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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, and Taylor. Commissioner Dana attended by phone.

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, IT Director, Alfredo Garcia, Public Services Director, Mac Rogers, Facility Maintenance Director, Scott Massey, Flood Commission Superintendent, Dick Smith, news media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2021.
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PINS AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAQUES

Presenter: Will Cavin, Commission Chairman

Five years of service

Gonzalo Bonilla
James Coburn
Coty Harris

Ten years of service

Andrew Rey
Joe Clemanza

Fifteen years of service

Julia Torres
Gloria Tucker
Sandra Rodriguez
Kenneth Bensinger

Twenty years of service

Dan Coupland

Twenty-five years of service

Jim Hickman

Retirement

Charles Hopkins – 5 years of service
David Whitzel – 5 years of service
Vera Carabajal – 9 years of service

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Cavin stated an executive decision was made to save this for the New Year. The proclamation has to do with the economic development and the Air Center.

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Presenter: Mike Espiritu, President

Mike Espiritu stated he attended the City Council meeting last night in Hagerman and visited with the Councilors. They are trying to find solutions and work through some areas of concern they have. They have some challenges, and the EDC will continue to help them. The EDC is very involved in education and has spent a lot of time meeting with the Superintendents in the Valley to find ways to gets kids on a successful path when they leave high school. They've also begun working with NMMI to share and coach young people on what opportunities are out there.

They spend a lot of time in business retention and expansion with visits to local businesses. Their goal is to visit forty businesses a month. The biggest challenge they are seeing is with supply chain shortages. The revolving opportunity fund was seeded by the City, and they are getting ready to roll it out. It's a low interest loan to local businesses that may need help. The EDC is not trying to be a banker, but they are trying to help small businesses. They are about to push out a general mechanical certification program at ENMU-R. A lot of businesses need people with mechanical skills and now there will be a certification program that will combine several programs and give a certification to those people.

Mr. Espiritu stated that Tim Jennings did something he thought was remarkable. His efforts in leading the way towards accessing some funds for the Air Center in Chaves County and to help bring it to the place we need it to continue to grow to, was astounding. The five million dollars that he campaigned for through the Commission and the capital outlay program and received that money for infrastructure improvements at the Air Center, was significant. Two million dollars of that is going to a water line, which is desperately needed and will also serve some residents of our County off Y O Road, but more importantly, he set the stage for us when we brought in Ascent Aviation into Chaves County. That's a big deal. 360 jobs over a few years and he believes the portfolio will continue to grow here in this area. This will bring in more jobs, more opportunities, and more things to our county. He asked Mr. Jennings to speak and share in his words what they are trying to do now and what the next steps are.

Mr. Jennings stated if we sit back, we lose, we must continue with economic development. He thanked the Commissioners for having the courage to ask for something to make our community better. He met with the Governor when he went to Santa Fe for the redistricting hearings and explained to her the value of trying to get another ten million dollars for the Air Center which is the greatest economic opportunity we have. It wasn't very long ago that we had fifty dairies in Chaves County and today we have 23. Think what happens when we're stagnant? He was glad he was asked to join the economic development group because they are people that look ahead. He is going to go back and see the Governor before the session, and he asked that the Commission send a representative because we can move Roswell forward. There are a lot of things we can do.

Mr. Espiritu stated it's a pleasure to serve this county and he appreciates the partnership they have together.

AGENDA ITEMS

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. AGREEMENT A-21-050 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND OLIVE TREE INVESTMENTS LLC

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated Agreement A-21-050 is a lease between Chaves County and Olive Tree Investments LLC for the lease of 110 East Mescalero. This lease provides the location for mental health and counseling services for Roswell and Chaves County. Staff recommends approval. There was no further discussion or questions from the Commission.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-21-050
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

2. AGREEMENT A-21-051 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND LA CASA BUENA SALUD INC

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this sublease is between Chaves County and La Casa Buena Salud Inc for the lease of 110 East Mescalero. This sublease provides La Casa De Buena Salud Inc 18,529 square feet for \$10,000.00 per month. The additional lease cost of \$5,500.00 per month is paid by Chaves County to assure that the mental health counseling needs of our community are being met. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Williams thanked Stan for all his hard work on these contracts.

