

November 19, 2020

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 9:00 am. Commissioner Corn led the pledge and Commissioner Dana led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Cavin, Dana, and Corn. Commissioners Ezzell and Bilberry joined the meeting via phone. Also present were County Manager, Stan Riggs, Public Services Director, Bill Williams, Sheriff, Mike Herrington, Finance Director, Joe Sedillo, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, news media, staff, and guests.

MINUTES

Commissioner Corn moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Cavin stated that Friday, November 20, 2020, would be Clay Corn Day. Mr. Corn was recognized as one of the best detention administrators in the State of New Mexico. The Chaves County Board of Commissioners recognized Mr. Corn's accomplishments and contributions and thanked him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Chaves County. Commissioner Corn presented Clay Corn with a plaque and a photo was taken with Clay Corn and the Commissioners present.

Commissioner Cavin stated that Thursday, November 19, 2020, would be Joe Sedillo Day. Mr. Sedillo was recognized for his numerous awards for outstanding audits and budgets. The Chaves County Board of Commissioners recognized Mr. Sedillo's accomplishments and contributions and thanked him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Chaves County. Commissioner Corn presented Mr. Sedillo with a plaque and a photo was taken with Mr. Sedillo and the Commissioners present.

Commissioner Cavin recognized Daniel Ornelas for taking over the Correctional Facility. Anabel Barraza was recognized for taking over Joe Sedillo's position.

ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Andrea Moore, President of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, stated as of yesterday the Chamber has a new roof. They have a window project going on that was a donation from a member. They have been working with local businesses with their Shop Safe, Shop Local campaign. They are creating a flip book, which is like an online catalog of any and all locally owned businesses in Chaves County. First addition of the catalog will be disseminated before Thanksgiving. As an incentive to get people to look at the flip book and to shop local, they have some prizes that have been donated or purchased and will be given away twice a week. You must submit a receipt and spend a minimum of \$25.00 to be entered into the giveaway. Drawings will be held on Thursdays and Sundays. As a grand prize, \$500.00 in cash will be given away. This drawing will be held on December 22nd. The first of the year they will be rolling out some virtual workshops to help businesses know how to transition from in person to online and how to help tame fears. The flip book is open to all businesses and you do not have to be a member. The Chamber does not need to be exclusive to our members, but we need to constantly be helping each other out. Without our small businesses, everybody goes out of business. Commissioner Dana thanked Andrea for reaching out to non-members. Commissioner Bilberry thanked Andrea for all her hard work. Commissioner Ezzell agreed. Commissioner Cavin also thanked Andrea.

EDC UPDATE

Mike Espiritu shared his appreciation for the Commission and the people he's met in the last year. They have been working on the CARES grant and have worked with eight or nine businesses in the county. Last Friday was the last day for applications. They are very pleased and

privileged to team with the county. The Airport Steering Committee didn't have a meeting this week due to the health order but there will be a meeting next week. They're coming up with a recommendation to the City Council. Some of the impact points they've been discussing concerning the air center are: what is the mission of the air center? What are the political implications of what the governing body could look like? How and what type of governments should be applied? Operations and finances are a big part of the air center. They do anticipate having a presentation in February for the City Council. They have worked hard to create a workforce for ACCENT. They are working diligently with Eastern on finding other methods to provide a skilled workforce. Mr. Espiritu presented Chaves County to three different site selectors and shared with them the Chaves County story. The EDC educates people about who we are so we can bring skilled talent here. Last Friday he testified at a hearing for a NM solar group and they were awarded \$140,000.00 for ten new jobs in the county. They did their annual report for last year to highlight the things they are doing as an organization.

