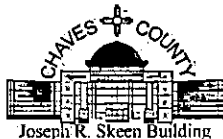




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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022**

**CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY’S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bilberry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present were Commissioners Bilberry, Ezzell, and Dana. Commissioner Cavin called in to the meeting.

Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, Public Services Director, Mac Rogers; County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Facility Maintenance Director, Scott Massey, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Finance Director, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Under Sheriff, Charles Yslas, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2022
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

AGENDA ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. AMEND CHAVES COUNTY BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE NO. 60

PRESENTER: LOUIS JARAMILLO, PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

Mr. Jaramillo stated staff has made necessary modifications to the existing Chaves County Building Code in order to remain in good standing and compliance with the New Mexico Construction Industries Division, (NMCID), Building and Electrical Departments per 14-5-1 NMCA. Chaves County building and electrical jurisdiction authority is governed by NMCID. Additions proposed are:

- NM Existing Building Code: Requirements necessary to maintain or repair a dwelling unit.
 - NM Earthen Building Materials Code: Maintenance and repair of adobe structures without a structural engineer’s plan
 - NM Residential Energy Conservation Code: Requirements necessary to construct an energy efficient dwelling unit.
 - NM Solar Energy Code: Requirements for installing residential solar panels.
- Also attached are the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Bilberry opened the public hearing for public comments.

IN FAVOR: None

There were no comments in favor online.

OPPOSED: None

There were no comments opposed online.

Commissioner Bilberry closed the public hearing from comments.

There was no further discussion or questions from the Commissioner.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE TO AMEND THE CHAVES COUNTY BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE NO. 60

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

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

OPPOSED: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

2. CASE Z-2022-007 – SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY SOLAR FACILITY

PRESENTER: LOUIS JARAMILLO, PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

Mr. Jaramillo stated that Blackwell Revocable Trust along with Zinnia NM Solar LLC. are requesting a Special Use Permit for a 5-megawatt community solar facility at 3801 Zinnia Road, being located on a parcel of land being in the SE/4SE/4 of Section 19 and the W/2SW/4SW/4 of Section 20, T.10S. R.25E. The property is accessible from Zinnia Road, a county-maintained road being approximately twenty-four (24”) feet wide that runs from Red Bridge Road east to the proposed site. The proposed area is mostly vacant land except for a 5-acre strip of land that is owned by Mr. Roberson. This strip of land, located north and parallel to Zinnia Road, was once owned by Blackwell Revocable Trust and was part of an ethanol production facility back in the 1980s. The proposed solar facility would be located approximately 130 feet north of this 5-acre strip of land. It is bound to the north, east and west by vacant land, zoned A-Agriculture and to the south by residential homes zoned A-R Agriculture-Residential. The property to the north does have a Special Use Permit for a Commercial Solar Facility. This area is scheduled to begin Phase 2 construction in July for the expansion of the existing facility to the north. This area is not in the flood hazard area and is designated Zone “X” per the 2009 FIRM maps.

Zinnia NM Solar LLC has provided a development plan for the proposed community solar facility. The facility would be ground based and would connect to the existing distribution line in the area. The solar facility would be completely fenced in by a six-foot chain link fence with three barbed wire strands at the top. (See Project Description for details.) Zinnia NM Solar LLC has also provided a de-commissioning plan upon abandonment of the site. The County Planning and Zoning Commission amended the setback requirements stated in Condition of Approval #6. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended Approval of the Special Use Permit by a vote of 3-0, with 6 Conditions of Approval, based on Findings of Fact 1-4 stated in Staff’s Report.

Commissioner Bilberry opened the public hearing for public comments.

IN FAVOR:

Cindy Larson O’Neil, Ameresco Incorporated, Minneapolis, MN

Ms. O’Neil stated the project site was selected because of the substation and the feeders that go out to the site. It’s also a remote site and the landowner is interested in hosting community solar. It’s an ideal site in addition to the large scale solar that’s to the north and this seems to be a good fit. The Community Solar Act has been ongoing for a year and the PRC did finish the rulemaking to be published in mid-July. There will be an RFP process where projects will be submitted for scoring. They will submit this project into the application process which they think will open in August or September. The projects will be selected by the highest scores. Ameresco feels confident because they have done some much community solar on the East Coast. The first phase is 200 mega watts divided by the three utility companies, PNM, XCEL, and El Paso Electric. This would be an XCEL project. If this project is not selected on the first round it will go into a wait list. They are optimistic that there will be more community solar added in the future. The timeline on construction could be between one and three years.