Further discussion from the Commission:

Commissioner Ezzell asked if we're leasing this to Olive Tree, why isn't the sublease from Olive Tree too? Mr. Williams stated the lease is from Olive Tree to Chaves County. We are leasing the building and then subleasing it as allowed in our Contract to La Casa De Buena Salud.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-21-051
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

3. AGREEMENT A-21-052 TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN STEWARDS OF LIBERTY

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this is to ratify the agreement with American Stewards of Liberty for consulting services regarding endangered species and federal land use planning. Staff recommends approval.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commission.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-21-052
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

4. RESOLUTION R-21-055 – APPROVAL OF CHAVES COUNTY REDISTRICTING PLAN

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated that Chaves County is required to evaluate commission districts every ten years after the completion of the census. On November 9, 2021, four potential redistricting plans were presented and discussed at a public hearing which included public involvement and discussion. A fifth plan was requested from New Mexico Demographic Reporting to provide one additional option. The fifth plan, Plan E, was presented and discussed at a public hearing on November 18, 2021. Plans B and D were removed from consideration leaving plans A, C, and E. The Board now needs to decide on which plan they will adopt.

Further discussion from the Commission.

Commissioner Cavin stated there was discussion at the last meeting about what our current districts are and discussion that by moving one precinct we could pretty much leave things as they are. Commissioner Ezzell stated they asked the demographer to give them this information on paper and to his knowledge they haven't received this. Commissioner Ezzell and Commissioner Bilberry met with Mr. Adair last Friday and asked him what would have to be done to the current map to make it compliant, under the five percent deviation. Mr. Adair told them that moving precinct 5 from Commission district 3 to Commission district 1 and leaving everything else the same would comply with all the statutory requirements.

MOTION MADE TO: ADOPT THE PLAN THAT WOULD LEAVE ALL EXISTING LINES INTACT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOVING PRECINCT 5 FROM DISTRICT 3 TO DISTRICT 1
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Cavin stated that with presenting a new map they would need to open the floor for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rita Kane Doerhoefer, very narrow unstriped Mark Road

Ms. Doerhoefer stated her only concern is that she doesn't know where district 5 is. She doesn't have a map and it's not online, she checked at 4:30 this morning. She clarified its precinct 5 and she has no idea where it is and asked if they could vote on it without putting out for public knowledge.

Stan Riggs stated this would be an amendment to an existing plan so they would be allowed to vote.

Ms. Doerhoefer asked where she would find the new map. Commissioner Bilberry stated the map they are looking at was never presented.

Commissioner Cavin stated that all that would happen would be that precinct 5 would move from District 3 to District 1. This would be the only change made from the current districts.

Frank Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez stated he had not planned to speak because he thought they had already chosen one of the three that had been made public. He stated it's very unfair to then give them generalities without any maps. He has no idea what they are proposing. It's very unfair to the public and they are not being transparent at this point. They should have presented this online to the public. Because there are no maps, no data, no statistics, he is still in favor of map E. He stated if you're going to do fair districts, a big part of that is being transparent and giving the public the opportunity to know what you just did with this amendment. Commissioner Cavin asked Mr. Sanchez if he had an issue with what our current districts look like right now. Mr. Sanchez stated he was not in favor of them ten years ago.

There were no comments online.

Further discussion from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Ezzell stated he assumes the demographer is still under contract, so he doesn't know why he didn't do what was asked nor is he here today. It was his understanding that after their meeting last Friday he was going to do the statistical analysis on paper for what moving precinct 5 into district 1 would do. He is hesitant to make the motion he already made because we're going off what he told us. He confirmed with the County Clerk that precinct 5 is contiguous to Commission district 1. He would like to see things on paper and stated they may have to have a special meeting.