Commissioner Dana asked how many businesses sent in CARES ACT applications? Mr. Espiritu stated there were 79 businesses for the City of Roswell that received funding and they are still working on applicants in the county, they have until the end of the year. Commissioner Dana asked if any money had been dispersed from the county. Bill Williams stated no it has not. They have gathered information and are meeting this afternoon. They will probably have money left over to do phase two funding. They are looking to fund county businesses at 100% of what they've requested. Commissioner Dana asked if American Airlines would be staying? Mr. Espiritu stated we're good through December. A consultant flew in from Dallas and said the plane was full. Commissioner Dana stated there is a group of people being displaced because the area in which they are living has been condemned and asked about housing. Mr. Espiritu stated that Spring River Apartments was planning on groundbreaking yesterday for 112 more apartments. Today's needs are still a challenge. They are working with two different companies from Texas that manufacture module housing. Chaves County has a housing incentive of \$25,000.00 that can be used to help a company get started. There is a significant shortage of lumber and it's creating an impact in the housing market. Commissioner Cavin thanked Mr. Espiritu and stated he has received numerous calls from small businesses being shut down. The State has received 750 million in CARES ACT funding and are trying to get that back out to these businesses. Commissioner Ezzell said there are rumors of a special legislative session but nothing that has any credibility. Albertsons and Sam's have been shut down. Commissioner Corn stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars of produce will have to be thrown away. COVID isn't going anywhere and we need to learn to live with it. Suicide rates are up, domestic violence rates are up, child abuse is up, and he doesn't think the way NM is going about things is the right way. It's affecting restaurants, car dealerships, manufacturing. Our Farmers and Livestock don't just shut down. Mr. Espiritu stated there is a disruption to the supply chains and the consumer is going to pay a higher price. Commissioner Cavin stated he hopes the Governor rethinks closing businesses for two weeks. He thanked Mr. Espiritu.

RESOLUTION R-20-038 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2021

County Manager Stan Riggs presented the 2021 holiday schedule. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Corn moved to approve R-20-038. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION R-20-039 OPPOSING CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF CIVIL RIGHTS AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

County Manager Stan Riggs presented Resolution R-20-039. This resolution was authored by the New Mexico Counties. Chaves County is not against anyone's civil rights, if excessive force is used at any point with law enforcement or jail, we take that seriously. We need to find a way that local governments can adapt and do better and not be forced with an uncapped civil rights

claim that we do not have insurance for. As a county, how can we do better, meet our obligations, and not get hit with lawsuits that are backbreaking. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Corn asked if there are already people who have been tapped to serve on this commission. Stan Riggs stated that this Commission has already met and there are recommendations out there. One of those recommendations is that these kinds of situations would not be affected by the tort claims cap so you would have an uncapped ability to sue in State court. We are opposed to the recommendations the commission has come up with, but we want to work with everybody and see what we can get done. We don't have the insurance coverage and our insurance pool can't keep up and we'd have to raise taxes. This is not good for local governments or the state.

Commissioner Corn asked for some background on the commission and also if there was anybody from the other side of the table that was appointed to this commission in his opinion. Mr. Riggs stated that he can't really tell who is on the board but Mark Baker, an attorney in Albuquerque, was the chairman of the board and he was appointed by the Governor. He knows there were some people from local governments at the table. Commissioner Corn stated that this is disturbing. If one side is the only one with a vote and making decisions and you don't have somebody representing the other side it can get carried away and skewed completely 90 degrees from common sense and middle of the road policies. We can't just look at one side of the coin.

Commissioner Cavin stated they have been talking about this at New Mexico Counties for a while now. Our local governments are going to have to step up. Our legislatures aren't listening and it's going to take all of us at the local level to have the conversation with our Representatives and Senators to put a stop to this. If they pass this in the legislature, and the Governor signs this, she will be sending down a death sentence to all local governments. We won't be able to find insurance companies that will insure any of us. There are people within our local governments that make mistakes and there should be a price for it but you can not take the cap off. Commissioner Ezell stated that this creates a specific cause of action that already exists. He agrees that the NMAC and the Municipal League, everybody needs to stand up and scream bloody murder because this is terrible.

Commissioner Ezell moved to approve Resolution R-20-039. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cavin stated they would get this back to the NMAC for them to carry the ball but also to all of our legislatures and senators. Commissioner Ezell asked for that to happen. Stan Riggs stated they will do that.

