

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday June 20, 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 Dennis Lopez, County Manager Amber Hamilton, County Attorney Michael Garcia, Assistant County Manager Liliana Rivera, Clerk Mandi Park, Special Programs Coordinator Carol Acosta-Flores, Road Superintendent Ricky Lovato, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, GIS Coordinator Johnny Montiel, DWI Program Coordinator Darla Reed, Intern Samantha Treviso, MAT Program Coordinator Chris Paulus, Roosevelt General Hospital CEO Kaye Green, Jeanette Orrantia, Andrea King, Paul Benoit, Income Support Division Director Karmela Martinez, Eastern New Mexico News Staff Writer Landry Sena, and community members Angie Smith, Bobby Hamilton, Pilar Moreno.

Commissioner Criswell was absent.

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

Invocation – Amber Hamilton

Pledge - Commissioner Grider

1. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Lopez with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
3. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll for May 1-31, 2023:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll for the month of May as presented, with a second from Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
4. **Public Requests:** There were no public requests.
5. **Informational Presentation:** Ms. Martinez gave a presentation on the services available through the income support division of the Health and Human Services Department. She gave an overview of SNAP, TANF, Medicaid and LIHEAP, and other programs. She stated the Portales office is now co-located with CYFD and has a single caseworker in Portales 3 times a week. She stated all New Mexicans are required to re-certify this year, though they have not been required to do so during the pandemic. She stated many will no longer be eligible, but they will attempt to connect those families with other resources. Commissioner Lopez stated his concerns about the lack of hours of operation in the Portales office and the lack of privacy in that office. Pilar Moreno also stated she has helped senior clients obtain services and was also concerned with the lack of privacy, the limited office hours as many seniors do not have transportation to get to the Clovis office. She stated many seniors also lack the skills or access to the internet to submit documentation online. Both Ms. Moreno and Commissioner Lopez would like to see more hours and more personal service available in the Portales office. Commissioner Dixon stated the YesNM website was not user friendly. She had assisted a constituent in obtaining services, but for months their case was listed as "pending" on the website, even after Medicaid services had been approved and provided.

Kaye Green gave an update on Roosevelt General Hospital. Ms. Green introduced Paul Benoit, Andrea King and Jeanette Orrantia. Ms. Green stated the hospital is facing financial constraints partly due to rising costs across the board due to the pandemic and increasing labor costs. She stated healthcare is a very labor-intensive industry. She also stated insurance costs such as malpractice coverage is beyond their control. She stated they are evaluating charges and identifying vendors and options for services, as well as reducing staff hours to reduce costs. Ms. Green stated representatives from nine rural hospitals including RGH met with the Governor to discuss the issues, noting these same hardships are affecting all rural hospitals. Ms. Green stated they are expecting to receive the employee retention tax credit which will provide an influx of cash. Mr. Benoit stated RGH is a quality facility and he and other members of the board have faith in the leadership to get the hospital through this financial crisis. Ms. Orrantia thanked community members, vendors and the commission for the support they have provided.

6. Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:

Detention: Ms. Hamilton reported the facility count at 60, with 40 male detainees and 20 female detainees, with 11 out-of-county detainees. She stated the May billing included: \$3,080 billed to the Portales Police Department, \$4,575 billed to Quay County, \$1,725 billed to Chaves County. Ms. Hamilton stated \$252,514.00 has been paid out in juvenile housing costs through the end of May. She reported there are 15 participants in the MAT program with 4 participants receiving medication. There are 4 in the GED Program. Ms. Hamilton commended RCDC staff for achieving re-accreditation.

MAT Program: Ms. Hamilton shared the video that was presented at the county conference. Ms. Paulus reported some statistics from the MAT Program. She stated there have been 49 male participants and 18 female participants in the program over the life of the program. 62% of males and 73% of females have not re-offended. 33 participants have received medication as part of the program. She stated in addition to MAT, there are additional community-based programs that are available, such as AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, and Smart Recovery which is not religious based. Commissioner Savage thanked Mr. Paulus and asked that she share the video with the schools. He also thanked Mr. Lucero and Mr. Gonzales for their willingness to share their experiences.