Commissioner Cavin stated they could have a special meeting on Thursday, December 30th. Mr. Williams stated that if they have an emergency meeting, they will move agenda item 9 to this meeting. It was put on this agenda as an emergency, but they can move it to the 30th and advertise it properly. On Monday they got notice from the Association of Counties that the opioid settlement needs to be signed by January 2nd.

MOTION MADE TO: RESCIND ABOVE MOTIONS AND TABLE AGENDA ITEM 4 UNTIL THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 30TH, CONDITIONED ON RECEIVING THE INFORMATION THEY'VE ASKED FOR FROM THE DEMOGRAPHER

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

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

OPPOSED: NONE

5. RESOLUTION R-21-057 – OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this resolution opposes the proposed Lincoln National Forest Land Management Plan because the US Forest Service failed to coordinate with local governments in the development of the plan as required by their process. Staff recommends approval.

Further discussion from the Commission:

Commissioner Cavin asked Commissioner Bilberry to read the resolution out loud. Commissioner Cavin stated this is obviously a big deal because they've been butting heads with BLM on the Carlsbad Research Management Plan and now the Forest Service comes in on the back side. This affects Lincoln, Otero, Eddy, and Chaves counties and Federal agencies are supposed to be coordinating with local governments not just showing up with a plan saying this is what we're doing you guys accept it and cooperate with us. Commissioner Bilberry stated it's very important that we work with all the counties involved in this. Lincoln County is going to suffer. Counties need to get their comprehensive plans up to date and start holding these people to the fire.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-21-057
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE FIFTH WHEREAS
LINE 2, NEPA AND NFMA SHOULD BE IN PARENTHESIS
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

6. RESOLUTION R-21-058 – APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 21-22

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Barraza stated the Finance Department is requesting a budget adjustment for the line items in exhibit A and there was an amended exhibit that was given before the meeting. These adjustments are for a PRC grant for Berrendo Fire, a GIS upgrade for the County, and revenue loss that Chaves County encountered during the impact of the pandemic. Staff recommends approval.

Further discussion from the Commission.

Commissioner Ezzell asked what the Berrendo Fire adjustment was for. Ms. Barraza stated this is a PRC grant that they applied for and so they have to request an adjustment to increase their revenue as well as the expenditure to continue with the grant.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-21-058
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

7. RESOLUTION R-21-059 – FINAL DISPOSITION FOR 2021 ROAD MAINTENANCE APPLICATIONS AND NEW ROAD REQUESTS

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated that of the 2021 road status applications, #3 Tierra Grande Blvd, #4 Veleta Drive, #5 Blanca Rosa Lane, #6 El Dorado Lane, Chaves County Road Department reports that each of these roads now meet the stipulations for acceptance as a county-maintained road. They are requesting permission to place them on the Chaves County Road atlas and to accept maintenance responsibilities.

Application #1, Thunder Road, Chaves County Road Department reports that the applicant worked hard to meet the standards for a new road request however, Thunder Road is pending the completion of a right-of-way request with BLM. Staff anticipates a recommendation to resolve Thunder Road as a County Road in February with fully acquired property rights.

New road application #2, Stagecoach Road, did not meet the requirements to be included as a new road and its status as a private road will remain in effect.

Staff recommends approval and final acceptance of Tierra Grande Blvd, Veleta Drive, Blanca Rosa Lane, El Dorado Lane, and Thunder Road as Chaves County Maintained Roads.

Further discussion from the Commission.

Commissioner Bilberry asked if Thunder Road was where they were going to go around the house. Mr. Williams stated no, it's right outside the wild refuge gate. It has to cross a quarter

mile of BLM land; the people have brought it up to standards but there is a delay in the processing of the federal paperwork. The County has been assured by BLM that they will approve this as a County right of way.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE R-21-059 FOR THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF TIERRA GRANDE BLVD, VELETA DRIVE, BLANCA ROSA LANE, EL DORADO LANE, TO BE PLACED ON THE CHAVES COUNTY ROAD ATLAS AND ALSO THUNDER ROAD PENDING THE BLM RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATION APPROVAL

