

Tuesday October 1, 2024
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday October 1, 2024 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 by phone, County Attorney Michael Garcia, County Manager Annette Kirk, Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, Human Resources Coordinator Gemma Martin, presenters Hon. Donna Mowrer, Kevin Spears, Logan Waite, CJ Johnson, Beatrice Sampson, Peter Kelton, and community members Malin Parker, Lacey Potts, and Chris Gay, and Eastern New Mexico News staff writer Pat Waters.

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

Invocation – Commissioner Savage

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 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:** A motion to approve the payables and payroll from July 1-August 31, 2024 was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- 4. Public Requests:** Chris Gay asked about a fight between Commissioner Lopez and a constituent at the Ram football game. He stated he had read about an altercation on social media and asked why the County had not addressed the situation with a statement of fact to quash any rumors. He felt if a commissioner had been in a physical altercation at a public event, the other commissioners should be addressing it, and asking for a resignation. Commissioner Dixon stated Commissioner Lopez was not involved in the altercation and was not in attendance at the game, nor was he even in town on the day of the game. Lacey Potts spoke on the same subject, stating that the confrontation began before the game at the Roosevelt County Fair. She stated action needs to be taken.
- 5. Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:**
 - Clerk:** Ms. Park stated test voting of the tabulators for the 2024 general election was done last week and her office will participate in mock election this afternoon. She stated early voting begins next Tuesday in the Clerk's office, election day is November 5th, and canvass will be done at the November 12, 2024 commission meeting.
 - Court Compliance:** Compliance Officer Johanna Jiminez was not available for the meeting however; Ms. Kirk stated the field safety plan was in the commission packet for review and would be placed on a future agenda for approval.
 - Detention:** Administrator Ramsey stated the facility count is 58 with 15 female detainees and 43 male detainees. Eight detainees are from out-of-county. She reported billing in the amount of \$15,125.00 to Quay County, and \$625.00 to CAFB. She stated there are currently 11 participants in the MAT Program with all 11 receiving group and individual counseling and 8 receiving medications. There are 6 participants in the GED program. A new anger management class will begin next month and parenting classes will resume next month. All 11 participate in yoga and assist with the garden. Ms. Ramsey stated the new classroom is complete. The 11 Mat Program participants are receiving education classes and assistance in obtaining housing. Ms. Ramsey stated there have been 691 arrests since January, brought into the facility with 429 of those coming from Portales Police, 144 from the Sheriff's Office, 2 from State Police, and 116 from other agencies including ENMU.

Ms. Ramsey reported there were no detainees on restrictive housing during the quarter from July 1-September 30, 2024.

 - Sheriff:** Ms. Kirk stated Sheriff Sanchez would be late, but we could come back to this item when he arrives.
 - Special Projects:** Ms. Weems gave a report on over a dozen grants in different stages. She stated the 2024 LGRF projects are wrapping up and awaiting reimbursement and close-out. She stated the Recreation grant has been extended through December 2026. She stated the Arch fire truck is expected to be ready in January of 2025. She stated both the chip spreader and distributor truck for the road department are on order. Ms. Weems stated only one of the direct congressional spending applications have made it past the first round. Only a second Arch Main Fire Station is still being considered. She stated there are other applications still pending notification.
 - Road:** Mr. Dominguez stated South Roosevelt Road F is being completed today. They will bring the equipment in for service before moving on to South Roosevelt Road 34 and South Roosevelt Road Z. He stated the blades are out on their routes. The shredder has made another complete round. He stated aggregate for Van and SRR4 ½ is on order.
 - Treasurer:** Ms. Sanchez gave the ending cash balance report for the month of July, stating a beginning cash balance of \$4,744,530.45 with debits of \$488,314.10 and credits of \$914,041.16 leaving and ending cash balance of \$4,318,803.39 as of July 31, 2024.

