

Cibola County Commission
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2017

The Cibola County Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday July 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the Cibola County Commission Chamber

Elected Officials Present Staff

Jack Molerés, Chairman
Robert Armijo, 1st Vice Chairman
Robert Windhorst, 2nd Vice Chairman
Daniel Torrez, Commissioner
Martha Garcia, Commissioner

Tony Boyd, County Manager
Joseph Sanders, Finance Director
Michelle Dominguez, County Clerk
Heather Paintin, Recording/Filing Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jack Molerés called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Jack Molerés does roll call 5-5 in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited by all

4. Prayer

Commissioner Torrez led us in prayer

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following changes, move 9.o. to beginning of New Business and remove 9.p., made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

6. Public Comment

Ronnie Pynes was asking about a resolution letter to the forest service and if the commissioners had looked into this topic further. Was the pieces of property that the County owns sold at the auction? Item M on agenda, he wanted clarification- does this pertain to assessing CoreCivic? Contract with hospital are we proceeding with that? Where are we with the shooting range?

Has concerns with cuts to Sherriff's department and how that will work to maintain the shooting range. We wouldn't be having these budget issues if we would have Assessed CoreCivic correctly, thank goodness the Assessor finally raised their values and they protested it. But we have left over 4 million dollars on the table due to this being done incorrectly. We are not a poor County but if we aren't doing our homework and doing our due diligence we will be in a bind and we will continue to have budget issues.

Jill Andrews spoke on behalf of Fence Lake LEDA application, she was advocating for the application and community center.

Sylvia Knotts she read the Beacon on law enforcement cuts and expressed the importance of law enforcement and is asking Commission to make budget cuts elsewhere.

Dan Stokes from Fence Lake, he was there to support the robust Sherriff and Road department budget.

Pedro Rael speaking about the compliance program and pre-trial. If compliance is terminated he will only have two options left, jail or bail. There are 50 people on compliance and the program is working very well. He is asking the County to keep compliance because it works and he uses the program a lot.

Beverly Michael wanted to know how money is spent in the County and how close we are to the state taking over the County. She has heard of furloughs and layoffs and also closing the detention center -there was no public comment or public hearings for the decision to be made.

Valerie Taylor- the budget is due on the 31st, are we ready to go? Closing the detention center was voted on by only 3 Commissioners and also that we are looking at CCA for \$50 a day to house inmates. Who did the analysis for the detention center? She feels they did not have enough information to make the decision to close the facility. An extension was made for Mr. Boyd to give option on detention center and it wasn't done and neither is the budget.

Denise Cornet wanted to say you know where to make the cuts, you know who comes to work and does there job. Do not to cut the working people and to cut the fat at the top.

David Peterson is a District Attorney and he wanted to speak on behalf of the compliance program and the importance it has on our community.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes June 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes from July 13, 2017 Workforce/Special Meeting
- c. Resolution 17-32 NMFA Loan Resolution for Bluewater VFD Loan

d. Resolution 17-33 NMFA Loan Resolution for Fence Lake VFD Loan

Motion to approve Minutes from June 15, 2017, Minutes from July 13, 2017, Resolution 17-32 and Resolution 17-33, made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, 5-0 Affirmative.

8. Reports

a. Monthly Sheriff's Department Activity Report.

On the shooting range they did have one call from the director of the airport and low flying air craft for landing and takeoff. He met with him with some BLM officers as well and helped him understand. They have a meeting on August 9th as well. Everyone is talking about Sherriff cuts and refers to the Beacon and where the concerns are coming from, it was printed in the paper. A county our size, according to national average, should have a minimum of 40 officers and he is doing it with 14 officers and his officers are also being paid \$4-\$5 less an hour than average. His calls have tripled since this time last year. There will be a raise in costs for the Sherriff's office due to now having to transport inmates and also the juvenile detention center in Gallup is closing which will make a longer transport for them. Animal control was on the list for cuts, he gave some statistics on what they do and the calls they receive and respond to. He researched the calls that Commissioner Garcia had concerns about and gave her the CAD reports on them, 4 of the 5 calls were answered and handled correctly, and 1 call was never dispatched to the Sherriff's office and stayed at the call center.

b. Monthly Detention Report.

