

**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

**SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
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 Dana 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, Alex Palomino, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Treasurer, Charlotte Andrade-Gurule, Chaves County Sheriff's Officer, Lieutenant Drake, media, staff, and guests.

AGENDA ITEMS

**1. ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR NOMINATION TO HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT 59
VACATED BY GREG NIBERT**

County Manager, Bill Williams, stated having received the resignation of New Mexico Representative Greg Nibert on January 5, 2024, and as required per NM Constitution Article IV §4, it is incumbent upon the Chaves County Board of Commissioners to send forth the name of an appointee for House Seat 59 to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, to complete the term which will end December 31, 2024. Staff requested that nomination requests including full name, address, and qualifications be provided by the close of business on January 10. Interested persons be required to address the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting on January 11 to lay out their reasons for requesting consideration.

County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, stated she received eight names to be considered:

Charlotte Andrade-Gurule, Steve Dodson, Jared Hembree, Kevin Berry, Jennifer Cole, Christopher Hensley, Eli Luna, and J. Shaw Wagner.

Ms. Fuller stated that based on the voter registrations on file in the County Clerk's Office each of these individuals is registered at an address within the boundaries of District 59 and are eligible to be considered by the commission today.

**INTERESTED PERSONS DREW NUMBERS TO DETERMINE THE ORDER THEY
WILL SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

1. J. Shay Wagner
2. Charlotte Andrade-Gurule
3. Kevin Berry
4. Christopher Hensley
5. Jared Hembree
6. Steve Dodson
7. Jennifer Cole
8. Eli Luna

INTERESTED PERSONS WERE GIVEN FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. J. Shay Wagner – 1101 Mimosa Drive, Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Wagner gave comments to the Commission.

Questions from the Commission

Commissioners Dana, Perry, and Ezzell asked questions of Mr. Wagner.

Chairman Bilberry asked for a show of hands from the audience of those who were there to support Mr. Wagner.

Poncho Maples – 3306 Woodbine, Roswell, NM – commented in support of Mr. Wagner

2. Charlotte Gurule – 3402 Highland Rd., Roswell, NM 88201

Ms. Gurule gave comments to the Commission.

Questions from the Commission

Commissioners Taylor, Dana, Bilberry, and Ezzell asked questions of Ms. Gurule.

Chairman Bilberry asked for a show of hands from the audience of those who were there to support Ms. Gurule.

No one from the audience gave public comments.

3. Kevin Berry – 2507 N. Michigan, Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Berry gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Mr. Berry.

Jason Holloway – 100 Tierra Berrenda Rd., Roswell, NM, commented in support of Mr. Berry.

Questions from the Commission

Commissioners Dana, Taylor, and Bilberry asked questions of Mr. Berry.

4. Christopher Hensley – 2706 Chrysler Dr., Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Hensley gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Mr. Hensley.

No one from the audience gave public comments.

Questions from the Commission

Chairman Bilberry asked Mr. Hensley a question.

5. Jared Hembree – 612 N. Kentucky Ave., Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Hembree gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Mr. Hembree.

No one from the audience gave public comments.

Questions from the Commission.

Commissioners Perry and Bilberry asked questions of Mr. Hembree.

6. Steve Dodson – 5041 W. Berrendo Rd., Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Dodson gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Mr. Dodson.

No one from the audience gave public comments.

Questions from the Commission.

Commissioners Perry, Taylor, and Bilberry asked questions of Mr. Dodson.

7. Jennifer Cole – 1308 W. 3rd St., Roswell, NM 88201

Ms. Cole gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Ms. Cole.
Tracy Delarosa, 3003 N. Garden, commented in support of Ms. Cole.

Questions from the Commission.

Commissioners Taylor, Perry, Ezzell, and Bilberry asked questions of Ms. Cole.

8. Eli Luna – 1716 W. 2nd, Roswell, NM 88201

Mr. Luna gave comments to the Commission.

Chairman Bilberry asked who in the audience was here in support of Mr. Luna.
No one from the audience gave public comments.

The Commissioners did not ask any further questions from Mr. Luna.

CHAIRMAN BILBERRY ASKED EACH COMMISSIONER FOR ONE NAME FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

- Commissioner Perry: Kevin Berry
- Commissioner Taylor: Jared Hembree
- Commissioner Dana: Steve Dodson
- Commissioner Ezzell: Jared Hembree
- Chairman Bilberry: J. Shay Wagner

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Berry, Jared Hembree, and Steve Dodson were asked additional questions by the Commissioners.

CHAIRMAN BILBERRY ASKED EACH COMMISSIONER FOR ONE NAME FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

- Commissioner Perry: Jared Hembree
- Commissioner Taylor: Jared Hembree
- Commissioner Dana: Steve Dodson
- Commissioner Ezzell: Jared Hembree
- Chairman Bilberry: Jared Hembree

FURTHER DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS WERE MADE FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

2. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT 59

MOTION MADE TO:	APPOINT JARED HEMBREE FOR HOUSE SEAT 59.
MOTION MADE BY:	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY:	COMMISSIONER EZZELL
ROLL CALL VOTE:	
COMMISSIONER PERRY:	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR:	YES
COMMISSIONER DANA:	YES
COMMISSIONER EZZELL:	YES
COMMISSIONER BILBERRY:	YES

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Cindy Fuller

Cindy Fuller
County Clerk

Jeff Bilberry

Jeff Bilberry, Chairman

T. Calder Ezzell Jr.

T. Calder Ezzell Jr., Vice-Chairman

Dara Dana

Dara Dana, Member

Richard C. Taylor

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