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Manager: Ms. Kirk reported the Human Resources Coordinator position has been filled. She introduced Gemma Martin. She stated they are working to fill the Finance position, and that will have all administrative positions filled. She stated the Treasurer's Office is in need of a part-time person, but it willing to cross-train staff from other departments to help cover the office during busy times. Ms. Kirk stated other offices within the building are willing to cross-train their staff and Ms. Ramsey has offered one of her staff as needed as well. Ms. Kirk stated she is working with Roosevelt General Hospital to reach a new agreement as the rate of services has increased. She stated the hospital is once again interested in possibly providing medical services for the detention center as they are now fully staffed. Ms. Kirk stated she had attended the ground breaking for the pipeline project hosted by Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority held last week. She thanked Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Weems for stepping up to help with finance in the absence of a finance administrator. She thanked others for working with her to get up to speed on other projects as well. Ms. Kirk asked for some time to review and get familiar with the history of other projects before making any decisions on them. She stated the auditors are on-site early this week doing their field work portion of the audit.

Commissioners: Commissioner Grider discussed two resolutions supporting increase medical services through air force providers. He stated he will bring the resolutions for consideration at the next meeting. Commissioner Lopez stated he was not at the football game and as for the confrontation at the county fair, Mr. Lopez stated he was with his family about to have a meal when he was approached and verbally attacked and threatened by two men. He encouraged anyone who wants to discuss this with him to contact him directly. He provided contact information. Commissioner Lopez stated he is working with BNSF to address the train/car accident the other morning. He stated the CFR 130 provided funding for public safety, and provided contact information for the Carlsbad district. He encouraged the city to get involved with making the railroad crossings within the city safer. Commissioner Dixon stated she and Ms. Kirk had looked at roads in need of repair with Mr. Dominguez. She commended him on his knowledge of county roads and expertise in the road department.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Agenda and Agenda Content from the September 10, 2024 Agenda: Commissioner Dixon stated the prior meeting's agenda was not placed on the website the requisite 72 hours prior to the meeting, therefore; she asked for approval of the agenda and ratification of the actions taken at the prior meeting held on September 10, 2024. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the prior meeting agenda and ratify the actions taken, with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

7. Old Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Roosevelt County and The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Ninth Judicial District Court for Improvements to the Roosevelt County Courthouse: Commissioners heard from Chief Judge Donna Mowrer and Court Administrator Kevin Spears regarding proposed improvements to the jury room and restrooms. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Judge Mowrer reported there was additional funding available through the Administrative Office of the Courts for small projects that can enhance the courthouse as a whole. She suggested projects such as a fire alarm system, or badge-locks, etc. Commissioner Lopez asked about the timeline for the additional funding. She stated it was first-come, first-served. Judge Mower also stated the courtroom technology has been upgraded as part of a pilot project to make rural courts high-tech. She bragged the Roosevelt County courtroom has better technology than other larger, wealthier counties in the state.

8. New Business:

A. Health Care Assistance Program: Ms. Weems requested the board enter into Indigent Healthcare Board. At 9:39 a.m. Commissioner Grider made a motion to go into indigent healthcare board, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. At 9:40 Commissioner Savage made a motion to come out of indigent healthcare board, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

i. Indigent Healthcare Assistance Program (HCAP) – Board Meeting: Ms. Weems requested approval of the indigent health care report as presented. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve healthcare claims as reported, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Discussion and Consideration of Transportation, Road Use and Road Maintenance Agreement between NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC and the Board of County Commissioners: Ms. Kirk stated the agreement covers a stretch of road that would be a haul route for construction of a high voltage electricity transmission line. Construction on the project is slated to begin next year. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the road use agreement with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

9. Resolutions-Ordinances-Proclamations:

A. Consideration of Proclamation Declaring November 16, 2024 as "Walk to End Alzheimer's Day" in Roosevelt County: Commissioner Dixon read the proclamation aloud. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the proclamation with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Commissioner Lopez commended Commissioner Dixon for her continued dedication to the Alzheimer's awareness walk over the years.

