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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY'S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Taylor led the pledge and Commissioner Bilberry led in prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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 Treasurer, Charlotte Andrade, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Alfredo Garcia, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, news media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<p>MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2021, OCTOBER 26, 2021, AND NOVEMBER 9, 2021 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR OPPOSED: NONE</p>

PRESENTATION FROM MAINSTREET ROSWELL

Presenter: Julianna Halvorson, President

Ms. Halvorson thanked the County for their support throughout the year and read a letter. An ornament was handed out to each Commissioner of the Chaves County Courthouse. They will be selling the ornaments on their website as a fundraiser. They presented Bill Williams with a photo of the Courthouse framed in one of the windows the County auctioned off. Commissioner Cavin donated \$100.00 to MainStreet Roswell and stated they are appreciated for everything they do for Chaves County.

UPDATE FROM THE ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presenter: Andrea Moore, Chairwoman

Ms. Moore stated in the last 30 to 45 days they have cranked out two more issues of the Roswell Now magazine. They have partnered with Jacob Roebuck and the Christmas Railway. Their holiday issue morphed into the program for the Christmas Railway. This issue should be coming out next week. They are in the process of outlining their calendar for next year for the magazine. Membership is holding steady. They are working with the community, building new relationships, solidifying old relationships, and continually looking for ways to help the

community and our businesses. They are working to bring back the Ag breakfast in March as well as the Balloon Rally.

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Presenter: Mike Espiritu, President

Mike Espiritu stated they continue to see “help wanted” signs and this is a topic of discussion across the land. They’ve held three job fairs to help employers. They partnered with the Department of Workforce Solutions for a job fair and had around 50 employers attend. The hiring event was successful. There were 150 jobs, and some people were hired on the spot. The Façade grant used to just be Main Street businesses but has expanded throughout the County. They awarded a grant this year to J&S Holdings who are working to renovate a building downtown. They have been working on a micro revolving loan fund to help local businesspeople. They’ve set aside \$150,000.00 for businesses to obtain a low interest loan and possibly already have three interested clients. They testify with every Job Training Incentive Program, or JTIP, request for the State of New Mexico. They have seen many companies be successful. Recently, Pecos Valley Productions was awarded \$202,646.00 for 19 new trainees.

Cattleman’s Pride has been approved for \$165,000.00 in LEDA funds. They won’t slaughter there just process and will be working with USA Beef. This will be a great partnership. They continue to visit local businesses throughout the County and have a target of 40 businesses a month. Supply chain problems are affecting local merchants. The EDC has been involved with COG, Council of Governments, here locally. They serve this entire region and have been on a planning committee for actions that may impact our communities. They will be holding an event at the University. Mr. Espiritu thanked the Commission for their partnership and thoughtfulness with moving our County forward. Commissioner Cavin asked if the unemployment notices Workforce Solutions was sending out has been fixed. He was notified as an “Unemployed Person” and had to get this resolved through the County Human Resources Director so he wouldn’t receive debit cards. Mr. Espiritu stated he will get information on this.

AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. APPROVAL OF REDISTRICTING PLAN

Presenter: Will Cavin, Chairman

Chairman Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment and stated they are considering maps A, B, C, D, and E that have been posted in the rotunda and online. The demographer is in the audience to answer questions.

Dave Kunko, former Chaves County Clerk, 507 N Washington

Mr. Kunko stated he has been involved in a lot of redistricting. This is one of the toughest decisions they will make, and it not only affects them now but Commissioners to come and the people of Chaves County. It’s impossible to make everybody happy. He stated he’s sure they have been approached by different people to do certain things so they can run or run so and so. He asks that they ignore that. They have been presented some great plans and they all meet the criteria, some better than others. He asked them to pick the plan that most meets the criteria. He ran for office, like many of them, because he felt that he could do the best job in that position for the people of Chaves County. Remember that some of the people may be running for the wrong reasons.

Rita Kane Doerhoefer, very narrow unstriped Mark Road

She stated this is a long process, she has been here for the workshops, and she has studied the maps. The contract was exceptionally written. Mr. Adair has worked diligently to make everything fair and has not gerrymandered anything. We need to acknowledge the people who have put in the work behind the scenes. They have to make some tough decisions, weather she likes Plan B best or not. She knows she can contact each and every Commissioner.

