



OCTOBER 19, 2017

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. Commissioner Duffey led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Duffey, Ezzell, Cavin and Corn. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Bill Williams, Sheriff Britt Snyder, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

MINUTES

Commissioner Duffey moved to approve the Minutes from September 21, 2017. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK

Chairman Corn read a proclamation for Character Counts Week.

PRESENTATION – LA CASA DE BUENA SALUD

Seferino Montano, CEO of La Casa de Buena Salud and Dr. Usher gave a presentation. Mr. Montano mentioned they charge 65% of their cost. Commissioner Duffey mentioned a big shift on expenditures. Now there is very little medical and a lot of dental. Mr. Montano stated many of the patients qualify for Medicaid now. Dr. Usher stated the focus of the dental work is to get them out of pain, restore their teeth and restore their mouth. Nothing is done for appearance. Commissioner Duffey stated that constituents are upset because the indigent are getting things that they cannot afford. Mr. Montano went over the make-up of the organization. He also stated they would like to establish reserves. On the mental health side, they need to add additional therapists and they currently serve between 1200 and 1500 clients. It would be nice to consolidate to a one stop shop where indigents could receive all their health care. The old Sears building would be a possible location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CASE Z 2017-12 REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN AREA II, RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL

Marlin Johnson stated that this Special Use Permit if approved would allow for the storage of manufactured homes and associated parts in a Residential/Agricultural zoning district. Chairman Corn opened the hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: Paula Mclean stated she lives on the property and would like to continue her business.

AGAINST: None

Commissioner Cavin mentioned a similar situation on the north side of town that became a real safety issue due to deterioration. Mr. Johnson stated that this was going to be more of a business than a place for storage. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Case Z 2017-12 with the stipulations and findings of fact. Commissioner Cavin seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CASE Z 2017-13 REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN AREA I, AGRICULTURAL

Marlin Johnson stated that this Special Use Permit if approved would allow for a second residence on the property for caregiver purposes. Chairman Corn opened the hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: Alondra Sanchez stated this would help her take care of her mother.

AGAINST: None

Commissioner Cavin moved to approve Case Z 2017-13 with the stipulations and findings of fact. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CASE Z 2017-14 REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN AREA II, RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL

Marlin Johnson stated that this Special Use Permit if approved would allow for a gun repair shop. Chairman Corn opened the hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: Billy Geib stated he repairs and refinishes guns.

AGAINST: None

Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Case Z 2017-14 with the stipulations and findings of fact. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CASE Z 2017-15 REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHAVES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Marlin Johnson stated this is a request for an amendment to the Chaves County Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Corn opened the hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: None

AGAINST: Bob Carroll wished to know the intent of this amendment. Chuck Smith from BLM was also interested in the intent.

Mr. Riggs stated the intent was to open communication with the landowners. Chairman Corn stated they received a letter from the State Land Commissioner and they are not in favor of this amendment. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Case Z 2017-15. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AGREEMENTS A-17-038 DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR 2018 PRIMARY AND GENERAL

Chaves County Clerk Dave Kunko stated New Mexico State Law requires that by the first Monday in November of each odd numbered year the Commission shall set polling places for the 2018 Primary and General Elections. He mentioned the 2 committee meetings and went over the changes from the last election cycle. Mr. Kunko recommended making Precinct 104 a mail ballot precinct in addition to Precinct 44 which is already a mail ballot precinct. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve Agreement A-17-038. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was 4 to 1 and the motion carried. Commissioner Ezzell voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION R-17-039 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION

Joe Sedillo stated that this budget adjustment reflects the Fire Protection Fund distribution for FY 2018. Commissioner Ezzell moved to approve Resolution R-17-039. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-17-040, R-17-041, R-17-042 COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL PLANNING, INVENTORY AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Riggs stated these resolutions would adopt the planning procedures Chaves County will utilize when coordinating with Federal Agencies. He stated we are not conflicting with Federal Law, these 3 resolutions are based on what the Western United States Congressional Caucus has presented to the President for an executive order. What this basically outlines is coordination. BLM 2.0 has been eliminated by executive order and a new effort of planning has taken place at BLM. The number one issue brought up in this planning process was coordination. This is just a template of how we move forward with Federal Agencies. All of the meetings with Federal Agencies must take place in a public setting. He mentioned a meeting with BLM next Thursday. Commissioner Cavin moved to approve the Resolutions R-17-040, R-17-041 and R-17-042. Commissioner Duffey seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE CHAVES COUNTY LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Mr. Riggs stated that the Chaves County Labor Management Relations Board has recommended Kelly Cassels as the third member of the Board. The County Commission appoints the third member upon recommendation by the Board. Commissioner Duffey moved to approve the appointment of Kelly Cassels to the Board. Commissioner Bilberry 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 \$3,026,510.17. Commissioner Ezzell 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 Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Connolly stated he went to a City of Roswell Infrastructure meeting where they approved the purchase of 3 Garbage trucks for \$825,000.00. He mentioned Fire Trucks at the parade. He wondered if we weren't spending too much on personalized Fire Trucks. There must be a way to reduce the cost.