RESOLUTION R-20-040 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2020/2021

Anabel Barraza stated R-20-040 is an approval for a budget adjustment for the line items in exhibit A. A revised list was handed out before the meeting. These adjustments are for various grants and donations which include, initiating the Sheriff's canine unit and SWAT uniforms, sale of county property, two capital projects for a walking and bike trail and a fire truck. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt R-20-040. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION R-20-041 DELETION OF PROPERTY AND PROPOSED DISPOSTION

Lucia Serrano stated approval of R-20-041 will allow staff to remove the attached inventory, exhibit A has the assets listed. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt R-20-041. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION R-20-042 OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RULES REGARDING THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Manager Stan Riggs thanked Commissioners Corn and Ezzell for helping put this together. It came about on November 10th when Representative Ezzell told us what was going on in Santa Fe with the proposed rules for the upcoming legislative session. We wanted to comment and show our displeasure at how keeping people out is anti-democracy. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Cavin asked that this resolution be read out loud. Commissioner Corn and Dana read the resolution. Commissioner Dana thanked Commissioners Ezzell and Corn for putting this forward. We are seeing that the Governor wants to do everything in the cover of night, she doesn't want the citizens to participate. When they don't want people in the Roundhouse that tells me that they don't want the citizens knowing what's going on. She asked that this signed resolution go to every State Representative and Senator and to the Governor's mansion. Commissioner Corn stated he has attended a lot of meetings on zoom and other platforms and it's just not the same as being there. In our State we have dark holes where people can't get hooked up and they don't get good participation by doing this stuff virtually. Commissioner Bilberry stated we need to get this passed and speak our peace whether they listen or not. Commissioner Ezzell stated that in addition to all legislatures that represent Chaves County he is requesting this be sent to the Speaker of the House, the Governor, President Pro-tem of the Senate, and the minority floor leaders on the house and senate side. Commissioner Cavin agreed and asked Commissioner Ezzell if there are any plans to delay the session to March or April. Commissioner Ezzell stated this was one of the proposals. The Constitution requires that the Legislature convene on the third Tuesday of every year. There was talk of having the Legislature do that, pass a budget, and then adjourn until a special session could be called after it was safe to meet in the Roundhouse. He thinks that's off the table now because there were no guarantees that since it was a special session the Governor would allow everything and anything that would normally come up in a sixty day session to come up on the call. He doesn't think there was enough cooperation across the aisle to make it an extraordinary session called by the Legislature which would give them the control over what was heard opposed to the Governor. He thinks they will end up using the Santa Fe convention center and have the Roundhouse closed to the public.

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt R-20-042. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ITB'S/RFP'S

ITB 20-4 (1) AWARD ITB 20-4 HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS, (2) AGREEMENT A-20-042

Bill Williams stated the following bids were received for an HVAC system replacement at the Chaves County Administration Building: Fulkerson Plumbing and Heating - \$861,932.16, includes gross receipts tax, B&D Industries -\$741,887.30, Rhodes plumbing - \$1,205,506.39, Donner Plumbing - \$1,547,518.00, Enoch Mechanical - \$928,045.73. Staff recommends award to Fulkerson Plumbing and Heating from Roswell, NM. Staff also requests that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement A-20-042 between the owner and the contractor. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Ezzell asked why the Fulkerson bid was preferable to the one that was \$120,000.00 cheaper? Mr. Williams explained that B&D Industries had several exclusions in their contract which the other bidder felt was a part of the job so we felt like we'd be presenting them with a blank check for change orders.

Commissioner Corn made a motion to direct the Chairman to execute Agreement A-20-042. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ITB 20-5 BULK FUEL

Bill Williams stated the County received bids for bulk fuel from Brewer Oil Company, Wakefield Oil Company, and Bell Gas. Bell Gas was the lowest and had no additional fees or

credit card fees, no fees for tank and pump as were submitted by Brewer Oil Company. Staff recommends approval to Bell Gas. Award of this bid will constitute a price agreement in which orders will be placed as needed. The first term will be for a period of one year with an option to renew with up to three additional one-year terms.

