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Dave Kunko, County Clerk

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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 Duffey, Chesser, Wooton, Corn and Cavin. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Sonny Chancey, Sheriff Britt Snyder, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

Sheriff Snyder led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Chesser led in prayer.

MINUTES

Commissioner Chesser moved to approve the Minutes from the January 28, 2016 Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Cavin seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION – AUDIT REPORT

Neil Galassi, from Hienfeld, Meech & Co., gave an audit presentation by conference call to the Commission. He reviewed portions of the audit and mentioned the State required a reporting change that makes the County show an increase in liability due to PERA. Joe Sedillo stated Neil would be taking a job with the City of Tucson and he thanked Neil for all his work with Chaves County.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AGREEMENT A-16-002 WITH NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Georgianna Hunt explained that this Agreement is with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for CDBG Grant # 15-C-NR-I-03-G-11 for the Tabosa Development Services Building Addition Project in the amount of \$499,412.00. Commissioner Chesser felt this was way too expensive for a 1,630 ft. addition to a building. Mr. Riggs stated this is the Grant Agreement and when we go out to bid it will hopefully come in much cheaper. Commissioner Chesser moved to approve Agreement A-16-002. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-16-008 DWI GRANT AND DISTRIBUTION APPLICATION

Lucia Serrano, the DWI Coordinator stated this resolution is the FY 2017, DWI Grant and Distribution Application. Commissioner Cavin moved to approve Resolution R-16-008. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-16-009 CHANGE IN MANPOWER ALLOCATION

Stan Riggs explained that the DWI Coordinator had resigned as of February 5th and they have decided to combine this position with the Continuum Coordinator. He stated this would save the County money and be a more efficient use of funds. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Resolution R-16-009. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ITB'S AND RFP'S

ITB-16-1 – TREE CUTTING, PRUNING AND REMOVAL SERVICES

Sandra Rodriguez explained that one bid was received for tree cutting, pruning and removal services. A Cut Above Tree Services from Floyd, New Mexico bid \$207.67 per hour. Commissioner Chesser felt like this was very expensive. Bill Williams stated the successful bidder is required to show proof of Insurance so the County is not liable for accidents. Sonny Chancey explained the idea is to have someone on hand for emergencies and to work on the large trees at the courthouse. All other tree issues are handled by the Facilities Maintenance Department. Commissioner Duffey asked if it would be possible to take a second look at this issue. Chairman Corn asked if we had an estimate on how many

hours per year this service would be needed. Mr. Williams estimated 10 days per year. Commissioner Chesser moved to award the bid to A Cut Above Tree Service. Commissioner Wooton seconded the motion. A voice vote was 0 votes in favor and 5 votes against and the motion failed.

OTHER BUSINESS

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Riggs explained that this item is a request to publish for public hearing, an amendment to Ordinance O-058, the Indigent Hospital/Health Care Ordinance. The amendment is in reference to an increase in the rate of reimbursement of IHC funds to rural health clinics. Commissioner Wooton moved to approve publishing for a public hearing Revision #10 to Ordinance O-058. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Duffey moved to approve checks in the amount of \$3,030,118.96. Commissioner Chesser seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Charlotte Andrade stated there is a meeting in reference to the Permanent Fund on March 9, 2016 at 9:00a.m

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Stan Riggs stated the Dome repair at the Courthouse was nearly completed and the contractor felt they would be out of the rotunda on Monday. We are still pursuing possible Insurance Funds for the repair. We will need to address the windows on the west side of the Courthouse soon. Chaves County and the City of Roswell have gotten an expert involved in the Communications issue. A meeting is planned with the State on this problem. Juvenile Detention renovations are complete. We are currently housing 13 juveniles and most of those are from other Counties. Sonny Chancey stated the Adult Detention renovation has been difficult for everyone due to security issues. Substantial completion of the building should occur in April. They are flushing the fire suppression system due to rust and debris. The old sally port will need to be re-roofed and this issue had not been anticipated. There will be a change order next month.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Wooton asked if all the bills from the storm had been collected. Terry Allensworth stated they had and it has been sent to the State to see if we qualify for Federal Emergency Funds. Commissioner Wooton asked about road applications. Sonny Chancey stated they had received 4 applications none of which are road vacations.