Adrienne Jaramillo stated that the current count today is 148 in custody. All inmates that were housed for other counties, they are all gone and everyone in custody is our locals.

- a) PREA – For the Month of June they had 1 PREA Report inmate on inmate, but it was found unsubstantiated.

e. Monthly Road Department Report.

Month of June they bladed 82 miles of road and some other projects of fixing guard rail, fog and chip sealing some roads. They are still doing co-ops, need to put up signs and paint. He had some questions and feels that he shouldn't be cut anymore, he has been cut since day one. He needs everyone he can get and has to use his maintenance guys at times and even his secretary for jobs. He has someone retiring in December and he knows they won't fill that position. He also expressed some concerns that he used to get calls to

his office for complaints and they are now going to Tony's office. He is asking for them to not cut public safety and to really consider their decisions.

9. New Business – Action May Be Taken

- a. Consideration of Resolution 17-27 Local Government Road Fund Project; SB-7731(195)18, L600122

Motion to approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

- b. Consideration of Resolution 17-28 Designation of Polling Places for the 2018 Primary and General Elections

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

- c. Consideration of Resolution 17-29 Budget Adjustment #5

Motion to approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

- d. Consideration of Resolution 17-30 4th Quarter Financial Report

Motion to approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Chairman Molerés, 5-0 Affirmative.

- e. Consideration of Resolution 17-31 Final Budget for FY18

Motion to approve made by 2nd Vice Chairman Windhorst, seconded by Chairman Molerés, 3-2 Affirmative.

- f. Consideration of Resolution 17-34 Local Government Road Fund Project; Sp-6-18(185)

Motion to not approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez. 5-0 Affirmative.

- g. Consideration of Resolution 17-35 Local Government Road Fund Project; CAP-6-18(192)

Motion to not approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez. 5-0 Affirmative.

- h. Consideration of Resolution 17-36 ICIP Projects

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Torrez, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

- i. Consideration of Resolution 17-37 Directing Analysis of Treasurer's Office Account

Motion to table made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 3-2 Affirmative.

- j. Consideration of Resolution 17-38 Participation in Local Government Road Fund Program and Request for Match Waiver Administered by New Mexico department of Transportation

Motion to approve made by 2nd Vice Chairman Windhorst, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

- k. Approval of MOU Regarding Responsibility for Zuni Mountain Trails-Quartz Hill Project

Motion to approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, 5-0 Affirmative.

- l. Carrot Express Update

Motion to table made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

- m. Approval of Appraisal Contract for Core Civic

Motion to table made by Commissioner Torrez, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 3-2 Affirmative.

n. Approval of MOU with Grants Cibola County Schools for SRO

Motion to approve by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairman Windhorst, 5-0 Affirmative.

o. Approval of Fence Lake Community Association LEDA Application

Motion to approve made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

p. Approval of MOU for Forest Road 50 Department of Transportation Highway Easement Deed

Removed during Approval of Agenda

q. Consideration of R.I.F or Furloughs

Motion to Table for a Special Meeting made by Commissioner Torrez, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

10. Manager's Report

McKinley County is closing their juvenile detention center in August and he has heard that Mora and Torrance County are closing as well, do not have dates at this time. Rio Arriba county manager is still looking at the possibility of closing their detention center as well.

United Blood Services is doing Battle of Badges blood drive on August 2nd at the old County complex. It's a competition on who wants to give for law enforcement or fire firefighters.

El Morro approved through state fire ma ISO 9 which takes them off of probation and they can receive more money to expand their district.

Cubero fired went from a 9 down to a 6, people can now save more on their insurance and more funding within the next year.

Shooting range meeting at the sight on August 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

11. Comments

a. Staff

Tessa Encinio - she works hard for her job and she loves her job. She comes in early, stays late and devotes her time to this job. All she is asking is for the Commission to consider keeping them and letting them keep their jobs, she is willing to go to 20 hours per week to stay. She takes out the trash, vacuums and cleans the windows because she know we are short staffed. She will cut her pay in half to stay because she loves her job.

Nancy Jewel - wanted to know why she found out that her job was on the line by the Beacon and no one told her, she was told Tuesday her job was safe then she read it in the paper on Friday. She is asking for consideration.