Commissioner Corn moved to approve ITB 20-5 for bulk fuel to Bell Gas. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ezzell asked if we were successful in calculating and submitting to the State what extra fuel expenses we have incurred because of the requirements that our Road Dept people not travel in the same vehicle? Did Anabel get any money for that? Mr. Williams stated Anabel is working on every angle she can come up with.

Commissioner Cavin asked to go back to agenda item #6 because he did not use Fulkerson's name for them to receive and wanted to make sure the record shows Fulkerson Plumbing is receiving the bid on agenda item #6.

Bill Williams stated that Anabel is seeking everything she can find to make corrections to and submit on the CARES ACT. She did determine that our land fill fees are up by 32% because of COVID and we are going to address that.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

Stan Riggs stated that he is retiring at the end of the year. The Commission needs to appoint an Interim County Manager. The Finance Committee is requesting that Mr. Bill Williams be appointed the Interim County Manager with full duties starting January 1, 2021. The transition period will begin Monday, November 30, 2020 and as such Mr. Williams will begin receiving his interim salary on November 30, 2020. Staff is proud to recommend Bill for approval.

Commissioner Ezzell moved to appoint Bill Williams as the Interim County Manager. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams stated he is very honored to have this opportunity and he believes Stan has set the bar really high but he's also established the ground work that anyone is going to need to run the County as successfully as he has. Commissioner Dana thanked Bill for stepping up. Commissioner Bilberry stated he's looking forward to working with Bill. He's very capable and competent for this job and always does the very best that he can. Mr. Williams said it's the staff that makes Chaves County what it is. Commissioner Cavin stated he knows Mr. Williams will do a great job.

A vote was taken. 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. O-107

Stan Riggs stated that the Legislature passed a new law in January that has to do with collective bargaining. The local government collective bargaining act was redone, and it took a lot of hits from the management side. We must now get permission to have our local relations labor board or it will go away. We've been working with our attorney, Denna Holcomb, who does our negotiations with the Union, and she came up with an ordinance that was adopted by the State Board in November. This is the model they agreed to which would allow us to continue operating with our local board and we would have to adopt it and get it up to the State board by the end of the year. We are seeking permission to publish for a public hearing regarding Ordinance O-107, an ordinance of Chaves County relating to collective bargaining for the County of Chaves, New Mexico, providing rights, responsibilities, and conditions of continued existence and transfer of authority upon termination of the local board. There is only one State Board so if we had to go to them there is no telling how long it would take for them to hear it. The State Board is made up primarily of Union and not management members. Staff recommends approval for permission to publish.

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt publication for a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. O-107. Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Commissioner Dana moved to approve checks in the amount of \$1,603,528.03. Commissioner Bilberry seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Commissioner Corn moved to adopt the reports. Commissioner Dana seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Sedillo stated he would like to start with the GRT. They received \$1,072,747.37 compared to last years \$1,112,236.27. That is a drop of 3.55%, Year to date: 7.49%. This is a trend that's starting to catch up over the adjustments from last year. Oil and Gas is down by taxable gross receipts \$2.4 million. Manufacturing is down \$1.6 million. Retail trade went up \$1.7 million. The information was down approximately \$1.8 million. Accommodation of food services was down \$3,946,063.96. We had 2,937 returns that were filed. We have an average of 3,400. The difference between that and last year is roughly 400 less than we would normally average. Going forward we can expect that the GRT will continue to go with the chaos we are experiencing. Mr. Sedillo thanked everyone and the department heads. Stan Riggs is a magnificent rapper. His rapper name is Saran Rap! From the past, thanked Commissioners Dick Taylor, Alice Eppers, Smiley Wooten, Michael Trujillo, Harold Hobson, and Greg Nibert. Most impactful was James Duffey. He thanked the entire Commission, Finance Committee, Budget Committee, and Investment Committee. Mr. Sedillo recognized the staff in his department.

