

Special Meeting
September 12, 2017

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

William Sauble, Chairman
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Mary Lou Kern, County Manager

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Sauble called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

County Manager Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Newton led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag

3. Approve Agenda for Special Meeting to Approval to Impose Property Tax Rates for 2017

Chairman Sauble asked if there were any questions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the Agenda for Special Meeting to Approve Property Taxes. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recognize Visitors

Others Present: Robert Thompson, Glen Stevens, Linda Gallegos, Kristi Graham, Jonni Valdez-Silva, Diana Alderette, Sara Torres, Kathy Trujillo, Lydia Garcia and Joana Apodaca.

5. Discussion/Action Impose Property Tax Rates 2017

Chairman Sauble stated that he did not have the opportunity to compare the Rayado or Vermejo Conservancy Districts, as he has in the past, and asked if it was all the same. Kristi Graham stated that it was all the same, except for the horses, the mills went down 1 point. Linda Gallegos also stated that everything else seems to be reasonable with not too many changes. Chairman Sauble asked the Treasures Office if they had any concerns, Kathy Trujillo stated she had tried calling the State with some questions and was unable to get through so she left a message. Chairman Sauble stated at the bottom of the report on the Cattle Indemnity, those rates are set by the New Mexico Livestock Board, with exception of Dairy Cattle, which are set at 10 mills, Bison are set at 9.972, and horses at 6.905. This is for yield control, so the taxpayers are not hit with a large tax bill, a formula has been imposed that keeps the tax rate equivalent to what has been paid in the past. Commissioner Newton asked if that meant that the value of horse has gone up. Kristi stated there are a lot more horses now, as some did not report horses in the past. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve Property Tax Rate as specified for 2017. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjourn.

Commissioner Fernandez made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



William E. Sauble

Chairman

James L. Newton

Vice-Chairman

R. P. Ferry

Member

Raylan J. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board