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B. Request for the Approval of the Resolution 2024-33 to Replace Resolution 2023-38 Roosevelt County IAAO Certified Property Appraiser Compensation Incentive Program: Mr. Floyd stated the resolution is to correct errors in the previously adopted resolution. It does not change the content, but changes the language to match state statute. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the resolution with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Request for Approval of the Resolution 2024-34 and Notice of Intent Relating to the Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds Entitled Roosevelt County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Blackwater Solar Center, LLC Project): Mr. Kelton of the Rodey Law Firm stated the resolution before the commission is an inducement resolution. Industrial Revenue Bonds can be issued to support solar and wind, wind and other energy projects. Ms. Kelton stated the IRB will not be a county debt. The IRB will provide PILT payments for the project, which is a solar generation and battery project. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Request for Approval of the Resolution 2024-35 Participation in the Transportation Project Fund Program Administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation: Ms. Weems stated the resolution is a required part of participation in the transportation project fund. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

E. Request for Approval of the Resolution 2024-36 Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities: Ms. Kirk stated NM Counties had issued their list of legislative priorities. Commissioner Dixon summarized the list. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the resolution in support of those priorities, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

10. Contracts/Agreements/Procurements:

A. Request for Approval of the Road Use and Road Maintenance Agreement between NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC and Board of County Commissioners: Ms. Kirk stated the contract is for the project discussed earlier in item 8b, and asked for approval. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the contract, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Grant Program Agreement with State of New Mexico Tourism Department for \$12,025.10: Ms. Kirk stated the proposed project for the NMB&B grant was dependent on receiving additional grant funding from another source. She stated the other grant application was not approved. The 12,025.10 in addition to our available match funds will not be adequate to cover the cost of the project. She recommended re-seeding or re-sodding the area on the 2nd street side of the courthouse instead of installing turf as proposed in the original project. She asked that the grant agreement not be approved. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the agreement with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Request for Approval to Accept Grant Award for Transportation Project Fund Grant for \$1,826,342.70 from the New Mexico Department of Transportation: Ms. Weems stated this is the second TPF grant, and the match is \$96,000.00. She stated the policy has changed so that counties and municipalities will no longer be eligible to receive back-to-back TPF Grants. We were fortunate to receive this second grant partly because we were able to quickly encumber the funds and complete the work on the prior project, thanks in part to having a detailed 5-year road plan in place. Commissioner Savage made a motion to accept the grant award with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Request for Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Roosevelt County and the Administrative Office of the Courts and Ninth Judicial District Court for Roosevelt County Courthouse Improvements: Ms. Kirk stated this is the agreement for the work to be done as discussed earlier in item 7a. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve the agreement, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

E. Request for Approval of the Inmate Confinement between the County of Santa Fe and Roosevelt County Contracts for Detainee Housing: Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

F. Request for Approval of Contract between Roosevelt County and Lea County for Housing of Adult and Juvenile Detainees: Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

G. Request for Approval of the DFA Appropriation 23-ZH5048-71-2 in the Amount of \$131,250.00 for over 3 Years to Hire Law Enforcement /Support Positions: Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the appropriation with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

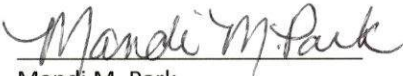
11. Media Communication: Mr. Waters stated he did not have any questions at this time.


12. Executive Session: At 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Grider made a motion to go into executive session with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Dixon stated only those items on the agenda will be discussed

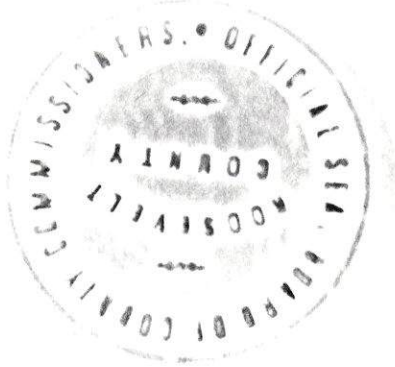
in the closed session. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Human Resources Coordinator Ms. Martin was also in attendance in the executive session. At 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Grider made a motion to come out of executive session with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Commissioner Dixon state no action was taken in the executive session, but action is needed as a result. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the revised organizational chart to remove the deputy county manager duties from the finance administrator position, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

13. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tina Dixon
Commission Chair



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