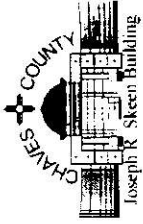


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ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 #1 ST. MARY'S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88201

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Commissioner Taylor led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry led in prayer. Those present were Commissioners Cavin, Bilberry, Ezzell, Dana, and Taylor. Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Sheriff, Mike Herrington, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Assessor, Mark Willard, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, news media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

Character Counts week in Chaves County

Commissioner Cavin read the proclamation declaring the week commencing the first Monday in May as Character Counts week in Chaves County. Tim Fuller, Executive Director of Character Counts, was present. Mr. Fuller stated this usually happens in March but due to COVID it was delayed. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Fuller and a picture was taken with the Commissioners.

Mark Willard Day in Chaves County

Commissioner Bilberry read the proclamation declaring Friday, April 30, 2021, as Mark Willard Day in Chaves County. A plaque was presented to Mr. Willard in appreciation of his 28 ½ years of outstanding service and commitment to the Citizens of Chaves County. A picture was taken with the Commissioners. Mr. Willard stated it has been a blessing and privilege to work for Chaves County all these years. He and Ron made a great team and were one of the premiere Assessor's Offices in the State. It's been his honor to work with the County. Commissioner Cavin thanked Mr. Willard for his service.

PRESENTATION

Presenter: Troy Thompson, Chaves County Extension Services

Troy Thompson stated he appreciates the support from the Commission over the years. We've always worked as a team. He grew up in Chaves County and graduated from Dexter High School. He moved here when his Dad became the Chaves County Extension Ag Agent. They are advertising to fill the position of Extension Agriculture Family Consumer Science Agent. They've had several challenges over the last year. He handed out a booklet to the Commissioners showing the highlights of 2019 and 2020. As an agriculture agent, he deals with farmers, ranchers, dairymen, and urban horticulture. They put on pesticide and pruning workshops. He's glad to look into additional workshops or programs if anyone has suggestions. Mr. Thompson introduced Andrea Stapp.

Andrea Stapp gave a brief overview of the 4H programs in Chaves County over the last two years. She stated they usually have between 260 – 290 youth involved. This year the numbers dropped

because of COVID. There are eight traditional 4H clubs. They have a County Council that is elected and trained in parliamentary procedures, setting goals and how to run meetings. These 10 – 11 Officers served as Pages on the House floor in Santa Fe the last two years. They do a lot of community service and project workshops. Shooting sports is a big project for them with 32% or more of enrollment involved in this. Certified leaders instruct the youth and it's very safe. Ms. Stapp started a livestock ambassador program two years ago. They worked with Healthy Kids Chaves County last year to produce videos. They encourage the kids to do a record book every year. They had a virtual awards program. She has worked with Wings for Life, the after-school program, and does the Egg to Chick program. The annual progressive Ag Safety Day reaches about 900 kids and teachers. Kids, Cows, and More reaches all the 4th graders in Chaves County. They are looking forward to a normal year. Commissioner Dana thanked Mr. Thompson and Ms. Stapp for the shooting sports and their partnership with other groups. Mr. Thompson mentioned they are taking soil temperatures this month to help people know when to plant. The third Tuesday of each month they are on the radio with Mike Winters. Commissioner Cavin stated his wife is a teacher and she loves working with them and the Chick Program. She also has a garden growing on the playground at Nancy Lopez. Senator Tim Jennings gave some history about how Mr. Thompson and his father were picked for their positions.

UPDATE ON THE ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presenter: Andrea Moore, Chairwoman, Roswell Chamber of Commerce

Andrea Moore stated they are continuing the good work. The "Roswell Now" magazine is in the post office. They do have an electronic version of the magazine posted on their Facebook page. In June they will do "Business After Hours" and celebrate businesses. They traditionally only do two of these a month but because of COVID and being shut down if someone wants a "Business After Hours" in June, July, or August, they will schedule it. They want to celebrate every single business that wants to open. Starting September 1st, they will go back to two per month. They are almost finished with the three-year fiscal audit requested by the City of Roswell. They anticipate presenting this to the City Council in May. Commissioner Cavin thanked Ms. Moore.

