

Tuesday February 17, 2026
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday February 17, 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, Clerk Mandi Park, Administrative Assistant Ilene Boband, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryan Holmes, Human Resources Coordinator Mary Orozco, DWI Prevention Coordinator Darla Reed, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, Mayor Mike Davidson, Milnesand Fire Chief Russell Bilbrey, Judge Donna Mowrer, Court Manager Kevin Spears, community members Wes Weems and Betty Caber, and Eastern New Mexico News reporter Sage Grabowsky.

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

Invocation – Commissioner Criswell

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

1) Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Commissioner Criswell. 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 February 4, 2026 regular meeting, with a second from Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 Road Workshop, with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026 special meeting, with a second from Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

3) Approval of Payables: Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the payables for December 1-31, 2025 in the amount of \$809,165.46 with a second from Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

4) Public Requests: There were no public comments.

5) Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:

Assessor: Mr. Floyd stated livestock and personal property declarations are due at the end of the month and asked that a notice be published.

Clerk: Ms. Park stated candidate filing day is March 10, 2026. She and her staff are preparing for filing and for the election season.

Detention / MAT: Ms. Ramsey was not present.

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

Human Resources: Ms. Orozco reported 3 current openings in addition to the finance position.

Maintenance: Mr. Spinks stated there are a few upcoming events at the fairgrounds that they are preparing for. They are also working at detention and doing preventative maintenance. Commissioner Parker asked if there were issues with the fairgrounds or events. Mr. Spinks replied there was not a need for a 3rd person for the fairgrounds. He felt like the event organizer should provide the labor and equipment to maintain the surface of the arena during events. He stated the rental agreement includes required liability insurance, which would cover an accident at an event. Commissioner Parker stated promoters may not have the available people to work the surface during an event. He stated we run the risk of the renters not using the facility for future events if we do not provide staff during their events. Mr. Spinks felt the required event insurance covered any liability for anyone driving a tractor at an event. Commissioner Dixon noted the commission approved a third person for maintenance, specifically for the fairground maintenance and events.

Road: Mr. Dominguez was not in attendance, but Ms. Forget stated crews are on their routes and working on preventative maintenance. She stated Mr. Dominguez has not received requests for road projects from Commissioner Dixon or Parker. Commissioner Parker stated he had his requests with him and would provide them to Ms. Forget to pass on to Mr. Dominguez.

Sheriff: Sheriff Sanchez was not in attendance, but Chief Deputy Holmes stated Sheriff Sanchez was in Santa Fe working to guide policy changes being considered by the legislature. Commissioner Parker asked if there was an update on SB 17 which had been rolled. Chief Holmes did not have an update on SB 17.

Special Projects: Ms. Weems did not have a report.

Treasurer / Board of Finance: Ms. Ramos was not present.

Manager: Ms. Forget stated she had received email notification that the 2nd quarter budget report had been accepted and we are now in compliance. She stated we can now begin budget adjustments as necessary. She thanked Ms. Rivera for her help in getting us into compliance. She stated budget worksheets have been sent to department heads. They are working out a timeline for department head meetings for late March. A special meeting will be scheduled for department head and elected officials to present budget requests to the commission. Ms. Forget discussed an early access planning grant that Curry County is the fiscal agent for. She

stated the grant covers all of the Ninth Judicial District and could be used for projects pertaining to the courts, such as detention and drug court projects. Ms. Forget also discussed energy savings and solar projects. She stated she has talked with Schenieder Electric about working 80-120 hours on a project to identify potential benefit to the county, at no cost to the county. Commissioner Criswell asked if she had an update on last year's audit. She stated we will have to go out for bid for an audit firm this year. She stated Cordova CPA will provide the audit now that we are back in compliance for the current year. Commissioner Parker asked if she had sent the letter to NMDOT regarding the clearing of roads during the last storm. Ms. Forget stated it had not gone out yet, but she would get it out to them soon. Commissioner Parker asked that she share their response when she receives one.

DWI Compliance: Ms. Reed came in late after being delayed at the compliance office. She asked Ms. Orozco if there have been any applications for the compliance position as Ms. Jiminez last day was last week. She and Ms. Ramsey and detention staff are working together to keep the office staffed until someone can be hired. She stated it is better to keep the doors open, as the clients do better when they see someone and feel accountable to a person rather than simply submitting their paperwork.

