

REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2016

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this day in regular session 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: Rebecca Hoy, County Clerk; Robin Blair, County Attorney; Cheryl Navarette, Interim County Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sauble called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Interim County Manager Navarette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

County Clerk Rebecca Hoy led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag

4. Approve Agenda

Interim Manager Navarette suggesting the following changes to the agenda: table Items # 14 and #16.

Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the agenda as tabling Items #14 and #16. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 29, 2016

Commissioner Newton stated that a roll call needs to be documented when coming back into open session. County Clerk stated that the changes will be made before the meeting ends.

Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 29, 2016. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Rick Sinclair, Sheriff; Sandra Salazar, Managers Office; Jonni Valdez-Silva, CPO, Linda Gallegos, Assessor; Joyce Valdez, Clerk's Office; Craig Mulford, Road Superintendent; Robert Thompson; Road Forman, Rick Klein; La Junta City Manager; Dennis Roch, State Legislature; Jake Veneraal, VMDC; and Crystal Martinez, Clerk's Office.

7. Public Comment

None at this time.

8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

Chairman Sauble stated that the insurance payment was under budget in general fund. Ms. Navarette stated that this was a payment for the year and that the Commission approved to have a lower deductible with a higher premium.

Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the expenditures. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Action –Employee of the Month - February

Sheriff Sinclair accepted the award for employee of the month on behalf of Clay Moore who was not able to attend. Deputy Moore will receive an administrative day off.

10. Discuss/Action – Presentation by Rick Klein, City Manager, City of La Junta, Colorado for the Tiger Grant/Amtrak

Rick Klein presented the Southwest Chief Route Improvement Project. The Southwest Chief is a popular Amtrak long-distance passenger service between Chicago, IL and Los Angeles, CA operating on rail line owned by the BNSF Railway. A segment of the existing Southwest Chief route operates over the BNSF Railway's La Junta Subdivision in Kansas, Southeast Colorado, and New Mexico where freight traffic levels no longer justify the investment required to maintain the rail infrastructure at FRA Class IV standards for passenger rail train operating speeds. These funds will be used to repair 18.5 miles of rail bed with new ties and ballast on the New Mexico DOT's line in Santa Fe County which the Southwest Chief uses exclusively daily.

In coordination with Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico Department of Transportations, BNSF Railway and Amtrak will engage in a project that will entail the purchase and installation of approximately 38.7 miles of new 136 pound standard carbon welded rail, including related other track material and associated consumable between Mile Post 234.0 and 524.7 on BNSF Railway's La Junta Subdivision. These track improvements will allow the Southwest Chief to return to a 79 mph operating speed on the improve track segment.

11. Discuss/Action – Lease Agreement between Colfax County and Tri-County

Ms. Navarette, Interim County Manager, stated the lease definition for minor repairs should be in the \$250-\$500 range. The lease provides Tri-county will provide mental health services to incarcerated individual in the Vigil-Maldonado Detention Center. Commission Fernandez suggest \$250 for minor repairs for which the Lessee shall be responsible.

Commissioner Fernandez made motion to approve Lease Agreement with a requirement Tri-county pay for minor repairs up to \$250.00 between Colfax County and Tri-County. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion.

12. Discuss/Action – Participation 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Cooperative Agreement Program LGRF

County Colfax requests to participate in the 2016-2017 School Bus, County Arterial, and the Cooperative Agreement Programs. All roads are mail routes, school bus routes, and are necessary for the good of the residents of Colfax County, Co-op of \$90,000.00. The Colfax County Board of Commissioners will provide for the matching funds of 25% in the amount of \$81,000 (25% of \$324,000).

Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve Participation 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Cooperative Agreement Program LGRF. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss/Action – HCP Systems, LLC Contract for VMDC