

WORKSHOP

March 22, 2016

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this day for a workshop session in the Commission Chambers at the Colfax County Courthouse with the following members present:

William E. Sauble, Chairman
James Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman

Also present were: Mary Lou Kern, County Manager; Cheryl Navarette, Assistant County Manager; Linda Gallegos, Assessor; Thomas Vigil, Emergency Management; Jonni Valdez-Silva, Procurement; Rick Sinclair, Sheriff; Leonard Baca, Undersheriff; Craig Mulford, Road Superintendent; Robert Thompson, Road Foreman; Neil Segotta, Colfax County Seniors; Kathy M. Trujillo, Treasurer; Carl Bliven, Chief Farley Fire Dept; Gabe Sandoval, Detention Administrator; Rose Bernal, Detention Lieutenant.

Chairman Sauble turned the meeting over to Cheryl Navarette to discuss the budget for 2016-2017. Ms. Navarette read part of the Memorandum #BFB-16-04 from Rick Lopez, Local Government Division of the NM Department of Finance and Administration, outlining the economic downturn.

- * Adopting and applying formal policy that strictly disallows recurring expenditures from cash balances and non-recurring revenues.
- * Implementing an immediate freeze on all current vacant employee positions (excluding **Health** and public safety services positions).
- * Implementing an immediate freeze on all employee salaries (excluding union contractual obligations).
- * Implementing an immediate freeze on any new non-essential contracts that affect the general fund.
- * Discontinue the practice of providing funds to any non-profit organizations that are not tied to a legislative appropriation, and
- * Re-evaluating all revenues while being cognizant of any legal, statutory or governmental accounting standard restrictions of use.

Ms. Navarette said things look bleak due to oil and gas revenues being down, but Colfax County is healthy at the present. Ms. Gallegos stated that Property Tax income will be about the same, but livestock numbers are down.

Ms. Navarette went over all the department's budgets explaining where they stand. Chairman Sauble mentioned he would like to see the attorney's fee lower and he will be checking into healthcare from a private entity and leaving the state pool hoping to save considerable. Chairman Sauble is not sure what the savings would be, coverage, or how it would affect retiree's coverage. Vice-Chairman Newton mentioned implementing the Lodger's Tax would also help. Chairman Sauble also asked that departments consider cutting their budgets 3% if at all possible.

Chairman Sauble adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Colfax County Board of Commissioners

William E. Soble
Chairman

James A. Newton
Vice-Chairman

R. J. Fenwick
Commissioner



ATTEST:

Rebecca J. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board