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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF CHAVES
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Dave Kunko, County Clerk

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 Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Commissioner Dana led the pledge and Commissioner Ezzell led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Dana, Ezzell, Corn and Cavin. Also present were County Manager Stan Riggs, Public Services Director Bill Williams, Sheriff Mike Herrington, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Treasurer Charlotte Andrade, County Assessor Mark Willard, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

MINUTES

Commissioner Corn stated there was a typo under Commissioner Bilberry's Communications. The name "Whitener" was misspelled and should be "Weidner". Commissioner Ezzell moved to approve the minutes from September 19, 2019 with the correction. Commissioner Corn seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ROSWELL CHAVES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bud Kunkel introduced the new Executive Director Mike Espiritu. Mr. Espiritu stated he has been in Chaves County for 2 weeks and has been very busy. He came here from Alamogordo. He really appreciates the response he has received since arriving in Chaves County. He mentioned the importance of having volunteers. He stated they would not be able to exist without the partnership with the County. He gave an update on USA Beef and their future plans. He also mentioned an arsenal company that is doing well and hoping to acquire an additional 40 acres. Commissioner Dana welcomed him to Chaves County and mentioned she came from Alamogordo to Chaves County 42 years ago. Mike Espiritu was also welcomed by Chairman Cavin. There was discussion about Farming, Ranching, Dairies and the Airport. Mr. Riggs stated he and Mike had 2 meetings so far and they have been very productive.

PROCLAMATION

CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK – HONOR THE BADGE

Chairman Cavin read the proclamation for Character Counts Week and presented it to Tim Fuller with the Roswell Independent School District. Pictures were taken of Mr. Fuller with the Commissioners.

PRESENTATION

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CHAVES AND LINCOLN COUNTIES

Tim Coughlin, CEO gave a power point presentation of the program. He introduced board members Jim Matteucci and Mark Murphy. They have applied for CDBG funds in the amount of \$750,000 to renovate their buildings. He stated they consider every child to be "at risk". They concentrate on prevention versus rehabilitation and development of the whole child. They have accomplished a lot in the 2 years since they took over the clubs. He mentioned they currently have 361 active members and served over 45,000 meals.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CASE Z 2019-14 SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN AREA II, AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL

Louis Jaramillo stated Case Z 2019-14 is a request for a special use permit in Area II, Agricultural/Residential. The request is for a second residence on the property to care for their elderly grandmother who needs medical assistance. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval with the conditions and findings of fact. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: Robert Glass

OPPOSED: None

Commissioner Corn moved to approve Case Z 2019-14 for a special use permit in Area II, Agricultural/Residential with the conditions and findings of fact. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AGREEMENT A-19-036 REQUESTING RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH NM TOURISM DEPARTMENT LITTER CONTROL AND BEAUTIFICATION "CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL" GRANT PROGRAM

Joe Sedillo stated this is a request for ratification of Agreement A-19-036 with the NM Tourism Department. Commissioner Corn moved to adopt Agreement A-19-036. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

RFP/ITB'S

ITB-19-2 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION – METAL BUILDING ADDITION, BERRENDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Rodriguez stated this bid is for general construction of a metal building addition for the Berrendo Fire Department. Three companies provided proposals. Staff recommends award to Waide Construction, Inc. of Roswell. Commissioner Corn commented on a \$100,000 difference between the low bid and the highest bid. Commissioner Ezzell moved to approve award of ITB-19-2 to Waide Construction. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Dana moved to approve checks in the amount of \$2,366,229.30. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt the reports for the period. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried. Mr. Riggs mentioned a new report required of Clay Corn and the Detention Center.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Flood Commissioner Tim Jennings mentioned a couple items the Commission could possibly consider. This last rain pointed out a continuing drainage problem off of Highway 285. Once the water flows under Hwy. 285 there is nowhere for it to go. It needs to make its way to the river. There needs to be drainage under that highway. There are 2 drains at Brasher Road but the problem is they go uphill. He believes the NMDOT is having a meeting soon and he hoped the Commission could send a letter asking them to address this issue. He sits on the Economic Development Committee and he believes the State will have another surplus. The airport is a great opportunity. We need to get utilities to the back side of the airport. We could possibly get a grant from the State to get this going. Once the utilities are in place it does not take long to develop the area. This could create jobs in this community.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Stan Riggs mentioned the airport and stated the County at one time had a road on the ICIP that would extend onto the west and south end of the base. There had been discussion about this with the NMDOT and EDC. It has since been removed from the plan. The City of Roswell is looking at the Master Plan to see if this area was included. He said the next meeting will be on November the 12th at 2:00p.m. to conduct the Election Canvas for the November 5th election. The courthouse window project is moving along and they hope to have that bid out by the end of this year or beginning of next year. The Architect is 95% complete with the design of the courthouse elevator. That should be out for bid in December. Yesterday he received notification of the amount we will receive due to a class action lawsuit with a County in Utah for unfunded PILT. It appears to be around \$82,000. We will tour the Adult Detention Center at the end of the meeting. This is required once per year. We have the only detention center

