

Regular Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 28th, 2024
5:00 p.m.
Cibola County Commission Chambers

Elected Officials Present Staff

Christine Lowery, Chair
Ralph Lucero, 1st Vice Chair
Daniel Torrez, 2nd Vice Chair
Robert Windhorst, Commissioner
Martha Garcia, Commissioner

Kate Fletcher, Manager
Paul Ludi, Finance Director
Judy Horacek, Projects Coordinator
Natalie Grine, Chief Deputy Clerk
Pricilla Marquez, Rec/Filing

1. Call to Order

Madam Chair Lowery called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Madam Chair Lowery does roll call, Commissioner Torrez was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Commissioner Garcia recited by all.

4. Prayer

Led by Commissioner Windhorst.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Windhorst
Second was made by Commissioner Lucero 4-0 affirmative.

6. Public Comment

Kieth Hillock introduced himself and stated that he is running for Senator in Senate District 4.

CL Peterson from the Double Six Gallery announced that there will be an Art Exhibit, The artists are Dorean Cander, Joni Head, Beth Clawson, Joan Sheski, Betsy McDowell, Karen Sorenson, Rachel Trujillo, and Gary Yazzie, the art will be on display, and for sale.

Priscilla Benally was introduced by CL Peterson, Priscilla Benally stated that she is running for Representative District 6 and wanted to introduce herself. Mrs. Benally mentioned that she is now serving on the Board of Education, this is her 3rd term just being newly re-elected. Mrs. Benally also mentioned that she is the Executive Director of the Community Youth Program in Thoreau working a lot with suicide prevention. Mrs. Benally thanked the Commission for giving her the time to speak.

Eileen Chavez Yarbrough with Cibola Community Economic Development Foundation stated to the Commissioner that she is the appointee to the Northern area Workforce Board, and was in Santa Fe, and they approved the VEOA Title one Provider, we are very excited to have a new provider. Mrs.

Yarbrough also mentioned that the Workforce has committed to having an employee work 5 days a week in Cibola County, I am currently looking for office space with 3 offices.

Representative Harry Garcia commended the County Commission for doing a great job for the County, its hard work, and I appreciate your dedication. Representative Garcia stated that he is running for re-election in District 69.

7. **Minutes**

- a. 02-22-2024 Regular Commission Meeting.
- b. 03-18-2024 Emergency Commission Meeting.
Motion to approve items A & B made by Commissioner Lucero
Second by Commissioner Windhorst 4-0 affirmative.

8. **Reports**

- a. Budget and Finance Report- Kate Fletcher- County Manager & Paul Ludi- Finance Director.
Report on File.
- b. Dispatch-Mindy Cunningham-PSAP Manager
Mindy Cunningham gave a brief report on dispatch, and Thanked the Commissioner for their hard work, and dedication to the County and their employees.

9. **Presentation**

- a. FY23 Audit -Beasley, Mitchell, and Company Certified Public Accountants.
Presentation on File.
Jaun Garcia gave an update on the FY23 Audit, Cibola County received a great Audit with no findings.

10. **New Business – Action May Be Taken**

- a. **Consideration of Resolution 2024-23 Approval and Acceptance of the FY 2022-23 Audit**
Motion to approve Item A. made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lucero. 4-0 affirmative.
- b. **Consideration of Resolution 2024-22 Support of Cibola County Outdoor Recreation**
Motion to approve Item B. made by Commissioner Lucero.
Second made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Madame Chair Lowery voting No 3-1 affirmative.
- c. **Consideration of Resolution 2024-17 FY24 Budget Adjustment #5**
Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia to approve item C.
Second by Commissioner Lucero 4-0 affirmative.
- d. **Consideration of Resolution 2024-19 To submit NMDOT Transportation Project Fund Application for County Road 1-Construction.**
Motion to approve item D. was made by Commissioner Windhorst
Second by Commissioner Garcia 4-0 affirmative.
- e. **Consideration of Resolution 2024-20 To Submit NMDOT Transportation Project Fund Application for County Road 8 in Cubero-Planning and Design**

Motion to approve items E made by Commissioner Lucero.
Second by Commissioner Windhorst 4-0 affirmative.

f. Consideration of Resolution 2024-21 FY24 Annual Certified County Maintenance Mileage Report

Motion to approve item F. made by Commissioner Garcia
Second by Commissioner Windhorst 4-0 affirmative.

g. Consideration of RFP #2024-003 Contract for Legal Services

Motion to approve item G. made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second by Commissioner Lucero 4 -0 affirmative.

h. Consideration of Resolution 2024-24 Law Enforcement Retention Fund Use Policy

Motion to approve item H. made by Commissioner Lucero
Second by Commissioner Windhorst 4-0 affirmative.

i. Consideration of Requisitions over \$20,000

1. Wildland Fire Protection Uniforms and Equipment/Artesia Fire Equipment/Laguna Fire Protection-\$44,684.35

Motion to approve item I made by Commissioner Garcia
Second by Commissioner Lucero 4-0 affirmative.

11. Executive Session

Motion and roll call vote to go into executive session and that, pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1, only the following matters will be discussed in closed session.

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Commissioner Windhorst
Second by Commissioner Lucero at 6:58 p.m. 4-0 affirmative.

Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) the following matters may be discussed in closed session:

- a. Pending or threatened litigation 10-15-1 (H) (7)

1. **State of New Mexico v. Lucy Tejada-Hazardous Accumulation and Condition-Cibola Ordinance 2020-01.1 (C)**

- b. Real Property 10-15-1 (H) (8)

- c. Personnel 10-15-1 (H) (2)

- d. Other specific limited topics that are allowed or authorized under the stated statute.

Motion and Roll Call Vote to Return to Regular Session

Motion to return to Regular Session made by Commissioner Windhorst
Second by Commissioner Lucero at 7:59 p.m. 4-0 affirmative.

Motion and Roll Call Vote that Matters Discussed in Closed Session Were Limited to Those Specified In Motion For Closure and That No Final Action Was Taken. As Per New Mexico Statutes Section §10-15-1.

12. Announcements

- a. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.


13. Adjournment

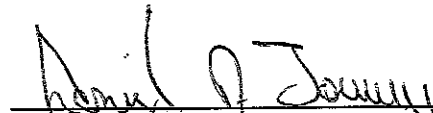
8:01 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th, day of April 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Christine Lowery, Chair


Ralph Lucero, 1st Vice Chair

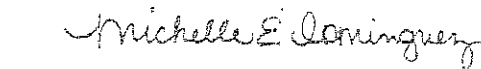

Daniel Torrez, 2nd Vice Chair


Robert Windhorst, Commissioner

ABSENT

Martha Garcia, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Michelle E. Dominguez, Cibola County Clerk

Date: 4-25-24

SEAL