Commissioners: Commissioner Criswell asked Ms. Forget if she had any additional details on a payment app for stall rentals. Ms. Forget replied she is working on it, and figuring out how to make it work and to police it properly. Commissioner Criswell stated his desire to see an event similar to the Clovis/Portales Chamber of Commerce Legislative Banquet put on just by the County, the City of Portales, ENMU, the Portales Chamber, RCCDC and CFB so that we are not lost or overshadowed by Curry County and Clovis. Commissioner Grider stated there has been that type of event prior to legislative sessions where our representatives and senators were invited into our community and were presented with our legislative priorities. Mayor Davidson agreed we should host our legislators, maybe with desserts, to show our appreciation and share our priorities. Commissioner Grider asked for an update on the GRT from the Melrose Range. Mr. Garcia stated there was nothing to update, but he is still in communication with New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Ms. Forget stated they are also working with the base to get those answers and to set up a tour for those interested to see the Range and the growth that has been taking place. Commissioner Parker stated there has been tremendous growth for a decade and we have been asking where the GRT is going for well over a year with no real answers. Commissioner Criswell stated he has returned from Fort Worth where the National Electric Infrastructure Transmission Corridor was discussed. He stated Fish and Wildlife Department is proposing a 240-acre taking of land for the sand dune lizard habitat and are wanting an additional twenty thousand acres of deeded land be placed in a conservation easement into perpetuity. Commissioner Criswell provided a website for citizens to sign a petition in opposition to the NEITC project. He stated it would impact 1400 land owners in Roosevelt County and many more in other counties along the corridor. He stated there are currently only about 500 signatures on the petition opposing the project. The website is www.neitcopposition.com. Commissioner Criswell stated there will be a town hall on the subject soon. Commissioner Munoz stated following the road workshop after the last meeting, he and others went to the fairgrounds to look at Lime Street. He stated again, he wants to partner with the city, BNSF and area business to work on the drainage issues on that street. Commissioner Parker stated there is a major issue with deer in the crops in his district. He asked to draft a letter to Game and Fish requesting population reduction of does in that area, suggesting a youth hunt. Mr. Garcia stated it was worth a try, but would likely be pushed to the next hunting season. Commissioner Parker asked to receive the agenda earlier. Ms. Forget stated as the legislative session is coming to a close, that could be done. Commissioner Parker asked Commissioner Dixon if she had a report from Senator Boone regarding capital outlay. Commissioner Dixon stated it is not yet available. Commissioner Dixon stated she is working with Chaves County on a land use plan that is nearing completion. She stated adjoining counties and soil and water conservation districts working together will make it easier for all involved to adopt land and resource plans. Commissioner Dixon thanked Commissioner Criswell for his participation on the NEITC meetings and stated she is leaving for Washington DC for the NACO Conference on Thursday. She stated the NEITC and land use policies will be on that meeting agenda as well. Commissioner Dixon thanked our legislators for working to protect our values.

6) New Business:

A. Request for Approval of Milnesand Volunteer Firefighters Annual PERA Reporting: Chief Bilbrey requested permission to submit the annual PERA reporting for Milnesand volunteers. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

B. Indigent Health Care: At 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Parker made a motion to go into indigent healthcare with a second by Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Ms. Weems presented the indigent report, stating that 30 claims were submitted, totaling \$32,671.42. Ms. Weems recommended approval of 14 claims at \$13,983.42. She recommended disapproval of 16 claims totaling \$18,688.00 as those patients were brought in by the Portales Police Department, Eastern New Mexico University Police, had Medicaid at the time of service or were not detainees at the time of service. At 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to come out of indigent healthcare with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to approve the report as presented by Ms. Weems, with a second by Commissioner Munoz. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

7) Contracts – Agreements - Procurements:

A. Request for Approval of award of ITB 2025-01 Roosevelt County Jury Deliberation Room Renovation to EXP New Mexico LLC for \$365,350.00: Ms. Weems stated Mr. Garcia has reviewed the contract. Mr. Garcia stated there are parts that have been added that were not included in the original and urged the commission to hold off on approval until a complete and clear copy of the contract had been received and reviewed. Commissioner Grider made a motion to defer consideration of the contract to the next meeting, with a second by Commissioner Dixon.

Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of FY26 Inter-Departmental Agreement for Use of Local DWI Funds: Ms. Reed stated she will submit a special application for reverted funds to be used for special patrols instead of equipment this year, as that is the preference of the Sheriff's Office. The application is for \$10,200.00 Commissioner Munoz made a motion to approve the agreement, with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes.

8) Media Communication: Reporter Sage Grabowsky asked Commissioner Criswell to repeat the web address for the petition opposing the NEITC project. He also asked Ms. Forget about the planning grant. She stated it is a regional planning grant award in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 which Curry County will oversee. Mr. Grabowsky asked Assessor Floyd for his contact information for follow-up on the personal property and livestock declaration deadlines.

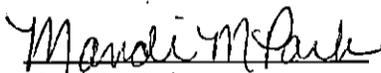
9) Executive Session: At 9:49 a.m. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Dixon stated only the items specifically listed on the agenda will be discussed in the closed session. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Those present for the executive session were the five commissioners, Ms. Forget, and Mr. Garcia. and Ms. Orozco. At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to come out of executive session, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes, Commissioner Munoz-Yes. Commissioner Dixon stated only those items listed on the agenda were discussed in executive session.

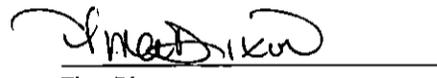
A. No action was taken, and no action is needed. Commissioner Dixon requested Ms. Forget place the organizational chart on the agenda for the next meeting.

10) Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk


Tina Dixon
Commission Chair

