

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

Road workshop notes

The Roosevelt County Commission met for a road priorities workshop on Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room, following the regular business meeting 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, Special programs Coordinator Carla Weems, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryan Holmes, Human Resources Coordinator Mary Orozco, community members Alan Carter and Todd Kimsey, and Eastern New Mexico News reporter Sage Grabowsky.

Call to Order – Commissioner Dixon at 11:00 a.m.

Branscum – Prior to the discussion of road project priorities, commissioners discussed the Branscum road closure requested by David McDermid. Mr. Dominguez stated the first quarter mile of Branscum Road is maintained by the county. Mr. McDermid is seeking to close the final 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile leading to his property. Mr. Montiel stated the process for closing the road, which is inside a subdivision would be to vacate the planned road which is not currently being maintained by the county. The process includes seeking input from neighboring property owners. Commissioners instructed Mr. Montiel to begin the process of seeking input from land owners. Commissioner Dixon noted we are very close to the minimum number of maintained road mileage to be eligible for state funding. Mr. Montiel and Mr. Dominguez confirmed the county's maintained milage stands at 1205.6 miles. Commissioner Dixon suggested it may be necessary to re-open some closed roads. She asked if road policy is amended by resolution or by ordinance. Mr. Montiel stated in the case of Branscum Road, would be amended by ordinance as the sub-division ordinance governs roads within that sub-division.

1) **Discussion of Road Projects, Priorities, Funding, and Progress:** Mr. Dominguez provided handouts to commissioners outlining current projects, surface type, funding sources and deadlines. South Roosevelt Road 5 east of NM 88 to South Roosevelt Road N was discussed. There are now eleven families on that stretch of road and increased traffic from the cannabis grow facility on North Roosevelt Road N ½. Mr. Carter requested that road be chip sealed to the curve. Mr. Dominguez noted the better condition of the road the faster the traffic will travel. He suggested going the full mile, not just to the curve. He said the change in surface causes a ripple at the end of the chipseal and pot holes in the caliche. He estimated the full mile at \$80,000.00.

Mr. Domingues was asked if he is fully staffed. He responded his department is 1 operator short at this time. Bar ditch clean-up and drainage was discussed. Mr. Dominguez stated the biggest expense in maintaining the bar ditch is hauling away the excess material. It can be pushed up on the road and smoothed, but it will blow continue to blow or drain back to the bar ditch. Another option is to push it up onto the land owner's property, but it will also blow or drain from there. Hauling is expensive. Mr. Kimsey noted his experience as an engineer and suggested keeping the bar ditches as clear as possible to extend the life of the road surface. He stated standing water in the ditch creates erosion as well as cracks due to the extreme temperature shifts. Mr. Kimsey provided his contact information to the commissioners, county manager and road superintendent and offered his services for traffic studies and engineering consulting.

Commissioner Dixon noted South Roosevelt Road 21 will get heavy use during the construction phase of the San Juan Mesa repower project. Mr. Kimsey suggested writing in an impact fee for over use during construction to the road use agreement for the project.

Roosevelt Road AP from South Roosevelt Road 17 to NM 89 was discussed. The chip seal of the last 4.5 miles is still a priority.

Commissioner Dixon left the meeting at 11:50 am and Commissioner Parker took over as chairman.

South Roosevelt Road 20 south of South Roosevelt Road X was discussed.

South Roosevelt Road O to South Roosevelt Road 10 was discussed. The dairy traffic is heavy on that road.

There was discussion of short road segments to be added back to the county inventory.

Commissioner Grider left the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Commissioner Munoz suggested working with an engineer, the city, area business, and the railroad to address the drainage on Lime Street.

Mr. Dominguez stated he would bring additional information during budget meetings so that commissioners can set the road priorities for the ICIP and the road plan.

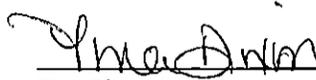
2) **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Mandi M. Park  
County Clerk



Tina Dixon  
Commission Chair

