

Wednesday February 4, 2026
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Wednesday February 4, 2026 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 Manager Meadow Forget, County Attorney Michael Garcia via zoom, Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Victoria Ramos, Chief Deputy Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Chief Deputy Assessor George Beggs, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, DWI Program Coordinator Darla Reed, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryan Holmes, Human Resources Coordinator Mary Orozco, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, presenters Patrick Lucero with Xcel Energy, Josh Framel with San Jan Mesa Wind Project, Carmen Pacheco-Munoz with LaCasa and community members Wes Weems, Kenny Reed, Betty Caber, Todd Kimsey, and Eastern New Mexico News reporter Sage Grabowsky.

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

Invocation – Commissioner Parker

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

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

2) **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026 regular meeting, with a second from Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

3) **Approval of Payroll for December 1-31, 2025:** Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the payroll for December 1-31, 2025, with a second from Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

4) **Informational Items:** Patrick Lucero with Xcel Energy introduced himself as the new area representative and provided his contact information. Mr. Lucero was asked about current projects. He stated the NextEra project is coming from Oklahoma to the Crossroads plant south of Dora. Commissioner Criswell asked which of the routes had been chosen. Mr. Lucero stated of the proposed routes they were working on a determination, but nothing has been approved at this point.

5) **Public Requests:** Alan Carter spoke in favor of adopting an ordinance for the safe disposal of wind turbine blades and solar panels, etc. He stated there needs to be something in place either in a land use policy or ordinance to protect the air quality from airborne hazards and dumping associated with the decommissioning of these energy farms.

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

Assessor: Mr. Floyd did not have anything to report at this time.

Clerk: Ms. Park stated the election proclamation for the 2026 Primary and General elections had been issued and posted to our website. She stated candidate filing day for state and federal level candidates was held yesterday at the Secretary of State's office and the list of those candidates can be found on the SOS website. Ms. Park also stated candidate filing day for county level candidates is Tuesday March 10, 2026 in the Clerk's office from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Detention / MAT: Ms. Ramsey reported the facility count at 53 with 46 male detainee and 7 females. She stated there were 60 yesterday with 10 releases and 3 intakes. Things change daily. There are 6 out-of-county detainees. Billing for the month included \$10,500.00 billed to Quay County, \$5,425.00 billed to Cannon Air Force Base, and \$10,850.00 billed to Chaves County. Ms. Ramsey reported the facility is fully staffed. Ms. Ramsey reported there are 14 participants in the MAT Program, with all 14 participating in both group and individual counseling and yoga. There are 2 participants in GED classes and 2 participants receiving medication. There are 12 males and 2 females in the MAT program.

DWI Compliance: Ms. Reed stated Ms. Jimenez has accepted a position with Juvenile Probation and her position of compliance officer will be posted soon. She stated she is currently working on funding applications for the FY27 funding cycle.

Finance: Ms. Weems did not have anything to report for finance.

Human Resources: Ms. Orozco did not have a report.

Maintenance: Mr. Spinks was not in attendance.

Road: Mr. Dominguez stated crews are working on 2 miles of SRR AG south of NM 114. They will be placing a culvert and hauling caliche next week. Crews will also be working on Capital Outlay projects next week that are due by the end of June. They are patching potholes and blades are back on their routes, following snow removal last week. Mr. Domingues stated they will be installing the rumble strips and flashing signs at the intersection of NM 88 and SRR 6 tomorrow.

Sheriff: Sheriff Sanchez was not in attendance, but Chief Deputy Holmes reported Sheriff Sanchez was in Santa Fe to join other law enforcement officers to speak in opposition to House Bill 17. Commissioner Parker asked if other

Sheriff's and deputies were also in Santa Fe. Chief Holmes stated yes, there is a group of law enforcement professionals in Santa Fe in opposition of the bill.

Special Projects: Ms. Weems reported she participated in and ICIP training webinar earlier this year. She stated the FY8-32 projects are due by July 1, 2026 and will be due by July 1 moving forward. She asked the commission to make recommendation for project to be added to the ICIP at or before the next meeting.

Treasurer / Board of Finance: Ms. Ramos did not have a report.

Manager: Ms. Forget stated she has been busy in Santa Fe. The last day to introduce legislation is later this week with two weeks remaining in the session. She stated there will be a road workshop following this meeting. Commissioner Parker asked where we stand with replacing the finance position. Ms. Forget stated the position description in being revised and should be back open soon.

Commissioners: Commissioner Munoz shared information regarding aviation regulation as it relates to wind farms and safety.

