

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Rodney Savage, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Roy Lee Criswell, Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, County Attorney Mike Garcia (via zoom), Clerk Mandi Park, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Chief Deputy Bryan Holmes, Assessor Stevin Floyd, community members Chase Gossett, Lloyd McCargish and staff writer Landry Sena from Eastern New Mexico News.

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

Invocation – Amber Hamilton

Pledge - Commissioner Grider

1. Approval of Agenda: A motion to amend the agenda to correct the name of listed in item 7b from Lopez to Juarez, was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

2. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Dixon with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

3. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll: A motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll for February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023 was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

4. Public Requests: Chase Gossett spoke about the recent train derailment in Ohio and the legislation that would allow transport of nuclear waste by rail through Roosevelt County. He asked if the railroad through Roosevelt County is safe to transport nuclear waste? He urged the commission to consider the safety of the rail running through this community.

5. Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:

Clerk: Ms. Park stated the Board of Registration will meet prior to the next commission meeting for the purpose of purging inactive voters from the voter rolls. She reminded the commission the board of registration was appointed by the commission to serve a 2-year term and is made up of Sharon Davis, Tate Turnbough, and Emily Laun. She stated she would report back to the commission at the March 21, 2023 meeting. Ms. Park stated she traveled to Santa Fe to attend hearings on 3 bills heard on Monday, each of those bills received a Do Pass recommendation. Those bills were HB 4, SB 180 and HB 232. Commissioner Dixon asked how many clerks were in attendance to speak on the bills that were heard on Monday? Ms. Park stated there were 7 other county clerks and 2 municipal clerks present.

Detention: Ms. Ramsey stated there are currently 46 detainees in custody. There are 39 males and 7 females, with 1 detainee being from out of the county. There were 52 bookings and 52 releases in the month of February. A total of 11 detainees were transported in February. Quay County was billed \$4,200 and Chaves County was billed \$900 for February. Roosevelt County has paid out \$242,651.00 for housing juvenile detainees in the current fiscal year through the end of February 2023. Ms. Ramsey reported there are currently 11 participants in the MAT program with 6 of those receiving medication and 4 to be interviewed to be admitted into the MAT program. She stated there are 4 detainees in the GED program and two officers in the academy.

Roads: Mr. Lovato stated his crews are doing regular maintenance. Following the 90 mph wind on Sunday, they are moving sand and tumbleweeds from roadways as well as cleaning cattle guards. Route maintenance will be slower over the next few weeks due to the wind. Mr. Lovato also stated crews are working on a capital outlay project on South Roosevelt Road 20 and have TPF projects ready to being as soon as the weather is consistently warm enough. More than 60 miles of chip seal roads will be completed with PTF funding. Mr. Lovato reported blade operators have already been dispatched to assist with fighting fire this spring.

Manager: Ms. Hamilton provided a list of upcoming meetings and requested the attendance of commissioners and department heads. Chamber legislative luncheon will be held at 311 Entertainment on 3/23 at noon. Ethics training will be held on 3/21 and 3/22 at the Jake Lopez Community Center, there are 3 sessions available and attendance is mandatory for all county staff. The strategic planning retreat is scheduled for 3/30 and 3/31 at the Golden Student Success Center on the university campus. An agenda will be provided later this month and attendance and participation is requested of all leadership. NMC Legislative District meetings are scheduled for early April, the closest being held in Chaves County is scheduled for 4/13. Preliminary budget meetings are currently underway with department heads and budget workshops will be scheduled for early April as soon as the rates for benefits are received from the state and the personnel budget can be completed. Ms. Hamilton stated she had received a letter for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management requesting participation from the county in preparing a Resource Management Plan. Ms. Hamilton requested a volunteer for this. Ms. Hamilton talked a bit about the pending legislation, particularly a bill regarding the MAT Program at the detention center. We are currently tracking almost 150 bills. There are over 180 place holder bills that could move very quickly, so we are staying alert.

