

Special Meeting

January 05, 2016

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

William E. Sauble, Chairman
James Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Roy P. Fernandez, Commissioner

Also present were: Patricia Gonzales, County Manager; Cheryl Navarette, Assistant County Manager; Rebecca Hoy, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Robin 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 Patricia Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Salute to the New Mexico

Commissioner Fernandez led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag

4. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Sauble asked for any nominations to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to nominated William E. Sauble as Chairman and James Landon Newton as Vice Chairman.

Roll call vote to accept these nominations:

Commissioner Fernandez-Yes
Commissioner Newton-Yes
Commissioner Sauble-Yes

5. Approve the Agenda

Vice Chairman Newton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Cindy Fernandez; Joe Apache; Kevin Hoy; Rod Hoy; Janet Hoy; Charles Hoy; Kristi Graham, Chief Deputy Assessor; Leonard Baca Sr.; Linda Gallegos, County Assessor; Joyce Valdez, Clerk's Office; Fred H. Garcia; Martha Garcia; Danielle Martinez, Manager's Office; Jeannie Barnes, International Bank; Jim Maldonado; Joana Apodaca, Manager's Office; Mary Alice Gutierrez, Manager's Office; Andy Muniz, Maintenance Supervisor; Alfred Tafoya; Jamie Esquibel; Michael Ann Antonucci, City of Raton; Kathy Trujillo, County Treasurer; Craig Mulford, Road Superintendent; Thomas Martinez, Sherriff's Office; Rick Sinclair, County Sheriff; Bill Laporte, Sheriff's Office; Virginia Mack, Clerk's Office; Janet Jones, Clerk's Office

7. Discuss/Action – Appoint Colfax County Clerk

Chairman Sauble asked for a moment of silence in memory of Freda Baca.

Rebecca Hoy presented Fred H. Baca with Freda's County Clerk name plate.

Chairman Sauble asked County Attorney Blair to read the State of New Mexico Statues for which the meeting was called.

Attorney Blair stated State of New Mexico Statue 10-3-3 reads; Whenever any vacancy in any county or precinct office in any of the counties of this state other than a vacancy in the office of county commissioner, shall occur by reason of death, resignation or otherwise it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of the county where such vacancy has occurred to fill said vacancy by appointment and said appointee shall be entitled to hold said office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified according to law.

Chairman Sauble asked Attorney Blair about the constitution on this matter.

Attorney Blair stated that the constitution with respect to counties provides in section two:

- (A) In every county all elected officials shall serve four-year terms, subject to the provisions of Subsection of this section.
- (B) All County Officers shall serve two consecutive four year terms shall be ineligible to hold any county office for two years thereafter.

Chairman Sauble asked County Manager Gonzales to go over the duties of the County Clerk.

County Manager Gonzales stated the duties of the County Clerk are of the BOCC 4-40-3. Consequently the clerk, either in person or through a deputy, must attend all sessions of the BOCC, keep the official seal, keep records and papers of the BOCC, and keep a record of its proceedings. The county clerk records all proceedings of the board meetings, keep a record of all BOCC resolutions, votes, and decisions of each commissioner. The clerk is required to sign orders for payments approved by the BOCC, and to preserve and file all accounts acted upon by the BOCC (4-40-4). The clerk is mandated by statute to subscribe to and maintain files of all newspapers published in the county. The county clerk is responsible for care and custody of voting machines according to state statute (1-9-12).

Chairman Sauble stated at this point we will accept any candidates. Chairman Sauble stated that he would like to nominate Rebecca Hoy for County Clerk; Chairman Sauble asked if there are any other nominations. With no further nominations Chairman Sauble asked for a Roll Call Vote for the affirmation to appoint Rebecca Hoy as County Clerk for the duration of the term and until the next election:

Commissioner Fernandez-Yes

Vice Chairman Newton-Yes

Chairman Sauble-Yes

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Colfax County Board of Commissioner

William E. Sauble

Chairman

James L. Newton

Vice-Chairman

Commissioner



ATTEST:

Rebecca H
Clerk of the Board