No comments were received online. The public hearing was closed to public comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cavin thanked Rod and Stan for all the hard work they have done on this and giving them good options to look at.

Commissioner Ezzell asked how many precincts Plan B would split? Mr. Adair stated, "a lot".

MOTION MADE TO: ELIMINATE PLAN BRAVO (B)
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

Commissioner Ezzell asked why Echo was not discussed at the public hearing. Commissioner Cavin stated that after the workshop there was some discussion with Commissioner Bilberry and the Demographer, and it was another plan that was put together as an option. It helps to clean up some of the numbers between Districts 1 and 3. Commissioner Bilberry stated D did not look as equal as it needed to be as far as representation for the folks on the NE side. Commissioner Dana asked if there were precinct splits in D. Mr. Adair stated "no".

MOTION MADE TO: ELIMINATE PLAN DELTA (D)
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

Commissioner Bilberry stated it looks like Plan A doesn't change a lot from what we have now. Commissioner Cavin stated it changes his current district up quite a bit, but he doesn't have a problem with it. Commissioner Taylor stated he isn't crazy about it and stated Plans A & E really change District 4 which is in the center of the city and covers the least amount of physical area. This has a big deviation.

MOTION MADE TO: ELIMINATE PLAN A
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

Commissioner Cavin asked to look at Plan E and stated this looks much like it was from 2001 to 2011. Districts 5 & 3 are similar. Stan Riggs believes this is correct. He then asked to see Plan C. Commissioner Ezzell asked what Plan C does in town. Commissioner Cavin stated currently District 5 is the most urban county commission district followed by Commissioner Taylor's. Plan C shows Districts 1, 2, and 3 taking up the largest land mass, 4 & 5 would be city.

MOTION MADE TO: ELIMINATE PLAN E DUE TO THE FACT IT HAS THE HIGHEST DEVIATION AND WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

Stan stated they are having a public hearing today and can act on Plan E if they choose. Commissioner Bilberry stated Plan E changes some demographics in town. Commissioner Taylor asked how similar Plan C is to what they have now? The Commissioners compared a map with the current districts to the proposed maps. Commissioner Taylor suggested they postpone a decision until December. Commissioner Ezzell asked Mr. Adair for numbers on the current districts.

MOTION MADE TO: TABLE PLANS A, C, AND E AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

Chairman Cavin stated this is a very important decision they make as Commissioners, and it is in their best interest to do their due diligence and get it right.

2. ORDINANCE NO. O-109 – AN ORDINANCE OF CHAVES COUNTY APPROVING THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND A PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR LEDA ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN MRO FACILITY IN CHAVES COUNTY

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this ordinance, if approved, would allow Chaves County to enter into a Project Participation Agreement, (PPA), with Ascent Aviation Services for economic development. In addition, the ordinance authorizes the County to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department. The project plan would include a maximum of \$4,000,000 in assistance be provided to Ascent Aviation Services. These funds would be available for lease payment abatement by the State. The PPA sets forth milestones and requirements of Ascent Aviation Services to obtain the economic development funds. There is also a claw back provision in the PPA. The goal of this project is to create up to 354 new jobs in Chaves County. This is a public hearing and was properly advertised in the Roswell Daily Record. Mike Espiritu and Suzy Russell are present today as well.

Suzy Russell stated she is happy to be at the meeting today on behalf of the State of New Mexico. She is the State Regional Representative for SE New Mexico. Ascent Aviation is one of their major projects and they are excited about seeing this come along. She read comments on behalf of the Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Mike Espiritu commented that they've been working on this project for almost two years. It's a pretty significant event for Chaves County. He thanked the Commissioners for being involved with this as well. The number of jobs created will be 360 over five years. If they don't meet the goals then they don't receive the funding or will have to pay back the funding, this is an important part of the agreement. The impact with the Developmental Workforce is significant. ENMU-Roswell is looking to accelerate their EMT program. The EDC has been very active in promoting this program. They are encouraged by Ascent's presence in Chaves County and create apprenticeship opportunities here in our County.

Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comments.

