

Tuesday, July 12, 2022
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Rodney Savage, Commissioner Lewis Shane Lee, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, Assistant County Manager Liliana Rivera, County Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, GIS Coordinator Johnny Montiel, Assessor George Beggs, Chief Deputy Assessor Stevin Floyd, Human Resources Administrator Shawn Andrus, Special Projects Coordinator Carol Acosta-Flores, Desk Sgt. Shana Hernandez, Sheriff Malin Parker, Deputy Boan, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, IT Director Chase Gossett, EPCOG Governmental Specialist Raymond Mondragon, RCCDC Executive Director Jodi Diaz, Melrose Bombing Range Manager Steve Coffin.

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

Invocation – Amber Hamilton

Pledge - Commissioner Lee

1. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes. Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from both the June 13, 2022 - regular meeting and the June 28, 2022 special meeting was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
3. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll from June 1 – 30, 2022:** Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of June with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
4. **Public Requests:** Mr. Montiel read a letter he received from Kevin and Sherri Trudo in response to the subdivision of lots in Country Club Estates. The letter stated the Trudo's opposition to the replat of lot 4 of Country Club Estates, stating the trailer house that is currently there has multiple residents with no utilities and no waste disposal. There is also an RV used as a permanent residence with no way to dispose of waste water. The property smells, there is trash and noise. The Trudo's feel that further subdividing will allow for more poorly maintained mobile homes and will result in lowered property values for neighboring property owners.
5. **Informational Items – Steve Coffin Melrose Bombing Range:** Mr. Coffin, the Range Manager at the Melrose Range read a prepared statement regarding ingress and egress from the range, the heavy traffic those roads see, particularly Roosevelt Road AV, and the DAR program. Mr. Coffin stated RRAV is used as the main entrance into the range and has seen a huge increase in heavy traffic. It has no lighting and is hazardous. He stated the road is in the DAR program which is a program for the spending approval process, not a funding program. He stated the road has been approved for upgrades and maintenance and the Core of Engineers has been contracted for the design of the project. He expects work to begin in March of 2023 and completion in October of 2023, but asked for continued maintenance from the County until that time. Mr. Coffin stated they are also using Mesa Road and Krider Road to reduce traffic on RRAV. Commissioner Lopez asked if CAFB or Curry County could help with the cost of maintaining RRAV. He asked if any of the GRT related to projects at the Range come to Roosevelt County. All GRT related to CAFB and Melrose Bombing Range go to Curry County since the base is located in Curry County. Commissioner Dixon expressed the need to fix RRAV before they begin to use Sundale Valley Road as an alternative route. Commissioner Lee asked if it were possible to use DOD contractors to maintain RRAV. Mr. Coffin explained that DOD funds, personnel and contractor cannot be used outside the perimeter of the base or the range. Commissioner Lopez suggested a face to face with the wing commander, a townhall or forum to expedite the DAR process for RRAV.

6. Elected Officials / Department Heads Reports:

Detention: Ms. Ramsey stated the facility count is 62 with 20 female detainees and 42 male detainees. One detainee is from out of county. There were 56 booking in the month of June and 58 releases. There were three detainees transported by RCDC staff. There were no detainees in restrictive housing. Guadalupe County was billed \$4,125 for the month of June for detainee housing. Quay County was billed \$1,275 for detainee housing in June. Ms. Ramsey stated there are currently 16 detainees in the MAT Program in group counseling and 13 receiving individual counseling, 3 receiving medication and 7 pending referrals for the program. RCDC has started a GED Program with one Lieutenant still working towards certification to conduct testing. Ms. Ramsey stated there are 3 detention officers in the training academy and 1 graduated last week. Ms. Ramsey said they have reduced mask mandates to only being required in booking and quarantine areas. She also stated they are continuing the enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices and have had no positive cases in the last 3 months. They are still offering vaccination clinics on a monthly basis.

Indigent Meeting: Commissioner Lopez made a motion at 9:41 am to go into indigent meeting, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Ms. Acosta-Flores presented 11 indigent health care claims totaling \$6,875.24. Ms. Acosta-Flores recommended approval of 3 of those claims, totaling \$2,480.24. The remaining claims were not recommended for approval as they were past timely filing, or were for a patient that was receiving Medicaid, or were taken to RGH by Portales Police Department. Ms. Acosta Flores gave an annual report of the totals for fiscal year 2022. Stating \$56,693.99 had been paid out to various hospitals, ambulance,

