

October 1, 2019
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room in the Roosevelt County Courthouse with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee, Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, County Attorney Randy Knudson, Clerk Stephanie Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk Nath Baca, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Special Projects Coordinator Carol Acosta-Flores, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Lt. Javier Sanchez, Pastor Franklin Smith, Department of Health Debbie Gentry & Francisco Mimica Porras and Eastern New Mexico News Staff Writer David Grieder. Absent was Commissioner Matthew Hunton and Commissioner Tina Dixon.

Call to Order - Chairman Lee at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation – Pastor Smith

Pledge - Commissioner Lee

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the September 5, 2019 regular meeting and the September 23, 2019 special meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll:

Motion to approve accounts payable and payroll for August 1 through August 31, 2019 was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Public Requests:

Clerk Hicks reported the basement, under the clerk's office, has water standing in several puddles. This is due to the fact that Portales received 2 plus inches of rain last night. She asked the commission to please come and look.

Public Requests:

Presentation on the Roosevelt County Healthcare Overview by the NM Department of Health: Mr. Mimica Porras reported on several different health issues that the country, state and county deal with on a regular basis. Some of our county statistics from 2011 to 2017 are: births to girls aged 15-19 per 1,000 girls decreased from 56.1 to 31; percentage of adults who smoke cigarettes decreased from 16.4% to 13.7%; suicide deaths per 100,000 population increased from 17.3 to 30; alcohol-related deaths per 100,000 population increased from 29.6 to 34.6. At the state level in these same areas: Births decreased to 27.6, adult cigarette smoking decreased from 21.5% to 17.5%; suicide deaths increased from 20.3 to 23.2; and alcohol-related deaths increased from 53.4 to 66.8.

Elected Officials/Department Heads Report:

Healthcare: Coordinator Acosta-Flores asked that we go into Indigent Meeting.

Motion to go into Indigent Meeting was made at 9:37 a.m. by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Coordinator Acosta-Flores reported there were 41 claims submitted in the amount of \$34,654.44 and recommends approval of 36 in the amount of \$23,029.93. The other 5 claims were past timely filing.

Motion to come out of Indigent Meeting was made at 9:38 a.m. by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Road: Road Superintendent Lovato reported the road crew is working 2019 LGRF and plans to be finished in October. Preparing to start 2020 LGRF and Capital Outlay soon. Routine maintenance with cattle guards.

Manager: Manager Hamilton reported on the reaccreditation last week. There were no deficiencies found and we should receive our 3 year accreditation certificate in January 2020. Auditors will be here next week, mostly spending their time with the treasurer and finance director, as well as looking at policies. Hamilton, Commissioner Grider and Road Superintendent Lovato met with CAFB concerning Sag Dale Valley Road about concerns and expectations. Hamilton and Commissioner Lopez met with La Casa concerning our possible disposal of the La Casa building. Hamilton attended a meeting with the state on the topic of juvenile detainees. This is a growing concern in the state over housing and cost.

Commissioners: Commissioner Lopez was very happy to report the State Hwy Dept. will begin work on Main St. between 1st and Fir St. mid October. Commissioner Lee reported that he and Commissioner Lopez went to the Sagamore dinner. Sagamore is the company building 240 wind turbines in and around district 3.

New Business:

- a. **Request for Approval of Disposal by Public Auction of One Holic WT 166 Water Trailer from Road Dept:** Manager Hamilton reported since the agenda was published Road Superintendent Lovato found out that the water tank is very rusted and no one will work on it. There is too much damage for resale and would be in the best interest of the county to dispose of it as scrap material. Motion to dispose of the water trailer as scrap material was made by Commissioner Lee with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Contracts - Agreements - Procurements:

- a. **Request for Approval of Agreement with NM Tourism Department Litter Control and Beautification "Clean & Beautiful" Grant Program for \$9,425:** Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- b. **Request for Approval of Bid Award in response to ITB 2020-03 Two Motor Graders to Wagner Equipment Co. for \$489,206.06:** Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Executive Session:

Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 10-15-1 N.M.S.A. (1978)H(7) attorney-client privileged information pertaining to threatened or pending litigation, specifically the McFarlin vs. Roosevelt County, Hernandez vs. Roosevelt County, Natural Chem Holdings, National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Roosevelt County vs. Manuel Perez and NMTRD Litigation and to discuss attorney-client privileged information pertaining to threatened or pending litigation and/or limited personnel matters was made at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Those attending Executive Session were: Commissioner Grider, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Lopez, Manager Hamilton and Attorney Knudson.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made at 10:23 a.m. by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Lee.

- a. Commissioner Lopez stated only the items mentioned above were discussed and that no action was taken in the executive session. Not Action Needed, No Action Taken.

Media Communication:

Staff Writer Grieder stated he would be leaving Eastern New Mexico next week heading out for new endeavors.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

ATTEST:



Stephanie Hicks
County Clerk



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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Lewis Shane Lee
Commission Chairman

