

September 1, 2009  
Roosevelt County Courthouse  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse, with those present being: Commissioners David Sanders, Bill Cathey, Jake Lopez, Paul Grider, and Gene Creighton, County Manager Charlene Hardin, County Attorney Randy Knudson, County Clerk Janet Collins, Chief Deputy Clerk Linda Connelly, County Treasurer Mickie Williams, Sheriff Darren Hooker, and Captain Rick Short, Under Sheriff Malin Parker, Detention Administrator Don Burdine, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Fire Chief John Bridges, Rev. Gary Piepkorn, Buz and Fern Goodson, James and Kathie Good, Chamber of Commerce Director Sharon King, Eileen Lovell, Nancy Tivis, David Hunton, Stephen Swift, Matt Hunton, David L. Stone, Ernest Cordova, Danny Woodward, Kevin Bond, Sam Rigsby, Rose Robbins, Donita Privett, Mark Vigil, Randall Burnett, James D'Agostino, Ann Pettigrew, D'Shawn Osburn, Eva Stevens, Scott A. Davis, Penny Sanders, John Murray, David W. Essex, Tom Campbell, Sharon Davis, Garry Dictson, Garrett Goodson, Micah Thompson, Garry Dictson, Nicole Wilkening, Michael MaGuire, Nancy Gentry, 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 August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes.

Motion to **Ratify Bills and Payroll** through September 1, 2009 was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Cathey, 5 yes votes.

#### **Courthouse Parking Lot – Commissioner Sanders**

Commissioner Sanders asked for three representatives of those opposing the parking lot change and three persons in favor of the change to speak for the large group in attendance. Kathie Good and Randy Knudson spoke against changing the parking plan that is near completion. Each pointed out that the planning process had been open to the public and adequate opportunity was given to express opposition. Mr. Knudson also noted that because the project was financed with grant money there was a possibility that the changes would not be approved and the funding lost. Sam Rigsby, Buz Goodson, and David Stone all spoke in favor of making parking spaces in place of some of the landscape area in front of the courthouse. Their main points being that while none of them had attended any planning meetings, they were unaware of the impact of losing the parking spaces in front of the courthouse would have on business, and that the traffic changes were hurting business. The traffic slowdown on second street at rush times cause additional access problems for customers that park directly in front of the businesses. They wanted the new curb and landscape area removed and parking places replaced. Commissioner Creighton stated that he thought 80% of the local citizens would want the parking lot left as is. Commissioner Cathey stated that he thought that if the changes were not made now, that the county might be doing it later at a greater expense. Commissioner Cathey made a motion to put in 230 feet of parking on the front side of the courthouse. Commissioner Lopez made a second to the motion. Commissioners Cathey, Sanders, Lopez and Grider voted yes. Commissioner Creighton voted no.

#### **Supplemental Sole Community Provider Request – RGH, James D'Agostino**

James D'Agostino and John Murray of Roosevelt General Hospital requested \$86,291.60 in funds to secure \$419,706.23 in Supplemental Sole Community Funds. Commissioner Creighton questioned Hospital Administrator James D'Agostino about the ability to track the funds and if any lines had been crossed with the use of public funds. Mr. D'Agostino assured the commission that the hospital was very careful to use the funds according to the law. Commissioner Creighton made a motion to approve the fund request with a second by Commissioner Cathey. 5 yes votes.

**Award Bid 2009-05 Pickups for Road and Rural Addressing Departments**

County Manager Hardin reported that of four bidders Rich Ford Sales of Albuquerque had the lowest price for four ¾-ton pickups to be used for the road department and rural addressing. Commissioner Lopez made the motion to award the \$93,448.00 bid to Rich Ford Sales. Commissioner Grider made a second to the motion. 5 yes votes.

**Authorization to Piggyback on Socorro County Bid No. 2009-1322 3000 Gallon Tanker Apparatus**

Manager Hardin requested permission to piggyback onto a Socorro County Bid for a tanker for the Arch Fire Department for \$154,300. Commissioner Grider made the motion to authorize the bid with a second from Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes.

**Resolution 2009-21 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority**

County Manager Hardin asked for authorization to submit an application for 2.5 million dollars from the New Mexico Finance Authority. The Application is the first step to acquire funding for an indoor arena at the fairgrounds. The funds would be in the form of a loan utilizing a tax credit to make payment. The loan may or may not be utilized when the final details are considered. Motion to approve the application was made by Commissioner Sanders with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 5 yes votes.

**Department of Finance and Administration Final Approval Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget**

County Manager Hardin reported that the budget for 2009-10 had been approved by DFA. Commissioner Creighton made a motion to approve and accept the budget as presented to DFA. Commissioner Cathey made a second. 5 yes votes.

**Elected Officials/Department Heads**

County Treasurer Mickie Williams reported that the new tax rates would arrive this month.

Sheriff Hooker reported that Captain Rick Short is celebrating 20 years with the department today. Captain Short received a round of applause. The Sheriff's office reported that there were 84 incidents in August with 47 arrests, 19 crash reports, 2 DWI arrests, and 64 citations.

Detention Administrator Don Burdine reported that he is housing 84 inmates. There are 76 males and 8 females. Mr. Burdine reported that the biggest hindrance to housing Federal inmates was the type of medical care required.

Commissioner Sanders said that he had asked for a letter to be written to our congressional representative encouraging good stewardship of tax dollars and asked if the Commission would like to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Creighton suggested that the letter be more specific and that the commission review the changes before signing.

RCCDC board member Randy Knudson reported that RCEC Director Jerry Partin was busy this week working with Joe Williams on green grid plans for the community.

**Public Input**

Eileen Lovell expressed her appreciation and support for the hospital. Sharon King reported that the gate amount from the fair was down over \$7,000.

**Executive Session**

None

**Media Communication**

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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E. Janet Collins

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David C. Sanders

County Clerk

Commission Chairman