IN FAVOR: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

There were no comments online. The public hearing was closed to public comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Ezzell stated this is what we have been working for.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE ORDINANCE O-109 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND A PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR LEDA ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN MRO FACILITY IN CHAVES COUNTY

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR

OPPOSED: NONE

AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4 WERE CONSIDERED TOGETHER

3. CASE SD 2021-2 VACATION OF 20-FOOT-WIDE ALLEY IN CAMINO DEL PINOS SUB.

4. CASE SD 2021-3 VACATION OF TWO 20-FOOT-WIDE ALLEY IN CAMINO DEL PINOS SUB.

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated that agenda items #3 and #4 consider the vacation of three 20-Foot-wide alleyways that are 605 feet long and located between tracts A and B of blocks 2, 3, and 4 of the

Camino Del Pinos Subdivision. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Ambs, and Ms. McIntosh are the only contiguous property owners along these alleyways. The alleys are undeveloped and were dedicated and accepted by the Board of Chaves County Commissioners in 1960 with the original filing of that subdivision. A five-foot phone easement was also dedicated on the same subdivision plat and is located west of the alley, not in it, and within tract A. This easement will remain available to the local phone company and should remain open and undeveloped for possible future service lines. Xcel Energy, Berrendo Co-op, Gas Company of New Mexico, and the Chaves County Road Department have agreed to the abandonment of the alleys as required by Section 8.3 of the Chaves County Subdivision Ordinance No. 51.

Staff has confirmed that the owners have complied with state statute 47-6-7 and Section 8.3 of the Chaves County Subdivision Ordinance No. 51 in meeting the criteria and applying for the vacation of said alleys. The Roswell Chaves County Extraterritorial Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the vacation requests by a vote of 7-0 based on Findings of Fact 1-6 stated in Staff's report. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR:

Shirley McIntosh, 3710 N Aspen

Ms. McIntosh stated she would like the alley removed, they are long, narrow acreage and she would like to have a building put out there and she can't do that with the alley there. They are so narrow, but they are long. There are just five of them out there.

Peter Ambs, 511 Twin Diamond

He purchased the three tracts between his mother-in-law, Ms. McIntosh, and the Holloways residence. He would like to turn the three two-acre lots into one six-acre lot and eventually build a home on it. They would like to get rid of the alleys and eventually the road but that's a separate process.

OPPOSED:

None

There were no comments online. The public hearing was closed to public comments. There was no further comments or discussion from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE VACATION OF THE THREE ALLEYS REFERENCED IN CASES SD-2021-2 AND SD-2021-3 WITH FINDINGS OF FACT 1-6 AND STIPULATIONS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

5. CASE SD-2021-4 – VACATION OF 20-FOOT-WIDE ALLEY IN BLOCK 22 – LOS LOMAS SUBDIVISION

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated Mr. Jesse Trujillo wishes to vacate the twenty-foot wide by six-hundred-foot-long alley located in block 22 being located between Avenue C and B and Alameda Street and Hendricks. Mr. Trujillo is the property owner of lots 1 through 20 making him the only property owner contiguous to the alley. Mr. Trujillo has stated he would like to fence the entire block area and continue raising goats in this area. Los Lomas Subdivision was platted and filed in August 1949. The Board of Chaves County Commissioners did not approve the subdivision nor accept the dedicated right-of-way stated in the plat; therefore, the County is not the managing agent of the alley or roads. However, state statute 47-6-7 requires the Board of Chaves County Commissioners to approve any vacation of a final plat, whether partially or in whole, that is filed within the Chaves County Clerk's Office. Therefore, the Board is the platting authority for the proposed vacation of the alley.

Xcel Energy, Berrendo Co-op, Gas Company of New Mexico and the Chaves County Road Department have agreed to the abandonment of the alley as required in section 8.3 of the Chaves County subdivision ordinance No. 51. Staff has confirmed that Mr. Trujillo has complied with state statute 47-6-7 and section 8.3 of the Chaves County Subdivision Ordinance No. 51 in meeting the criteria and applying for the vacation of said alley. The Roswell Chaves County Extraterritorial Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the vacation request by a vote of 7-0 based on Findings of Fact 1-4 stated in Staff's report. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing to public comment.

IN FAVOR:

Jesse Trujillo, 312 Avenue C

Mr. Trujillo stated he is the landowner and is requesting the vacation of the alleyway. He raises boar goats and is looking to expand and be able to fence and have a continuous land. This is the reasoning for the request.