Healthcare: Ms. Acosta-Flores asked to go into indigent meeting. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to go into Indigent Healthcare Board, at 10:22 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Ms. Acosta-Flores presented 33 claims for indigent healthcare. She requested all 23 claims totaling \$8,431.10 be approved and 10 claims totaling \$14,155.75 be denied, stating some had Medicaid, some were taken in for care by the Portales Police Department, some were past timely filing, and one had no application. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to come out of Indigent Healthcare Board, at 10:25 a.m. with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Commissioner Lopez made a motion approve the Indigent Healthcare claims as presented, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Roads: Mr. Lovato reported being blessed with rain, but with that comes wash-outs, pot-holes, and clogged culverts. He stated they have been moving blades around to repair those problem areas. That should take a week to 10 days then blades will be back on their regular routes. They are also shredding and cleaning cattle guards. On the LGRF projects, they are hauling caliche to Highlands, that project should be complete by July. The road department is also still working with the city on SRR 6. That project will begin in July.

Manager: Ms. Hamilton stated the behavioral health symposium was well attended with over 100 participants. She stated CUE's are available for workshops later this month with more than 50 already registered. She stated the summer conference was a success. She gave an update on the progress of the healthcare clinic, stating the stucco is started and there was no additional significant storm damage. Ms. Hamilton stated she is continuing to meet on the behavioral health facility and each governing body will receive an update in the fall. ICIP public input is in the works. Meetings are scheduled for July. Ms. Hamilton requested a special meeting be scheduled for Friday June 23, 2023 for the purpose of an executive session to address detainee housing costs. Commissioners Dixon, Savage and Grider confirmed availability for a Friday afternoon meeting. Ms. Hamilton noted acknowledgement of the FY24 interim budget approval had been received and approved by the state.

Commissioners: Commissioners Dixon and Criswell met with city negotiators and reported a positive and encouraging meeting. Commissioner Lopez asked if there were any detainee work details that could assist with tree trimming. Ms. Hamilton stated detainees are on work details, however there are liability issues with having them trim trees. She stated they could coordinate with detention and road to have them help with the tree debris removal. Commissioner Dixon reported congress has passed a bill to de-list the lesser prairie chicken but it has not been signed by the president yet. Veto is possible. Commissioner Savage stated SRR 8 from the 3rd curve to SRR G has become hazardous. He stated dodging potholes at 55 MPH is difficult. Ms. Hamilton said there is a process for reducing the speed limit on a county road and would have Mr. Lovato look in to it. They may be able to do some patching until the funding for the project is available. She noted SRR 8 is on the 5-year plan. Commissioner Lopez stated he is pleased that the SRR 6 project with the city is moving forward. He asked if we could partner with the city to get Lime Street in front of the fairgrounds done as well. Ms. Hamilton stated Lime Street is a priority, but we do not have the capacity for an additional project at this time.

7. New Business:

A. Request for approval for a Type 3-A Summary Subdivision Named Hideaway Estates Subdivision a tract of Land in the NE/4 of Section: 30 T: 1S R: 35E of Roosevelt County: Mr. Montiel stated the subdivision requested by Tina Dzuik and Robert Maldonado met all of the requirements of the subdivision ordinance, had no adverse opinions from utilities or neighboring land owners and has been approved by the City of Portales. Mr. Montiel was asked why this particular subdivision needed city approval. Mr. Montiel stated anything within a five-mile radius of the city limits falls within the city planning jurisdiction. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for approval of a Type 3-B Summary Subdivision Replat of Lot 49 of the Chalk Hill Stock Farm Unit Number 3 Subdivision in Section: 32 T: 1S R:34E of Roosevelt County: Mr. Montiel stated James Hanson requested lot 49 be divided into 2 lots. There were no adverse opinions, all requirements have been met, and the request has been approved by the city council. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the replat as requested with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Presentation and Request for Approval of FY23 Capital Asset Inventory Listing: Ms. Rivera stated the capital asset inventory list had been sent out to all department heads and elected officials. Each office and department responded with all assets inventoried and accounted for. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the capital asset inventory listing as presented with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Discussion and Consideration to Initiate Speed Limit Reduction on South Roosevelt Road 8 from New Mexico 88 East: Commissioner Savage asked that the speed limit be reduced on SRR 8. Mr. Lovato stated there are lots of steps in the process. He said the last time this was done was in 2019 and stated he would begin the process with a resolution at a future meeting.

