

February 13, 2018
Regular Meeting

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

William Sauble, Chairman
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Roy Fernandez, Member
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Mary Lou Kern, County Manager
Terrence Kamm, County Attorney

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sauble called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the Flag of New Mexico

Commissioner Newton led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

Chairman Sauble asked if there were any changes to the agenda. County Manager Kern asked the Board to table Item #15 Resolution #2018-08 – Sheriff Fees. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, tabling item #15. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2018

Chairman Sauble stated the Commission received the Minutes prior and asked if everyone had a chance to review the Minutes and if there were any comments. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the Minutes for the January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Others present: Sara Torres, Robert Thompson, Carol Bridge, Linda Gallegos, Phillip Mendez, Neal Cawley, Danielle Martinez, Larry Osborn, Mike Berry, Mary Ganz and Debbie Sauble.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Sauble asked if any of the visitors would like to speak about anything that was not on the Agenda. There were no comments from visitors.

8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

General Fund	\$ 436,711.62
General Hold Harmless GRT	0.00
Hold Harmless GRT	0.00
Corrections Fund	6,944.52
County Property Valuation	13,675.12
Vermejo Debt Service	0.00
County Road Department	86,137.67
French Tract Fire Fund	950.82
Miami Fire Fund	416.57
Farley Fire Fund	32,123.71

Ute Park Fire Fund	33,806.16
Philmont Fire Fund	4,120.73
Moreno Valley Fire Fund	2,655.73
County Fire Marshal Fire Fund	723.09
Rapid Response Fire Fund	585.98
Vermejo Park Fire Fund	166.67
Moreno Valley Wildfire	0.00
Farley Wildfire Suppression	0.00
French Tract Wildfire Suppression	0.00
Philmont Wildfire Suppression	30.00-
Ute Park Wildfire Suppression	0.00
Vermejo Wildfire Suppression	0.00
CC Rapid Response Wildfire Suppression	899.12
Law Enforcement Protection	0.00
YES Program	8,027.78
YES BHSD Prevention	0.00
Maternal/Child Healthcare	0.00
NM Transportation Grants	0.00
WIPP	0.00
Legislative Appropriations	0.00
Indigent Care Gross Receipts	0.00
Fire Protection – Fire Excise Tax	0.00
Community DWI – TSB	0.00
DWI Distribution	8,295.12
LDWI Grant	1,250.00
State Farm	0.00
DWI-ALC	0.00
Recording/Filing Fund	0.00
Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	0.00
MCMC Hospital Fund	0.00
Capital Improvement	0.00
CAP IMP HHGRT/2015	228,108.61
Angel Fire Airport Improvements	0.00
Angel Fire Airport FFA	0.00
Revenue Bonds Debt Service	0.00
Bond Series Jud Ctr	0.00
French Tract Debt Service	0.00
Miami Fire Debt Service	0.00
Philmont Debt Service	0.00
Moreno Fire Debt Service	0.00
Solid Waste Fees	55,416.61
Colfax County Airport Operations	9,305.91
Total	\$ 930,291.54

Chairman Sauble asked if the Commissioners had any questions or comments regarding the expenditures. Chairman Sauble made a motion to approve the Expenditures for January 2018. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation: Cimarron Energy, Organic Energy from Biomass-Mike Berry

Mike Berry made a presentation to the County Commissioner regarding the biomass status in Colfax County. Mike informed the Commission there are hundreds of thousands of tons of renewal energy in Colfax, San Miguel and Taos Counties which could be used to supply electricity to the local communities. Mike stated he spoke with Kit Carson Electric and Springer Electric and they are prepared to purchase the power. Mike stated by getting rid of the 3 – 4-inch trees in the forest, it will decrease the fire dangers. Mike stated the contactor will cut out wide sections of trees to create a fire break. Mike stated California is using their biomass to make large wood pellets and are sending the product to India and China where they use the pellets to generate power, due to America not being ready for the product yet. Mike stated he would like to work with the Cimarron Watershed Alliance to make this project a reality. Commissioner Fernandez questioned why the materials were being shipped to China and India, and Mike Reiter aided America was not ready for the product yet. Mike also mentioned power plants were going to attempt to burn carpets, since it took over 100 years for the carpet to deuterate, but the burning of carpet put a lot of emissions in