The project will serve between 820 to 1,000 customers based on how many kilowatts they use. Community solar allows people to be subscribers to the solar and they don’t have to put solar on their rooftop or property to participate. The discount is typically 10% and they will benefit from

a reduced electrical bill as a subscriber. They must have 30% of participants qualify as low income. Regarding the decommission plan, they would plan on completely dismantling the system and putting the land back in its natural state at the end of the 25-year life. The maximum size is five megawatts. The project construction would take between five and six months. They would have a placard on the gate that would have an emergency number listed for security purposes. When the system is turned on, they typically invite the community to come tour the facility and learn about it. They also invite police, Sheriffs, Firefighters, and emergency responders to come out and tour as well. On the 70-foot setback to the West, they are agreeable with this.

Commissioner Ezzell asked for details concerning the decommissioning plan. Ms. O'Neil stated that the plan also gives reasonable timelines for when things are removed off the site. It has a recycling component and goes into detail on how they try to use local recycling facilities. Bonding for the project to pay for decommission is in the lease with the landowner. Commissioner Ezzell asked if the financial assurances run in favor of the landowner? Ms. O'Neil stated yes, they will pay for the decommission. Commissioner Ezzell asked Louis if we currently have a requirement that covers the decommissioning. Could we enact one that would require financial assurance to run to the County? He would ask that this be a special stipulation to any use permits.

Claude Blackwell, 1229 E. Mescalero

Mr. Blackwell stated he is part of the trust and is speaking in favor of this. He made initial contact with Cindy and Ameresco. They came out twice, looked at the project, and they thought we had a good chance of putting the project onsite. They quit farming the land after the cotton crop got up about feet tall and just before harvest they got hailed out. This happened five years in a row. His Dad said no more. They've run cattle on it and now think this would be a good fit. They have about 200 acres left. This project is going to be a community project. People want to sign up and get that 10% savings. It's going to be good for the community and good for our schools.

There were no comments in favor online.

OPPOSED:

None

There were no comments opposed online.

Further discussion and questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cavin stated this is just round one, are there plans for round two, three, and four? Commissioner Ezzell thinks the Legislature will continue to act but he hasn't seen anything that has been prefilled. Commissioner Cavin would sure like to see the panels that are being used by American made. Ms. O'Neil stated they would support this but there aren't that many panel manufacturers in the United States. They are working on incentives to level the playing field. There are international tariff disputes which has caused delays in projects and price fluctuations. Solar developers need stability in pricing. Part of the scoring process is to use local, and they have engaged in using local-Title, local Legal, local environmental and they will hire a local EPC or contractor that will build the project. Their company has already spent upwards of a million dollars in the state preparing for solar development. They are proud to partner with local people.

Commissioner Bilberry asked if 30% of the customers are low income who makes up the other 70%? Ms. O'Neil stated it can be any SPS/XCEL customers. There is language in the bill that has the developer covering the cost of the connection, any upgrades are covered by the developer, and they do not get pushed off on the other rate payers.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN CASE Z-2022-07 SUBJECT TO THE COMMISSIONERS FINDING AND STIPULATIONS AND STIPULATION #7 WHICH WILL BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN LOUIS AND STAN DEALING WITH FINANCIAL ASSURANCES/DECOMMISSIONING RUNNING IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

3. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-22-026 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTER: ELLY HOLLON, CONTINUUM COORDINATOR

Ms. Hollon stated the Chaves County Comprehensive Strategy Board would like ratification approval for the FY23 Agreement between Chaves County and CYFD. The amount awarded for FY23 is \$179,682.00. Programs are listed within the agreement under Attachment 2-Budget. The agreement will fund the project year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT A-22-026
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Further discussion from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ezzell asked what this does. Ms. Hollon stated this grant helps our youth in Chaves County and the money goes to several CASA programs and WINGS FOR LIFE program. All programs are affiliated with our DWI program.

IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

4. AGREEMENT A-22-033 BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND PIONEER BANK

PRESENTER: SANDRA RODRIGUEZ,

Ms. Rodriguez stated that on May 26, 2022, the Commission awarded RFP-22-004 for banking services to Pioneer Bank. Agreement A-22-033 is the contract for those services. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney and staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENT A-22-033
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

5. RESOLUTION R-22-028 – ADOPTING REQUIRED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AND COMMITMENTS

PRESENTER: GEORGIANNA HUNT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Ms. Hunt stated this is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant application process.

Exhibit 1-Y R-22-028 Resolution to Adopt CDBG Requirements.

Exhibit 1-Z Citizen Participation Certification certifying commitment to Citizen participation by preparing and adopting a Citizen Participation Plan.

Exhibit 1-0-2 Fair Housing Commitment to the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan with Required Elements.

Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-028 AND APPOINT COUNTY MANAGER WILLIAMS TO DO THE CERTIFICATION
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

6. RESOLUTION R-22-029 – APPROVING COUNTY TO PICKUP PERA STATUTORY CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE

PRESENTER: EMMA DOMINGUEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Ms. Dominguez stated Chaves County Resolution R-22-029 proposes Chaves County to “pickup” the .50% PERA contribution rate increase for employees as approved in the interim budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 on May 26, 2022. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-029
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

7. RESOLUTION R-22-030 – APPROVING CHANGES TO PERSONNEL CHARTS

PRESENTER: EMMA DOMINGUEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Ms. Dominguez stated this resolution incorporates the upgrades of personnel positions for GIS Mapper Tech and one Sheriff Clerk, the renaming of the Network Security Administrator position, adding two Custodian positions, the \$15 minimum wage and/or 5% cost-of-living increase to all wage charts including eligible At-Will Positions (excluding Chart D (LEO)), as well as the 4% increase for the Flood Superintendent as approved in the interim budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 on May 26, 2022. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-030
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Further discussion from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dana thanked the Finance Committee, Emma, and Anabel. The County is doing their due diligence and is trying to take care of our employees, our family, with the \$15.00 minimum wage and the 5% cost of living increase. Commissioner Ezzell added they are also picking up the PERA increase.

8. RESOLUTION R-22-031 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY CHAIRMAN CAVIN

PRESENTER: BILL WILLIAMS, CHAVES COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Williams stated Chaves County would like to acquire a parcel of land on which to build a Public Health Department. The owner wishes to sell the 3.27-acre parcel to Chaves County for the sum of \$55,000. The legal description is Fruitland Subdivision, Block 3, Lot 5, less W 150’, S 200’. Additionally, it is requested that Chairman Cavin be authorized to execute any documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Staff recommends approval.

Further questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dana asked what the timeline is. Mr. Williams stated they need to complete this by 2024. We are using loss of revenue funds to pay for a portion of this and applying for a community development block grant. This parcel of land was requested by the New Mexico Department of Health. This would be a good location. They have selected and received a report back from the architect. Commissioner Ezzell asked for the street address. Mr. Williams stated the situs address listed in the Assessor’s Office is 711 Buena Vista St.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-031 AND AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN CAVIN TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

9. RESOLUTION R-22-032 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION
PRESENTER: MAC ROGERS, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mr. Rogers A Resolution authorizing staff to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application for the Chaves County Health Department construction. The resolution designates Commission Chair Will Cavin as the authorized representative in matters pertaining to the application and certifies a local match of approximately \$75,000 for the full and phased version of the project. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-22-032 AND AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN CAVIN AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

BID'S/RFP'S

10. ITB-22-1 – OILS AND LUBRICANTS

PRESENTER: SANDRA RODRIGUEZ, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

Ms. Rodriguez stated she has provided a spreadsheet with bid amounts were based on a summary of various products to be purchased under this price agreement and estimated quantities for each product, under which bidders submitted their pricing to ensure equal comparison. The actual bid award will constitute a term price agreement which will be utilized to purchase products at the prices bid for the duration of the contract. Staff has reviewed all bids and recommends award be made to Bell Gas, Wakefield Oil and Brewer Oil. Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. quantities were changed on the form and not comparable to the others. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: ACCEPT THE ITB-22-1
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

