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Dave Kunko, County Clerk

MAY 28, 2014

The Board of Chaves County Commissioners held a special commission meeting in the Commission Chamber of the Joe Skeen Building, #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell, New Mexico. Chairman Duffey called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Those present were Commissioners Duffey, Wooton, Corn, Chesser and Nibert. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Sonny Chancey, Assessor Ron Lethgo, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, Sheriff Rob Coon, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

Rob Coon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Chesser led in prayer.

RECOGNITION OF CHAVES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPS

Chairman Duffey recognized Gateway for their State Champions in the 400 meter dash, Baseball, 100 meter dash, Girls 1600 meter medley relay, Cheer and Football. He then recognized NMMI for their state champions in Tennis doubles, singles and team title, the 4 X 400 relay team, Cross Country and Commissioner Wooton added that the NMMI Junior College Football team won the El Toro Bowl. Hagerman High School is the State Champs in Basketball and Football. Dexter is the State Champion in Basketball and the 1600 medley relay. Goddard won the volley ball state championship. Roswell High won State Championships in Soccer, Basketball and Dance.

RESOLUTION R-14-020 – APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2014 - 2015

Stan stated he wanted to cover a few highlights of the Interim Budget. He thanked the Budget Committee for all their work and numerous hours on the budget. A lot of time was spent meeting with department heads and Elected Officials. The budget includes a 3% pay increase across the board and does include all of the Sheriff's office staff. He is still in discussion over possible increases for the law enforcement employees and the goal is to be more competitive. Seven full time positions for the Detention Center are included in the budget. One IHC position has been eliminated. Capital outlay includes a tractor truck, 2 pickups, a trash truck a HVAC unit for the County building and 5 patrol units. For economic development \$80,000 is earmarked for the EDC and \$40,000 for the Roswell Chamber of Commerce and \$5,000 for the Hispano Chamber. Items that were not included in the budget are air service to Phoenix, Clerk's warehouse, no new roads, but the drainage study for Hobson Road is included. The remodel to put the District Attorney in another area of the courthouse is included in the budget. Detention costs for food and medical will be increasing. \$50,000 is set up in the budget for litigation primarily for endangered species. Joe Sedillo thanked the committee and department heads for their work on the budget. He agreed with Stan that this was a very tough budget mainly because of the project at CCDC. There was some discussion in reference to close out, anticipated carry over and mandatory reserves. Assessor Ron Lethgo stated he has requested the purchase of a new vehicle from his 1% fund. He stated there are 2 vehicles that need to be deleted from his fleet and he feels they really need a new vehicle. Commissioner Nibert stated all capital outlay items were looked at as "needs" versus "wants" and they really did not pay attention to what fund they would come from. There was mention of revisiting items at midyear with the hopes of receiving information from entities to determine funding needs. Commissioner Nibert moved to approve R-14-020 the Interim Fiscal Year budget for 2014 – 2015 as presented. Commissioner Corn seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-14-021 – DELETION OF PROPERTY AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Anabel explained the resolution. Commissioner Nibert moved to approve R-14-021. Commissioner Chesser seconded the motion. Commissioner Chesser asked about obsolete and missing items. Stan explained that the items are small ones that were at one time put on fixed assets but were properly disposed of but the records were not kept up to reflect these changes. Joe Sedillo stated that any missing items valued at \$5,000 or more would require an investigation. Commissioner Nibert stated to let the minutes reflect that staff is satisfied that these items are not missing, were properly disposed of and this resolution just cleans up the record keeping. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Chaves County Clerk Dave Kunko gave an overview of the early voting for the Primary Election to be held June 3, 2014. He stated early voting was slow in his opinion. To this point approximately 1100 people had voted. The last day to early vote is this Saturday.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Riggs stated that the Primary Canvass would be held Friday, June 6th at 9:00a.m. At the last Commission Meeting an individual was upset with what Flood Control did with the Berrendo River near Blue Mountain Road. Mr. Riggs felt the work done by Flood Control in that area probably saved Blue Mountain Road.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Chesser said he appreciated all the work on the budget. He trust that decisions made are in the best interest of the County. There is a meeting this Saturday in Fort Sumner on some of the water issues that are coming down from the federal government. Dick Smith and Aaron Blaylock will be in attendance. There also is a meeting in Otero County on Saturday in reference to federal regulations being handed down to local governments.

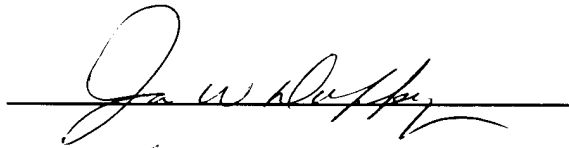
Commissioner Wooton appreciated all the work on the budget and stated it was important we remain conservative and live within our means. He said he is not for raising taxes and strongly opposes more taxes. He is thankful for the rain we received. We need to remain aware of the fire dangers this time of year.

Commissioner Nibert thanked Stan, Joe, Anabel, the elected officials and department heads for all the work done on the budget. He received some good news from the consultants on the Prairie Chicken issue. They believe the County can join a lawsuit initiated by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) at a cost around \$5,000 to \$10,000. The PBPA will pick up most of the cost. He felt it would be in our best interest to join them partially due to our limited resources. He attended a meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and stated the Director, John Mulcahy was very energetic and appears to be doing the things this Commission has asked him to do. The City has requested revenue guarantees for flights to Phoenix and this is a big ticket item that will affect the budget next year. People need to go to the polls and exercise their right to vote.

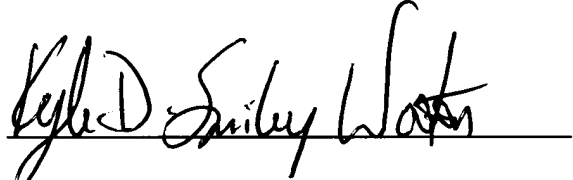
Commissioner Corn stated the budget process was long and tedious and not over yet. He mentioned he attended a Western States meeting and they discussed a number of topics. On March 3rd the NACO Board of Directors passed an Endangered Species Resolution. He read a portion of the resolution. Two committees were formed. The endangered species committee is charged with creation of resolutions involving endangered species. The other committee deals with Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and they also are to create resolutions this summer.

Chairman Duffey thanked the Budget Committee and Staff for all their work on the Budget. He congratulated all the County State Champions. He mentioned continued growth of the economy as vital to local governments. He received a card from Joe Madrid from Tobosa thanking the County for approval of the CDBG Application. He adjourned the meeting pending the signature of documents at 10:45a.m.

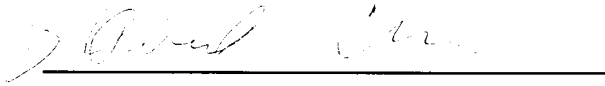
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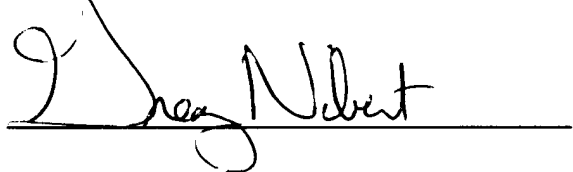
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DAVE KUNKO, COUNTY CLERK