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Presenter: Mike Espiritu, President, EDC

Mike Espiritu stated they have awarded a couple more grants through the FACADE grant program. This is a matching grant up to \$5000.00 for businesses to improve the exterior of their buildings. They have opened this up to the whole County not just Roswell businesses. They are supporting one of the local hospitals with getting vaccines distributed to workers in local businesses. The Navy has been here for pilot training for about three weeks. The EDC has hosted a couple of receptions to welcome the Pilots and encourage them to return and continue training here. Spring River Apartments has started phase two which is a twenty-five-million-dollar investment project and will be a twelve-month build. Melissa Juarez handles marketing for the EDC and continually updates their website with job postings, educational opportunities, and COVID resources. They have visited a lot of businesses and it has become apparent that a lot of local business owners don't speak English. They are updating their website into Spanish as well as English. This past month Irma Perez visited over 50 businesses in Chaves County. These visits give them a good idea of what the challenges are out there. Restaurants are still struggling as well as the hotel industry, mostly with staffing. Chaves County is a leader in their apprenticeship programs and other industries are getting involved. The goal is to bring up young people to help fill the spots we need in our own community with great jobs. If we grow our own, they will stay. They continue to work on a mechanical technician certification program at Eastern and hope to get it instituted in the next class. They are getting ready for a trade show at the end of the month in Florida and have several appointments with different companies. They are excited to tell the Roswell/Chaves County story. Commissioner Cavin asked about ACCENT. Mr. Espiritu stated it's moving along, and they are finalizing contracts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2021 CHAVES COUNTY ANNUAL ROAD HEARING

Chairman Cavin stated that last month the Commissioners took recommendations from the Freeholders and this month they will be going through the hearings for anyone to speak about

the roads. There won't be any decisions made today. Next week the Commissioners will actually go out and view the roads. Next month is when decisions will be made.

NEW ROAD REQUESTS

APPLICATION #1 – THUNDER ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Timmy Paul Taylor, is asking for the County to accept Thunder Road, (approx. 2620 ft) as a new road. The Freeholders recommend this application be approved. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

APPLICATION #2 – STAGECOACH ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Floyd Osbourn, is asking the County to accept Stagecoach Road, (approx. 5908 ft), as a new road. The Freeholders recommend this application be approved. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

MAINTENANCE STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS

APPLICATION #3 – TIERRA GRANDE BLVD.

APPLICATION #4 – VELETA DRIVE

APPLICATION #5 – BLANCA ROSA LANE

APPLICATION #6 – EL DORADO LANE

Mr. Williams stated that applications #3 through #6 were all being requested by Kaye Whitefoot as part of the Buena Vida Association. Chairman Cavin stated these applications will be considered together if there were no objections.

Application #3 is asking the County to assume maintenance of Tierra Grande Blvd. (approx. 3100 ft). Application #4 is asking the County to assume maintenance of Veleta Drive, (approx. 792 ft). Application #5 is asking the County to assume maintenance of Blanca Rosa Lane, (approx. 3196 ft). Application #6 is asking the County to assume maintenance of El Dorado Lane, (approx. 909 ft). The Freeholders recommend applications #3, #4, #5, and #6 for approval. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: Neil Roe, 10 Palacio St., Roswell, NM 88203. Three other individuals raised their hand in favor of these maintenance change requests. Lori Rufe mentioned on Facebook that she was also in favor.

OPPOSED: NONE

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ezzell asked Louis Jaramillo if Blvd. was an approved name on application #3 with the new addressing ordinance. Mr. Jaramillo stated this was established on the plat and will remain that way.

ROAD VACATION REQUESTS

APPLICATION #7 - WOODBINE WAY

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Adelante Farms, is requesting the vacation of approx. 7,602 feet of Woodbine Way C1-251 from the east side of the Hagerman Canal to the end at Oasis Road. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: Chad Barbe, 3967 Woodbine Way, Roswell, NM 88203. One other individual raised their hand in favor as well as Ken Barbe.

