

February 19, 2008
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse, with those present being: Commissioners Gene Creighton, Bill Cathey, Paul Grider, Dennis Lopez, and David Sanders, County Manager Charlene Hardin, County Attorney Randy Knudson, County Clerk Janet Collins, Clerk's Chief Deputy Linda Connelly, Sheriff Darren Hooker, Deputy Malin Parker, Deputy Rick Short, Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera, Road Superintendent John Bohm, County Treasurer Nancy Belcher, County Assessor Tex Belcher, Rev. Gary A. Piepkorn, Indigent Administrator Vicki Aguilar, Ricky Lovato, John Bridges, Mike Miller, and Portales News-Tribune Managing Editor Karl Terry.

Chairman David Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Rev. Gary Piepkorn led an invocation and County Sheriff Darren 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 5, 2008 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Grider. 5 yes votes.

Motion to **Ratify Bills and Payroll** through February 19, 2008 was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 5 yes votes.

Mike Miller – 2008 Legislative Session Report

Mike Miller, Lobbyist for Roosevelt County, reported that only 55 bills had been passed in the legislative session this year. The Governor had signed three. He predicted that the capital outlay bill vetoed by the Governor would eventually be signed and that the county would receive approximately \$550,000. in road funding and for the purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's office. He spoke about the Sole Community Provider Fund and the projected decrease in revenue for the budget.

Award Bid No. 2008-03 Chip Seal Aggregate

Nick Griego and Sons' bid for ½" aggregate at \$25.25 per ton FOB Road Barn, \$13.70 per ton FOB Vendors Pit; and ¾" FOB Barn \$24.75 per ton, and \$13.20 per ton FOB Vendors Pit was approved as the low bid. A motion to award Chip Seal Bid 2008-03 to Nick Griego & Sons Construction Inc. was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Grider. 5 yes votes.

Amendment to 2007 Legislative General Fund Appropriations

County Manager Hardin presented a Grant Agreement Amendment for Grant No. 07-L-G-3460; 5399; 5400; 5405; 6336. The method of payment on the agreement was changed from the original document to reflect the correct language. Motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 5 yes votes.

Joint Powers Agreement to House Otero County Inmates

Charlene Hardin and Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera recommended a Joint Powers Agreement between Roosevelt and Otero Counties to house Otero County inmates when space is available. Otero County agrees to pay \$65.00 per day per prisoner housed in the Roosevelt County Detention Center. Commissioner Grider made the motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes.

Approve Loss Prevention Manuel

County Manager Charlene Hardin reported that she and the county attorney had reviewed and approved the Loss Prevention Manuel. Several county employees edited the lengthy document. Motion to approve the Loss Prevention Manuel was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Creighton. 5 yes votes.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

County Assessor Tex Belcher said that early reports show an increase in total valuation for the county.

Indigent Claim Appeal

Commissioner Creighton made a motion to go into Indigent Meeting at 9:23 am with a second made by Commissioner Cathey. 5 yes votes. County Indigent Administrator Vicki Aguilar presented an appeal from a claimant on the basis of income. The claimant has been living on his retirement account and personal savings through 2007. His 2006 income was more than the allowed amount. Ms. Aguilar stated that the claimant was still ill and has had no income for 2007 and 2008 and will require additional medical treatment. He is currently unemployed and has accumulated over \$6,000 in medical bills with a banking account balance of just over \$2,000. Commissioner Sanders made the motion to come out of indigent meeting with a second by Commissioner Cathey at 9:26 am. 5 yes votes.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve payment of the claims with a second by Commissioner Grider. 5 yes votes.

County Treasurer Nancy Belcher handed out her monthly report and predicted falling interest rates for investments.

Sheriff Darren Hooker reported that 2 persons had been arrested in the past week for scrap metal and wire theft. His office will be keeping a close watch on NM 206 for speed violators.

Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera reported that he is housing 56 detainees, 5 of which are female.

Road Superintendent John Bohm reported that the new blades have arrived.

RCCDC Report-Randy Knudson reported that the Village of Dora made a \$2500. donation to the RCCDC.

Commissioner Lopez announced that the NMAC had chosen Portales for the May Board Meeting.

Public Input

None

Executive Session

None

Media Communication

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

E. Janet Collins
County Clerk

David C. Sanders
Commission Chairman