



**CHAVES COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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William B. Williams, County Manager

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
1601 S. GARDEN, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bilberry called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Manager, Bill Williams, led the pledge.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Ezzell, Taylor, and Perry. Commissioner Dana could not attend the meeting in person but watched the groundbreaking ceremony on Facebook. Also present were the County Manager, Bill Williams, the Purchasing Director, Analicia Nieto, the Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, the County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, media, legislative dignitaries, and guests.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Groundbreaking Ceremony

Bill Williams

Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams commented on this project starting on the County ICIP in 2015. Sonny Chancey was here at the time and began this project. In 1977, the last public health building was built. LATCF funds have provided a large portion of the funding for this project. They also applied for and received a Community Development Block grant for \$750,000.00. He thanked the work of our local legislators for the capital outlay funds that have helped with this project as well. He discussed the partnership the County has with the Department of Health and ASA Architects.

Greg Nibert

Senate District 27

Mr. Nibert stated it's great to be part of a team that wants to advance our community and he is proud of the capital outlay funds they were able to provide.

Jared Hembree

House Representative District 59

Mr. Hembree thanked the Southeastern New Mexico Legislatures who represent and believe in this community.

Dora Batista

Executive Director, Southeastern Council of Governments

Ms. Batista stated the County staff is very devoted and efficient and this project has taken the efforts of a lot of people. She is thankful they were a part of this project.

Alex Palomino

Chaves County Public Services Director

Mr. Palomino stated the building will be approximately 12,000 square feet on 3.8 acres. In August of 2023, the architects completed the design.

Rob Price

Vice President of ASA Architects

Mr. Price stated this project will cost \$6.8 million and is fully funded. A pharmacy, lab, kitchen, nurses area, exam rooms, and more will be included. He thanked everyone involved.

Jimmy Masters

Southeast Region Director at NM Department of Health

Mr. Masters thanked everyone involved and the public health staff.

Dawn Sanchez

Deputy Secretary of Chief Operating Officer for the NM Department of Health

Ms. Sanchez stated she is honored to be a part of this event and thanked the county. She recognized the Department of Health staff members who were present.

Jeff Bilberry

Chaves County Commissioner

Chairman Bilberry thanked everyone. He recognized former County Commissioner Will Cavin who was in attendance. He recognized the candidates in attendance who were running for elected office: He again thanked everyone for being present.

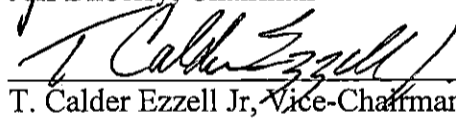
County staff members, legislative dignitaries, and others posed for pictures and shoveled the first mounds of dirt on the new property that will soon be the new Chaves County Department of Health.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

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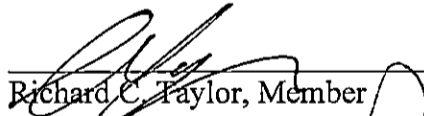
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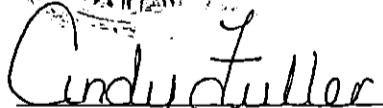


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Cindy Fuller, County Clerk