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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
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 9:01 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dana led the pledge and Commissioner Ezzell led in prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present were Commissioners Cavin, Ezzell, Dana, and Taylor.
Commissioner Bilberry was absent.

Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Public Services Director, Mac Rogers, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Network Security Administrator, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Sheriff, Mike Herrington, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2022, MARCH 17, 2022, AND MARCH 21, 2022
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY
OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

1) MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Presenter: Commissioner Dana

Commissioner Dana read the proclamation out loud and declared May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

2) CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK IN CHAVES COUNTY

Presenter: Commissioner Cavin

Commissioner Cavin read the proclamation out loud and declared the week, beginning on the third Monday in April, as Character Counts Week in Chaves County. Tim Fuller, Character Counts Executive Director, stated on Monday they will be honoring the volunteer firefighters, Wednesday will be Honor the Badge which is the police officers, law enforcement, dispatchers, and paid firefighters, Thursday they will honor teachers with a parade, and Saturday, they team up with Keep Chaves County Beautiful to promote a cleanup around the County. Mr. Fuller accepted the proclamation, and a photo was taken with the Commissioners.

3) NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams read the proclamation out loud and declared the week of April 10 – 16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Chaves County. There were several dispatchers in the room that accepted the proclamation and took a photo with the Commissioners.

4) CHAVES COUNTY EMPLOYEES' MONTH

Presenter: Commissioner Ezzell

Commissioner Ezzell read the proclamation out loud and declared April as Chaves County Employees month. On April 28th there will be a picnic for all County employees. Mac Rogers and Anabel Barraza accepted the proclamation and took a photo with the Commissioners.

UPDATE ON THE ROSWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presenter: Andrea Moore, Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman

Ms. Moore stated they are continuing with all the wonderful things they are doing. They recently finished Rise with Roswell. Tim Moffett was the guest speaker and Cerritos provided a great breakfast. They are working to bring back a Fourth of July celebration for the community and are looking for sponsors. They are in the process of sending their Roswell Now magazine to the printers and the theme is Extraordinary People.

PRESENTATION FROM USDA/APHIS

Presenter: Jon Grant, State Director for the NM program of USDA Wildlife Services

Mr. Grant stated with him today is Lisa Selner, District Supervisor, Robert Cummings, Master Specialist, and Mike Muller, Wildlife Specialist for Chaves County. Wildlife Services is a part of the United States Agriculture, they are a federal agency that deals with wildlife damage. They help protect, prevent, and mitigate damage by wildlife to agriculture in both livestock and crop production. They also help protect people's personal property and help with human health and safety. In 2021, they helped to protect over 14,000 head of livestock valued at almost twelve million dollars in Chaves County. With the estimates in place, they prevented over \$162,000.00 in livestock predation. As far as predator damage management is concerned, the three wildlife specialists that are assigned to Chaves County worked on over 48 properties encompassing over 4.2 million acres on both public and private land. They also provided bird management services, feral swine management, rodent management, migratory bird damage management, skunk, and surveillance for wildlife diseases.

The feral swine eradication program has been in place since 2013. They have two full time employees dedicated to this. They use helicopters and will begin the aerial program in about a week or two. The Human Health and Safety side in Chaves County monitors for a lot of diseases. They do sampling and surveillance. They share their information with the NM Dept of Health. Four NM personnel have been trained to use drones. They will use this to monitor damage to crops, in structures to monitor bird damage, and surveillance and monitoring of other animals.