Randy Robertson stated he has come back to the Commission in reference to the UTV Ordinance which will be heard at the next City Council Meeting. He believes it is written to accommodate the City and the County and he hopes once passed in the City he can bring it to the County to consider.

Bob Carroll asked what Resolution R-17-040 really says. Mr. Riggs stated it just sets coordination parameters.

Jerry Stearns was concerned about his property valuation.

Steve Montgomery was also concerned about the valuation of property in Chaves County.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Riggs thanked Mr. Robertson for working closely with the City on the UTV Ordinance. He told Mr. Connolly that Fire Truck Specifications must be approved by the State Fire Marshall. He stated Chaves County tries to stick to similar specs on all their trucks. There will be a special meeting with BLM on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. Next Tuesday the 24th the Labor Management Relations Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Riggs mentioned that he had a good meeting with the City Manager. The head count at the Adult Detention Center is 257 which is the lowest in 2 years. Rules are in place that have reduced the number of inmates. The County will be celebrating Halloween with Pecos Elementary School from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Halloween. We will be looking at the Holiday schedule next month. There will be a closed session after the meeting today.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Bilberry thanked everyone for all their hard work and thanked Joe West and the Road Department for all their work after the rain.

Commissioner Duffey said everyone should go see all the Halloween decorations. He hoped everyone participated in the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Community activism is extremely important and he thanked Mr. Robertson for all his hard work.

Commissioner Ezzell thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Commissioner Cavin congratulated Commissioners Duffey and Ezzell for a successful Fair and Parade. He mentioned all the upcoming school activities including sports. He thanked Diane Taylor and

the Sheriff for such a great DWI Booth. He stated the County staff is amazing and all the Halloween projects were funded by the employees. God Bless America.

Chairman Corn stated there was a ribbon cutting on October 4th for the USA Beef Project. This is needed Economic Development in Chaves County and a great opportunity. He is glad that he is not grading the Halloween Door Contest this year. He told everyone to have a safe Halloween.

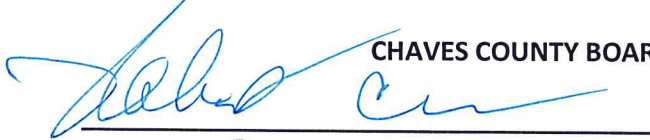
CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-15-1(H)(5), COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Commissioner Duffey moved to go into closed session pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(5) for collective bargaining. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. Commissioners Bilberry, Duffey, Ezzell, Cavin and Corn all voted yes to a closed session in a roll call vote at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioner Duffey moved to come out of closed session and stated the items discussed in the closed session were limited to those mentioned in the motion for closure and no action was taken. Commissioner Cavin seconded the motion. Commissioners Bilberry, Duffey, Ezzell, Cavin and Corn all voted yes to come out of the closed session in a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned pending the signature of documents at 11:02 a.m.

CHAVES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



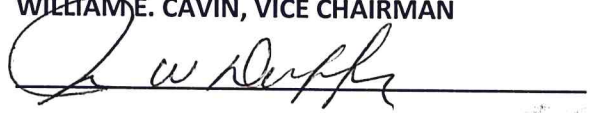
ROBERT CORN, CHAIRMAN



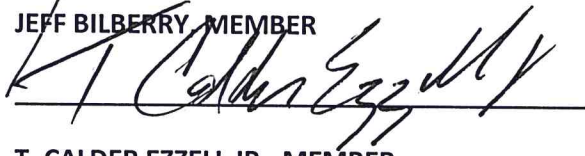
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T. CALDER EZZELL JR., MEMBER

ATTEST: 

DAVE KUNKO, COUNTY CLERK