OTHER BUSINESS

11. REVISE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS

PRESENTER: CINDY FULLER, CHAVES COUNTY CLERK

Ms. Fuller stated that upon continued work to make sure their street files are correct, and everyone is in the proper precinct out of 65 precincts in Chaves County, and with continued work with our Assessor's Office they found that both addresses in the Bottomless Lakes Road street file need to be in precinct 45. She recalled their discussion from the 13th where one person got a ballot from precinct 45 and another person at the same address got a ballot from precinct 73. Stephanie Eldridge in the Clerk's Office made the correct call on election night issuing a provisional ballot in the voter who received the wrong ballot and the Clerk's Office determined the provisional ballot should have been counted. They compared the two different ballot styles and only counted the race that was different, and this only included one vote for Judge KC Rogers. The canvass totals are only changing by one vote for Magistrate Division I for Judge Rogers.

Further discussion from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ezzell asked if it was determined that section 23 was section 28? Ms. Fuller showed the Commissioners a map and stated it was section 27. The two precincts split right through the middle of section 27 so it's a tricky situation but working with the Assessor's Office they were able to determine where those properties are located. Commissioner Dana asked if any other Clerk's Offices in the state have had this similar problem. Ms. Fuller stated she reached out to the Secretary of State's Office again because she hasn't ever heard back from them, and they just said they were looking into it.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE REVISION TO THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS CAVIN, BILBERRY, EZZELL, AND DANA
OPPOSED: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

**12. RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHAVES COUNTY LAND COUNCIL
PRESENTER: LOUIS JARAMILLO, PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR**

Mr. Jaramillo stated they are requesting to re-appoint three existing members to a term of three-years and three other existing members to a term of two-years to the Chaves County Land Council. This is to re-establish the one-year staggered terms of service between each group. Per Resolution 94-59 and R-14-032, The Chaves County Land Council consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Chaves County Commissioners, each representing one of three uses: agriculture, extraction, and recreation. The Council is further divided into three groups, with each group servicing a term of three years. Finally, each group's term is staggered or separated by one year. In order to re-establish each group's staggered term of service, Staff is requesting the following:

Kim Chesser- Agriculture

Chuck Wagner- Recreation

Jeff Harvard- Extraction

be re-appointed to the CCLC for a term of three-years, and

Mark Marley- Agriculture

Eric Austin- Recreation

Dan Girand- Extraction

be re-appointed to the CCLC for a term of two-years

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE KIM CHESSER, CHUCK WAGNER, AND JEFF HARVARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS AND MARK MARLEY, ERIC AUSTIN, DAN GIRAND FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER EZZELL

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA

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

OPPOSED: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,433,047.13

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN

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

OPPOSED: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS

MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA

SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CAVIN

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

OPPOSED: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

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

Marvin Clements 6102 Kincaid, Lykins Subdivision

Mr. Clements stated he was here a couple of months ago complaining about some property around him and they were very sympathetic, but nothing has changed it's gotten worse. He's talked to Louis about it and is told "we're working on it", he's called the environmentalists about the septic tank deal and is told he needs to give them time. They burn plastic, trash, and firewood every night, it blows around the neighborhood and he has a swamp cooler and it comes in his house. All he is asking is for them to get some kind of ordinance or something in effect so we can keep things like this from happening. One of his neighbors has seven motorhomes on his property with people living in them. Louis goes and talks to them, and the guy says no one is living in them. It's a mess.

We would like to live in a decent area. The Sheriff can't enforce the nuisance ordinance because it might encroach on someone's civil rights. They don't have a septic tank so where are they doing their business? They don't have water down there. Motorcycles run at all hours of the night. Some of the buildings were red tagged, these people don't care. He thinks we should take care of our county a little better.

Mike Herrington, 6106 Kincaid Rd.

Mr. Herrington told his neighbor he would come down to support him. He thinks the Sheriff is doing a fine job and he thinks they are too. It's hard out there.

