

November 19, 2013
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse with those present being: Commissioners Scott Burton, Bill Cathey, Richard Leal and Jake Lopez; County Manager Charlene Webb; Administrative Assistant Jena Wilbanks; Detention Administrator David Casanova; Sheriff Darren Hooker; County Clerk Donna Carpenter; Chief Deputy Janet Collins; County Attorney Rick Queener; Lobbyist for Roosevelt County Mike Miller; Assessor Kenner Carrasco; Chief Deputy Stevin Floyd; Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato; Treasurer Nancy Belcher; Carlos Paiz; New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department Office Director Carol Gonzales; Landowner Forrest Brockman; PNT Staff Writer Eric Norwood. Commissioner Kendall Buzard was absent.

Commissioner Cathey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chief Deputy Janet Collins gave an Invocation and Sheriff Darren Hooker led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of New Mexico.

Motion to Amend the Agenda by moving New Business before Elected Officials was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Leal. 3 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2013 Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Leal. 3 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2013 Special Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Leal with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 3 yes votes.

Commissioner Scott Burton arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Motion to Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll from November 5, 2013 through November 19, 2013 was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Leal. 4 yes votes.

Informational Items

County Lobbyist Mike Miller gave a legislative report. He stated that Medicaid has launched a new program called Centennial Care and they are asking for waivers for the Sole Community Provider Funds to catch indigents that do not qualify for any program. There is a different program to fund hospitals in small counties. Mr. Miller stated that there has been an idea put forth that because of the new health care act everyone will have health insurance. Therefore Human Services will reorganize the tax structure. The legislature should be the one to do it. New Mexico Association of Counties representative had stated at one of the meetings that Mr. Miller had attended that there are four issues: quality, transparency, detention care of inmates and local autonomy. Mr. Miller also stated that the indigent program goes away at the end of December but there is no new plan in place.

Mr. Miller also encouraged the county to be aware of capital outlay reform and the handling of local government taxes.

Resolutions—Ordinances—Proclamations

Motion to Approve Proclamation recognizing November 25, 2013 as Adoption Day was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 4 yes votes by roll call. New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department Office Director Carol Gonzales read the proclamation that was recently signed by the Governor stating that every child deserves to grow up in a loving and stable family and adoption can provide parental love. It is important to involve the public to heighten awareness of the needs of these children. The Ninth Judicial District Court and the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department are hosting an Adoption Day event to celebrate and finalize adoptions in our area on November 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Roosevelt County Courthouse.

New Business

Motion to Approve Flexible Benefits Account Authorization for New Employers for Aflac

Benefits for Employees was made by Commissioner Burton with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 4 yes votes. Administrative Assistant Jena Wilbanks stated that the use of flex accounts is a medical savings benefit; it is a Health Savings Account. Employees can set aside pre-tax money for eligible healthcare expenses. Interest is earned on the HSA and the account can be rolled over from year to year. Aflac offers this plan. Roosevelt County already utilizes Aflac.

The Commissioners heard a request from Roosevelt County Landowner Forrest Brockman concerning closing of roads in the panhandle area of the County. Mr. Brockman stated that theft, trespassing and vandalism are on the increase with people coming onto private property without permission. He felt that closing some of the roads would help this situation. The roads are parts of Roosevelt Road AU from Highway 60/80 to Roosevelt Road 14 North and Franklin Road to Hill Ranch Road. He had visited with neighbors and they are in agreement. He stated that the roads are not mail or school bus routes and do not lead to any residences. The Commissioners explained that there is a process before they can take any action on the roads. Mr. Brockman pointed the roads out on a map and thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Elected Officials/Department Heads Reports:

- a. Assessor Kenner Carrasco stated that his office is settled down in the process of reappraising property.
- b. Treasurer Nancy Belcher stated that tax collecting is steady. Ms. Belcher stated that they had heard a local dairy is going out of business and they had given a demand warrant to Livestock Inspector Barry Allen. She stated they are being proactive in collecting these taxes because it is almost impossible to collect once the livestock is gone. County Attorney Rick Queener agreed that it is a proactive move.
- c. Sheriff Darren Hooker stated the Sheriff's Office had recently purchased Individual Patrol Officer Kits for all of his deputies. They contain needed items to dress wounds and a tourniquet to stop major blood loss in major trauma events. He passed one around for everyone to inspect. Sheriff Hooker stated that the pancake breakfast for Santa Cop was a huge success. He wants to encourage the use of the Sheriff's facility for civic groups.
- d. Detention Center Administrator David Casanova reported a total of 103 inmates, 82 males and 21 females. There are 3 juveniles with 2 being at Curry County and 1 at Quay County. Mr. Casanova showed weapons they had found from a shakedown in one of the day rooms. Lieutenant Gibbs passed his Certified Jail Officer test and there are two openings in the department.
- e. County Clerk Donna Carpenter reported that her office is quiet.
- f. Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato reported that the crew was working on roads near Bethel and fixing bad spots on a School Route near Elida. We have allocated \$77,000 for the total project on one mile of Roosevelt Road A. The engineer quote is for \$79,000 which does not even touch repairing the road. The engineer is required to meet Federal mandates. Commissioner Cathey suggested that we could talk to Senator Tom Udall concerning this issue. County Manager Webb suggested the County may be eligible for a categorical exclusion because we are not disturbing new ground.
- g. County Manager Charlene Webb reported that the Detention and Sheriff Departments attended a meeting concerning project ECHO to help with the lack of care for the mentally ill which would stop the revolving door of people going through the systems. She stated that this is a positive program. Ms. Webb had spoken with hospital staff concerning procedures to transport inmates to the hospital.
- h. Commissioner Lopez stated that he is traveling to Santa Fe for a NMAC meeting tomorrow. Commissioner Cathey will be attending a meeting concerning water tomorrow.

Old Business

Motion to approve Project to provide Razor Wire Fencing on the Roof of the Detention Center to be Paid with Inmate Housing Revenue was made by Commissioner Leal with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 4 yes votes. Mr. Casanova had a new quote for the wire. Ms. Webb stated that the Detention Center already has $\frac{3}{4}$ of the revenue for this project. The balance will be available shortly from revenue generated by housing inmates from other counties.

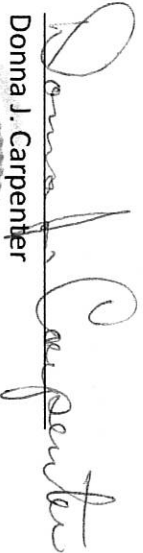
Motion to Approve Letter to BNSF to Repair four Railroad Crossings in Portales was made by Commissioner Cathey with a second by Commissioner Lopez. 4 yes votes. Commissioner Lopez has obtained names and addresses to send a letter stating the poor condition of four railroad crossings in Portales. They are located at Ave. J, Boston, Lime and NM 467. The letter is to encourage a cooperative working relationship with the railroad. The city of Portales will send a similar letter.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. for the purpose of Threatened or Pending Litigation by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Leal. 4 yes votes.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:46 a.m. was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second by Commissioner Leal. 4 yes votes. No Action taken.


Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

ATTEST:


Donna J. Carpenter
County Clerk



BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Bill Cathey
Commission Chairman