OPPOSED: Tim Jennings spoke here but his comments were intended for application #8 concerning East Grand Plains Road not #7, Woodbine Way Road, as clarified by Commissioner

Ezell. Mr. Jennings comments will be reflected on the following application for East Grand Plains Road. There was no opposition to application #7, Woodbine Way.

APPLICATION #8 - EAST GRAND PLAINS ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Adelante Farms, is requesting the vacation of approx. 1710 feet of East Grand Plains Road C1-174 from the east side of the Hagerman Canal to the end of Oasis Road. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: Ken Barbe, partner in Adelante Farms. Mr. Barbe stated he sent Mr. Jennings an agreement. He presented the Commissioners with a photo and stated Mr. Jennings point of access will move but he will still have access. Chairman Cavin asked Mr. Barbe for a copy of the agreement for the Commissioners to be able to read when they do the road viewing. Two others in the audience raised their hands in favor.

OPPOSED: Tim Jennings, 3968 Cottonwood Lane, Roswell, NM 88203. Mr. Jennings stated his family has 40 acres of property on the river surrounded by this. They would like an easement to their property which his family has owned since the 1940's. They have fenced their property and maintained it and have been good neighbors. He is not objecting to the road closure unless it denies their access to their property. There is no other access to the property and this closure would make their property useless. There are two agreements which have been presented between the parties. One from Mr. Barbe and one from Mr. Jennings. The Jennings Family has been using the same access to their property since the 1940's. If the road is closed, please grant a right of way, if not, please leave the road open. He would like to have the same access to use the property they have had in the past.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ezell stated the Commission just received the Jennings/Barbe documents before the meeting and they haven't had time to review them but pointed out a discrepancy in the legal description of Mr. Jennings property on the two documents. Commissioner Ezell asked for clarification from County Attorney, Stan Riggs, on whether the Commission has the authority to impose one of the two documents. They do not have the authority to prescribe an easement, this would be for a District Court. Stan stated this is correct and pointed out that if the Commission votes to close a road they give up their interest and the road is closed. Commissioner Ezell asked if there was a representative from Adelante Farms and asked if Woodbine Way is closed do they plan to gate it? Ken Barbe stated it depends on how bad the trespassers continue to be. The same question was posed on East Grand Plains Road. Ken Barbe stated if they can get away with just posting signs that is all they will do. It was also stated that Mr. Jennings already has to go through locked gates to access his property and if a gate is put up Mr. Jennings would have access through that as well. Commissioner Ezell asked Joe West, Chaves County Road Operations Director, if the County would have to maintain the bridges on the canal. Mr. Williams stated this was discussed and by statute, the bridge is a part of the road and the County does not want to maintain a bridge if it only goes to a vacated road. The road description should read "the west side of the canal" for both Woodbine Way and East Grand Plains. The bridge would be the responsibility of whomever the road goes to if it's vacated. Mr. West agreed with Mr. Williams answer. Commissioner Ezell asked if this was acceptable to the applicants requesting the road closure and Ken Barbe stated it was on Woodbine Way and East Grand Plains Road.

APPLICATION #9 – FOXGLOVE ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Roy Shaw, is requesting the vacation of Foxglove Road which only provides access to properties owned by the Shaw Family. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

APPLICATION #10 – EAST MESCALERO ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the applicants, Tom Conlee and Trey Nesselrodt, are requesting the vacation of the non-maintained portion of East Mescalero Road C1-140 from the end of the pavement east to the railroad right of way, (approx. 1,350 feet). The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

APPLICATION #11 – WIGGINS LANE

Chairman Cavin stated the applicant, Jane Wiggins, is requesting the vacation of Wiggins Lane C3-010. The property at the south end of Wiggins Lane will be accessible from Navajo Road. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

APPLICATION #12 – MARK ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the Chaves County Road Department is requesting the vacation of approx. 1,312 feet of Mark Road C1-143 from the intersection with Sunflower Road to the intersection with Honeysuckle Road. This section of road is not needed for access to properties in the area. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: Joe West, Chaves County Road Operations Director

OPPOSED: NONE

APPLICATION #13 – STUDDARD ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated this application would be skipped as it did not meet the requirements to be considered for vacation since it would create a landlocked parcel.

