervening in political campaigns and has specifically signaled to their congregation and the general public who they favor in a given election as well as making derogatory comments about our State political leaders. She appreciates the Commission's position; however, citizens need to be able to vote in a location free from malicious interference and undue influence. It will be her continued goal to have all polling locations removed from all houses of worship beginning with Church On The Move and within this County and across the State.

**Shawn Kelly, 1033 Ivy Drive, Roswell, NM**

Mr. Kelly stated he is an associate pastor at Church On The Move. He thanked the Commissioners for all the rulings they make on behalf of our County. They are very important, and they appreciate what they do. He appreciates the rulings they made today by being fair to all people including people of religious backgrounds and beliefs. They were glad to open their church facility because they are ADA-approved and very available. They are an easy spot to get to and have plenty of parking for the community. Any time they are asked to be a blessing to this community they are going to if it's in their power to do so. Our pastor would've been here today, but he is on a prayer walk around the perimeter of our State. They are available to the county in any possible way they can be.

**MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Williams pointed out how great the Chaves County staff is. Jason Romero bringing home the gold and Rita isn't really staff but she is bringing home a gold award too. Our staff is amazing. Anabel was a huge help to him over the last few weeks with the issues at the jail, making a lot of tough and quick decisions. They have hired Michael Brisco as the new jail administrator. He has handled a lot of issues. The first weekend, Bill got 20 to 30 calls with issues he had to deal with at the jail and subsequent to that his grandson died. Everything was handled very well by the staff, and he thanked them.

Commissioning of the Nextera Solar expansion will be coming up. Commercial solar is different from community solar. It is managed through the utility providers. We were able to get an additional \$600,000.00 for the county throughout the life of those bonds instead of settling for the first offer they made. Aspen, W.I.N.G.S for Life and other programs are very important. During COVID they had to pull back on some of those, but they are working to get these programs back in place at CCDC. They met with the Office of the Public Defender and made some changes to make sure they have access to their clientele. The Cooperative Extension Service is happy with the willingness to purchase a new location for them. The county is required to provide them with a building to house them.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS**

**COMMISSIONER PERRY**

Commissioner Perry stated he recently attended the New Mexico Association of Counties meeting in Farmington and it's nice to see, when you walk in, that Chaves County is in good shape. It's a testament to the professional presentations we saw here today. He also congratulated Sheriff Herrington on hiring two new deputies. He thanked the Road Department for doing a good job.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR**

Commissioner Taylor thanked Bill Williams for the excellent job of stepping in and managing the jail. He did a fantastic job and put in many hours out there. It's a positive sign of the good County manager that we have. He also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their assistance at the jail. It's

great to see the different departments come together to help each other. We have some very hot weather, drink lots of water and try to stay cool.

**COMMISSIONER DANA**

Commissioner Dana thanked Bill for stepping up and our Sheriff's Department when they needed the help. When the County has an emergency, everyone comes together in this County and helps no matter what. Charles Yslas was at home recuperating from surgery, and he stepped up. These are the kind of people we have working in Chaves County and what your tax dollars are paying for. She thanked Bill for keeping the Commissioners informed, the situation could have been dire, but it wasn't. She talks a lot of trash with Esteban because they are over there all the time. It's a shame we have to have our county employees picking up other people's trash. The guys at the landfill are nice and will help. Our trash sites are for household trash, take your big items to the landfill. The guys keep it clean and are on top of it. She thanked Cindy for attending the NMC Board meeting for her as she was not able to attend. She thanked Bill for getting them the invitation to attend the solar event, it was very interesting. She will be out at the Pollinators and thanked Rita for being at all of the events.

**COMMISSIONER EZZELL**

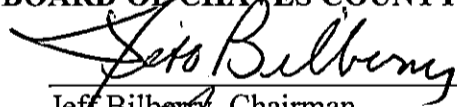
Commissioner Ezzell stated the situation at the jail was a Pearl Harbor situation and he cannot commend Bill Williams enough for keeping that ship afloat. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for their help. He told Joe the Road Department is doing a great job and congratulated them on their big win in Farmington. He thanked Anabel for keeping them on a good fiscal path. It was a pleasure to make the motion to pick up the additional PERA for all the county employees. Anabel does a great job with the county finances. He thanked everyone for being here and told Bill he and his family are in their prayers.

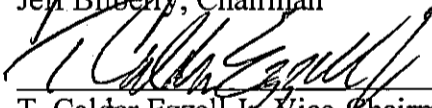
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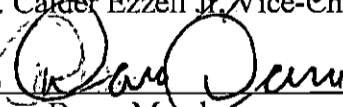
Commissioner Bilberry stated he is thankful for all those that serve this county. He thanked Bill for all that he does. He's in a tough position and he leads by leadership and example. He thanked everyone for being here today and being a part of the meeting. He asked everyone to continue to pray for Bill and his family as they go through this tough time. He encouraged everyone to pray for our County and community. It's going to take all of us to keep moving forward. We get things done here and we have a great community.

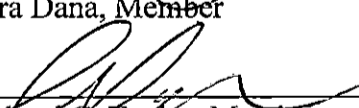
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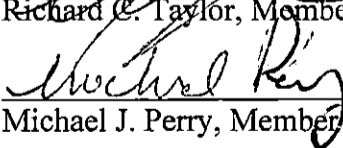
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Jeff Bilberry, Chairman

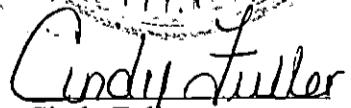
  
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