Commissioners: Commissioners asked additional questions about scheduled meetings. Commissioner Lopez gave notice that he may have a scheduling conflict with the strategic planning retreat. He also stated he has continued to receive calls on SRR6. He stated a concern with minimal hours for service at the Portales Income

Support office. He stated we would need to address the issue with state level ISD personnel for more staff hours in the Portales office.

6. Old Business:

A. Discussion Regarding the Listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken and Possible Revision of Resolution 2014-25: Commissioner Dixon stated she attended a meeting with representatives from Lea, Curry, and Chaves Counties and Congressional Representative Yvette Herrell. She stated they were given a draft resolution to use as a template so that neighboring counties would all be on the same page. The draft was reviewed and edited by the county attorney to insert Roosevelt County specific verbiage. Commissioner Lopez made a motion for a resolution to be placed on the next meeting agenda, with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

7. New Business:

A. Request for Approval of Letters of Intent to the New Mexico Department of Transportation Regarding the FY-24 Local Government Road Fund Project Application: Mr. Lovato stated approval of the letter of intent allows the county to move forward with the LGRF project application to receive CAPS, COOP and School Bus funding. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the letters of intent, with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of Update of Signatory Officials for Roosevelt County Detention Center Bank Account with JP Stone Community Bank, for the removal of Beatrice Juarez as an Authorized Signatory Official: Ms. Hamilton stated Treasurer Sanchez requested the removal of Ms. Juarez as she has left employment with the Detention Center. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to remove Ms. Juarez from the bank account with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Requests for Approval of Disposal by Public Auction of one 2009 Chevy Malibu, one 2011 F350 van, from the Detention Center: Ms. Hamilton stated both vehicles are more than 12 years old and have excessive miles. The van was used by the Sheriff's Office, then given to the Detention Center while they waited on delivery of their new van. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the disposal of the vehicles with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Request for Approval of Appointment of County Valuation Protest Board: Ms. Hamilton stated Assessor Floyd requested this item be placed on the agenda and recommended 4 individuals for service on the protest board based on criteria set by statute. Those nominees are Jack Merrick, James Robert Hamilton, and Eldon Merrick as an alternate. The 4th individual has not yet been confirmed to serve as an alternate. Ms. Hamilton will bring that name to the commission at a future meeting for approval.

E. Discussion of Gila Wilderness Livestock Removal: Commissioner Dixon discussed the recent aerial gunning of cattle in the Gila. She stated there were 3 days of flights and 19 animals were killed. She stated there would not likely be any additional flights in the next 3 months, as not to disrupt the breeding season of the spotted owl. Commissioner Dixon stated the NMAZ Coalition has requested all governing bodies that are members of the coalition sign a letter to the governor requesting no further aerial gunning of cattle. She read the letter aloud. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to sign the letter with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

8. Resolution – Ordinances – Proclamations:

A. Consideration of Resolution 2023-11 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage: Mr. Lovato provided the annual milage report including maps prepared by Mr. Montiel. He stated the resolution must be submitted each year to be compliant. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-12 Sponsorship of two Transportation Project Fund and Project March Commitments for Funding Application of Approximately Sixty-Six Miles of Various Roosevelt County Rural Roadways: Mr. Lovato stated this resolution is required for the application of the TPF funding to verify Roosevelt County's commitment of the \$175,000 in matching funds required by the state. Commissioner Lopez pointed out the bang for the buck using TPF grants. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-03 Roosevelt County Personnel Ordinance: Ms. Hamilton stated the personnel ordinance is a living document and needs occasional updates. She stated the county attorney has reviewed the ordinance and recommended updates. Department heads have also been asked to review the ordinance. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the ordinance with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

9. Procurements – Contracts – Agreements:

A. Discussion and Consideration of Revised Draft Agreements between Roosevelt County and City of Portales Regarding Portales Communications Agreement: Ms. Hamilton stated there are no drafts of the agreement available from the attorney yet. There was some discussion, but no action was taken.

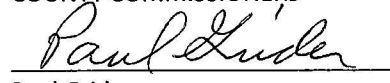
10. Media Communication: Ms. Sena with the Eastern New Mexico News was present but did not have questions. She thanked the commission for a quick and concise meeting.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Paul Grider
Commission Chair

