

November 5, 2013
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in a workshop meeting Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse with those present being:

Commissioners Scott Burton, Bill Cathey and Kendall Buzard; County Manager Charlene Webb; Administrative Assistant Jena Wilbanks; County Clerk Donna Carpenter; County Attorney Rick Queener; Vice President for George K. Baum & Company Mark F. Valenzuela and Analyst for George K. Baum & Company Luis D. Ramos.
Commissioners Richard Leal and Jake Lopez were absent.
Commissioner Cathey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Informational Item:

Vice President for George K. Baum & Company Mark F. Valenzuela gave a presentation of the financing for the Construction of the Magistrate Court Project. He gave a brief summary of the company and their knowledge of the local markets. Roosevelt County contemplates the issuance of revenue bonds with a total per amount of \$3.3 million for the construction of a new magistrate courthouse. Mr. Valenzuela stated there would be some risk with the agreement with the state because the state has the ability to appropriate each year. GKB presented options for the county to consider for the financing, giving the impact of time and credit rating. Bonds could be sold to reduce the interest rate. Getting a bond rating legitimizes the project so that the entire country sees the books and a better cost of capital is obtained. Mr. Valenzuela explained that the rating process is for the county to participate in. The county has a clean credit rating. He feels we can improve on the credit rating some. Bond rating really matters and their firm will help the county with this. Commissioner Burton asked if the interest rate can be locked in. Mr. Valenzuela stated that it will be a fixed rate. The county can do an intent resolution and start moving forward on the bond issue process. He recommends using a gross receipts tax as a pledge to show that the revenue is coming in to support debt because it improves the rating position. Commissioner Burton inquired if the county could use the wind farm for this. Mr. Valenzuela stated that Pelt payments can be set up in the Industrial Revenue Bonds to back the debt. The fee for George K. Baum & Company will not exceed 2% of the transaction including legal counsel. Mr. Valenzuela stated that the county can do rating concurrently with the intent resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Donna J. Carpenter
County Clerk


Bill Cathey
Commission Chairman