Michael Dodds - asking the Commission to think hard on the decision, there are some ways they can move some funds and save some money but it is important to see that the Compliance program already saves the County a ton of money.

Kathy Gonzales- never thought she would have to cut from her office, they have always been and team and they go far and beyond for the County. The Treasurers and the Assessor's office are the heart of the County. Consider during tax season that they are bombarded with work and they come in early, don't take a lunch and stay late to get those tax payments posted. Please consider what you are doing and think about what the cuts will do to these people.

Dawn Cook- she asked instead of cutting Jessica to cut her instead.

Mindy Cunningham- ask that the Commission please thank her staff, public safety has been mentioned all night and there has not been anything on dispatch. They take 300 calls an hour and they work hard too.

Dolores Vallejos- her proposal to Tony and Joseph was to go to 32 hours during slow period and keep 2 employees as part time and during tax season reevaluate. She took a pay cut and wants to know if they have looked at the amounts that every County employee makes? Maybe those wages need to be reevaluated. There are tons of cars

parked out there that are not being used, why can't we have an auction and sell some of them. Also, the stuff in storage, it could be auctioned and sold.

Tony Boyd- he had a meeting with department heads and they have talked about options and solutions. He and Joseph knew this was coming and they tried to head it off, its stuff that has been coming from 5 or 6 years ago. Everyone wants to blame the building, yes he wishes it wouldn't have been done but that's only a small piece of what is hurting us. There are several businesses that have shut down in Grants and families are moving out of town, so things are getting worse. It was the hardest decision he has had to make to close the detention center but if they don't have the money, what are we going to do? We cut back and we cut budgets but that wasn't enough. They have sat with the Commissioners to find ways to not go through this, but the bottom line is the money is not there. If we can come up with some other way or some other cuts we will do it, but we have got to have some ideas. We will get through this together.

b. Commissioners

1st Vice Chairman Armijo- we need to seriously sit down and rethink this whole thing over, there are people crying and being affected by our decision. We complain about our roads and want to cut 2 more from Gary, its wrong.

Commissioner Garcia- we aren't taking any action of R.I.F's or furloughs right now, we have to come up with some solution and how we are going to do it without breaking the bank. We have two weeks to look at it and how we are going to do it.

Chairman Moleres- we want the same thing that everyone does and this is just the situation we have come up with now. We will look at it and do our best to get everyone over the hump. This decision affects us too. Everyone's department is the best and everyone is needed, but we can't keep everyone. We have to do our part to make it and we have to believe that we will come over these hurdles.

Commissioner Torrez- nothing is set in stone, and he agrees that the fat should be cut from the top. They have all the numbers here and now they can do their homework and see what they can do.

2nd Vice Chairman Windhorst- past Commissioners said they needed to get new Commissioners to Washington D.C., and they said no, there was no need for the expense. They have been given a heavy responsibility to make these decisions and the

will do that to the best of their ability. He knows that they all want to do their best and take care of the people's money and spend it wisely and spend it the way it should be spent. He does not put himself before anyone, they just want to do the best they can.

12. Executive Session

At 8:39 p.m. motion made by Commissioner Torrez to go into Executive Session, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) (7) & (8) the following matter may be discussed in closed session:

- a. Real Property Lease- Cibola General Hospital
 - b. Litigation
 - i. Douglas Edminsten
 - ii. Rebecca Salazar
- Motion and roll call vote to go into Executive Session for the state reasons
 - Board meets in closed session
 - Motion and vote to go back into regular session
 - Summary of items discussed in closed session
 - Motion and roll call vote that matters discussed in closed session were limited to those specific in Motion. For closure and that no final action was taken, pursuant to the authority in § 10-15-1 NMSA 1978

At 9:11 p.m. motion made by Commissioner Torrez to start back into regular session, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, 5-0 Affirmative.

Roll Call to confirm no final action was taken in Executive Session made by 1st Vice Chairman Armijo, seconded by Commissioner Torrez, 5-0 Affirmative.

13. Announcements

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday August 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. immediately following the Board of Finance Meeting in the Cibola County Commission Chamber Room, 700 East Roosevelt Ave, Suite 50

15. Adjournment

Chairman Jack adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.