Toni Gomez, Chaves County Treasurer's Office

Ms. Gomez stated she would like to give an update on the annual property tax sale. There were 163 total properties, 116 were sold in the auction. The state collected \$696,500.00. The county only gets \$60,315.00. She stated if they had more people in their office, they would be able to keep more instead of that going into the excess fund for the state. The parcels that did not sell stay on the auction list. Only 14 will stay on the list from this last sale. Due to COVID this was one of their largest sales because they haven't had an auction in two years.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams stated he and Mac met with NextEra Solar a couple of days ago and the question about the American made panels was discussed. There are tariffs on the Chinese panels, and they have to be made by certain countries but part of the reason they won't allow importing of Chinese panels is that they found they were using slave labor to build them and were totally noncompliant with environmental requirements that the world has imposed. He's very thankful for the rain. They went to NMC last week and one of the big things that is supposedly going to be carried forward to the Legislature is a re-structuring of the IPRA Act. It's become more of a nuisance, and we are doing the research for people. We are looking forward to changes being made on IPRA. There is a push for a regional mental health facility in our area. It would probably be in Curry County. Most of the people participating are going to donate their opioid settlement funds towards the construction of that. They are putting a CBDG request for our health department to gain assistance. Part of the requirements are that it must benefit at least 51% of the low-income community. They believe it will do this. He thanked the EDC, Dora Batista, and Paul Pappas, as they are administrating this entire process for us. They did get some information back on Dispatch and the Architects have blocked out a space for PVRCC. The space will house Emergency Management and Dispatch. There is space for 12 consoles. He thanked everyone for all that do and Stan for all the extra-legal work he has done.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana stated she attended the New Mexico Counties conference, and it was very good information. She learned a lot about the problems other counties are having. She sat in a meeting the Clerks and Bureau of Elections people throughout the state. They discussed integrity in our elections, and she invited everyone in the audience to get with their County Clerks, County Treasurers, Assessors, each department, sit down and learn what they do instead of taking the phone calls and complaints, get in there and find out what they do. Don't just spout something you hear on mainstream media. It was informative, it's a great way to network with other counties. Our county is looked up to. Every time it rains, she posts a video on Facebook. She only has zucchini in her garden. As of Friday, the Lincoln Forest is going to open. They are getting rain. She thanked all the staff and stated she appreciates them.

COMMISSIONER EZZELL

Commissioner Ezzell stated it was a good meeting and he thanked everyone for all the hard work they bestow. He's glad they could raise the pay because they deserve it. As far as the issue on Kincaid, he thought the nuisance statute would have taken care of it and stated, "we hear you".

COMMISSIONER CAVIN

Commissioner Cavin stated he would like to echo what everyone else has already said. We need to keep Commissioner Taylor in our prayers. It's good to see Michael Jack Perry in the audience today. We have a lot of things out in front of us. At one of their meetings, they discussed the new BLM Director for the State of New Mexico. We're back on the radar with the Carlsbad RFP and he was pretty pointed with her on how long it was going to take for them to bring something back

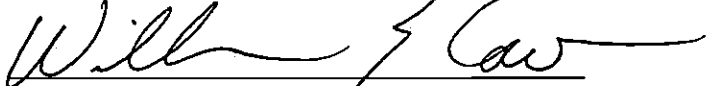
to us because it's been eight years since they've been working on that. We're into our third Administration and we better keep our guard up with this. We must do our best to protect our ranchers and farmers, oil and gas industry, and everyone else. He appreciates everyone's hard work. He stated God bless America.

COMMISSIONER BILBERRY

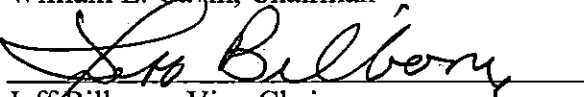
Commissioner Bilberry stated he would like to reflect everything that has been said and stated "pray for rain".

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am.

BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



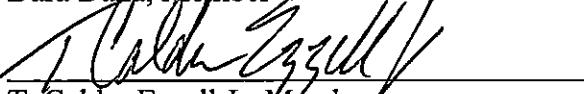
William E. Cavin, Chairman



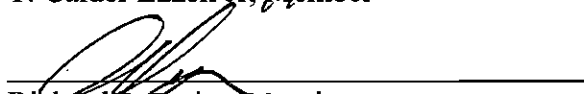
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Dara Damm, Member



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Richard C. Taylor, Member

