

REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 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: Mary Lou Kern, County Manager; Robin Blair, County Attorney; Rebecca Hoy, County Clerk.

1. Call to Order.

Called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sauble 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.

No changes at this time.

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

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2016.

No changes at this time.

Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve Regular Minutes for October 11, 2016. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors.

Craig Mulford, Road Superintendent; Robert Thompson, Road Foreman; Jonni Valdez- Silva, Assistant County Manager; Mary Alice Gutierrez, Indigent Care Coordinator; Jimmy Chavez, Public; Joana Apodaca, Financial Specialist; Kristie Graham, Chief Deputy Assessor; Desiree Silva, Assessor's Office; Sharon Malcom, Assessor's Office; Janet R. Cline, Assessor's Office; Linda Gallegos, Assessor; Jared Moreno, IT Director; Leonard M. Baca Jr., Under Sheriff; Kathy Donnelly, World Journal Reporter; Crystal L. Martinez, Clerk's Office.

7. Public Comment.

Jimmy Chavez is a resident of Colfax County and is attending the meeting today about Highway 193. The highway is located between Highway 64 and Farley, and he knows Highway 193 is not a County road, but perhaps the Commission could help put pressure on the NM Department of Transportation to do something to this road as it is in very bad shape. He was told something would be done to fix the road, but that was over a year ago and it is just getting worse. Commissioner Newton stated that he attends the monthly Regional Transportation meetings and they are planning on chip sealing Highway 193 next summer. Commissioner Newton said

he would contact the District office and see what can be done, if anything, and will get back to Mr. Chavez.

8. Discuss/Approve- Indigent Care Claims.

Mary Alice Gutierrez gave the Indigent Care Claims for October 2016. No Previously Approved Claims. Case# 2016-36-41, VMDC Total for \$5,627.65; Case# 2016-42, New Applicants Total for \$489.17. Approved Claims for MCMC-\$5,990.82; ARIS-\$126.00 for a Total of \$6,116.82.

Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve the Indigent Care Claims Report. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Approve- Employees of the Month.

Assessor Linda Gallegos presented Desiree Silva with the Employee of the Month for September. Ms. Silva has been employed by the Assessor's office for three years and six months, and had been with the Detention Center. Ms. Gallegos along with her fellow co-workers are very proud of her hard work, dedication and customer service skills. Assistant Manager Valdez-Silva also presented Jared Moreno with Employee of the Month for October. Ms Valdez-Silva stated that he has gone above and beyond to help bring the County into the 21st century. His knowledge and experience has been a great help with the technology at the Detention Center project as well as all the departments. He takes great pride and is truly a great asset to the County. The Commissioners thanked these two individuals for all their hard work and dedication.

10. Discuss/ Action- Resolution #2016-33, Agreement with NM Finance Authority for the Purpose of Purchasing and Equipping a 4X4 Police Vehicle for the Colfax County Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff Baca stated that they have been working on this agreement since July to purchase a new police vehicle for the Angel Fire area, install two new repeaters and update the car radios. The Sheriff Department will use the Law Enforcement Protection Fund to pay NM Finance Authority for the purchases. This is a standard loan agreement from the NM Finance Authority.

Chairman Sauble made a motion to Approve Resolution #2016-33, Agreement with NM Finance Authority for the Purpose of Purchasing and Equipping a 4X4 Police Vehicle for the Colfax County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Chairman Sauble – Yes; Commissioner Newton – Yes; Commissioner Fernandez – Yes. The motion for the Resolution #2016-33 passes.

11. Discuss/Action – Loan and Intercept Agreement between Colfax County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Manager Kern stated that the loan amount was \$68,940 with an intercept annually of \$17,285.47. This will start July-2017 thru 2020 which is a 4 year term. Undersheriff Baca stated they receive \$26,000 a year from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund which is what they will use to make their payment of \$17,285.47 annually, and still have some monies left over. Attorney Blair stated there were several illegal provisions; page 19 on Indemnification, page 21 on Agreement to Pay Attorney's Fees. These violate state constitution but are always included in NM Finance Authority Agreements. On the General and No Ligation Certificate, the County Finance Officer name is incorrect, and some blank spaces for the Resolution number.

Commissioner Newton made a motion to Approve Loan and Intercept Agreement between Colfax County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico Finance Authority noting the changes to be made and the County Attorney did not express an opinion on the provisions. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Reports – VMDC, Road, Sheriff, Loss Prevention.