Alys Klein read comments from Rita Kane Doerhoefer. Keep Chaves County Beautiful once again received the Keep American Beautiful, President's Circle award. She thanked Clay Corn and Joe Sedillo for their service to the county. She stated she will be in touch with Bill Williams. She thanked the Commissioners and staff for working through these difficult times. Rita told everyone to have a safe Thanksgiving and stated hopefully we can have a meeting in December in the chambers.

Ron Lethgo stated he had to step out of the meeting for a minute but hoped they passed R-20-039. This will be devastating to the Pool, he serves as the Chairman of the Insurance Authority Pool. They've done everything in their power to slow this down but the Speaker seems to be driving this towards the 60 day session. We would be left without re-insurance and this could threaten the existence of the pool. Mr. Lethgo thanked the Commissioner for taking this action at the recommendation of the New Mexico Counties. He thanked Clay Corn for all his contributions. He was proud to serve on the board when Chaves County became the first detention center to be accredited and then to be reaccredited on a couple of different occasions as well. Mr. Lethgo thanked Joe Sedillo. They have had a lot of discussions and he wished him well. Ron stated he will be retiring at the end of the year. Stated Bill Williams will do an incredible job.

Sheriff Herrington thanked Stan Riggs, Joe Sedillo, Daniel Ornelas, and Commissioner Corn for their dedication to this County. He congratulated Bill Williams and Daniel Ornelas. Stated that today we will get to watch the Governor. Shutting down grocery stores is going to make things worse. The morale of the people is at the lowest he's seen. Suicide, domestic violence, and child abuse are at all time highs. Local businesses are fearful of losing everything they have. He's had four positive COVID cases in his office. They had symptoms for one day and wanted to come back to work. My message is: Governor let us get back to business and open up. The Sheriff thanked the local businesses in Chaves County. The Sheriff's Office received a donation to start the canine unit. On January 2nd Deputy Gage Kennard will go to Texas where he will be chosen by one of the three dogs to be his handler. On January 15th, we will have a canine unit. We police

our own and that is important for our Legislatures to know. Sheriff Herrington thanked Church On The Move for their \$10,000.00 donation. This donation has already been put to use. Twelve officers have gone to SWAT school and six more are going at the end of the month. The Sheriff's Office is moving forward with being self-reliant. He thanked each of the Commissioners for their support and being the backbone of Chaves County.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Stan Riggs stated they are working on the ACCENT project. He and Bill met with the City twice this week and they are on the path to get going with the \$5,000,000.00. They are working on an MOU with the City to spend the 5% in the southeast side on some water and sewer lines around Mistic. He thanked Anabel and Joe and their staff, Alfredo, and Bill, for getting creative with the CARES ACT. He thanked Susan and Tim for their COVID response. Susan has coordinated everything. We are not on any watch lists but we do report and have had to deal with OSHA and the State Environment Department. Tim is doing the cleaning using a hazmat suit. They have done a great job. Law Enforcement is essential. They are doing everything they can do and taking precautions. Our building is closed to the public unless you call and make an appointment. We are still collecting taxes. A lot of counties have closed and don't allow the public in at all. We are trying to keep operations as smooth as we can. He has had talks with Joe Neeb about what the City is going to do. It makes no sense to close grocery stores. The panic is real, he's received a ton of calls. We have a lot of scared people. We are committed to working with the City. Mr. Riggs thanked Clay Corn for taking over the jail and doing a great job, he stated Daniel will also do a great job. He thanked Joe for the very small debt the county has. They are doing something right and Joe Sedillo has been a good friend, a good person, and extremely reliable. He told everyone to have a great Thanksgiving.

COMMISSIONER CORN

Commissioner Corn stated there is a lot of change going on in Chaves County. He stated he has enjoyed working with Joe and enjoyed the deep in the weeds conversations. He wished Anabel good luck. He stated Daniel will do a good job, Clay is leaving some big shoes for him to fill and he is capable of doing that. He told Bill Williams he will come around and check on him from time to time. Commissioner Corn told Mike Espiritu he has been a breath of fresh air. We are going to figure out a way to get out from under this dark cloud as long as we're given an opportunity to figure it out. As long as we're dictated from Santa Fe or Washington it makes it hard to make those decisions because we don't feel like we can. It feels like we're living under marshall law. Elections have consequences. For his entire life it seems like New Mexico has been at the bottom of the good list and at the top of the bad list. All those people are still in places to make a difference and they have made a difference, they've kept us on the wrong lists. He is really concerned about the change in the civil caps and our ability to do business. He stated Andrea has done a great job in a very short amount of time with the Roswell Chamber. The Chamber is headed in the right direction.