Commissioner Ezzell asked if the hogs on the river are spreading. Mr. Muller stated they are not spreading and are still confined to the river; the numbers are low. Commissioner Ezzell asked about the rabbit population. Mr. Muller stated they don't keep track of those numbers but believe they are low. Commissioner Ezzell asked about the trapping ban. Mr. Grant stated SB32 went into effect April 1st. They are not sure what the impacts are going to be yet. They are not totally off public land; they can only use foothold traps and snares. Shooting aerial operations are still allowed on public lands, it mainly eliminated poisons. Commissioner Dana thanked Robert for helping some of her constituents with gophers. Commissioner Cavin asked what the thinking process is with wild cattle and horses? Mr. Grant stated he would add feral swine to that. He stated he can't talk about the cattle issue because there is a litigation hold on that right now but that was a Forest Service project, they did assist on that, but any questions should be directed towards the Forest Service. The difference between horses, cattle, and feral swine, is that the horses are protected under the Wild Horse and Burro Act.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. CASE Z 2022-02 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITY**
- 2. CASE Z 2022-03 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITY**

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated Case Z 2022-2 is a special use permit for a community solar project in Area 1 Zone A-R – Agricultural-Residential. Eastman Trust along with Cenergy Power are requesting a special use permit for a community solar facility at 3831 Cedarvale Road. The property is accessible from Cedarvale Road and Seminole Road, both County maintained roads, approximately twenty-one feet wide. The area is currently vacant land used for cattle grazing. It is bound to the north and south by agricultural fields zoned A-Agriculture, to the west by residential homes zoned A-R, and to the east by the beef packing plant zoned Industrial District. There are no agricultural water rights attached to this property.

Cenergy Power has provided a development plan for the proposed community solar facility. The facility would be ground based and stand approximately four to six feet in height from the natural ground. The proposed facility would connect to the existing overhead transmission line located north of the site, along Seminole Road. The solar facility would be completely fenced in by a six-foot chain link fence with three barbed wire strands at the top.

Renewable energy facilities are not addressed in the County Zoning Ordinance No. 7 nor in the 2016 County Comprehensive Master Plan. Therefore, per Section 1.A.1 of Article XVIII of the County Zoning Ordinance No. 7, “the Board may grant an SUP in districts from which the uses are otherwise prohibited by this zoning code and shall impose appropriate conditions and safeguards to protect the general plan and to conserve and protect the property values in the neighborhood.” SUP should not create a nuisance, such as, noise, dust, glare, vibration, and interference with WIFI and cellular data. SUP should not interfere in the daily life nor create a hardship on the neighbors for which the SUP would be located.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the special use permit by a vote of 5-0 based on findings of fact 1-4 stated in staff’s report. Since that time, staff has received a letter from Cenergy Power to continue this case, however, they do need to have a public hearing on the item because it was advertised and set on the agenda.

William Heck, representing Cenergy Power, resides at 2074 High Mesa Drive, Henderson, Nevada. He stated a number of residents have concerns, which he believes are valid, and they would like to address those concerns. They include erosion along the South Spring River, visual impact, impacts on wildlife, and in an effort to answer all those questions to the satisfaction of the residents they have asked for a continuance of ninety days to do the studies associated with providing information to the Commission and the residents.

Commissioner Cavin asked the Commissioners for discussion on the continuance. Commissioner Ezzell asked how many people had taken the time today to come to speak in opposition to this. It was noted that three people in the room raised their hand. He asked if they had a position one way or the other on the requested continuance. One person verbally stated “no”. Commissioner Ezzell asked if there was anyone else in the room besides Mr. Heck in favor of the continuance.

Stan Riggs, Chaves County Attorney, stated the Commissioners can continue this and still hear from the public if they so decide or they can deny the continuance and move forward like it’s a regular process. They can still have the public hearing if they want to. It’s their call how they want to do it. Louis Jaramillo asked the Commission to consider both cases, Z 2022-02 and Z 2022-03 at the same time.

MOTION MADE TO: DENY THE NINETY DAY CONTINUANCE FOR BOTH CASES, Z 2022-02 AND Z 2022-03
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comments and stated both cases will be considered together.

