

February 16, 2010  
Roosevelt County Courthouse  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse, with those present being: Commissioners David Sanders, Paul Grider, Gene Creighton, Billy Cathey, and Jake Lopez, County Manager Charlene Hardin, County Attorney Rick Queener, County Clerk Janet Collins, Chief Deputy Clerk Linda Connelly, Sheriff Darren Hooker, Under Sheriff Malin Parker, Captain Rick Short, County Treasurer Mickie Williams, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Detention Administrator David Casanova, Milnesand Fire Chief John Mohon, County Addresser Wayne Victor, Rev. Gary Piepkorn, Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon King, County Assessor Tex Belcher, Jack Jennings, RCCDC Director Greg Fisher, and Portales News-Tribune Senior Writer Argen Duncan.

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order.

Rev. Gary Piepkorn led a prayer and Sheriff Hooker led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

Motion to **Approve Minutes** of the February 2, 2010 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Creighton. 5 yes votes.

Motion to **Approve Minutes** of the February 2, 2010 Indigent Meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes

Motion to **Ratify Bills and Payroll** through February 16, 2010, was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 5 yes votes.

#### **Update on Chamber Activities for 2009 – Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon King**

Ms. King gave a presentation of highlights of the 2009 Chamber Activities. She reported on the Legislative Dinner, Ag-Expo, Heritage Days, Fireworks Display, Quilt Festival, and Christmas Jubilee. She also reported on other activities that brought visitors to the city. A new 2010 visitor's guide to Roosevelt County was distributed.

#### **Notice of Intent to Modify Ordinance 91-2, Ordinance Governing Dogs and Cats Running at Large**

The modification will add specific language for enforcement and penalty of the ordinance. Two citations or warnings to the animal owners will be issued before going to Magistrate Court unless property damage or injury to humans or livestock is involved. Sheriff Hooker reported that it would help his department to have specific policy in place. Commissioner Lopez made the motion to modify the Ordinance 91-2 Governing Dogs and Cats Running at Large. Commissioner Grider made a second. 5 yes votes.

#### **Approve Resolution 2010-08 Conforming with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**

Resolution 2010-08 requires the County to conform with state statutes when new traffic devices or signs are installed. The County Commission and the Road Superintendent will approve all new sign requests. Commissioner Cathey made the motion to approve the Resolution with a second by Commissioner Grider. 5 yes votes.

#### **Assessor – Tex Belcher**

Mr. Belcher was moved up on the agenda because of a personal emergency. Mr. Belcher reported that his office was mandated to change the valuations of all property in the county by Rick Silva of the New Mexico Treasurer's office. All residential property will be raised the maximum 3% and non-residential property will be raised as much as 20% each year until the maximum valuation of 97% is reached. The county currently taxes on a valuation of 85%. He will not be allowed to mail out notice of valuation certificates until each valuation has been increased. Commissioners Creighton and Sanders suggested that the Association of Counties should challenge the authority of this mandate.

**Approve STB Fund Appropriation Project Agreement HVAC/Security System Improvements at the Roosevelt County Detention Center.**

This agreement is for a remaining balance of \$7,676.00 for a HVAC unit at the Detention Center. It was one of the encumber amounts that was froze by DFA after the special session. It has been released for expenditure. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes

**Approve Resolution 2010-09 Adopting Roosevelt County Procurement Policy and Procedures**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

Sheriff Hooker reported that his department was busy with security for the Watson Murder Trial. They are short handed with two deputies out. One for academy training and the other, military deployment. He requested permission to **donate a Chevy Blazer to the Dora Fire Department.** The blazer is no longer used by the sheriff's department and could be utilized at Dora. Motion to approve the donation was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes.

David Casanova, Detention Center Administrator, reported that there are 82 detainees in custody, 74 men and 8 women. Mr. Casanova reported that he has two open positions open at the center.

Ricky Lovato Road Superintendent requested a workshop with the Commission on March the 16<sup>th</sup> to select roads for the Road Priority Report due in April.

County Manager Hardin reported that Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato had been named "Pavement Preservationist of the Year".

Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation Report – Greg Fisher  
RCCDC Director Greg Fisher reported that WDT Trucking had moved into the Craig Hughes Welding Property and would support 100 jobs and the Cement Company at Elida is ready to begin business.

**Public Input**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Media Communication**

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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E. Janet Collins  
County Clerk

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David C. Sanders  
Commission Chairman