

***Cibola County Commission***  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

The Cibola County Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Cibola County Commission Center

**Elected Officials Present Staff**

Daniel Torrez, Chairman  
Robert Windhorst, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman  
Ralph Lucero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman  
Martha Garcia, Commissioner  
Christine Lowery, Commissioner

Kate Fletcher, County Manager  
Paul Ludi, Finance Director  
Michelle Dominguez, County Clerk  
Denise Salcido, Filing/Recording

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Torrez, called the meeting to Order at 5:00 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Torrez does roll call-5-0 all Commissioners in attendance.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** Recited by all.

**D. Prayer** Commissioner Lowery led us in prayer.

**E. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Windhorst, second by Commissioner Lowery 5-0 affirmative.

**F. Commissioner's Report**

**Commissioner Garcia-** Wants to announce that they are having their Ramah Navajo fair and rodeo that started today. Started this morning with a blessing at 6 o'clock and a health walk among other activities. It will continue until Sunday.

**Commissioner Lowery-** There are two meetings to present. The first is the San Mateo meeting, thanks to Joanna Martinez she brought pizza and set the meeting up. Met with about fourteen people, what's really interesting is there was an equal amount of men and women. Their two priorities are cleaning their ditches and getting high speed internet. They are also concerned about their pending water issues, when they are irrigating during the day the water is used up



and the water tank is low at night. This probably going to be very common for our communities, the issue with water. There's no plan what they are going to do with that. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> they have the San Mateo feast and everyone is invited. The second meeting was with representation with Laguna. We talked about County Rd 81 you will recognize that it has been vacated with their permission. We had open discussions about the Census, we will be sharing a float with them for the Laguna Feast Parade on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Lucero-** Had a meeting with US Representative Xochitl Torres Small at the library. She gave us her input on the stuff she is going through and she's guarantee that she would look at and study some of the issues that we have.

**Commissioner Windhorst-** Three weeks ago had a cleanup in Bluewater Acres South. We had some dumpsters out there and cleaned up around the Fire Dept and got to meet a lot of nice people. Had a cleanup two weeks ago in Mt Taylor Addition we had three large dumpsters we had one that was designated for tire removal. We filled all those dumpsters and pounded them down and filled them again and again. Had got a call from a State Representative that wasn't happy that we were having a cleanup in Mt Taylor Addition when our County properties look so bad. He asked why we weren't out there cleaning those up. Kate informed me that the County has contracted with a local company and they are going to be taking care of the County properties. They will make sure the weeds are cut down and that our properties look sharp. Grateful to everyone in the County for stepping up and helping with the cleanups. Our communities are looking really good.

**Commissioner Torrez-** Would like to thank the Road Dept and Gary. He's been out there busy and now that everything is falling into place some of the roads are getting improved in everyone's District

#### **G. Public Comment**

**Ronnie Pynes-** Would like to thank the County Commissioners, Kate Fletcher and Paul for holding the workshop meeting. It was a good meeting and helped the community better understand more specifics about the hospital issue. It was a great opportunity for all of us and would like to thank our legal counsel. Secondly would like to go on public record about the shooting range issue. Hasn't seen or heard anything about if for some time. Wants to one more time ask if we as a County and County Commissioners to actively put a facility in place to take our sons, daughters and grandkids to train. We have several hundred thousand acres of public land in this area. We should have a legal shooting range where we can go shoot train and teach. Would like to ask the Commissioners if maybe about quarterly put this as an agenda item so we could get an update.

**Les Gaines-** We have a Forest Service meeting coming up believes it is September 7<sup>th</sup>. It is a public meeting concerning the forest plan provision, it will be in the old County complex 515 W. High St. He is the point of contact for the Mt Taylor/ Zuni Mountain Collaborate. When you get to the Resolution 19-57 if you have any questions on that he is here to answer them.



## **H. Minutes**

### **a. Minutes from July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting**

Motion to approve Minutes from July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting made by Commissioner Lucero, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 5-0 affirmative

### **b. Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Commission Meeting**

Motion to approve Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Commissioner Meeting made by Commissioner Lucero, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 5-0 affirmative.