IN FAVOR:

William Heck, 2047 High Mesa Drive, Henderson, Nevada

Mr. Heck stated he wanted to follow-up on the residents' concerns. Cenergy Power has built a number of these in a number of different places, and they believe that they can make accommodations that are both favorable to the economy of Chaves County as well as acceptable to the residents, given the time to do that. These would include replacing the chain link fence with a type of fence that is more of a view fence, placing a vegetative buffer between that fence and the nearby residents. There has been some concern about the South Spring River, and they will do appropriate wildlife studies to make sure that whatever construction they are doing does not have a material adverse effect on the surrounding community. They would be open to hearings with the residents to go through the plans to make sure it is meeting their expectations as well as those of the County.

No one online was in favor.

OPPOSED:

Allen Ernest, 3673 Spring River Road

Mr. Ernest stated both of these, he doesn't want them. He butts up to Dr. Block's property in four places. He has a half mile of the South Spring River. They want to put this right behind his house and then put it down a little farther to the east side of his property. They have wildlife going up and down that. This will be an eye sore and affect the wildlife in the creek and then property values. Someone stated that the South Spring Creek only gets a foot of water in it, they're crazy. Last summer it had nine feet of water in the creek. He will deny both of these now, in ninety days, a year, five years, he doesn't want them out there.

Valley West, 3659 Spring River Road.

Ms. West stated she is directly south of the second project and shares a fence line with Dr. Block. She would like to register her protest for most of the same reasons as Allen Ernest. She also thinks it's a little bit of smoke and mirrors with the title of Community Solar Array. She doesn't see that the community is involved or will benefit. It's an out of state company, they cherry picked these properties because they are underneath power lines, a substation is next door, so they don't have to put out extra money. They are not thinking of the neighborhood, community, property values or the detriment to the watershed.

Travis Williams, 3677 Spring River Road

Mr. Williams stated he is currently building a house on the address listed. Part of the design process of their house includes a second story game room overlooking the north area. They built a big bay window for the view. They like the view how it is not to view a solar array. It doesn't matter how big they build the fence or vegetation, it doesn't matter, when you're up higher you'll see right over that. His current address is 2708 S. Wyoming, Roswell.

No one online was opposed.

Commissioner Cavin closed the public hearing and asked the Commissioners for additional discussion. Commissioner Ezzell asked if these were two separate five megawatt projects or if they will be connected. Mr. Heck stated they are two separate projects separated by geography and electrically although they do interconnect to the grid and will go to the same substation. Commissioner Dana stated she has had a few constituents call her to voice their opposition to this. Commissioner Cavin stated he has received the same phone calls.

MOTION MADE TO: DENY CASE Z 2022-02 AND CASE Z 2022-03
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

Stan Riggs asked for them to consider the findings of fact and include them. Findings of facts 1-4 were read out loud by Commissioner Cavin. Commissioner Dana agreed to add the findings of facts to denial motion.

MOTION MADE TO: DENY CASE Z 2022-02 AND CASE Z 2022-03 WITH THE FINDINGS OF FACTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

3. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #O-111 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the ordinance, if approved, would authorize Chaves County to issue and sale taxable industrial revenue bonds, (IRBs), in the maximum principal amount of \$50,000,000.00 for the NextEra Energy Solar Project. The IRBs would provide funds to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a solar farm for the purpose of generating electricity. The bond term is twenty-four years. NextEra is purchasing all of these bonds. This ordinance authorizes the execution and delivery of an indenture, a lease agreement, a bond purchase agreement, bonds, and other documents in connection with the issuance of the bonds. NextEra will indemnify the County from and against any claim or issue that may arise as a result of these bonds. At no time will Chaves County be obligated to pay these bonds.

NextEra will also make PILOT payments to Chaves County in the amount of \$71,428.00 per year for the term of the bonds. NextEra will also be providing \$33,571 PILOT payments to be divided equally to the seven school districts located in Chaves County. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance O-111.

Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comments.