and other service providers. At 9:44 am Commissioner Lopez made a motion to come out of indigent meeting, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the indigent claims as presented, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Roads: Mr. Lovato stated they have filled one of the open positions, and the new person will start August 1, 2022. While they are still 3 operators short, he thanked Mr. Andrus for his help in getting one position filled. He stated the LGRF 2022 CAPS and COOP projects are close to completion. He said he has crews doing regular maintenance, trimming, trees, cleaning cattle guards, etc. They have started Capital Outlay projects identified in the 5-year road plan with South Roosevelt Road O from South Roosevelt Road 3 to NM88 transitioning from caliche to chip-seal. That project is expected to cost about \$300,000.00. Mr. Lovato invited everyone to the open house and ribbon cutting for the Road Barn later today. Commissioner Dixon asked Mr. Lovato when they would get to Mr. Anthony's Road? Mr. Lovato responded they are currently on Road 30, then will work on Road AM, he expected it to be about 3 weeks. They are also trimming trees on Road 19 so that project can begin. He stated trimming trees has to be done before they can get equipment in to some places, and that work can be dangerous. They have to clear under the trees before they can get to the trees. If you are operating a chainsaw, you don't hear a snake.

Manager: Ms. Hamilton stated the external repairs to the Bonem Home have been completed. She stated Ms. Flores is working on those cost reimbursements. She stated the fairgrounds clean-up day is scheduled for August 17, 2022. She said the ADA compliance work at the fairgrounds is continuing with some of the sidewalks complete. The final budget is scheduled for review at the next meeting. Ms. Hamilton praised Ms. Rivera for her work on court compliance while that position is vacant. She stated Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Reed are also filling in where necessary. Interviews to fill that position are scheduled for next week. Ms. Rivera is drafting an RFP for legal services that will be released this week or next. A recommendation will come to the Commission 30-45 days following the RFP release. She asked for volunteers to review the proposals once responses to the RFP are received. Ms. Hamilton stated she had received a letter and acceptance of the preliminary budget from DFA with a few questions that needed to be answered with the approval of the final budget later this month. Commissioner Savage attended an event hosted in the Events Arena and stated he could hear clearly at one end of the building, but could not hear at the other end of the building where the event was taking place. He asked that the speakers be adjusted for better sound throughout the building. Ms. Hamilton stated the fair board has members who help with sound equipment and will ask them to address it prior to the fair.

Commissioners: Commissioner Lopez thanked Ms. Hamilton and her staff for getting the binders ready for the joint meeting with City Council last night. He also thanked Commissioner Savage for all of his work and research necessary for negotiations with the City. Commissioner Savage said he gave his opinion and felt it was a good meeting. He asked what the timeline was for composing a reply. Ms. Hamilton stated it is agenda item 9b, and it will be discussed at that time. Commissioner Dixon noted a 10% increase in New Mexico Counties dues that needed to be worked into the budget. She stated she would like to see Roosevelt County represented at NACO. She stated there is a NACO meeting July 21-25, which she plans to attend. Ms. Dixon stated as part of their legislative priorities the fire affiliate is working on training and retention of volunteer fire and EMS personnel. Certification to the state level vs. to the national level might help with retention. In other legislative priorities, Commissioner Dixon discussed a letter to the PED to work on school safety, and stated Senate Bill 98 will address cyber security. She stated she had been out to the fairgrounds and the sidewalks, youth building and others look good. She stated with the parking lot improvements it is obvious that Lime Street needs improvements. Commissioner Lopez agreed and asked that we work with the city to push for those necessary improvements. Ms. Hamilton stated she also serves on the NACO Agriculture committee. She stated the cost of the conference for Ms. Dixon to attend the NACO meeting in Colorado could be worked into the budget.

7. Procurements – Contracts – Agreements:

A. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement #23-924-00095 with the State of New Mexico Public Education Department for \$131,900.00: Mr. Andrus explained the funding from the Public Education Department covers the cost of the summer internship program. The program runs through the 22nd of July. Mr. Andrus stated one intern has been offered continued employment with the employer that hosted her internship. She has accepted the position and will start her job at the end of the internship. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the Agreement with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

8. Resolution – Ordinances – Proclamations:

A. Consideration of Resolution 2022-28 Continued Incentives for Various County Offices that Require Special Training or Certification: Mr. Andrus requested approval of Resolution 2022-28 stating the resolution broadens the scope of the prior incentives resolution to include any additional NM EDGE Certifications offered by EDGE. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2022-29 Increasing the Salaries of Elected Officials in Roosevelt County, New Mexico: Ms. Sanchez stated salaries of elected officials had not been raised since 2018. She stated the requested 10% increase is less than the combined total of COLA increases to classified staff over the same time period. Ms. Sanchez noted that by statute, no elected official's salary can be adjusted during their term. The requested increase would not be implemented until the current term of each official ends and a new term begins. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-No, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-No, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Consideration of Resolution 2022-30 Approving Participation in the Programs of the Eastern Plains Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: Mr. Mondragon was in attendance on behalf of EPCOG. He stated Ms. Chancey is presenting at another meeting this morning. Mr. Mondragon said the state had just announced \$45 million in federal funds available for outdoor recreation. He was aware of one other member agency who would be seeking a grant for improvements to a rodeo arena. He stated EPCOG would be available to assist with any grant applications for those funds. Commissioner Lopez requested the resolution be approved noting the funds had been budgeted from EPCOG participation during the preliminary budget meetings. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