that has received accreditation 3 times. The new company providing medical care has done a good job. There have been electronics issues that Mr. Corn will bring up during the tour. The County will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day November 11th. Commissioner Corn asked where we were on Red Bridge and the status of repairing the 2 bridges. Bill Williams stated quotes were received. Sandra Rodriguez stated it has already been approved and sent over to them in order to get the project started. Commissioner Corn asked for an update on Hobson Road. Mr. Williams stated they corrected the 2 intersections and went out during the heavy rain and took note of issues and water coming from a different direction than was anticipated. The pond is the next portion of the project and he has received 4 of the 6 clearances. We must make sure the railroad is on board. They are in the process of re-surveying the pond and determination of pipe placement. Once this is complete we will be ready to go out to bid. Also, portions of the road will need to be rebuilt. Mr. Williams believes this project will be completed next year.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Corn mentioned an email he received from Jonathan Sheffield from Naco on PILT and SRS. He stated Congresswoman Holland signed a letter in support. The last visit to Washington DC is hopefully making a difference. Commissioner Corn stated the EDC has found potential enterprise zones at the airport. We need infrastructure in place to attract potential partners. Brasher Road is interesting because it hasn't filled in yet with businesses. Proper planning can lower the cost of infrastructure. The rain we received is welcome and also helps us to find potential problem areas. We are working with the highway department to redo the Hobson Road intersection. It is looking good from the work already completed. It was long overdue.

Commissioner Dana stated the rains have given her riverfront property and created a rat problem. The last rain like this was 30 years ago. Central Valley Electric is having issues in the area. She thanked the Road Department for all their work in the area. This County works very well together. We need to learn and grow from these events.

Commissioner Ezzell thanked everyone for their hard work and stated he was sick and tired of hearing about the rain everyone received. He asked Joe Sedillo about the Gross Receipts Tax. Mr. Sedillo stated they received those this morning and compared to last year we are down \$8,983.64 which is a .83% drop and year to date we are still up 21% and he has still not seen the RP500 report from the State.

Commissioner Bilberry agrees with the comments of the Commissioners. He thanked everyone for their hard work. He stated Chaves County has the best Road Department.

Chairman Cavin stated it has been a busy month. He attended the NMC Board of Directors Meeting in T or C. He attended the NM Oil and Gas Conference. Hopefully the Oil and Gas success won't end anytime soon. We have been through the highs and lows. At the Board meeting in Tor C they showed a video clip that Clay Corn and the Detention Center put together for NMC. Clay Corn stated several Agencies were involved in this project. They received a grant and asked Chaves County to do a video for Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers. Several inmates were interviewed. The focus is the Opioid Crisis. A production company out of Albuquerque produced the video. This video will be distributed to all the detention centers in the State. Education is a requirement by statute. Chairman Cavin stated they are doing an amazing job. Chairman Cavin asked Joe West if road work was done for the season. Joe West stated they ended chip seal for the season on Tuesday. They have spent their Local Government Road Fund. They were unable to get to County funded chip seal. Chairman Cavin stated we have the greatest people right here in Chaves County. We get things accomplished and we are proactive. He finished with God Bless America.

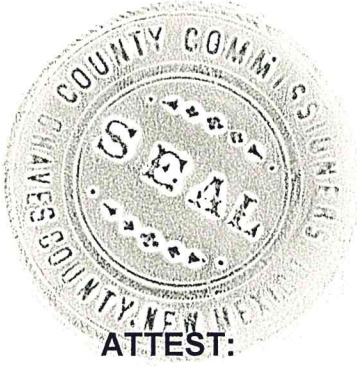
The meeting was recessed at 10:30a.m. to sign documents and tour the Adult Detention Facility.

TOUR OF DETENTION FACILITY

The meeting was reconvened at 10:53a.m. at the Adult Detention Facility. Commissioners Cavin, Corn Bilberry and Dana were present. Commission Ezzell was absent. Also present were Bill Williams, Public Services Director and Dave Kunko Chaves County Clerk.

We toured the facility and at the end Mr. Corn mentioned the need to upgrade their cameras and equipment. The high-level security equipment will cost approximately \$500,000. We need to start researching options and possibly look at doing the work in phases.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22a.m.



ATTEST:



Dave Kunko
County Clerk

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



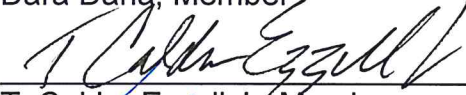
William E. Cavin, Chairman



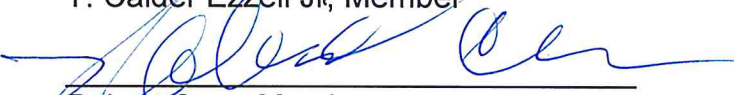
Jeff Bilberry, Vice-Chairman



Dara Dana, Member



T. Calder Ezzell Jr, Member



Robert Corn, Member