IN FAVOR:

Catherine Clark Connor, NextEra Energy, Florida

She stated on behalf of the company they are excited to have these bonds issued so they can support the local community and local schools. She thanked them for their time and stated she hopes they approve the ordinance.

No one online was in favor.

OPPOSED:

No one present in the room or online.

Commissioner Cavin closed the public hearing and asked the Commissioners if they had further questions or discussion. Commissioner Ezzell wanted to clarify the principal amount which Mr. Williams stated is \$50,000,000.00. Mr. Williams stated the reason they are running for twenty-four years is that they asked them to scale them back to match the original IRBs that were issued from Chaves County Solar 1 and Roswell Solar so they will all end at the same time.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE ORDINANCE #O-111
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

4. 2022 CHAVES COUNTY ANNUAL ROAD HEARING

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated having received the applications for the 2022 Annual Chaves County Road Hearing it is requested that the Commission hear any public input regarding the requested roads. This is a public hearing which was properly advertised per statutory requirements. The applications include:

Road Vacation Requests:

Application #1: Peter Ambs – Hemlock Avenue from 37th to 38th Street for 630 feet

Application #2: John F. Gilmore – Adobe Road for 1,450 feet

Application #7: Shirley McIntosh – N. Aspen between Barberry & 38th for 600 feet

Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment on applications #1, #2, & #7.

IN FAVOR:

Bill Williams, 3721 Spring River Road

Mr. Williams stated he was speaking on behalf of Mr. Gilmore who lives at 3737 Spring River Road. He was in a farm accident a while back and is not ready to leave his house, but he put in for vacation of this road because it dead ends on private property which belongs to Mr. Williams. All the owners have access to the property off of Spring River Road and he wants to stop anyone from going back and accessing his property from the rear. They can also access Joseph's property from the rear. It leads no where and is a non-County maintained road.

Allen Ernest – Adobe Trail

Mr. Ernest stated it goes right down to his property or runs to it and he would like to see it vacated.

No one online was in favor.

OPPOSED:

No one in the room or online.

Commissioner Cavin asked the Commissioners if they had any discussion or questions on requests #1, #2, and #7.

Mr. Rogers discussed the road status change requests, all seeking to go from non-maintained to maintained by the County.

Road Status Change Request:

Application #3: Martin Contreras – Palacio Street for 400 feet

Application #4: Buena Vida Improvement Association – Loma Linda for 570 feet

Application #5 : Buena Vida Improvement Association – Via Del Sol for 1,500 feet

Application #6 : Buena Vida Improvement Association – Los Flores for 3,061 feet

Commissioner Cavin opened the public hearing for public comment on applications #3, #4, #5, and #6.

IN FAVOR:

Pat Clark, 118 Mistico Lane, Roswell

Ms. Clark stated she is in favor of applications #4, #5, and #6.

Online: Neil Roe in favor of applications #4, #5, and #6.

OPPOSED:

No one in the room or online.

Commissioner Cavin closed the public hearing and asked the Commissioners if they had further discussion or questions. Mr. Williams pointed out that application #3 is in Buena Vida but was not put in by the Association. It was put in by one of the property owners. Mr. Rogers stated the Commission needs to schedule a time to view the roads and estimated it will take about two and a half hours. It was determined that Monday, April 25th at 8:30 would be scheduled for the road viewing.

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5. AGREEMENT A-22-003 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ASA ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated on March 17, 2022, the Commission awarded RFP-22-002 for Design Professional Services - Public Health Office to ASA Architects. Agreement A-22-003 is the contract for those services. Contract is within budget. Staff recommends approval of Agreement A-22-003.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commission.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-22-003
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

6. AGREEMENT A-22-004 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DESERT PEAK ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PVRCC

Presenter: Mac Rogers, Public Services Director

Mr. Rogers stated on March 17, 2022, the Commission awarded RFP-22-001 for Design Professional Services – Pecos Valley Regional Communications Center. Agreement A-22-004 is the contract for those services. Contract is within budget. Staff recommends approval of Agreement A-22-004.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-22-004
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