OPPOSED:

None

There were no comments online. The public hearing was closed to public comment. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE VACATION OF 20-FOOT-WIDE ALLEY IN BLOCK 22 OF LOS LOMAS SUBDIVISION BECAUSE GOAT ROPERS NEED LOVE TOO! MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR OPPOSED: NONE
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6. CASE Z-2021-6 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated this is a special use permit for an 80-foot wireless telecommunication facility in Area 1, zoned agriculture-residential. Ms. Silva along with Straight Shot Wireless are wishing to place an 80-foot-tall wireless telecommunication facility on a vacant parcel of land located at 5310 W Pine Lodge Road. The facility would be located approximately 2.9 miles west of the intersection of Pine Lodge and Brown Road. The property and surrounding area are zoned "A" Agriculture-Residential with the neighbors to the north, south, and west being vacant grazing land and the neighboring property to the east having a residential home.

Straight Shot Wireless has stated this would qualify as a small tower under the Federal Communication Act. The tower would be a single stand-alone structure with no guide wire anchors and would be used to transmit radio and wireless internet service. It is not designed; nor will it be constructed to contain cell phone or microwave equipment. The proposed tower would provide internet service to the surrounding community within 3-5 miles. Other towers in the area are approximately 5.5 miles away to the east and northeast.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit with seven conditions stated in Staff's report; by a vote of 4-0 based on Findings of Fact 1-5 stated in Staff's report. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Cavin opened the public for public comment.

IN FAVOR:

Nathan Babcock, 1901 W Juniper

Mr. Babcock stated he is the President and owner of Straight Shot Wireless. They presently serve from this area now and are looking to expand their service area as well as service offerings with this new tower to encompass the area more completely.

OPPOSED:

None

There were no comments online. The public hearing was closed to public comment. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CASE-Z-2021-6 WITH FINDINGS OF FACT
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

7. AGREEMENT A-21-049 – LEASE FOR 1600 SE MAIN, SUITE D2, OFFICE 1

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated Agreement A-21-049 is a lease for 1600 SE Main, Suite D2, Office 1. This office was previously occupied by the DWI screener. They would like to lease this office to the Chaves County Health Council for \$200.00 per month. Commissioner Taylor stated he will abstain from voting since his office does work for the Chaves County Health Council.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-21-049
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

8. RESOLUTION R-21-053 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY21-22

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Barraza stated the Finance Department is requesting a budget adjustment for line items in exhibit "A". These adjustments are for various items including donations to purchase a foldable drone, facility repairs, transport of prisoners' expenses, and for the new Transportation Project Fund Grant. Staff recommends approval. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-21-053
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

9. RESOLUTION R-21-054 – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated in accordance with the Chaves County Personnel Policy, the Commission establishes the holiday schedule for the following calendar year. The proposed 2022 holiday schedule is attached, and staff recommends approval with one slight change. Monday, January 3rd is what should be noted, and it is noted on the document they will sign. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-21-054 AS AMENDED
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

10. REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the Chaves County Flood Control is requesting approval for out-of-state travel for their employee, Luis Veloz, to attend a custom surveying workshop in Aurora, Colorado on December 6-8, 2021. This training, SCS 900, is provided by Site Works Custom Training. Mr. Veloz will assume the surveying responsibilities for both the Caterpillar D6 dozer and the Caterpillar 823K scraper once he is certified. The total cost for the training, travel, and lodging is approximately \$2,700.00. Staff recommends approval. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR CHAVES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
- LUIS VELOZ
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

11. WAIVER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FEE FOR BERRENDO WATER COOPERATIVE WATER LINE REPAIR

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the Chaves County Right-of-Way Use Permit Ordinance requires that fees be collected for road pavement excavations. Berrendo Water Cooperative has requested a waiver of permit fees for a road excavation to repair a water distribution line crossing Wrangler Road near the intersection of Wrangler and Wagon Trail. A provision of the Ordinance allows for the Board of Commissioners to waive these fees. The fee was in the amount of \$1,850.00. Staff recommends approval. There was no further discussion or comments from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE WAIVER OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BERRENDO WATER COOPERATIVE WATER LINE REPAIR
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,878,880.13
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER VISITOR NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

Larry Connolly, 2815 Encanto Drive

Mr. Connolly wished the Commissioners a Happy Thanksgiving. He normally does not say something negative about a commissioner but he's afraid he has to. Commissioner Ezzell made

a very serious mistake when he talked about the MRO, he said, "this is what we've been working for" and he forgot to add, "and we want a lot more of them".