## **I. Reports**

- a. Finance Report-Paul Ludi- Finance Director-** Kate was informed of an article today, supposedly our detention center is in crisis. This is false reporting, this is what the article said about our detention center. They think that we are losing a lot of money because we are not getting reimbursed from ICE. That's not a true statement we are a flow through agency we are actually earning administrative fees. Kate- Spoke with one of the reporters and they actually thought that we owned the Core Civic Detention Center and that we are the ones running it. This whole statement is incorrect, spoke to the reporter this afternoon and she was going to report it this evening but now she is not. We actually have a contract with ICE where we get administrative fees for each inmate. In fact the County does not have a detention center anymore we pay detention costs for County inmates only not ICE inmates. Cibola County is actually the flow through between Core Civic, ICE and US Marshalls. Cibola County has not lost money from ICE but has actually earned \$60,734.92.

Cibola County's final budget has been approved by the Dept of Finance and Administration. There was only one change to the LEPF Fund. It is now projected to expend the entire LEPF distribution and carryover balance. Contacted the Dept of Health and our EMS providers to inform them of the balances not used by our Emergency Medical Services. EMS funding is a lot less than our fire protection funds because the distributions are rarely used during the year. We will be encouraging our EMS providers to use the funding if they are receiving it. Only Superior Ambulance has an insignificant balance leftover that they will not be required to submit a carryover request. Cibola County has been on the State Auditor's "At Risk List" the past 2 years because of the disclaimer and adverse opinions the County has received. Cibola is the only County to be on the list the prior 2 fiscal years in FY17 and FY18. Everyone has worked really hard to clean up the audit finding's this year. We are looking forward to the County's FY19 audit and getting off the "At Risk List".

- b. Manager Report-Kate Fletcher-County Manager-** Have had a very busy month. Juanita has discussed the landscaping of the buildings, we did hire a contractor to take of that he did start today. Have a list for the commissioners of the NM County Committee descriptions. We have a lot of road we are reviewing with Anna, Gary and



Commissioner Lucero, we are doing pretty well this month and ready to address some of the roads now. Have also had some meetings with Laguna and Acoma in regards to what projects we can work on and how we can work together. We talked to them. We do have a meeting with Zuni coming up. Anna is in charge of the Census she's doing her first training. The County is actually getting money to help with the Census. We have been working on drainage and flooding areas. We had a workshop with the hospital it was very educating and interesting. Have some really good news, Pearl our Chief Deputy Treasurer has been working every day and every night to fix a material weakness finding from last year and years prior. She has actually reconciled the account, now she is going to work on another material weakness.

- c. **Clerk's Report-Michelle Dominguez- County Clerk-** Had a really good meeting today, the Laguna Tribal Secretary was here and the Enrollment Manager. They had some pretty good ideas to work with us recruiting poll workers and translators. Everything is going to work out .

**J. New Business-Action May Be Taken-**

**a. Consideration of Floodplain Development Permit for Application 2019-004**

Motion to approve Floodplain Development Permit for Application 2019-004 made by Commissioner Windhorst, second made by Commissioner Lowery 5-0 affirmative

**b. Consideration of Request to Publish updated Business Registration Ordinance**

Motion to approve Request to Publish updated Business Registration Ordinance made by Commissioner Torrez, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 5-0 affirmative

**c. Consideration of Resolution 19-57 Support of Feasibility Studies for Improvements to the road to La Mosca Peak**

Motion to approve Resolution 19-57 Support of Feasibility Studies for Improvements to the road to La Mosca Peak made by Commissioner Windhorst, second made by Commissioner Lucero 4-1 affirmative. Commissioner Lowery voted no

**d. Consideration of Resolution 2019-58 to replace Resolution 2019-40 Designating the Location of Election day Polling Places**

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-58 to replace Resolution 2019-40 Designating the Location of Election day Polling Place made by Commissioner Torrez, second made by Commissioner Lowery 5-0 affirmative

