

February 5, 2008
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse, with those present being: Commissioners Gene Creighton, Bill Cathey, Paul Grider, 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, Roosevelt County Ag Agent Patrick Kircher, District Attorney Matt Chandler, Assistant District Attorney Donna Mower, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Spears, County Treasurer Nancy Belcher, District Judge Drew Tatum, Patty Richardson, EPCOG Transportation Planner Chris Pacheco, and Portales News-Tribune Managing Editor Karl Terry.

Commissioner Dennis Lopez was absent.

Chairman David Sanders called the Meeting to order.

County Clerk Janet Collins 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.

The Honorable Drew Tatum Ninth Judicial District Judge introduced himself to the commission. He was appointed to the position in October 2007. Judge Tatum stated that he was happy and honored to be working in Portales.

Motion to **Approve Minutes** of the December 18, 2007 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Motion to **Approve Minutes** of the December 18, 2007 Indigent meeting was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Motion to **Approve Minutes** of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Grider. 4 yes votes.

Motion to **Ratify Bills and Payroll** through February 5, 2008 was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Patrick Kircher –Request to install Park Benches at Fairgrounds

Roosevelt County Ag Agent Patrick Kircher brought a request from the Vada and Gene Gollehon Family to place three park benches at the fairgrounds. The late Mr. and Mrs. Gollehon and their son Mike were active 4-H supporters in Roosevelt County for many years. The benches will be in remembrance of the Gollehon family. Motion to allow placing the benches was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

RPO Process – Chris Pacheco, EPCOG Transportation Planner

Chris Pacheco with EPCOG made a presentation to fulfill a yearly mandate. He spoke about the different types of transportation that is available and possible Capital outlay funds available for roads, bridges, safety concerns, and public transportation. He also offered his assistance in filling out grant proposals and request proposals to the DOT and DFA.

Summary Review Plat Approval Russell Tisthammer

Charlene Hardin recommended that the Commission approve a replat for Russell Tisthammer to divide a piece of property. He has three houses on one piece of property and cannot sell the houses separately unless he replats the land. Motion to approve the replat was made by Commissioner Creighton with a second by Commissioner Grider. 4 yes votes.

Building Management Agreement

An agreement between Roosevelt County and the Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation and the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Roosevelt County Enterprise Center at 100 South Avenue A in Portales was

reviewed for approval. The Chamber of Commerce will act as day-to-day property manager of the facility and the RCCDC will continue to use the space to benefit the economic community. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Joint Powers Agreement to House DeBaca County Prisoners

Charlene Hardin and Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera recommended a Joint Powers Agreement between Roosevelt and DeBaca Counties to house DeBaca County inmates when space is available. DeBaca County agrees to pay \$65.00 per day for inmates housed in the Roosevelt County Detention Center. Commissioner Grider made the motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Addendum to Dickens County Joint Powers Agreement

The current agreement with Dickens County to house Roosevelt County inmates was amended to provide housing at the rate of 44.00 per day. Motion to amend the agreement was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Creighton. 4 yes votes.

Resolution 08-04 Prohibiting Burning

Resolution 08-04 Authorizing a Ban on Burning was brought before the Commission. Commissioner Creighton questioned the effectiveness of the ordinance due to the wording that allows burning 24 hours after notice of a planned burn and the liability of a fire department requested to stand by. Commissioner Grider made a motion to table the resolution until further study of the resolution and the burn ordinance that it enforces. Commissioner Sanders made a second to the motion. The motion failed with 2 yes votes from Commissioners Grider and Sanders and 2 no votes from Commissioners Cathey and Creighton. After more discussion, Commissioner Creighton made a motion to approve Resolution 08-04 to Prohibit Burning as it is written, with a second from Commissioner Cathey. 3 yes votes. Commissioner Grider voted no.

Resolution 08-05 Budget Adjustment Corrections Fund

Resolution 08-05 was introduced for the purpose of adjusting the Corrections Fund by \$20,000. for the purchase of a vehicle to use for transports. A vehicle will be purchased off the state contract. Motion to approve Resolution 08-05 Budget Adjustment to the Corrections Fund was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Award RFP Construction Management Services District Attorney's Office

District Attorney Matt Chandler, Ninth Judicial District Chief Financial Officer Kevin Spears, and County Manager Charlene Hardin reviewed the qualifications of the contractors that submitted proposals to the DA's office and recommended Davtek Corporation be awarded the contract for Management Services. Commissioner Creighton made a motion that the contract be awarded to Davtek with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera requested that he be able to dispose of a 1993 Ford Explorer and a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria. Both vehicles had been used for transport vehicles but were no longer usable. The cost of repairs would be more than the value gained. Two John Deere Blades from the road department were added to the disposal list and will be replaced by a newer blade. Motion to permit the disposal of the surplus equipment was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 4 yes votes.

Elected Officials/Department Heads

Sheriff Darren Hooker presented a annual report for 2007 to the commission and stated that his office was fully staffed and operating smoothly.

Under Sheriff Malin Parker reported that he had been contacted by the Causey Village Clerk regarding trash complaints. He asked if a JPA would be in order to assist the Village in enforcing code violations. County Attorney Randy Knudson said that he would contact the Village Clerk and discuss possible solutions. Sheriff Hooker said that his office would be ready to help if asked.

Deputy Rick Short reported that there had been several arrests made and that they would be looking to participate in the 100 Days and Nights of Summer Enforcement Program. Detention Center Administrator Jesse Luera reported that he is housing 65 detainees, 10 of which are female. No inmates are housed in other facilities and that DeBaca County, Cannon AFB and Otero County may be using the detention center for their detainees in the future.

County Clerk Janet Collins reported that the Democratic Caucus was held today and that her office was getting ready for a very busy election year.

County Manager Charlene Hardin reported that the County had received \$116,896. from the Corrections Department for the detention of State Parolees. The money is from a small county assistance formula based on the number of prisoners incarcerated on June 30, 2007.

Commissioner Cathey asked about the possibility of the city and county working on road repairs near Roosevelt Road Q 1/2. Road Superintendent John Bohm replied that the portion of road was the responsibility of the City of Portales and that building the road in a manner that would solve the problem would be extremely expensive. Other solutions may be explored.

Commissioner Creighton inquired about the Elida detention fund exchange and progress on fairground renovations. County Manager Hardin reported that the DFA had lost the JPA paperwork from Elida and that the village clerk was preparing another JPA. She reported that the pavilion renovation was ready for the Ag Expo and other repairs were pending in order of importance.

RCCDC Report-Randy Knudson reported that there are some good things being pursued for Portales and that he is anxious to share details as commitments are finalized.

Public Input

District Attorney Matt Chandler told of the work being done with the Newman Project. His office in partnership with Lowe's of Clovis has had over 100 homes of Senior Citizens inspected for safety. Motion detectors, fencing, home safety inspections and dead bolt locks have been provided free of charge for senior citizens.

Executive Session

None

Action Required for the Executive Session

None

Media Communication

None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

E. Janet Collins
County Clerk

David C. Sanders
Commission Chairman