

May 21, 2019  
County Commission Room  
Roosevelt County Courthouse  
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room in the Roosevelt County Courthouse with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee, Commissioner Matthew Hunton, Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, County Attorney Randy Knudson, Clerk Stephanie Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk Nath Baca, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, RCDC Administrator Justin Porter, Pastor Dave McFadden, Angie Smith and Eastern New Mexico News Staff Writer David Grieder.

Call to Order - Chairman Lee at 9:00 a.m.  
Invocation – Pastor McFadden  
Pledge - Commissioner Lee

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 7, 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Motion to approve the May 16, 2019 Budget Workshop was made by Commissioner Lee with a second from Commissioner Hunton. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

**Public Requests:** None

**Elected Officials/Department Heads Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Sanchez reported the general fund had \$850,418 and the reserve in Morton Capital had \$3,681,325 as of March 31, 2019. Tax collection is going very well, with 90% collected this far.

**Manager:** Manager Hamilton stated GIS Technician Montiel measured specific places at the Law Enforcement Complex in anticipation of the remodel for added security. She also had a recommendation that the county not apply for CDBG funds until next FY, which will give enough time to become shovel ready for the specific project.

Also reported was the State of the County as required in the Ethics Policy.

90 Total County Positions

**Financials**

- FY18 Financial Audit reflected strong financial stability of the County, 0 findings (resolved 15 findings since FY15), received award from NMOSA and NMC for FY17 Audit
- FY19 – \$13,108,492 Projected Revenues - \$14,408,007 Projected Expenses
- Moody's Rating Aa3 (improved from A3 in 2015)
- Currently \$3,681,325 in reserves, which is just over 51% of the GF Operational Budget (rebuilt from \$0 in FY15)

**Operations**

- Enhanced/Rehabilitated 45 miles of County Maintained Roads
- Utilized the \$750,000 DHSEM Grant Award
- LGRF Grant Awards approx. \$1.3 million due to efficiency of County Road Dept.
- Implemented 5-year planning process for County Maintained Roads, including increased miles of chip sealed roads
- Detention Center continues on path to reaccreditation in completing year two
- Policies and Procedures reviewed annually
- Zero major facility incidents in 2018, reduction in NTC as two received and both denied
- Annual facility enhancement projects to improve energy efficiency
- Planning ADA/Drainage project at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, to include unsuccessful CDBG application

**Commissioners:**

**Commissioner Lee** requested information on a petition to allow alcohol sales, in the unincorporated areas of Roosevelt County, on the November 2019 Local Election ballot. Attorney Knudson said he would get that information for the commission. Commissioner Lee said he has been contacted by the White House, asking for the county to sign a Trade Agreement. He then asked Manager Hamilton to draft a letter of support for them to review. Commissioner Lee reported there is lots of work and construction going on in the south portion of the county and wants people to be aware and careful when driving in that area. He asked that Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato monitor the road conditions affected by this construction.

**Commissioner Dixon** stated the NM AZ Coalition will be moving forward. She also reported on an open meeting she attended with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham concerning border issues. The governor stated she pulled the Reserve Units off the borders due to the amount of money it was costing for 1,000 Reservists to be at the border. Busloads of illegal immigrants are being dropped off, specifically in Luna and Dona Ana Counties, which is creating a huge burden to those counties. Many are in need of medical

attention, transportation to their final destinations, and translators, which are all in short supply. The governor stated in this meeting, this could go on for 18 - 24 months. Each illegal immigrant requires a hearing, and it was stated there are about 900,000 people on a waiting list for a hearing. Governor reported only about 18% receive asylum and the rest are sent back to their respective countries. Otero County created a resolution stating they will not use their county funds to support this effort.

Commissioner Lopez stated he has been in contact with Senator Martin Heinrich regarding Floyd School District project and he will be giving the senator the managers contact information for further communication.

**Old Business:**

- a. **Consideration of Resolution 2019-18 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Adjustment:** Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

**New Business:**

- a. **Request for Ratification of New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Feasibility Form Submission:** Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- b. **Request for Approval of FY20 Preliminary Budget: Died for lack of a motion.** Manager Hamilton ask the commission to hold a special meeting to approve on a later date. It was decided to hold the special meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 1:00 pm

**Contracts – Agreements – Procurements:**

- a. **Request for Approval of Contract Renewal for Comprehensive Healthcare Services at the Roosevelt County Detention Center:** Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

**Executive Session:**

Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 10-15-1 N.M.S.A. (1978) H (2) limited personnel matters and (7) attorney-client privileged information pertaining to threatened or pending litigation, specifically the McFarlin vs. Roosevelt County, Hernandez vs. Roosevelt County, Parrish vs. Roosevelt County, Natural Chem Holdings, National Prescription Opiate Litigation and NMTRD Litigation was made at 9:49 a.m. by Commissioner Hunton with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Those attending Executive Session were: Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Hunton, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Grider, County Attorney Knudson, and Manager Hamilton joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

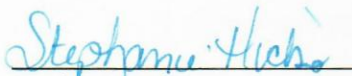
Motion to come out of Executive Session was made at 10:51 a.m. by Commissioner Lee with a second from Commissioner Hunton. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Hunton-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Commissioner Hunton stated only the items mentioned above were discussed and that no action was taken in the executive session. No Action Needed No Action Taken.

**Media Communication:** NONE

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie Hicks  
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
  
Lewis Shane Lee  
Commission Chairman

