

Wednesday March 11, 2026
Jake Lopez Building
Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in special business meeting on Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jake Lopez Building at the Fairgrounds with those present being: Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Malin Parker, Commissioner Paul Grider, County Manager Meadow Forget, Clerk Mandi Park, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, Chief Deputy Sheriff Bryan Holmes, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, community members Wes Weems, Wayne McAlister, Kam Knight, and Durward Dixon, and Sharna Gardner, staff reporter with the Eastern New Mexico News.

Commissioners Munoz and Criswell were absent.

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

Invocation – Commissioner Parker

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

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

2) **Public Requests:** no public requests

3) **Walk through at Fairgrounds:**

Prior to the walk through, before going out into the wind, Commissioner Parker led some discussion of what needs to be done prior to the rodeo to be held at the end of the month. He talked about adding RV spots along the outdoor arena east fence possibly bringing the total to 20-30. He stated we will look at the pens, on the east side of the Special Events Arena (indoor arena). There are some minor repairs needed, as well as adding some troughs, water tubs, hoses etc. He talked about the outdoor arena maintenance to be kept up to be useable for practice and warm-up, and the rough stock chutes to be utilized. Ms. Knight was asked if there are other items that need to be addressed. She stated there is still lots of work to be done. Ms. Knight stated they would have nearly 900 runs in 2 days, with approximately 50 steers and 100 calves onsite for the course of the event. Ms. Forget asked if it would be helpful to move the runway out of the building for warm-ups as suggested at a prior meeting. Ms. Knight stated the majority east side of the indoor arena would be used for cattle. That would push spectators into the bleachers on the west side of the arena, with just the alley for warm-up. Ms. Knight suggested additional RV Spots, maybe as many as 30-50 total, for big events. Mr. McAlister stated the RV Spots/vendor hook-ups would not be accessible to the public during the fair once the carnival is set up. He suggested the hook-ups be placed along the west fence as was indicated in prior versions of the fairgrounds improvement master plan. Mr. McAlister also talked about the surface needing to be packed firm enough to comply with ADA requirements for the Fair and other events like the Peanut Festival. Mr. Montiel discussed ADA requirements for all events, stating anywhere the public gathers, facilities must be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Commissioner Grider discussed the work day prior to each fair when county staff help get the fairgrounds ready for the fair. He feels the facilities should be kept ready for an event at any given time. It should be kept clean and maintained all year long, and felt there should be a pressure washer available to clean bleachers, etc. on a regular basis.

4) **New Business:**

a) **Discussion and Consideration to update and Repairs needed at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds:**

Special Events Arena - During the walk-through the group, including commissioners and members of the public openly discussed the needs of the equine event promoters, fair board, and general public when using fairgrounds facilities. The urgency of this special meeting was limited to the immediate need of the arenas for upcoming rodeo use. Commissioner Grider made a motion to remove the panels along the east fence between the fence and building to create larger pens as suggested and to make necessary patches to cable fence to hold livestock secure, with a second by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes.

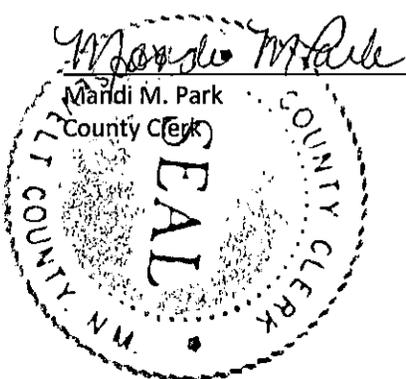
Outdoor Arena - Commissioner Parker stated the rough stock chutes need to be useable, by digging out the dirt and debris blown in by the wind, add some paint and stabilize the chutes with a top rail, etc. Commissioner Parker made a motion to table that item and to add it to the agenda for the next meeting with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes.

General – Commissioner Parker made a motion to provide enough feed and water troughs, tubs and hoses to accommodate the livestock pens on the east side of the Special Events Arena, with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Parker-Yes

5) **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Tina Dixon
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Commission Chair

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