

April 17, 2018
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room in the Roosevelt County Courthouse with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Gene Creighton, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee Commissioner Matthew Hunton and Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, County Clerk DeAun Searl, Chief Deputy Clerk Stephanie Hicks, County Attorney Randy Knudson, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Human Resources Administrator Debra Olds, Sheriff Malin Parker, Lieutenant Javier Sanchez, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, Arch Fire Department Jay Lang, Milnesand Fire Department John Mohon, Mike Cone, Quentin Carnes, Dawn Privitt, Tina Dixon and Eastern New Mexico News Staff Writer Eamon Scarbrough.

Call to Order - Chairman Paul Grider at 9:00 a.m.
Invocation - County Manager Amber Hamilton
Pledge - Commissioner Paul Grider

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to amend the agenda by striking out 2018-14 and replacing it with 2018-15 was made by Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee with a second from Commissioner Paul Grider. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the 4-5-2018 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Gene Creighton with a second from Commissioner Matthew Hunton. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes.

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll:

Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll from March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 was made by Commissioner Dennis Lopez with a second from Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes.

Public Requests: NONE

Informational Items:

Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District Update - Mike Cone reported on the **Shade Ball Project**. He gave examples of tanks with the shade balls and tanks without the balls. The evaporation rate without the balls is almost double. Quentin Carnes reported on the **African Rue**. Since the last sprays there have been no new sightings. The Water Conservation District is educating people and businesses, especially in the rural areas where the oil and wind projects are developing, about the African Rue and how to watch for it and to be cautious so that it does not spread. Mike Cone reported on the **Cloud Seeding Program**. The Weather Modification Program is still underway, even though they lost their funding in 2005. This program make the most of potential rain clouds, by adding particles in the air for the moisture to hang on to. The district will be hosting a legislative event at the YAM Theater on Tuesday April 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Elected Officials/Department Heads Report:

Manager - County Manager Amber Hamilton reported the NMAC Summer Conference will be held June 20-22, 2018 in Socorro. Special Projects Coordinator Carol Acosta-Flores had received approval for the CDBG and this process is underway. NM DOT will hold a meeting in the Commission Room on April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. with Roosevelt and Curry Counties and the DOT engineers. Budget workshops will be held on Thursday April 19th and Monday April 23rd. Mrs. Hamilton requested a credit report for the county, which consisted on the Moody's Ratings. Erik Harrigan from RBC Capital Markets provided the information and explanation. The results were strong improvements to Aa3 in 2017 from A3 in 2015. Due to ratios and factors the County doesn't control such as total revenue, the adjusted pension liability and full value we have likely met our rate potential.

Treasurer - Treasurer Layle Sanchez reported that the 2015 delinquent tax list on now on the county web site. They are trying to make people aware that they have back taxes that need to be paid. Most of the people on the list are ones that the treasurer's office have not been able to make contact with.

Resolutions - Ordinances - Proclamations:

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2018-15 Declaring a Fire Danger Emergency in Roosevelt County** - John Mohon of the Milnesand Volunteer Fire Department requested the fire ban. 50,000+ acres have already burnt and lightening season has not even started yet. This resolution includes enforceable penalties for violations against the established ordinance. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-15 was made by Commissioner Dennis Lopez with a second from Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.

Old Business:

- a. **Discussion of South Roosevelt Road 7 and South Roosevelt Road S Intersection** - Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato reported the findings from the NM DOT traffic study. Motion to remove the stop signs for the East and West bound traffic at the intersection of S RR 7 and S RR S was made by Commissioner Gene Creighton with a second from Commissioner Matthew Hunton. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton -

Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - No, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.

- b. **Consideration of 2018 Roosevelt County Position Classification Review and Compensation Study** - Motion to accept the study was made by Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee with a second from Commissioner Paul Grider. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.

Contracts - Agreements - Procurements:

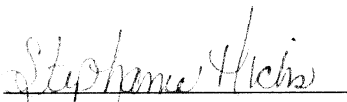
Fire Chief John Mohon spoke for Arch and Milnesand Volunteer Fire Departments. He reported Milnesand will be receiving a new 2700 gal 6x6 tankers with a 500 gpm pump for grass fires. This will be paid for out of their State Fire funds. Cost for the Truck is \$354,000. Arch improved their department from an ISO Class 9 to a Class 6 which is an increase from \$25,219 to \$75,667 and Milnesand went from an ISO Class 6 to a Class 5 which is an increase of \$7,966 to \$159,300 for 2 stations.

- a. **Request for Approval of Fiscal Year 2019 County Fire Protection Fund Application for Arch Volunteer Fire Department** - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Lopez with a second from Commissioner Matthew Hunton. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.
- b. **Request for Approval of Fiscal Year 2019 County Fire Protection Fund Application for Milnesand Volunteer Fire Department** - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Lopez with a second from Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.
- c. **Consideration of Service Agreement with Universal Background Screening** - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Gene Creighton with a second from Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee. Commissioner Paul Grider - Yes, Commissioner Gene Creighton - Yes, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee - Yes, Commissioner Matthew Hunton - Yes, Commissioner Dennis Lopez - Yes.

Media Communication: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

ATTEST:


Stephanie Hicks
Chief Deputy County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Paul Grider
Commission Chairman