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams introduced Justin Porter who will be taking over the Chaves County Detention Center on November 29th. He is already devoting his own personal time coming to visit and see how our operations are and work to improve some things there. He wanted to give him an opportunity to answer some questions and tell them what he has found with our facility.

Mr. Porter thanked the Commission for the opportunity to come serve the Community. He has met some excellent employees throughout the County in dealing with Bill, HR, and the staff at the Detention Center. He is looking into some things, standard practice when you come into a facility is to access where things are at and see what the staff is and then make some recommendations to move forward and discuss some training that may improve or correct deficiencies. He is trying to educate the staff on some of the litigation issues that are traveling through the State and some of the concerns coming up with facilities as well as some of the shortages we're seeing in correctional facilities. He has been 14 years in the Dona Ana County Detention Center, from there he moved to Roosevelt County and has spent the last five years there and he'll be moving here. He currently serves as the Chair of the Detention Affiliate and is also the Chair of the Professional Standards Council. He has stepped into a lot of the same rolls Mr. Clay Corn served in when he was here. He hopes to bring experience and some of the information from that and share that with the staff and work with the Commissioners as they go throughout the facility and make some changes and hopefully see some positive impacts. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Porter.

Mr. Williams continued by thanking Mr. Rod Adair for giving them a lot of options and a lot of information to digest. He thanked Georgianna Hunt and Mac Rogers who are at the Legislative Capital Outlay meeting that is going on now as well. They are thanking our Legislators for thanking us with past projects and making our presentation for upcoming projects. He thanked Joe West and the Road Department for enhancements at the Midway compactor site. We've added an additional compactor there. They have plans to improve other sites as well. He thanked MainStreet Roswell for the gift of the photograph. They will hang this in the hall so the whole community can share in our pride. He thanked the Commissioners, Staff, and Stan for giving us the legal advice we need. He stated Anabel does a wonderful job in Finance and thanked the public for attending.

Commissioner Cavin asked about putting cameras out at the dump sites. Bill stated they have looked at this and we need to start citing people that continue to break the rules.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone that has worked on the redistricting. There has been a lot of work put into this. He thinks it's in our best interest to delay this one month so we can digest some additional information. It will help us to make an important decision that is only made once every ten years. He did have the opportunity to participate in the redistricting ten years ago when he was on the Commission and ten years prior to that when he was on the City Council, so he's been through this several times. The more information we get, the better decision we can make. He wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked Joe for the dump site, and she is sorry we are already having problems. Every time she has been there it has been fine. She sent him pictures for the Facebook page to tell people it's out there. She appreciates it and people are very happy with it. She needs a step to open the door. She thanked everyone on the redistricting and stated hopefully they can get it going because next year will be a very important election year and they need to start getting in gear. She thanked the staff and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezell echoed all the previous comments about the hard work that has gone into redistricting. He thanked all the Department Heads and everyone that does such a great job. He publicly congratulated the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico for realizing they are an independent branch of government and that we do have a Constitution in our State and he applauds them for having read it.

COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Bilberry stated he would piggyback on Commissioner Ezell's comments on the Supreme Court. He thanked everyone for all the hard work and everything they do. He wished everyone a great Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to really be thankful for the freedoms that we have and this great Country we live in. In the past we have taken this for granted and we're all aware of what we have at stake. He thinks this is the greatest County in the State and possibly the United States.

COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin stated ditto to all the things the other Commissioners have said. He appreciates that the Federal Court at this time has shut down the OSHA regulations to force everyone to get vaccinated. He is not an against vaccines but does believe in people's choice. This is a decision that we as citizens of the United States should have that right and choice. It shouldn't be something that prevents us from going to work. This was going to be very costly and time consuming for the County to try to manage this if we were forced into this box. They are looking forward to making a difference and making things happen at the Air Center. They still have a fight ahead of them on the 30x30 stuff and most people who are paying attention saw Chaco Canyon has been expanded. There is more of this that is coming, and we must be vigilant. He wished everyone a blessed and safe Thanksgiving, safe travels, and stated Thanksgiving is all about family. He appreciates all the hard work everyone does.

Rita Kane Doerhoefer spoke about getting cameras at the dump sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.



Cindy Fuller
Cindy Fuller

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