

**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Cibola County Commission Chambers**

**Elected Officials Present Staff**

**Daniel Torrez, Chairman**  
**Christine Lowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**  
**Robert Windhorst, Commissioner**  
**Ralph Lucero, Commissioner**

**Kate Fletcher, Manager**  
**Paul Ludi, Finance Director**  
**Natalie Grine, Chief Deputy Clerk**  
**Maria Grijalva Rec & Fil Supervisor**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Torrez called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

**2. Roll Call**

Chairman Torrez does roll call, Commissioner Garcia was absent.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Commissioner Lucero, recited by all.

**4. Prayer**

Led by Commissioner Lowery.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

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

**6. Public Comment**

**Rony Pynes**, stated to the Commissioners that he is here to do a follow up on the property located on St Rd 53, a so-called salvage yard with broken vehicles, burned vehicles, trash and other debris. Mr. Pynes would like to know when the property is going to be inspected or cleaned up.

**Thomas Wheelan** thanked the Commission for signing an agreement with PHI Air for every Cibola County Citizen to have access to the service if needed to be flown out for an emergency, with the Co-Pay taken care of. Mr. Wheelan also thanked the Trail Alliance for doing such a great job on this year's Quadrathlon. Mr. Wheelan mentioned that the Quad brought about 300 participants into the County, he was happy to see that the community really stepped up for this event. Mr. Wheelan gave a brief update on the Hospital, as of now the hospital has an Orthopedic Surgeon coming in 3 times a week, they have 3 new OBGYN's. Also mentioned that the Safe Room for the County will be open within the next few weeks, it will have a private entrance, this will be for any inmate any citizen to go that feels they are going to harm themselves. Mr. Wheelan also thanked the Commission for opposing Resolution 2023-19 in opposition restricting Counties not contracting with Private Correctional Facilities.

**CL Peterson** wanted to invite everyone to the Cibola Arts Gallery for a free movie night. Mrs. Peterson also mentioned there were several artists in the Cibola County area that she would like to have their art recognized in Santa Fe Round House during the 2023 Legislation, one of the artists mentioned was Gilbert Waconda.

7. **Minutes**

a. **1-26-2023 Regular Commission Meeting**

b. **2-8-2023 Special Commission Meeting.**

Motion to approve Minutes for items a and b, made by Commissioner Windhorst  
Second made by Commissioner Lowery 4-0 affirmative.

8. **Reports**

- a. Budget and Finance Report – Kate Fletcher – County Manager and Paul Ludi – Finance Director.  
Report on File

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

a. **Consideration of Capacity Building Grant funding for \$50,0000**

Motion to approve Item A. made by Commissioner Windhorst  
Second made by Commissioner Lucero. 4-0 affirmative.

b. **Consideration of JPA-NWNMRSWA-Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority and Cibola County**

Motion to approve Item B. made by Commissioner Windhorst  
Second made by Commissioner Lowery 4-0 affirmative.

c. **Consideration of Change Order #2 for CR-5 Bridge and Road Project to Perform Geophysics and Analyze Data and Water Storage Tank Rental**

Motion to approve item C. made by Commissioner Lucero  
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 4-0 affirmative.

d. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-19 In Opposition to Legislation Restricting Counties from Contracting with Private Correctional Facilities.**

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

e. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-20 Budget Adjustment #6**

Motion to approve item E. made by Commissioner Lucero  
Second made by Commissioner Lowery. 4-0 affirmative.

f. **Consideration of requisitions over \$20,000.**

a. Artesia Fire Equipment, / Fire Equip, Tools, First Aid Tools & Accessories/Laguna Fire Dept, \$42,091.60

b. Enchanted Technology Solutions/ Police Vehicle Equipment/ DWI Dept \$21,280.72

c. Artesia Fire Equipment/Fire Equipment, Tools Safety Equipment/Bluewater Village VFD \$30,745.00

d. SHI/ Server Licenses DC Core/I.T., \$20,930

e. SHI/Computer Monitor's and Hardware/I.T.-Public Safety Bldg. \$38,036.01

f. Dell Technologies/Computers and Equipment/ I.T.-Public Safety Bldg. \$59,499.60

Motion to approve item F items A-F made by Commissioner Lucero  
Second made by Commissioner Windhorst. 4-0 affirmative.

**10. 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) the following matters may be discussed in closed session:

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

Vista Ridge Subdivision Road Obstruction.

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 stated statute.

Motion made by Commissioner Windhorst to go into Executive Session, at 6:06 p.m.

Second by Commissioner Lowery 4-0 affirmative.

**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 Motion For Closure, and That No Final Action Was Taken, As Per New Mexico Statutes Section §10-15-1.**

Motion made to return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Lowery at 6:26 p.m.

Second by Commissioner Lucero 4-0 Affirmative.

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

a. **Direction to Staff Regarding Vista Ridge Subdivision Road Obstruction**

No Action in this matter was taken.

**12. Announcements**

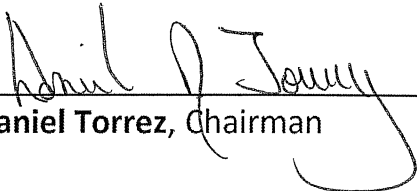
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**13. Adjournment**

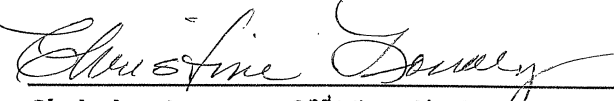
6:26 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup>, day of March 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


  
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**Daniel Torrez, Chairman**

  
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**Martha Garcia, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman**

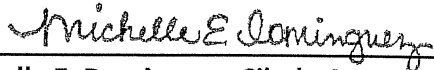
  
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**Christine Lowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman**

**ABSENT**

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**Robert Windhorst, Commissioner**

  
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**Ralph Lucero, Commissioner**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Michelle E. Dominguez, Cibola County Clerk**

Date: 3/23/23

