

Regular Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 25th, 2022
5:00 p.m.
Cibola County Commission Chambers

Elected Officials Present Staff

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

Kate Fletcher, County Manager
Paul Ludi, Finance Director
Natalie Grine, Chief Deputy Clerk
Terri Harwood, Recording / Filing

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Chairman Torrez does roll call, all Commissioners are present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Commissioner Windhorst, recited by all.

4. Prayer

Led by Commissioner Garcia.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Lucero.

Second made by Commissioner Lowery 5-0 affirmative.

6. Public Comment

Representative Harry Garcia would like to bring awareness to some issues that are happening in our state: 1) There are millions of dollars of State funding being made available in our State that we need to tap into before it goes away. 2) There are 45 billion dollars' worth of funding for wireless internet, bridges and roads, etc. There is a lack of knowledge for applying for these funds in Rural and Frontier New Mexico. If we don't take advantage of it, the money is going to go away. Every community has a lobbyist and maybe our community would like to invest in one to keep us in tune with what's happening, where the money's at and how to get ahold of it. If we don't take advantage of the billions of dollars' worth of funding out there, we will lose it.

7. Minutes

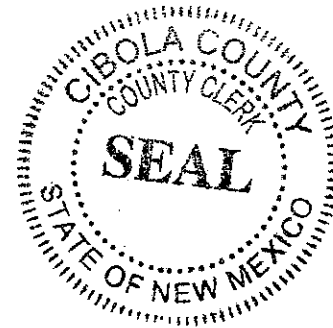
a. Minutes from July 28th, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from 07.28.2022 with the change of Action Item Number 1) New County Services Specialist Senior Position under Paul Ludi's Finance Presentation from "No Motion-Tabled" to just "No Motion" made by Commissioner Windhorst.

Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 5-0 affirmative.

8. Reports

**a. Budget and Finance Report- Kate Fletcher-County Manager & Paul Ludi-Finance Director
(Report on File)**



9. Presentation

a. Overdose Death Prevention-Bernie Lieving, MSW-Office of Substance Abuse prevention

Data from the New Mexico Department of health shows that in a 5-year window, (2015-2020) there has been a 136% increase in the number of fentanyl involved deaths. Despite this, the #1 narcotic involved in overdose deaths during that time frame was Methamphetamine. Alcohol is the #1 killer of New Mexicans both chronically and acutely. According to the CDC New Mexico has the highest rate of illness and death related to alcohol in the United States.

Mr. Lieving explains that the problem we are having with substance abuse as a community is multifactorial:

- Lack of access to Behavioral Health and Primary Care Services
- Family Violence, adverse childhood experiences and trauma, food insecurity
- We have the highest rate of childhood poverty in the United States
- Healthcare worker shortage
- Lack of access to Methadone Treatment Centers.

Narcan is used by paramedics and EMT's to not only treat an opioid overdose, but to rule it out as well. Anytime someone is unconscious and not breathing, paramedics will administer the Narcan just in case. Narcan is harmless to anyone using it, regardless of whether they are experiencing an overdose or not. Mr. Lieving has provided Narcan to the Fire Departments and 3 boxes to each Sheriff.

10. New Business – Action May Be Taken

a. Consideration of Resolution 2022-45 FY23 Budget Adjustment Number 1

Motion to approve item A. motioned by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Garcia. 5-0 affirmative.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2022-46 Credit Card and Electronic Transfers Policy

Motion to approve item B. motioned by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lucero. 5-0 affirmative.

c. Consideration of Resolution 2022-47 Outside Agency Reporting Requirements

Motion to approve item C. omitting Section 5 Number 2: "An Extension May Be Requested and Granted from the County Manager for Up To 30 Additional Days" made by Commissioner Lucero.
Second by Commissioner Windhorst. 5-0 affirmative.

d. Consideration of Resolution 2022-48 Staggering the Terms of Appointed Members of the Electric Generating Facility Economic District

Motion to approve item D. made by Commissioner Garcia.
Second by Commissioner Lowery. 5-0 affirmative.

e. Consideration of Capital Asset Inventory List

Motion to approve item E. made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lucero. 5-0 affirmative.

f. Consideration of Outside Agency Funding Request: Chamber of Commerce

Motion to Not Approve item F. made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 3-2 Not Funded.

g. Consideration of Outside Agency Funding Request: Grants Mainstreet



Motion to approve item G. with the caveat that we have passed our resolution that if they do not report correctly, they will lose funding for 2 years made by Commissioner Lucero.
Second made by Chairman Torrez. 3-2 affirmative.

h. Consideration of New County Position: Treasurer's Office-Service Specialist/Senior

Motion to Not Approve item H. made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 4-1 Not Approved.

i. Consideration of New County Position: Manager's Office-Finance Analyst

Motion to approve item I. made by Commissioner Lucero.
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 5-0 affirmative.

j. Consideration of New County Position: Clerk's Office-Bureau of Elections (BOE)/Voting Rights Coordinator (Liaison)

Motion to approve item J. and to change the title from "Voting Rights Coordinator (VRC)" to "Voting Rights Liaison (VRL)" made by Commissioner Windhorst.
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 5-0 affirmative.

k. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Secretary of State for 2022 General Election Funding

Motion to approve item K. made by Commissioner Garcia.
Second made by Commissioner Lucero. 5-0 affirmative.

l. Consideration of Requisitions over \$20,000

a. Wood Environmental & Infra. Solutions/Geo. Tech. Studies for CR5/Manager's Dept./\$32,362.50

b. CDEC/Transformer for Public Safety Bldg./Manager's Dept./\$34,901.77

Motion to approve items A. and B. by Commissioner Lucero.
Second made by Commissioner Windhorst. 5-0 affirmative.

11. Executive Session – No 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:

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

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

b. Real Property 10-15-1 (H) (2)

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

12. Announcements

Cibola County Offices will be closed, Monday September 5th, 2022, In Observation of Labor Day Holiday. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on September 22nd, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

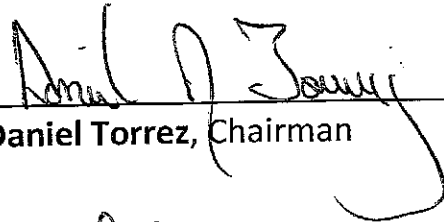
13. Adjournment

7:11 p.m.




PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2022

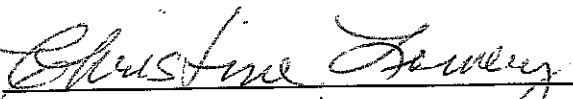
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Daniel Torrez, Chairman



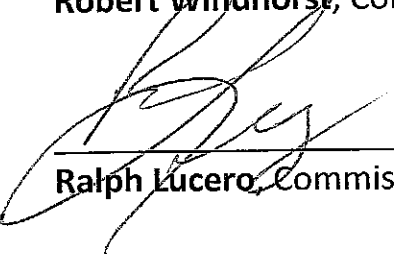
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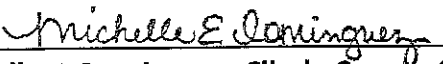


Robert Windhorst, Commissioner



Ralph Lucero, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle E. Dominguez, Cibola County Clerk

Date: 9/22/22.

