

Tuesday May 6, 2025
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Roy Lee Criswell, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Malin Parker, Commissioner Fabian Munoz, County Attorney Michael Garcia, County Manager Annette Kirk, Clerk Mandi Park, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Treasurer Victoria Ramos, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, Special Projects Coordinator Carla Weems, Human Resources Coordinator Mary Orozco, Administrative Assistant Mikhail McKinley, Sheriff Javier Sanchez, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryan Holmes, Finance Administrator Gemma Martin, and presenters Josh Framel and Ryan McMath, and community members Angie Smith, Alan Carter, and Dewight Bell.

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

Invocation – Commissioner Parker

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

1) **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

2) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Criswell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 regular meeting with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

3) **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll for April 1-30, 2025:** Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll for April 2025, with a second from Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

4) **Informational Items:** Presentation from Clearway Energy – Josh Framel. Mr. Framel discussed the proposed re-power project for San Juan Mesa. He stated they would re-power 30 of the existing infrastructure of 120 towers to reduce the footprint and increase the output of the project. There are currently 120 towers generating 1 mega watt of power each. The new towers would be taller, and generate 4.5 mega watts per tower. They would replace the Mitsubishi generators with Vestas generators. Twenty five of the towers would be in Roosevelt County with the remaining towers in Chaves County. Commissioner Parker asked how much concrete would be left in the ground? Mr. Framel stated most would be left, unless the land owner wanted it removed. Generally just the top would be taken off, and backfilled to match the surrounding landscape. Commissioner Criswell asked if the blades would be recycled. Mr. Framel answered, yes, all metal would be recycled, including blades, base, tower and turbine.

5) **Public Requests:** Alan Carter spoke about the need for a trash dump in the county, stating bringing a dump back to Roosevelt County would save wear and tear on city equipment, as well as provide a shorter haul for our rural communities. It would also produce revenue and keep the money in this county. He stated we now have the technology to test for and prevent contamination. He stated an incinerator would be another option. Dewight Bell spoke about his experience with petroleum and environmental remediation. He stated there are opportunities for an alternative to centennial landscape to recharge the aquifer. He stated there are opportunities for permaculture, hydroponics, aquaponics, etc, to conserve water. Commissioner Parker thanked Mr. Bell stating he was unaware of his background but now that he knows, he will call on him as a resource.

6) **Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:**

Clerk: Ms. Park reminded commissioners that she needed nominations for the board of registration to be appointed next month. She stated her staff have registered for NMC Conference to be held in Curry County in June. She stated Shanna will be taking EDGE classes. She also stated the date for election school has been set for August 11-12, 2025.

Detention: Ms. Ramsey reported the facility count at 59 with 19 female detainees and 40 male detainees. There are 10 out-of-county detainees currently housed at RCDC. Quay County was billed \$2,500.00. There are 9 participants in the MAT program, with all 9 participating in group and individual counseling and 4 participants receiving medication. There are 2 detainees not in the program receiving medication. There are 9 participating in yoga and art. There are currently no openings at detention. Ms. Ramsey stated it is correctional week. She invited everyone to come by the facility and bring food or have a meal with the staff.

Human Resources: Ms. Orozco presented longevity certificates to 4 staff including Juan Dominguez, Pete Encinias, Daniel Boan and Silke Humpe.

Road: Mr. Dominguez stated the LGRF projects are ongoing on SRR7 and SRRN. They are hauling caliche, six blades are on their routes, one is on a caliche crew. They have hauled 55 loads to SRR9. They are cleaning cattle guards and trimming trees. Mr. Dominguez stated he had attended the SERTPO meeting. He stated the TPF application has been submitted. They requested 35 miles of roadway projects, but there are only 19 miles of funding available. They have also submitted funding applications for LGRF, CAPS, COOP and SB, but the needs far exceed the available funds. Commissioner Dixon stated Randy Lieb thanked her for the work in his area. City Council also thanked the road department for culvert clean-outs.

Special Projects: Ms. Weems gave an update on all grant projects. She stated she has submitted a request for reimbursement to the USDA grant for the Arch fire truck. It is ready to close out once reimbursement is received. The turf project through the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Grant is complete and close-out will be done by the June 2, 2025 deadline. FY-24 CAPS, COOP and SB are all in the close-out process. FY-25 TPF clearances have been

requested. Congressional Direct Spending requests will be re-submitted for projects that were not funded in the prior cycle. Ms. Weems has applied for Capital Outlay for multiple projects including roads, courthouse renovations, and LaCasa HVAC and ADA projects. Ms. Weems stated we are not likely to be funded for CAPS, COOP or SB. She has also submitted an application for the RAID grant which has been used for tire abatement in the past.

Treasurer: Ms. Ramos gave the general fund cash balance report for the month of February. She stated there was a beginning balance of \$8,630,905.27 and an ending balance of \$7741,762.51. She provided the commission with a handout of those figures.