Commissioner Parker asked Ms. Forget to prepare resolutions in opposition to several bills that are being considered in Santa Fe. He stated his opposition to House Bill 9, Senate Bill 17 and Senat Bill 18, all of which would kill jobs in New Mexico. He stated HB 9 will not stop ICE activity within the state; it would only close the facilities used to house those detainees within the state. It would also have a significant financial impact on 3 counties and the entire state. Commissioner Parker also asked Ms. Forget to send a letter to NMDOT. He stated the county roads were cleared much quicker than state highways in the recent storm. He stated the road conditions caused a lot of lost time in the classrooms and businesses due to inclement weather closures. Commissioner Dixon stated she has spoken to Ms. Arnett at NMDOT District 2, requesting a more proactive approach to clearing roads in the future. Commissioner Parker stated he appreciated Mr. Carter for speaking about the disposal of wind towers, turbines, blades, solar panels, etc. He stated there is no reclamation fund in place for the decommissioning at the end of the life of these projects like there is for the oil and gas industry. Commissioner Criswell stated the NMC Commission Affiliate plans to include disposal of blades, etc. as part of land use plans as part of their agenda for the April retreat. Commissioner Criswell asked about the status of the stall rentals at the fairgrounds, ahead of the High Plains Jr. Rodeo in April. Commissioner Dixon stated she will be traveling to Washington DC on February 19, 2026 for NACO for a meeting of the EELU committee working on opposition of the NITCE Corridor. Commissioner Criswell asked about the FY24-25 Financial Audit, stating he did not recall that meeting. The audit conference was postponed in the absence of a finance administrator under the prior administration.

7) Old Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration of San Juan Mesa Wind Project: Mr. Framel gave a high-level update stating they are still working with the sub-committee on the project. He stated a map has been provided showing the proposed new tower placement. Commissioner Dixon asked Mr. Framel to confirm that new blades will not be placed on existing towers. Mr. Framel stated that is correct, the bases of the existing towers are not sturdy enough for the larger turbines or longer blades. There will be 120 towers with 1MW turbines removed and replaced with 30 towers with 4.5MW turbines. There was some discussion about how those towers being removed will be dismantled and decommissioned and how that process will impact water lines, wells, easements, utilities and culturally sensitive areas. Mr. Framel was asked if the work would be done by sub-contractors and if those sub-contractors are held to the same standards. Mr. Framel replied yes, the standards are the same regardless of who performs the work. Assessor Floyd asked if the project would extend the current PILT, or if taxes on the project would be centrally assessed. Mr. Framel responded the expiring PILT and the PILT for the new project are separate, not an extension. The current year taxes will be state assessed. No action was taken.

8) New Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration to Request Partial Branscum Road Closure: Commissioner Dixon stated Mr. McDermid was not able to be here this morning and this item could be discussed in the road workshop to take place following this meeting. No action was taken.

B. Discussion and Consideration to Request to Name County Owned Building in Honor of Seferino

Montano: Ms. Carmen Pacheco-Munoz, Interim CEO of La Casa, requested permission to add the name of long-time administrator of La Casa, Mr. Seferino Montano, to the building, honoring his 45+ years of service in the healthcare community. Mr. Garcia did not see any legal issue with the naming of the facility. Commissioner Munoz made a motion to approve the naming of the facility in honor of Mr. Montano, with a second from Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

9) Contracts – Agreements – Procurements:

A. Request for Ratification of Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office FY26 Grant Agreement: Chief Deputy Bryan Holmes ratification of the signature on the grant application, stating it is a renewal of the DWI, STEP, distracted driving and seatbelt and child restraint enforcement grants for the next cycle. Commissioner Grider made a motion to ratify the application, with a second from Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

10) Resolutions - Ordinances -- Proclamations:

A. Request for Approval of Resolution 2026-05, City of Portales and Roosevelt County 2025 Hazard

Mitigation Action Plan: Mr. Montiel stated the resolution is correctly titled 2025 Hazard Mitigation. He asked for approval stating the plan identifies natural hazards and reduces risk to infrastructure, etc. He stated it has been adopted by the municipalities of Floyd Dora, Elida and Portales. Mr. Montiel stated without a hazard mitigation action plan in place the county and municipalities are ineligible for grant funding from FEMA. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of Resolution 2026-06 Authorizing the County to Submit an Application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program: Ms. Reed stated this resolution includes the MOA, statement of assurances, and application which is due at the end of February. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

11) Media Communication: Reporter Sage Grabowsky was present for the Eastern New Mexico News, but did not have any clarifying questions for the commission.

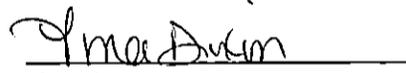
12) Executive Session: At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to go into executive session stating only those items listed on the agenda would be discussed in the closed session, with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. After a five-minute recess, Commissioner Dixon called the executive session to order at 10:20 a.m. with those present being the five commissioners, Ms. Forget, Mr. Garcia and Detention Administrator Ramsey. At 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Grider made a motion to come out of executive session with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. There was no action necessary as a result of the closed session.

13) Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk


Tina Dixon
Commission Chair

