

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2017**

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
Robin C. Blair, County Attorney

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

County Manager Mary Lou Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Chairman Sauble led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

County Manager Kern requested Item 10 be deleted and items 12 – 16 and Item 18 be tabled. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017

Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 Minutes as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Other Present: Jonni Valdez-Silva, Joana Apodaca, Grayce Hightower, John Grubelnik, George Grubelnik, Patrick R. Berry, Jerica Martinez, Mary Alice Gutierrez, Dorothy Grubelnik Leahy, Boe Lopez, Robert Thompson, Carl Blosser, Kristi Graham, Rick Sinclair, Leonard M. Baca, Jr. and Kathy Trujillo.

7. Public Comment

Boe Lopez stated he would like to address the Commission regarding the Barela Mesa Road. Mr. Lopez stated he leased pasture from Dorothy Leahy and feels the road needs attention. Mr. Lopez stated the road is very rough and if an emergency occurred on the mesa and ambulance would not be able to make it to the top of the road. Mr. Lopez stated he was aware that the land owners are in favor of fixing the road, due to the fact when it would rain there were no bar ditches and the water would run down the ruts made in the road. Mr. Lopez advised the Commission the Road Department was doing a good job, but the condition of the road needs to be addressed. Commissioner Fernandez stated he along with Robert Thompson had checked the road about six weeks earlier and had traveled the road in two-wheel drive and had not had any issues making it up to the top, as the road was in pretty good shape. Commissioner Fernandez stated the road was rocky, but felt if the rocks were dug out, it would cause more problems.

John Grubelnik stated he is willing to provide the gravel to fix the road if the County would haul the material. Mr. Grubelnik stated the road is becoming very narrow and bar ditches needed to be cut. Road Superintendent Robert Thompson stated it was approximately 11 miles one way to haul the

gravel, which would increase the fuel cost to the County. Mr. Grubelnik stated he would be willing to help pay for the fuel and asked what more he would need to do to get the roads repaired. Mr. Grubelnik also asked Commissioner Fernandez to check the road after it rains. Mr. Grubelnik stated the hairpin turns needed to be addressed. Commissioner Fernandez questioned how the hairpin turns could be addressed if the landowners did not want the road cutting into their property. Patrick Berry stated he felt if the bar ditches were cut and the hairpin curve sides were cut back to remove the dirt which has come down from the sides over the years the curves would not be so sharp and the road would be a lot wider. Chairman Sauble stated the Commission is willing to work with the owners and the County does have a prescriptive easement. George Grubelnik stated he also runs cattle on the Mesa and makes over 50 trips up the road and the road is very much in need of repairs, as it is hard to get trailers to the top. Chairman Sauble stated he would like to have all the landowners and Commissioner Fernandez meet to come up with a solution to repair the road.

Grayce Hightower stated she would like to have the Commission reconsider closing the County Building on Fridays, as they may have recordings on that day. Ms. Hightower stated if they had a recording which needed to be recorded on a Friday and the Clerk's office was closed, it could result in the more interest having to be paid by the buyer. Ms. Hightower asked if there was a possibility the Clerk's Office could remain open for half a day on Friday. Commissioner Newton stated something was being worked out so the documents could be recorded on Fridays. Clerk Rayetta Trujillo stated the Clerk's Office would not accept documents on Fridays if the rest of the County Building Offices were closed. Clerk Trujillo also stated she spoke with other Clerks and was told they only recorded on the days and hours set by the County. Chairman Sauble stated the County needed to try these new hours, before any fixes needed to be made. Commissioner Newton stated if the new hours did not work, the County could go back to the 5-day week.

8. Discuss/Approve – Indigent Care Claims

Mary Alice Gutierrez presented Indigent Care Claims for January 2017. Previously approved claims. Case # 2016-45 and 2016-19, for a total of \$1,389.63; VMDC Cases #2016-49 thru 2016-53 total for \$6,045.27; New Applicant Cases #2016-54 thru 2016-58 for a total \$2,172.41. Ms. Gutierrez stated all the claims that were submitted were from MCMC. Approved Claims for MCMC - \$9,607.31. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the Indigent Care Claims as presented. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Action – Taos Pines Payments

County Manager Kern stated Taos Pines Subdivision received an invoice in the amount of \$5,521.64 and there are sufficient funds available in the fund. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the Taos Pines HOA payment in the amount of \$5,521.64. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Action – Employee of the Month

This Item was deleted under Item 4.

11. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2017-05, Budget Adjustment – Various Funds

Joana Apodaca, Financial Specialist, stated the Maternal/Child Health Fund 218-0421 has sufficient funds to transfer to the MCMC Hospital Fund 299-0802 in the amount of \$20,000.00. Ms. Apodaca also stated the Capital Improvement Fund 301-0551 has sufficient funds that have and need to be expended for Capital Improvements in the amount of \$256,964.40. The 301-0551 - Capital Improvement Fund Revenue is to be increased to \$256,964.40 and the 301-0551-48010 - Capital Outlay -BLDG & Structure Expense will be increased to \$87,750.00 and the 301-0551-48020 - Capital Outlay – Equip & Machinery will increase to \$169,214.40. Chairman Sauble made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-05, Budget Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2017-06, Authorizing Colfax 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

This Item was tabled under Item 4.