

Tuesday, September 7, 2021
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Shane Lee, Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Rodney Savage, County Manager Amber Hamilton, Attorney Randy Knudson, County Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Chief Deputy Assessor Stevin Floyd, GIS Coordinator Johnny Montiel, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Financial Specialist Liliana Rivera, Detention Administrator Justin Porter, community members Jason Evans, Laveta Patterson, Angie Smith, Lloyd McCargish, and Meredith Eaton.

Commissioner Dennis Lopez was absent.

Call to Order - Commissioner Dixon at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation – Amber Hamilton

Pledge - Commissioner Dixon

1. Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Dixon with a second from Commissioner Lee. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

3. Public Requests:

Angie Smith thanked the commission for supporting the Right to Life initiative that she spoke in favor of back in January. She stated the Pregnancy Resource Center out of Clovis has a satellite office here in Portales. They serve the community to help expectant mothers and their families. She stated they are having a fundraising banquet in late October. Ms. Smith invited the commission and everyone in attendance to contact her if they are interested in attending the banquet in support of the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Laveta Patterson spoke about the illegal dumping that has become a problem in her area near the intersections of South Roosevelt Road 10 from South Roosevelt Road S to South Roosevelt Road U. Ms. Patterson also spoke about the condition of South Roosevelt Road 10. She stated the school bus would not pick up children at their home. They have to meet the bus at a nearby intersection to be picked up and dropped off.

4. Elected Officials/Department Heads Report:

Detention: Mr. Porter stated the facility count stands at 57 with 44 male detainees and 13 female detainees. One detainee is from out of the county. For the month of August there were 56 bookings and 67 releases. There were 2 transports to Department of Corrections, including 2 females transported and 4 males transported. Mr. Porter also stated they had a walk-through with Apic Solutions for the security camera system upgrades. They discussed camera placement options, etc. Mr. Porter stated the facility continues with enhanced Covid protocols for cleaning and testing for both detainees and staff. Mr. Porter expressed concern over detainees risking exposure and spreading the virus within the facility, to the detention staff, and to the transport and court officials as a result of the mandate requiring in-person appearances at court hearings. Mr. Porter is meeting with Justices of the Supreme Court regarding concerns he and other detention administrators have raised. Mr. Porter gave an update on the MAT Program. A coordinator has been hired and is in place. Processes and procedures are being developed. They are working with medical providers including local pharmacies, training first responders and staff.

Indigent Healthcare: Ms. Hamilton asked the commission to go into Indigent Healthcare Meeting. At 9:16 a.m. Commissioner Lee made a motion to go into Indigent Healthcare Meeting, with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes. Ms. Hamilton reported there were 23 claims presented to Ms. Acosta-Flores, totaling \$7,984.05, from four medical providers. All 23 claims were considered timely. Ms. Hamilton also stated Ms. Acosta-Flores recommended all 23 be approved. At 9:17 a.m. Commissioner Lee made a motion to come out of Indigent Meeting, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve all 23 claims as presented, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

Road: Mr. Lovato stated the road department has been working on blading roads. Road maintenance is a bit more time consuming following the rain, due to rutting, but they are grateful for the moisture. They will continue along a path without skipping around, unless there is a safety issue that needs to be addressed immediately. He also stated they have started Sundale Valley Road and are installing drainage culverts. That road will re-open as soon as they are done. They are busy patching and shredding. He said they have a two-man crew gathering trash and illegally dumped items ahead of the shredder. Ms. Hamilton stated that even with a seasoned operator on the shredder and a clean-up crew out in front, it is difficult not to hit some trash with the shredder, particularly with the really tall weeds. Mr. Lovato addressed Ms. Patterson's concern about the school bus, stating that the bus does not have adequate room to safely turn around at that address, or on that road. The compromise offered by the bus barn is to pick up and drop off at the intersection of South Roosevelt Road 10 and South Roosevelt Road S. Commissioner Savage stated he had received a call and asked Mr. Lovato to look at County Roads G and F south of North Roosevelt Road 3.

