



DECEMBER 14, 2016

The Board of Chaves County Commissioners held their Regular Commission meeting in the Commission Chamber of the Joe Skeen Building, #1 St. Mary's Place in Roswell, New Mexico. Chairman Corn called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Those present were Commissioners Wooton, Duffey, Chesser, Corn and Cavin. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Bill Williams, Sheriff Britt Snyder, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, Commissioner Elect Jeff Bilberry, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

State Fair Queen Haylee Sant led the Pledge of Allegiance, sang the National Anthem and Commissioner Chesser led in prayer.

PRESENTATION STATE FAIR QUEEN

Larry Hobson presented Haylee Sant as the State Fair Queen from Chaves County.

MINUTES

Commissioner Wooton moved to approve the Minutes from the November 17th Commission meeting. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PINS

The Commissioners handed out longevity pins for employees with 5 years, 10 years, 20 years and 25 years of service to the County.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAQUES AND PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners presented plaques and proclamations to Commissioner Wooton, Commissioner Chesser, County Treasurer Steve Harris and Road Supt. Terry Allensworth.

ANNOUNCEMENT – DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Karen Sanders stated that the Department of Homeland Security had awarded the County a grant in the amount of \$541,000 and there is no match required. Mr. Riggs stated Karen had been working on this for over 9 months.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AGREEMENT A-16-033 WITH NMDOT

Stan Riggs explained that the NMDOT is reconstructing Main Street in Roswell and they are requesting construction maintenance easements from the County. The easements are at 4th and Main and 5th and Main. Commissioner Chesser moved to approve Agreement A-16-033. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-16-045 APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Anabel Barraza explained that the Finance Department was requesting a budget adjustment for various departments to ensure positive budget balances. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Resolution R-16-045. Commissioner Chesser seconded the motion. Mr. Riggs stated the DWI budget was handed out to the Commission. The DWI budget is part of the budget adjustments in this resolution. In July we anticipated revenue at \$471,000. Our revenue has been cut now 3 times and our new amount is \$293,951.71. This is a very difficult situation and the Finance Department has worked hard to make it work. If this continues into next year we will really have to look at what services are diminished or cut. The tax for these programs comes from the liquor sold in Chaves County. That fund has been raided and it may happen again. Commissioner Duffey asked what the possibility was of a liquor distributor in the State of New Mexico suing the State since the money is not being used for the intended purposes. Mr. Riggs felt that would be an interesting law suit. Commissioner Wooton got

some clarification of the budget that was handed out. Commissioner Chesser asked about the in-kind match funds. Lucia stated the in-kind match funds are what the County pays to the 2 compliance officers. Commissioner Cavin spoke to people in Santa Fe and no one takes responsibility for this issue. There was additional discussion on the cuts and when it might end. Total cuts to date are 38%. A voice vote on the motion was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOW INCOME TAX REBATE ORDINANCE

Stan Riggs stated that each year the Commission is required to conduct a public hearing on whether a property tax rebate benefitting low income property tax payers in Chaves County should be made available through adoption of a County Ordinance. Commissioner Wooton moved to approve permission to publish for a public hearing for a low income tax rebate. Commissioner Chesser seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2017 CHAVES COUNTY ANNUAL ROAD HEARING SCHEDULE

Mr. Williams presented the proposed schedule for the 2017 Chaves County Road Hearings. Commissioner Wooton moved to approve the road hearing schedule. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Chesser moved to approve checks in the amount of \$1,693,786.17. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Commissioner Duffey moved to approve the reports for the period. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer stated she takes her appointment to the DWI Board very seriously. She stated she was the only one that voted no to approve their budget. She mentioned that Judge Rogers would like to see if some of his budget could be diverted to the DWI Funds. She stated Saturday is Wreaths Across America which is a national program that honors all 6 of the Armed Forces. She told everyone Happy Holidays.