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

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

OPPOSED: NONE

8. RESOLUTION R-21-060 – APPROVING REMOVAL OF A POSITION TO PERSONNEL CHART H AND ADDING A POSITION TO PERSONNEL CHART B

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated this resolution is for a position change at the Chaves County Flood Commission. They are requesting approval to lower the Flood Commission Manager position to an Assistant position. This is where it started out a few years ago prior to all the training the previous employee had. Supervisory responsibilities will be eliminated from the position until further notice. Staff recommends approval and there is a copy of the job specifications attached.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commission.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE R-21-060

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

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

OPPOSED: NONE

9. RESOLUTION R-21-061 – RESOLUTION TO JOIN OTHER NEW MEXICO COUNTIES IN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT

MOTION MADE TO: TABLE AGENDA ITEM #9 UNTIL THE DECEMBER 30TH MEETING

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

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

OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

10. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY INSURANCE AUTHORITY VOTING MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the New Mexico County Insurance Authority will hold its annual meeting in January 2022. Chaves County needs to appoint a voting member and an alternate. Staff is requesting that Ms. Sandra Rodriguez take the role as the voting member and that Mac Rogers be the alternate.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE SANDRA RODRIGUEZ AS THE VOTING MEMBER AND MAC ROGERS AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE NEW MEXICO COUNTY INSURANCE AUTHORITY

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

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

OPPOSED: NONE

11. CHAVES COUNTY ANNUAL ROAD HEARING SCHEDULE

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated agenda item #11 is the Chaves County Road hearing schedule. Per County policy, our disposition resolution is scheduled to occur in May. Prior to that they are scheduling the annual road hearing in April with written applications for the road hearing due on February 4th. This gives plenty of time to appoint freeholders to evaluate the roads. Staff recommends approval.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE CHAVES COUNTY 2022 ROAD HEARING SCHEDULE AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTED DATES SHOWING 2022 NOT 2021 IN MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,092,140.18
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
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 BILBERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
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.

Tim Jennings, 2716 N Penn. #48, Roswell

Mr. Jennings stated on a Tuesday a couple of weeks ago, a member of the Elks Club was returning home and going down E. Country Club, a car pulled up and cut him off in the turning lane, a guy got out of the car with a gun. The member drove off, his car was shot, and the individual was shot. This is tragic and scary. That intersection is dark and it's very difficult to see anybody there. As Mr. Jennings was talking to a former State Police Officer, he was extremely complimentary of the way the investigation was held by the Chaves County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jennings is unaware of how much investigative training they have but he thought it was worthwhile to mention that those officers have done a great job. He appreciates the training that the officers have, and he wanted to bring it out. When someone does a good job, it should be spoken of. This is deeply concerning to him and has made him want to carry a gun. The public needs to know about those individuals because if they did it once they will do it again.

There were no comments online.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATION

Mr. Williams thanked all staff for doing a great job. He wished everyone in the County and all employees and the city a Merry Christmas. The US Forrest Service is running a campaign, if you want to call it that, parallel to the Carlsbad Resource Management Plan. While we were fending them off, they were doing something totally against the processes they have in place. Margaret knows this stuff inside and out and pretty much everything they were supposed to do they didn't do, and they certainly didn't coordinate with us. BLM was trying to make lands with wilderness

characteristics, these are actual wildernesses they are going to turn them in to not just wilderness characteristics so that's even a step further than BLM was trying. Had it not been for the landowners we wouldn't have known anything about it. When we commented to them that they had not communicated with us they said they'd give us until the 15th to make comments. They sent a 1500-page document for us to read and make comments. Margaret was able to find everything in there and was able to prepare those comments for us and we got them sent to the Forrester Service in a timely manner. We will see where this goes and hopefully, we can continue to fight for the people in our community that ask for our help.