9. New Business:

A. Request for Approval of a Summary Replat of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the Crosby Addition Subdivision: Ms. Montiel stated Billie Neece had completed all of the necessary steps for the summary replat. There were no adverse opinions from utilities or neighboring land owners. The replat had been approved by the city, and the subdivision is within the city limits. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the summary replat as presented, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of a Type 3-B Summary Subdivision a Replat of Lot 4 of the Country Club Estates Subdivision: Mr. Montiel stated Maria Castillo had applied for and completed all of the necessary requirements of the summary subdivision. He stated there were no adverse opinions from utilities. There was one adverse opinion from a neighboring land owner which he read during public comment. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the summary subdivision replat, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-No, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

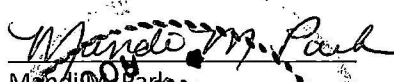
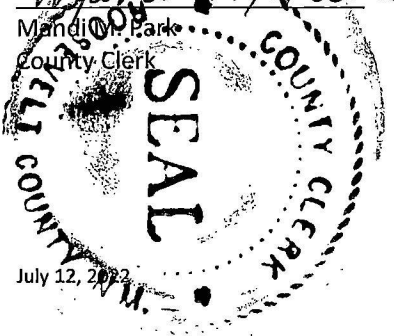
C. Request for Approval to Provide Notice of Intent of Cancellation or Amendment of the 2002 Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Portales for Jail Services to Allow for Renegotiation of Fees for Services: Ms. Hamilton stated the twenty-year-old agreement is outdated and needs to be renegotiated in conjunction with other agreements. Commissioner Lopez expressed concern that the timing seemed like retaliation. Ms. Hamilton added a new JPA or Intergovernmental Agreement would need to strengthen legal language. The cancellation of the prior JPA will set a time-table for negotiations, and each of the agreements with the city need to be negotiated simultaneously. She stated this old JPA is a starting point in the negotiations and it is necessary to work from actual numbers not budgeted numbers. She asked Sheriff Parker to attend to speak about the need for a regional dispatch center. He shared the state is pushing towards regional dispatch centers for the entire state. The east-central region would potentially include Lea, Chavez, Roosevelt and maybe Curry counties. He stated a regional dispatch center would be controlled by a governing body, including a manager, each law enforcement agency, and Fire & EMS providers. Sheriff Parker referred to a regional dispatch center as option 1, which he believed the city to also be in favor of. He discussed option 2 as possibly providing 8-5 M-F dispatch services for the Sheriff's Office in-house to lessen the burden on the city system and lessen the expense to the county for the services provided by the city. Ms. Hernandez stated that was a workable solution, stating the equipment is available and on stand-by at the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Hernandez spoke about the cost of training and staff. The additional staff has already been added back to the organizational chart for the Sheriff's Office. The salary and benefits would cost approximately \$60-70K. Commissioner Dixon stated regardless of where you live, we all need the same services. One call to dispatch may result in multiple services. Example an auto accident may require police, ambulance, fire, a tow truck, and multiple officers for traffic control. She agreed the county should have a seat at the table where public safety decisions are made. She also stated the solution needs to be immediate. Commissioner Lopez agreed, stating we need to do something today to meet the deadline of the end of the month. Commissioner Lee suggested making a counter-offer of \$175K to cover the cost of dispatch services. After much discussion, Commissioner Savage and Ms. Hamilton will take an offer back to the city which will include an amount to cover the cost of dispatch services with the understanding of seats on a governing board to move towards a regional dispatch center. Commissioner Lee made a motion to provide notice of intent to cancel the 2002 JPA, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Lee-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Designation of Commission Representatives to attend the Eastern Plains Council of Governments Meetings: Commissioner Lee nominated Commissioner Dixon to serve at the representative to EPCOG and attend their meetings. Commissioner Dixon nominated Commissioner Lopez to serve as the alternate. Both agreed to serve and were designated by acclamation.

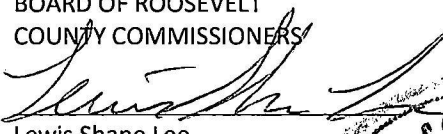
10. Media Communication: Members of the media watching the webcast will direct any questions to Ms. Hamilton.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

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BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Lewis Shane Lee
Commission Chair