Manager: Ms. Hamilton stated she had received acknowledgement that the final budget for FY-22 had been reviewed and approved by the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance Administration. Ms. Hamilton stated that several departments are currently working with Tyler Technologies to convert from our server to their servers in a hosted environment. The process is scheduled to take a few days. Ms. Hamilton stated that she had received notice from Mental Health Resources that they intend to vacate the Bonem Home at the end of November. The county has received \$90,000.00 in capital outlay funding to repair and rehabilitate that building. That work will be done once Mental Health Resources has moved out. At that point the commission may consider a new use for the building. Ms. Hamilton stated there will be workshops scheduled for later in September or in October to determine a plan for the use of ARPA funding that has been approved. There are some restrictions on how ARPA funds can be utilized.

Commission: Commissioner Dixon stated she had also received a call about the school bus on South Roosevelt Road 10 and asked Mr. Lovato to follow-up on the school bus issue brought up by Ms. Patterson.

5. Old Business:

A. Consideration of Modifications to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Portales and

Roosevelt County for the placement of secured lock boxes: Ms. Park explained the MOU between the City and County is for placement of a secured ballot drop box at the Memorial Building and was approved by the County last month. Ms. Park stated the City Council asked that a clarifying statement be added to address issues of interruptions to internet or electrical services. That statement was added as a responsibility of the County to initiate action when necessary. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the MOU as modified, with a second from Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

B. Discussion of illegal dumping issues and remedies: Commissioner Dixon brought the issue back to the commission, stating the problem is getting out of control again. Commissioner Dixon stated the City's convenience center is operating on a reduced schedule until further notice. Jason Evans provided pictures of some illegal dumping near his residence. He suggested a free dumping day. Commissioner Lee explained that the county does not operate the convenience center. Commissioner Dixon asked that Mr. Knudson look into what penalties might be put in place and that this issue be placed on a future agenda as an action item. No action taken.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration of Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Project Right of Entry Request:

Ms. Hamilton stated, due to state regulations, it is necessary to have the water from the pipeline received by the City at the tanks located on North Boston, in order to be tested and/or treated before being introduced into the City water system. The Water Authority is requesting right of entry from property owners along the route to the storage tanks on North Boston. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the right of entry request as presented with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

7. Resolution – Ordinances – Proclamations:

A. Consideration of Resolution 2021-41 Adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP): Ms

Hamilton read a list of the projects prioritized on the ICIP. She stated she and Mr. Lovato would continue to update the 5-year road plan. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-41, with a second from Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

8. Procurements – Contracts – Agreements:

A. Request for Approval of Contract Renewal with HollyFrontier Refining & Marketing Inc. for Emulsion

Materials: Ms. Rivera requested approval of the contract renewal. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the contract renewal with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of Contract Renewal of Diesel Fuel with Red Rock: Ms. Rivera asked for approval of the contract renewal. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the contract renewal as presented, with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

C. Request for Approval of Agreement with Department of Finance and Administration Fund 89200 Capital Appropriation Project Award 21-F2843 for \$195,000.00 to Purchase Heavy Equipment for the Roosevelt

County Road Department: Ms. Rivera asked that the agreement be approved. Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the agreement as presented, with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

9. Executive Session:

At 10:01 a.m. Commissioner Dixon asked for an Executive Session.

At 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Grider made a motion to go into executive session, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

At 10:44 Commissioner Grider made a motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes. Commissioner Dixon stated that only the items listed on the agenda under section 9 Executive Session were discussed in the executive session. No action can be taken in the executive session, but action was requested as a result of the executive session.

A. Consideration of Commission Action Regarding New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Lawsuit:

Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept mediation with the City of Albuquerque and Roosevelt County, Et. Al. vs. New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, with a second from Commissioner Dixon.

Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes.

10. Media Communication: There was no media present at the meeting.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk



BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tina Dixon
Commission Chair