Commissioner Duffey said he sure appreciates the nice weather. He was in Santa Fe last week working on legislative actions that affect Counties. HB233 got pulled by the sponsor, which is a good thing. He mentioned HB229 which is in reference to Electric Co-ops. He stated he appreciates everyone's efforts. One big item that needs to be worked on is insurance reform. Insurance rates and litigation cost have increased way too much.

Commissioner Chesser stated, one significant item is Fish and Wildlife has redefined "critical habitat". This could have a big effect on Farming, Ranching and the Oil and Gas industry. The AZ/NM Coalition is working on their Joint Powers Agreement and By-laws

Commissioner Cavin welcomed all the new employees and stated we are like a big family and we have great departments. He stated it has been a pleasure working with this Commission. We need

to keep an eye on Oil and Gas because as it declines, so does gross receipts taxes. He hopes the industry improves because people are losing jobs.

Chairman Corn stated he is scheduled to be back in Washington D.C. tomorrow. He is scheduled to have lunch with the Forest Service. It is interesting that BLM is using the word cooperate in their handbook when the statute actually uses the word coordinate. With the help of Joe and Anabel we came up with the information he handed out earlier which is some pie charts he went over with legislators in Santa Fe which shows Chaves County was giving services worth almost 3 million dollars to the State of New Mexico. This is due to state inmates cost that is not being reimbursed, housing for the District Court, District Attorney, providing Security Personnel, utilities, the Health Office, the Extension Service, the Mental Health Office, and street lighting at State Road intersections. People from around the State were interested in obtaining this information for their counties. He had them include the Indigent tax and the State keeps picking our pocket for those funds. He said he spent a lot of time with Representative Harper in reference to HB233. He wanted to take the 3 (1/8ths) gross receipts tax and he was transferring the excise tax on automobiles back to the road department which would be paid for from our gross receipts tax. Chairman Corn let him know he would not support his bill. On March 3rd he will be joining the Economic Development group on the Phoenix Flight and when they fly back there will be a big reception at the Roswell Airport around 5:30. He invited the Elected Officials and County staff to come out and participate. Filing day is March 8th for those running for office. He stated while in Santa Fe he was sitting in Stuart Ingle's Office and the Secretary of Tax and Revenue came in and they started talking about the Hold Harmless GRT and he told her they were not paying their fair share. She stated they were paying the correct amount. She asked that he have a meeting in Santa Fe and Commissioner Corn stated he would be happy to set up a meeting in Chaves County.

Commissioner Duffey moved to go into closed session at 10:32 a.m. pursuant to Section 10-15-1-(H)(7) to discuss threatened or pending litigation. Commissioner Chesser seconded the motion. All 5 Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote.

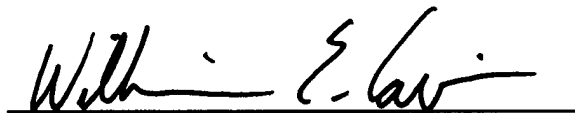
Commissioner Duffey moved to come out of closed session and the items discussed were limited to those mentioned in the motion for closure. Commissioner Cavin seconded the motion. All 5 Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned pending the signature of documents at 11:24a.m.

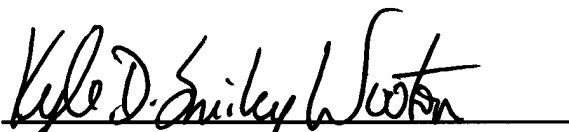
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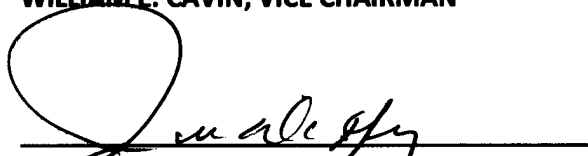
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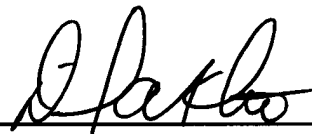


KYLE D. "SMILEY" WOOTON, MEMBER



JAMES DUFFEY, MEMBER

KIM CRESSER, MEMBER

ATTEST: 

DAVE KUNKO, COUNTY CLERK