Larry Connolly stated that he had been attending these meetings for a couple of years and he tells his retired friends that it is the best comedy hour of the month. He thanked the commission and stated Merry Christmas.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Stan Riggs stated the County received their Pilot funds from the solar project in the amount of \$396,000. He thanked Karen Sanders for all her work and mentioned we do not want another storm like last year. He believes we are ready if it should happen again. We just received notice that our Juvenile Detention Center is the first and only one in the State of New Mexico to be nationally certified by the Department of Justice for our Prison Rape Elimination Act that we instituted about 2 years ago. We have received photographs and maps from the BLM and the next coordination meeting is set for January 10th. The first Regular Commission Meeting of the year is scheduled for January 12th at 9:00 a.m. Officers will be elected at that meeting. The swearing in of newly elected officials will be on December 30th at 9:00a.m. The County will be closed December 26th and January 2nd. After this meeting there is a reception planned with refreshments. He stated Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. He thanked Commissioner Chesser and Wooton for their 8 years of service. Chaves County has really been blessed with good people representing them on the Commission. He stated we would miss them.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Chesser stated it was an honor to serve Chaves County as a Commissioner. He said he has gotten to work with some super people and the staff makes the Commissioners look good. It has been fun to be a part of this team. He said he was sad he didn't get to see Ojibwa and Vineyard fixed. He would like to see the County get out of the trash business and have that service privatized. He thanked everyone and said it has been an honor.

Commissioner Wooton stated this is very tough for him. He is very passionate about his job as a Commissioner. Chaves County does a great job. He said thanks for the plaque, and it has been a great ride. He thanked everyone.

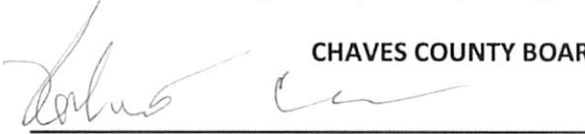
Commissioner Duffey said he will miss Commissioners Wooton and Chesser. He said he finally got Commissioner Chesser to make the motion on approval of checks. These will be tough shoes to fill. He mentioned the awards and those leaving and stated we have been very fortunate in Chaves County. He said Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Commissioner Cavin stated he is very appreciative of how the County works. We have the best County in the State and Nation. He is honored to have gotten to work with Commissioners Wooton and Chesser. He said Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

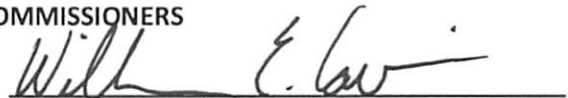
Chairman Corn stated he has enjoyed working with Commissioners Wooton and Chesser. He appreciates Commissioner Wooton's work on the jail which has been finished and appreciates all of Commissioner Chesser's work on Endangered Species. He said last Monday the County joined a law suit against the US Department of the Interior on the BLM 2.0 rule. They did not follow the rules. He told everyone Merry Christmas, to have safe travels and be sober.

The meeting was adjourned pending the signature of documents at 10:30 a.m.

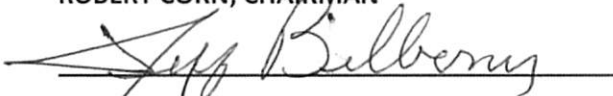
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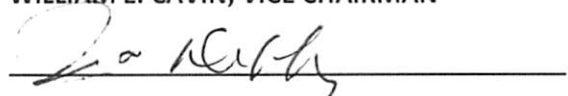
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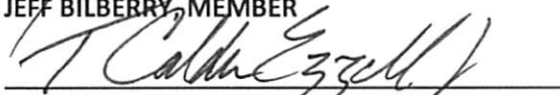
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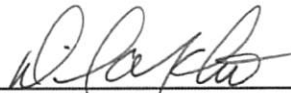
JEFF BILBERRY, MEMBER



JAMES DUFFEY, MEMBER



T. CALDER EZZELL JR., MEMBER

ATTEST: 

DAVE KUNKO, COUNTY CLERK