Commissioners: Commissioner Munoz agreed with the statements made by Mr. Carter that a trash dump in the county would benefit not only Portales, but the rural communities as well. Commissioner Parker also agreed. Commissioner Dixon suggested partnering with all municipalities to bring a dump back to Roosevelt County. Commissioner Munoz stated Chris Valdez from Roosevelt County Electric and the Little League Board would like to apply for a donation from the New York Yankees and would like a letter of support from the commission. Commissioners agreed to draft a letter and asked Commissioner Munoz to get the information to Annette. Commissioner Dixon stated the NM Board had voted to send Board President Annie Hogland to Washington DC to represent NMC at a meeting on the National Interest Electricity Transmission Corridor. She stated the board is not apposed to the transmission line, their concern is with the easements for the transmission line. She stated there will also be an increase in affiliate dues across the board, and asked that Ms. Kirk include those increases in calculating the budget. Commissioner Criswell will be attending the NIETC meeting in Washington, DC to discuss the easements. He encouraged members of the City Council to attend, if possible, as the proposed easement cross the city's well field. He stated Department of Energy was supposed to coordinate a town hall locally, but that has not happened yet.

7) New Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration to Fuel Options: Commissioner Parker asked Kam and Randy Knight to discuss options for fuel savings. Ms. Knight stated Portales Fuel Systems is no longer associated with Red Rock. She stated the fuel island has card readers and could offer the same discounts as bulk fuel, on their card system. That would allow the county to fuel at a discount without the cost, regulation and liability of storing bulk fuel. After much discussion, Commissioner Dixon requested Ms. Kirk and Ms. Weems follow up on the bulk fuel discussions from the last meeting and get answers to some of the questions posed by the commission at this and prior meetings. Commissioner Dixon asked Ms. Weems to check to see if Portales Fuel Systems is on the statewide pricing agreement and get those answers for the May 20th meeting. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve use of the card station for fueling at Portales Fuel Systems contingent upon Portales Fuel Systems being on the statewide pricing agreement, with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

B. Healthcare Assistance: At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Dixon made a motion to go into Indigent Healthcare Board with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Ms. Weems presented the indigent healthcare claims report, stating there were 4 claims totaling \$7,607.66. Ms. Weems recommended approval of 3 claims totaling \$5,013.33, and denial of the other claim in the amount of \$2,594.00. At 10:17 a.m., Commissioner Parker made a motion to come out of Indigent Healthcare Board with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

i. Action as a result of Healthcare Assistance Board: Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the claims as recommended, with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

8) Resolutions – Ordinances - Proclamations:

Public Hearing Regarding FY2027-2031 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for Roosevelt County Senior Center Operated by La Casa de Buena Salud: At 10:17 am, Commissioner Dixon made a motion to go into public hearing to discuss the FY2027-2031 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for Roosevelt County Senior Center operated by La Casa de Buena Salud with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Ms. Weems presented the LaCasa Senior Center ICIP stating it is the same as last year, but they want to change the priority order to make a smaller handicap accessible vehicle the top priority. Other priorities remain including \$550,000.00 for HVAC and ADA projects and \$35,000.00 in 2028 for a garage, parking lot extension and fencing. At 10:19 am, Commissioner Dixon made a motion to come out of public hearing with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

A. Consideration of Resolution 2025-16 Adopting FY2027-2031 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for Los Abuelitos de La Casa Senior Center: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-16 approving the ICIP for LaCasa Senior Center with a second from Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

9) Contracts-Agreements-Procurements:

A. Request for Approval of the Contract with APIC Solutions, Inc. and the Roosevelt County Detention Center for FY2025-2026: Ms. Kirk requested the contract with both APIC be renewed. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

10) Media Communication: No media was present, and no communication was received.

11) **Recess:** The meeting was recessed at 10:29 am.

12) **Department of Defense Presentation:** George Jones from Cannon Airforce Base spoke about the need to pave NRRAV for the safety of the airmen working at the Melrose Bombing Range. Commissioner Parker stated Roosevelt County does not receive GRT from projects at MBR, it all goes to Curry County. Mr. Jones agreed that should be corrected. Mr. Jones stated the range expansion has changed the traffic flow. He stated staff and guests entering the range from the Sundale Valley Road entrance cross the active drop zone to access the facility. Mr. Jones stated for the safety of all, it is necessary to route all access to NRRAV, which needs to be paved. He stated delays cost additional money. Commissioner Parker again stated those GRT funds should be coming to Roosevelt County, on the road project. Mr. Jones committed to making sure that will be done when the new contract is approved. That is moving quickly, due to the spending deadline looming. Commissioner Grider said he had been told that contracts signed on base or in Clovis direct the GRT there. Mr. Jones stated the place of signing could be changed to benefit Roosevelt County. Commissioner Criswell noted CAFB is holding the ball with the State Land Office. Mr. Jones stated CAFB is willing to pay the for the right of way with the state land office upon approval of Roosevelt County to pave the road. He stated he will work toward getting the road designated as part of the base, which would put the burden of maintenance on the base, and take the responsibility off of Roosevelt County. Commissioner Grider wanted to ensure that land owners would still have access to the road, if the road were to be annexed into the base. Mr. Jones stated he did not anticipate moving the gate, and that neighboring landowners would continue to have access. Commissioner Criswell stated he would be all-in if Mr. Jones could get it in writing that the GRT would go to Roosevelt County and the road would become part of the MBR with landowners being given easements for use of the road. Mr. Jones stated he is all-in on making things right for Roosevelt County. Commissioners thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation. Mr. Jones thanked commissioners for their cooperation.

13) **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.

ATTEST:

Mandi M. Park
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County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tina Dixon
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Commission Chair