7. RESOLUTION R-22-019 – APPROVING CHANGES TO PERSONNEL CHARTS AND REVISED POSITION SPECIFICATIONS

Presenter: Emma Dominguez, Human Resources Director

Ms. Dominguez stated this resolution incorporates Chart A and B approved in the final budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The charts have been changed to reflect the renaming of the Microfilm and Software Tech as well as the Recording and Filing Supervisor. Updates to the job specifications for the positions are to be more in line with their current responsibilities and duties. Both positions will remain on their current wage level unchanged. Staff recommends approval.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-019
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

8. RESOLUTION R-22-020 – APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY21-22

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Barraza stated the Finance Department is requesting a budget adjustment for the line items in exhibit 'A'. These adjustments are for moto graders that were bought from a lease for the Road Department, an adjustment to the City of Roswell allocation for dispatch expenses, and an increase on supplies from a sold fire truck for District 8 Volunteer Fire Department. Staff recommends approval.

Further discussion and questions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Cavin asked about the \$135,000.00 for communication costs. Ms. Barraza stated this was due to some software upgrades that the Dispatch Center did. The total cost was \$350,000.00 and the grant was only \$125,000.00.

Terry Best spoke as well stating the software covers all three disciplines, Fire, Police, and EMS. Each one of these is \$125,000.00. The State of New Mexico covers the medical part so that was \$125,000.00 and the Fire and Police portion is covered by the County. This was in her normal operating budget for the year, and they didn't ask for any additional funds, but it was all spent in one place.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-020
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

OTHER BUSINESS

9. POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT FLOOD SUPERINDENT

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Mr. Williams stated the Flood Commissioner and Flood Superintendent are requesting the creation of the Assistant Flood Superintendent position. This position would allow the Flood Superintendent to hire and train an individual to replace him when he retires. This would be an At-Will position hired and directly supervised by the Flood Superintendent. Staff recommends approval and he attached a draft position summary.

Further discussion and questions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Dana asked where the salary for this come from?

Mr. Williams stated their budget.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE ASSISTANT FLOOD SUPERINTENDENT
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

10. VACANCY ON THE CHAVES COUNTY LAND COUNCIL

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated Mr. Hud Rhea resigned his position on the Chaves County Land Council. Mr. Hud was a representative of the Recreational Use industry and was scheduled for reappointment in June 2022 for a three-year term. The Council is comprised of nine members. The members represent three industries: Agriculture, Extraction, and Recreational Use, equally. Per Resolution

R-94-059, each County Commissioner shall have the right to nominate two members. Appointment is subject to majority approval by the Board.

Further discussion and questions from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Ezzell asked if anyone had shown an interest. Mr. Jaramillo stated no. This is informational and they will need to come back with nominees at their choosing. Commissioner Cavin asked how many members were on right now. Mr. Jaramillo stated eight without Mr. Rhea. Commissioner Dana asked Mr. Jaramillo to send out additional information on the Land Council.

MOTION MADE TO: TABLE UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

11. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CHAVES COUNTY BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE #60.

Presenter: Louis Jaramillo, Planning and Zoning Director

Mr. Jaramillo stated this is a request to publish for a public hearing to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chaves County Board of Commissioners on May 26, 2022. The notice will be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the county at least two weeks prior to the public hearing and shall contain the date, time, location of the public hearing, title of the ordinance, and general summary of the proposed amendments per 4-37-7 NMSA.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: GRANT PERMISSION TO PUBLISH A NOTICE
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,919,932.66
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, EZZELL, DANA, AND TAYLOR
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Commissioner Taylor had to leave the meeting and stated he wanted to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter.