**e. Consideration of Roads to be reviewed for addition or abandonment from County Maintenance List**

**f. Appointment of Road Review Viewers to view and report on County Roads listed**

Motion to approve both items e. Consideration of Roads to be reviewed for addition or abandonment for County Maintenance List and f. Appointment of Road Review Viewers to view and report on County Roads listed made by Commissioner Lucero, second made by Commissioner Torrez 5-0 affirmative



- g. Consideration to approve sending a letter to the State Auditor regarding the disposition of County vehicles at auction**
- h. Direction to staff regarding strongly promoting the auction of County vehicles within the community**

Motion to approve both items g. sending a letter to the State Auditor regarding the disposition of County vehicles at auction and h. Direction to staff regarding strongly promoting the auction of County vehicles within the community made by Commissioner Torrez, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 5-0 affirmative

- i. Ratification of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Socorro County, Curry County, Valencia County, Sierra County, Catron County and Cibola County for legal services for Opioid Investigation and Litigation and Ratification of Legal Services Contract for Opioid Investigation and Litigation**

Motion to approve ratification of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Socorro County, Curry County, Valencia County, Sierra County, Catron County and Cibola County for legal services for Opioid Investigation and Litigation and Ratification of Legal Services Contract for Opioid Investigation and Litigation made by Commissioner Lucero, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 4-1 affirmative. Commissioner Torrez abstained

- j. Consideration of Resolution 2019-59 Budget Adjustment #2**

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-59 Budget Adjustment #2 made by Commissioner Garcia, second made by Commissioner Windhorst 5-0 affirmative

- k. Consideration of Resolution 2019-60 Disposition of Plotter in Assessor's office**

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-60 Disposition of Plotter in Assessor's office made by Commissioner Windhorst, second made by Commissioner Lowery 5-0 affirmative

- l. Consideration to approve requisitions over \$20,000**

- A. Melloy Dodge- Sheriff's Office vehicle**
- B. Artesia fire Equipment- Laguna Fire Protection**
- C. NW NM Solid Waste Authority- Contracted Fees**
- D. Roadrunner Public Health- Vector Control**

Motion to approve requisitions over \$20,000 A. Melloy Dodge- Sheriff's Office vehicle, B. Artesia fire equipment- Laguna Fire Protection, C. NW NM Solid Waste Authority- Contracted fees and D. Roadrunner Public Health- Vector Control made by Commissioner Windhorst, second made by Commissioner Torrez 5-0 affirmative

**K. Executive Session- No action take did not go into Executive Session**

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

**Real Property**

- a. 114 McBride Road Complex
- b. Cibola General Hospital

**L. New Business- Action May Be taken**

**M. Announcements**

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cibola County Commission Chambers. Cibola County Offices will be closed Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 in observation of Labor Day Holiday.

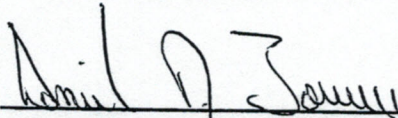
**N. Adjournment**

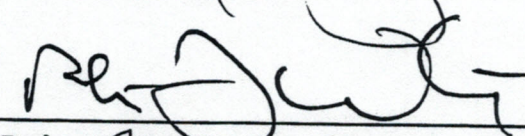
Commissioner Torrez adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

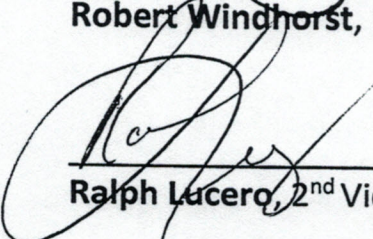


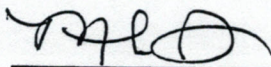
**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019

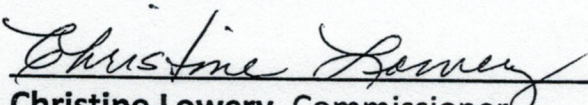
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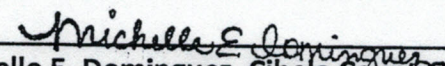
  
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ATTEST:

  
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Michelle E. Dominguez, Cibola County Clerk

Date: 9/26/2019