APPLICATION #14 – HONEYSUCKLE ROAD

Chairman Cavin stated the Chaves County Road Department is requesting the vacation of approx. 900 feet of Honeysuckle Road C1-142 from the end of chip sealed road west through private property as a driveway. The Freeholders agree that this road meets the requirements to be considered for vacation. Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment.

IN FAVOR: Joe West, Chaves County Road Operations Director

OPPOSED: NONE

Chaves County Manager, Bill Williams, asked the Commission to pick a date to view the roads. April 20th at 8:00 am was agreed upon. Commissioner Cavin stated after the road viewing, they will do the annual Correctional Facility tour.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. AGREEMENT A-21-003 – USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE CHAVES COUNTY JOY CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF KITCHEN EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000.00
- B. AGREEMENT A-21-004 – USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE CHAVES COUNTY JOY CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$312,645.00
- C. AGREEMENT A-21-005 – USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE MIDWAY JOY CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,728.00

- D. AGREEMENT A-21-006 – USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE MIDWAY JOY CENTER FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,716.00**
- E. AGREEMENT A-21-007 – USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE ROSWELL JOY CENTER FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,473.00**

Presenter: Georgianna Hunt, Community Development Division

Ms. Hunt stated they are asking for ratification of approval for the above listed agreements. These are use agreements for funding that the Chaves County JOY Centers received in 2020 and the bonds were just sold. This is a requirement of the bond questionnaire process. They have five days from the date they completed the bond questionnaires to get these agreements issued. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENTS A-21-003 THROUGH A-21-007
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

RESOLUTION R-21-016 – DELETION OF PROPERTY AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Presenter: Lucia Serrano, Assistant Finance Director

Ms. Serrano stated approval of this resolution will allow staff to remove the attached inventory. Exhibit A has all the assets listed and staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE R-21-016
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

RESOLUTION R-21-017 – RENAMING AND UPGRADING THE ASSISTANT PLANNER POSITION AND RENAMING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL POSITION

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this position is in the Planning and Zoning Department and if approved, will upgrade the Assistant Planner position to a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and upgrade it from Level K on Chart C to Level EXA on the Executive Chart H. As a result, the Planning and Zoning Department will have two employees who can serve as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officers. Staff recommends approval. The necessity for this is that Mr. Williams is the back up building inspector and he is very busy and would ask for this change to be approved.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE R-21-017
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

ITB/RFP

ITB-21-1- INMATE SUPPLIES

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated Chaves County received bids for inmate supplies. Staff has compared and evaluated bids on all items and recommends award be made to Charm-Tex, ICS Jail Supplies Inc. and Victory Supplies Inc. Commissioner Ezzell asked how many bids were received. Mr. Williams stated they received six bids and they are requesting that three be accepted. The companies that were not selected do not have all the items needed but the other three do stock all of the

items requested. However, the individual item prices vary from vendor to vendor. One vendor might have a lower price on certain items but be higher on others so Sandra Rodriguez, Chaves County Purchasing Director, suggested all three be accepted. The Detention Staff will look for the lowest price when there is a purchase made. Commissioner Ezzell asked Daniel Ornelas, Chaves County Detention Administrator, if he was good with the three providers and he agreed he was.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE ITB-21-1
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF CHAVES COUNTY ASSESSOR

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the Chaves County Assessor's resignation was received on March 23, 2021, and as requested per 10-3-3 NMSA 1978, it is incumbent upon the Chaves County Board of Commissioners to appoint a replacement, for the elected official, to complete the term which will expire December 31, 2022. The current Assessor has recommended Sandra Stewart for the position. Ms. Stewart is currently serving as the Chief Deputy Assessor. Chairman Cavin asked Ms. Stewart if she had any comments to make before they voted. Ms. Stewart stated she has a long history with Chaves County. She has had great respect for Ron Lethgo and Mark Willard her entire career. She knows she has a steep learning curve ahead and really big shoes to fill but should they choose her she will do her very best to maintain the excellent reputation that they have had throughout the State and Country. It is her intention to run for the office at the next election. County Attorney Stan Riggs pointed out that May 1, 2021 is the date that Ms. Stewart was to take over as Assessor and this needed to be stated in the motion.