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

Rita Kane-Doerhoefer, very narrow, unstriped, she has a Chicago Cubs mailbox, Mark Road Ms. Doerhoefer stated at the end of April Keep Chaves County Beautiful will have spent all of their money. They have done almost all of their clean ups. She was with 84 children last week, she has Youth Challenge yet to go. On the 30th they will do Mainstreet, the planting of the flowers. They will check on the cameras. The Finance Department has really stepped up to the plate. They are very supportive as well as the Clerk's Office. She thanked the Communications Department because she calls them frequently. She shot 43 skunks last year and only six this year. The rabbits are a big concern. They are destroying and making holes everywhere. She thanked the Sheriff's Department for what they are going to do for her. She and Sean have written the grant, it will be submitted tomorrow, and once they get approval on it, they will have a new grant cycle and new things to help people in Chaves County. The Scouts picked up so much trash. \$1,254.00 will be spent on Main Street.

Larry Connolly, 2815 Encanto, Roswell

Mr. Connolly stated the Sheriff is here protecting everyone. He thinks when we have another application for a community solar in East Grand Plains, please provide security for us.

There were no comments online.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams thanked Keep Chaves County Beautiful. It's all the people that volunteer that make this work. He is looking forward to the Main Street clean up. Any time we have public participation at the level we had today it makes his day. That's what this is all about, including people in the decisions the elected officials make. They do a great job, but they need to hear from the people. The proclamations today, PVRCC does a great job and they have been really busy here in the last week or two. They are there 24 hours a day. It's amazing every year how many people are recognized by Character Counts. It's an honor to provide a proclamation for them because they do so much for us. Chaves County Employee Day is going to be April 28th, we will have a picnic and close for a couple of hours that day. The employees are the bread and butter of the County, and he appreciates all that they do.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked the County employees and dispatchers. She told the Dispatchers in the room that from her perspective they are very professional. They are on the receiving end when things go wrong, she knows, they were very professional with her in her time of need, and she thanked them for that. Our law enforcement sees the worst of things and they hear when people want to complain and never when they want to say thank you. Our firefighters are having to go through a lot of things right now here and in Lincoln County so keep them in your prayers. She thanked the Chaves County Family; they have been here for her. It's Resurrection Sunday and a time to move on and hopefully things will get better, and we can all move on. A lot of people are praying for rain.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell thanked all the Department Heads for all their work and told everyone to have a very blessed Easter.


COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin concurred with the other Commissioners' comments and stated we have a great family here. A lot of people and agencies are reaching out to Lincoln County. This is a huge fire and over 200 homes have burned. He called Commissioner Ezzell Tuesday night to get them in touch with the people at the Fairgrounds for any livestock that need to be sheltered. We reach out and take care of each other and he appreciates that about our communities in Southeastern New Mexico. He thanked Dispatch and stated our law enforcement, EMS, and firefighters appreciate all the work they do. He told everyone to be safe out there and know that everyone

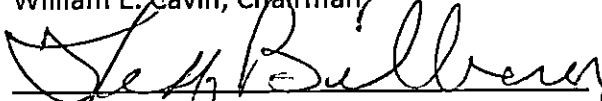
is greatly appreciated. We have a lot of stuff going on, heading to Nebraska next week for a 30/30 summit. We need to educate people on what is going on and being attempted. We will stay highly involved in this. He appreciates everyone here and stated God bless all of you, this County, and America.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.


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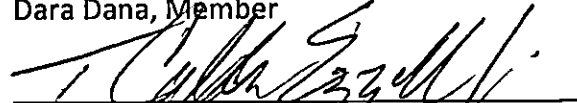
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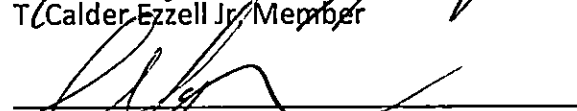
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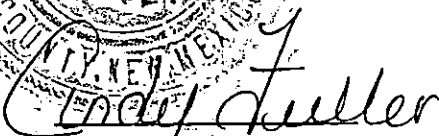


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