E. Designation of Two Commissioners to Participate in the FY23 Annual Financial Audit Meetings: Ms. Rivera asked for two commissioners to assist in the FY23 Financial Audit. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to designate Commissioners Criswell and Savage to serve with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

Commissioner Grider called for a short recess at 11:02 a.m., the meeting was re-convened at 11:09 a.m.

8. Resolutions – Ordinances – Proclamations:

A. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-23 Road LGRF:** Mr. Lovato stated items A, B & C are all necessary to receive the funding awarded for the LGRF projects. He then reviewed each project separately. 2023-23 is for a total of \$339,031.00 with \$254,273.00 coming from the state and the remaining 25% or \$84,758.00 coming from the county. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all 3 agenda items as presented, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-24 Road LGRF:** Mr. Lovato stated items A, B & C are all necessary to receive the funding awarded for the LGRF projects. Mr. Lovato stated this project is in the amount of \$207,819.00 with 155,864.00 coming from the state and \$51,955.00 coming from the County. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all 3 agenda items as presented, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-25 Road LGRF:** Mr. Lovato stated items A, B & C are all necessary to receive the funding awarded for the LGRF projects. Resolution 2023-25 is in the amount of \$167,619.00 with \$125,714 from the state and \$41,951.00 from the county. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve all 3 agenda items as presented, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-26 Designating the Location of Election Day Polling Places for all Statewide Elections Conducted in 2024 and 2025; and Appointing the Board of Registration Members for the County:** Clerk Park stated the resolution is required by statute and the polling locations have not changed from previous years. Ms. Park stated the change in statute in the last legislative session now requires a 5-member board of registration. She also stated the three current members are willing to continue to serve. She stated the five members for consideration are Sharon Davis, Tate Turnbough, Emily Laun, Kay Jilek, and Nancy Dunson. All five meet the requirements for serving on the board of registration and are willing to fulfill the two-year term if appointed. Commissioner Grider made a motion to appoint the five-member board as recommended by Clerk Park, with a second by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

E. **Consideration of Resolution 2023-27 Notice of Intent to Sue Regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing Decision:** Commissioner Dixon discussed the recent vote in congress for the lesser prairie chicken to remain on the endangered species list. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to join the suit, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

9. Contracts – Agreements – Procurements:

A. **Request for Approval of Award of RFP-2023-07 Roosevelt County Detention Center Comprehensive Detainee Medical, Mental and Ancillary Healthcare Services to Road Runner Health Services, LLC for \$786,335.00:** Ms. Hamilton stated the RFP had been open since the spring. The county had negotiated with RGH. Ultimately Road Runner Health Services LLC was chosen and negotiations were revised. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the RFP, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. **Request for Approval of Contract Renewal with A-1 Crushing, LLC for Crushed Caliche Materials for the Roosevelt County Road Department:** Ms. Rivera stated this is a 5% increase and is the second year of the contract. After some discussion about cost and additional cost of hauling, Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the contract renewal, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. **Request for Approval of Contract Expansion for DWI Prevention Program with Laurie Collins for \$20,000.00 in FY24:** Ms. Reed stated Ms. Collins had joined the program part-time last year as a case manager to assist with DWI Prevention and Teen Court and would be an asset to the prevention program. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the contract expansion, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. **Request for Approval for the DWI Grant Award Agreement No. 24-D-G-23 with the Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division for \$115,000.00:** Ms. Rivera provided a corrected agreement. She stated the award amount was the largest ever. Ms. Reed stated the funds will go a long way in advertising and prevention work. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the grant agreement, with a second by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

E. **Request for Approval of Local Government Road Fund School Bus Route Agreement Control No. L200616:** Mr. Lovato stated approval of the agreement is required to receive the grant funding for School Bus Routes, very similar to the resolutions approved above for LGRF projects. Mr. Lovato requested each agreement be considered separately. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the agreement as requested, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

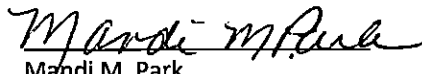
F. **Request for Approval of Local Government Road Fund County Arterial Program Agreement Control No. L200611 for \$254,273.00:** Mr. Lovato stated the CAPS agreement is a required part of the grant award. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the agreement as requested, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

G. **Request for Approval of Local Government Road Fund County Cooperative Agreement Control No. L200593 for \$155,864.00:** Mr. Lovato stated the agreement is a required part of the COOP grant funds being


awarded. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the agreement as requested, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

10. Adjourn: There was no media present and the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Paul Grider
Commission Chair