MOTION MADE TO: APPOINT SANDRA STEWART AS CHAVES COUNTY ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE
MAY 1, 2021

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO JOY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated that three members of the JOY Center Board of Directors are appointed by the Commissioners. Presently, those members are Mr. Harold Hobson, Mr. Robert McCrea, and an empty position that was held by Mr. Dale Miller who recently passed away. Monica Duran, Executive Director of Chaves County JOY Centers Inc., has requested that the vacant position be replaced. Ms. Phyllis Fix and Ms. Rita-Kane Doerhoefer are two individuals who have expressed interest in filling the vacant position. Staff recommends appointment of one of these two individuals or an individual of their choosing.

MOTION MADE TO: APPOINT RITA KANE-DOERHOEFER AS A MEMBER TO THE JOY CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAVES COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo

Mr. Jaramillo stated the Planning and Zoning Department wishes to appoint one county resident to serve on the Chaves County Planning and Zoning Commission. On July 14, 2020, Ms. Robbie

White resigned from the P&Z Commission. The P&Z Commission consists of five members and is a recommendation board dealing in planning and zoning cases within the unincorporated area of Chaves County and outside of the Roswell-Chaves County ETZ area. Current members are Harold Hobson, Andy Morley, Melodi Salas, and Dale M. Rogers. Two people have expressed interest in the vacancy, Mark Lewis and Valli West.

MOTION MADE TO: APPOINT MARK LEWIS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL – BERRENDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated that Berrendo Volunteer Fire Department is requesting approval for out of state travel for two of their firefighters to drive to the DuPont Fire Department in DuPont, Washington to pick up a mobile air trailer and light unit used for refilling SCBA tanks used by the volunteer fire departments. Berrendo has budgeted for food and travel expenses and they have adequate funds to pay all expenses that will be incurred. The two travelers will be Chief Jim Higgins and Buddy Nutt. They will travel in a Berrendo Volunteer Fire Department command vehicle. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Ezzell made a motion to approve the out of state travel request. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR BERRENDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,761,015.70
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manger, asked the Commission to include Daniel's report from the Detention Center concerning HB 34 on the detention of confined inmates. Stan Riggs, Chaves County Attorney, clarified that no one was restricted in the last three months at the Chaves County Detention Center.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE REPORT FROM DANIEL ORNELAS, DETENTION CENTER ADMINISTRATOR, THAT THERE WERE NO PRISONERS IN RESTRICTIVE HOUSING FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Neil Binderman, 3751 E. Crossroads, Roswell, NM 88203. Mr. Binderman stated for the past six years he's been trying to get a trucking company closed that is operating illegally out of a private residence. The Commission many times has told them to stop and they've simply refused, and they are expanding. He was wondering, am I ever going to see any action from the Commission to enforce your own ordinances? He stated six years is excessive to have to wait for something to be done. He stated again, are you going to act on it and enforce your own ordinances? Commissioner Ezzell stated that the Commission does not have an enforcement authority and that is something that would have to be turned over to the District Attorney. Mr. Binderman stated he has checked State law and local ordinances and the Commission, Mr. Jaramillo, and Mike, (Sheriff), are obligated to enforce the laws. Mr. Binderman stated he sent a registered letter to the D.A. and got the little green thing back about a year ago. He stated if they won't do anything, he will get a writ of mandamus and the Supreme Court will compel them to act. He doesn't want to do that.

Rita Kane Doerhoefer, 28 very narrow unstriped Mark Road, Roswell, NM 88201. Ms. Rita thanked the Commission for their confidence in her and stated she is no stranger to the JOY facility. For Mayor's Day, the last five years, she has been designated to go to the JOY Centers in the Valley. She loves the one in Midway. They just finished shots there as well. She really wants to thank the people that have put forth the effort to work with her. She thanked Georgianna Hunt who came in on her day off to help. She also thanked Commission Dana who helped her at the Greenery. She thanked Shelly and Daniel from Facility Maintenance who helped her. She stated Keep Chaves County Beautiful has spent most of the money from this year's grant on the walkway. They are getting ready to plant on May 1st. On May 8th they are partnering with Character Counts and will supply whatever they need for trash pickup. The Boy Scouts are going to clean up the walkway. She hasn't killed any new skunks. She will bring goodies next Tuesday.

