



JANUARY 10, 2019

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 Dana led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry 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, County Treasurer Charlotte Andrade, County Assessor Mark Willard, Roswell High School Football Team, Dexter High School Football Team, Finance Director Joe Sedillo, County Clerk Dave Kunko, news media, staff and guests.

PRESENTATION

The Commissioners read a proclamation Proclaiming it to be Champions Day in Chaves County honoring Roswell and Dexter High School State Champions. Pictures were taken with each team.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Ezzell thanked the Chairman for his service then made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cavin as Chairman and Commissioner Bilberry as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Dana seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve the Minutes from December 2018. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

POTENTIAL LOW-INCOME TAX REBATE ORDINANCE

Mr. Riggs stated that by law in every odd numbered year the Board of County Commissioners must conduct a public hearing on the question of whether a property tax rebate benefitting low income property tax payers in the County should be made available through adoption of a County Ordinance. The County has never adopted this type of ordinance and staff recommends denial of an ordinance at this time. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: None

OPPOSED: None

Commissioner Ezzell moved that Chaves County not consider a Low-Income Tax Rebate Ordinance. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-19-001, R-19-002 NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF COMMISSION AND INDIGENT HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE BOARD

Stan Riggs stated in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the County Commission is required to publish a notice for public meetings each year. These resolutions if approved would establish the Regular Commission Meeting and the Indigent Hospital/Health Care meeting once monthly on the third Thursday of each month with the IHC Meeting at 8:30am and the Commission Meeting at 9:00am. Commissioner Corn moved to approve Resolution R-19-001 and Resolution R-19-002. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2019/2020 ANNUAL EMS FUND ACT APPLICATIONS AND SERVICE REPORTS ON BEHALF OF THE BERRENDO, MIDWAY AND SIERRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Georgianna Hunt explained this item is requesting approval of the 2019/2020 Annual EMS Fund Act Applications and Service Reports on behalf of the Berrendo, Midway and Sierra Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve the Applications and Service Reports. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION POOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING AND MULTI LINE POOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

Stan Riggs stated the Worker's Compensation Pool Board and the Multi Line Pool Board hold Annual Meetings. The next meeting will take place in Santa Fe at the NMC's Annual Legislative Conference on January 15, 2019. A voting member and alternate must be appointed. Staff is recommending Ron Lethgo, Chief Deputy Assessor be the voting member and Tim Salazar Safety and Compliance Manager be the alternate. Mr. Lethgo has served in this capacity in the past. Commissioner Bilberry moved to appoint Mr. Lethgo as the voting member and Mr. Salazar as the alternate. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FOR PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. O-089 AN ORDINANCE OF CHAVES COUNTY

Stan Riggs stated staff is recommending permission to publish for public hearing, the repeal of Ordinance No. O-089. This ordinance is a hold harmless gross receipts tax. In December 2018 the Commission passed Ordinance O-102 and Ordinance O-089 is no longer needed. Commissioner Corn moved for approval of permission to publish for public hearing the repeal of Ordinance No. O-089. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Corn moved to approve checks in the amount of \$1,919,863.61. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Commissioner Bilberry moved to approve the reports for the period. Commissioner Corn seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Connolly congratulated the new Officers.

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer welcomed Commissioner Dana and thank all the Commissioners for having faith in Keep Chaves County Beautiful and we are making a difference. She will be out in Dexter and Hagerman next week organizing the outdoor classroom, "clean campus". She will be in charge of the trash pickup. She also welcomed the new Sheriff. She is working with Planning and Zoning and they are hoping to use the Midway Fire Department for their cleanup on March 16th. The cleanup period is from March 16th through April 7th. Commissioner Dana stated she lives in the Midway/Dexter area and she thanked Rita for all the work being done. Commissioner Dana said everyone needs to go see Cumberland Park. Rita stated there will be a Health Fair at the park. Flu shots will be available.

Alys Klein wanted to let everyone know Walk for Hope would be on May 10th this year. She is on the Walk for Hope Board. There will be a Chaves County Team for those interested. In the last 10 years Walk for Hope has raised over half a million dollars and all that money is spent in Chaves County. It will be held at Cielo Grande.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Mr. Riggs stated the NMC Legislative Conference would be next week in Santa Fe. Chaves County will be closed January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day. There is a tentative special meeting scheduled for February 8th for the canvas of the special election on February 5th. The next Regular Meeting will be February 21st. The Commissioners should have copies of the committees if you wish to make changes let the Chairman know. The committee assignments will be brought back to the

next meeting for approval. There will also be the formal nomination of the Sheriff to the DWI Board. He thanked past Chairman Corn and said it was a pleasure working with him and looks forward to working with Chairman Cavin. See you in Santa Fe. Chairman Cavin asked about the canvas being done by the Commission. Mr. Kunko stated the Commission will canvas all special elections as well as all those held in accordance with the Local Election Act (LEA). It was also stated the County will be reimbursed by RISD and Hagerman Schools for the cost of this special election.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Bilberry welcomed Commissioner Dana. He congratulated Chairman Cavin on becoming the Chairman. He thanked Commissioner Corn for serving as the Chair and he thanked the Elected Officials for their hard work.

Commissioner Dana appreciated the welcoming comments. She thanked the Sheriff and she looks forward to working with everyone at the County. It will be nice to be at the local level. So much easier to communicate on a local level than it was in Santa Fe.

Commissioner Ezzell welcomed Commissioner Dana and Sheriff Herrington on being elected. He thanked Commissioner Corn for his service as Chairman. He thanked the employees of Chaves County. It was a great 2018 and he hoped for an even better 2019.

Commissioner Corn stated they were once again in Washington D.C. and met with the Interior Department. They spent time with the Secretary and staff and had an excellent meeting. It was good the meeting occurred right before the government shutdown. He said the Carlsbad RFP is being sent back to Carlsbad. He is the Chairman of the Commissioners Affiliate and someone from Washington D.C. will be at their meeting to discuss SRS and PILT and hopefully have ideas to secure funding for these programs. He welcomed Commissioner Dana and Sheriff Herrington. He thanked everyone for the kind words on being Commission Chair and said it was time to step down.


Chairman Cavin stated his first four years on the Commission were great. He enjoyed being the Vice Chairman and he had a great mentor in Commissioner Corn. Everyone in Chaves County wants to make a difference. He is honored to be the new Chairman. He is one of the two members from New Mexico on the WIR Board and he looks forward to making a difference there. They have made some great contacts every time they go to Washington D.C. We must stand up and remind them of our needs. He said this was his first meeting as Chairman and he will get better. All of us make Chaves County great. He stated God Bless America.

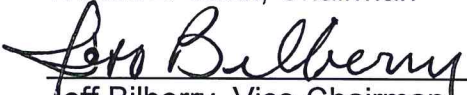
The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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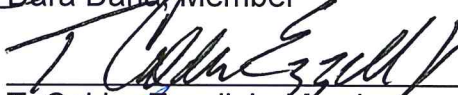




Dave Kunko
County Clerk


William E. Cavin, Chairman


Jeff Bilberry, Vice-Chairman


Dara Dana, Member


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Robert Corn, Member