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked the Chaves County Staff. We are losing a lot of years and great knowledge but it's nice because we are gaining some knowledge that has been passed down. We're going to be in great shape. We have great staff and leadership. Commissioner Dana thanked Mike Espiritu and Andrea Moore for being creative, stepping up, trying to find ways to help our businesses, and trying to bring in new businesses. People are living day to day, some hour by hour. We've heard from various agencies and yes, it's bad. Families are struggling and domestic violence is up. We've got to find creative ways of getting help to these families. We have asked the Department of Health to come in time and time again and give us an update on stuff and it falls on deaf ears. We need to step up and get creative. She thanked Sheriff Herrington. She urged citizens to write, call, and email the Governor. Tell her how your family is suffering. A lot of agencies aren't even at the table. She's doing this all on her own. Now is the time to have your voice heard. She thanked the staff and leaders of the county.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell thanked Clay Corn for a quarter of a century of dedicated service to the county. He will miss knowing that he's out there. He welcomed Daniel to the family and stated he's the right guy for the job and he looks forward to working with him. He spoke to Joe Sedillo, he regrets missing his last meeting and stated that everything he knows about the budget and process he learned from Joe. He also stated that Joe has been an inspiration and he wants to continue their relationship.

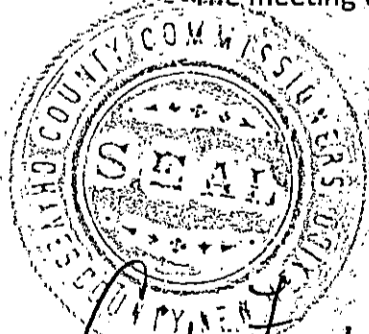
COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Bilberry thanked Andrea Moore and Mike Espiritu. He told Sheriff Herrington to keep up the good fight and he's there if he needs him and appreciates all that he does. He told Clay Corn it's been a pleasure to be a part of the Commission and watch him work, wished him luck on his new endeavors. To Joe, he's knows enough about finances to know that he's a guru and there's a lot to be learned and he leaves a legacy here with Anabel. He appreciates what Anabel is going to do and everything Joe has done for us. To Bill, he's looking forward to working with him. He's a constant and always seems to have an answer and if he doesn't he'll find an answer and he appreciates that. We have the greatest county in the State and he appreciates all of us!

COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin stated he agrees with all the comments that have been made about all the folks that have served us and those that are stepping up to serve in their footsteps. We all work together so well. We need to talk about this COVID stuff with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up. We cannot live in fear of this. It's unfortunate that this has been made political. Instead of parties coming together they've used this as a political weapon, and it's caused fear and anxiety. Closing grocery stores creates a bad situation for all of us. We need to take this stuff serious. People have got to be given the opportunity to be smart, vigilant, and use common sense. When you have people that are told what they have to do, that's the wrong message. I'm asking the citizens of Chaves County to use common sense. If you're going to be out in public or with a group of people, wear a mask. The three W's, wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. We've had 300 cases reported in two days in Chaves County and three deaths. Go have the test and if you're found positive manage it properly. The Elections aren't over. We've got to solve problems instead of things being about Democrats and Republicans. There's a group in Washington trying to pass this New Green Deal and they don't quite understand where the food comes from and how it's produced. The Governor shouldn't tell anyone what to do. She needs to use common sense. He thanked Sheriff Herrington and stated Daniel will do a great job. This is a great family. God Bless and please be safe.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am pending the signature of documents.



Cindy Kuhko
Dave Kuhko
Chaves County Clerk
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