They are planning to increase the solar out on Pine Lodge Road by 30 megawatts. They have sent us their negotiated pilot which is considerably less than the first solar plan. We are talking to them about trying to get this number up. This benefits the Roswell schools, and they get a certain percentage. We feel like we need to stand tough and have them come up on the amount they've offered. He thanked everyone for the great job they do and for the values we have here in Chaves County.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor stated he attended the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the Courthouse, sponsored by MainStreet Roswell, and they did a fabulous job. It was a wonderful turnout with Roswell High, Goddard High, and the Institute choral groups leading in song. It was a kickoff for the Christmas season, and he commends the downtown Roswell merchants for all their hard work. He reminded everyone that this Friday night, the Junior College football team will be playing for the National Championship. This is really a great moment that a Junior College here can go on to the national stage and represent this community, let's all back them. He wished everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas and whatever holidays they might be celebrating. He's traveling to go see his grandkids, but he will be back on the 29th and will be here for the special commission meeting. Merry Christmas to everyone.

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana congratulated all the staff for the awards. Those are wonderful accomplishments and she thanked everyone for their commitment to Chaves County. She stated Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone, stay safe, the virus is horrible, and it has really affected her family. She asked the EDC if they could find a company to do tumbleweed removal.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell thanked all staff and department heads and congratulated all the employees who were recognized today. It's easy to complain about the winds out here but last Friday night he was in Kentucky and there was some wind there too. Seeing the devastation that was present was a real eye opener. It's the holiday season and everyone needs to remember the purpose of the season. He hopes everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and hopefully we will all have a prosperous new year.

COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Bilberry thanked everyone for the great year and stated it's been a pleasure to work with everyone. He stated try not to get caught up in the negative that's going on and look for the positive. God has really blessed this community and County with a higher calling for each of us. He and Bill went to Otero County with Margaret Byfield and it was a really good thing to do. We just need to hold their feet to the fire. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

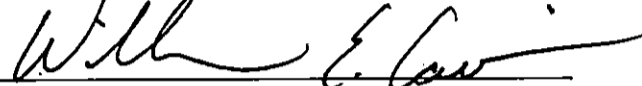
COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin stated he would like to echo all the prior comments. The Institute football team is playing for the National Championship on Friday, you'll be able to find the game and watch it. They have a running back that is phenomenal. Unless he gets injured, we'll probably see him playing pro football some time in the near future. Also, the NMMI girls' volleyball team played in the National Championship. They lost in five sets, but it was a great athletic event. They came up just a little short but there are a lot of congratulations just getting to the National Championship. Our junior college is really doing a lot of great things. The NMMI is one of the

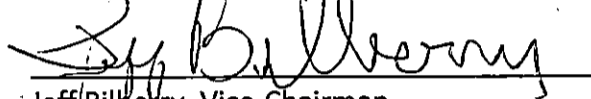
five junior colleges in the country where you can get your commissioning in two years. It is a great academic facility for us as well as ENMU-R. He stated it was great to hear Senator Jennings give well deserved kudos to the Chaves County Sheriff's Department. They are greatly appreciated and show up to all the events. They also work well with all other law enforcement entities in the county. Chaves County is an amazing family, we work and take care of our peeps, and are always stepping up when called on. The decision they make on redistricting is important for the next ten years. They will have this information up. They will stay on their toes when it comes to these entities trying to take advantage of them and they are fortunate to have Margaret Byfield, Commissioner Ezzell, and Commissioner Bilberry keeping an eye on things and taking care of us. He looks forward to a great 2022. He thanked everyone and stated have a Merry Christmas and God bless.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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William E. Cayin, Chairman



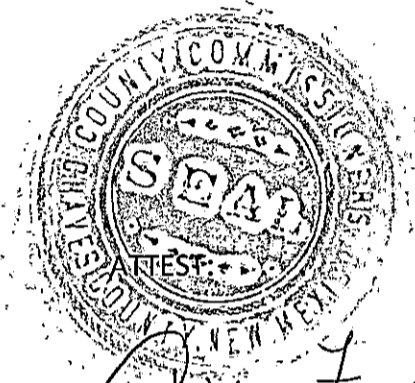
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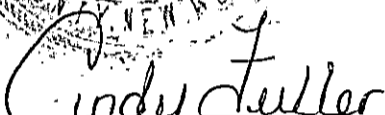
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