Larry Connolly, 2815 Encanto, Roswell, NM, 88201. For 337 days his wife kept him locked up with the exception that he was allowed 10 minutes to go to Target and drop off the recycling, now we can't do that. He only has an iPad and reading their many pages on the iPad is ok. He missed a lot of Doctor appointments. He is scheduled to have cataract surgery. If he was smart, he would've had the surgery so he could've read the 2021 Chaves County Annual Road Hearing, he would've read #8 and delayed his return. He thanked Commissioner Taylor for the good job.

Chairman Cavin asked if there was anyone online/Facebook. Alys Klein stated there was not.

Louis Jaramillo, Chaves County Planning and Zoning Director, stated the new aerial photos have arrived and they are beginning to implement those into the GIS. With this they have been able to begin enforcement of living and travel trailers trespassers. He thanked the Sheriff and all his Deputies. They've been there for him with every call. They are trying to clean up and he is working with Rita and Keep Chaves County Beautiful. They got the transients out of 6143 N. Atkinson and that will be cleaned up by the end of the month. They located the mortgage company and they were in agreement. The transients moved over to 6129 and burned down two residences.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams introduced Mac Rogers. Mr. Rogers was the successful candidate for Public Services Director. He will start May 3, 2021. We welcome him and look forward to him starting. Mr. Williams thanked our Legislators. They were able to get a little capital outlay for Chaves County. We did get some additional funding for projects, including phase two of our trail. We are working with Keep Chaves County Beautiful to keep the trail looking nice. He thanked the Commissioners for going through the road hearings and is looking forward to traveling to look at the sites. He thanked all of the Departments and stated the Road Department is starting their chip/seal season. Facility Maintenance is always working. He said he wanted to give a shout out to the Sheriff's Department and the Detention Facility.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Taylor stated we actually got a few sprinkles outside today. It would be great if we could really get some rain especially with the drought we've had. Normally you would have to file your taxes today, but you have a one-month extension until May 17th. If you have an estimate due, you need to make that today for the first quarter.

Commissioner Dana thanked all the Department heads, Detention Center, and Bill for keeping them up to date. She stated that communication is the key and if we have a lot of communication among ourselves, we can work together to solve problems. She thanked our Legislators. There's been a lot of talk of vetoes. She asked Mr. Williams if we know what we actually received. Mr. Williams stated we received funding for Area D, the trail, and the Courthouse windows. Commissioner Dana stated we will see how the weather is on Tuesday and she wouldn't mind if it's raining. She will be in charge of the goodies and will allot them out very carefully.

Commissioner Ezzell thanked everyone for their hard work. He welcomed Sandra Stewart, the new Assessor, and also Mac Rogers, Public Services Director. He stated he is looking forward to working with them. He thanked all the Department heads for all the work they do and stated let it keep raining.

Commissioner Bilberry stated he wanted to reflect all the previous comments and thanked everyone for their hard work and for stepping up to the plate, it takes all of us. Keep praying for rain.

Commissioner Cavin stated that we don't get things accomplished in Chaves County on our own, it's a family affair. It's good to have Mac Rogers on board with us now and Sandra Stewart has her job cut out for her but she's going to get it down. He thanked Anabel, Joe, Mike, Louis, George, and everyone that works so hard to keep us going in the right direction. Everybody works so well together. He thanked Ms. Rita for all she does for the community. He stated it's good to have Larry Connolly back. He asked Mike Espiritu what time the meeting was this afternoon. Mr. Espiritu stated it's at 1:30. He thanked Louis, Alfredo, Cindy, and everybody there. It's a family event. He thanked Bill and stated he's doing a great job. He thanked Stan for showing up. There are a lot of things ahead of us. We need the rain. He missed the road viewings last year and is looking forward to it this year. God bless America, God bless this County, and all of you. Told the Sheriff and Detention Center to be safe.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.



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