

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Business Meeting

January 20, 2006

PRESENT	ABSENT
Paul Trujillo, Chairman	
Ron Gentry, Vice-Chairman	
Mary J. Andersen, Member	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Member	
Lynette Pinkston, Member	
Michael R. Trujillo, County Manager	
Wimberly Law Firm, County Attorney	
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Trujillo at 9:00 AM.

2. Chairman Trujillo asked Mary Ann Gonzales to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kirkham requested under Action Items (h) Approval of purchasing agreement – Valencia El Cerro Fire Station Land be removed from the agenda and put on for the Business Meeting Agenda of February 17, 2006. Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval with the above deletion. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

December 16, 2005 – Business Meeting

December 21, 2005 – Emergency Meeting

Commissioner Pinkston requested a minor change page 2, of the December 16, 2005 minutes on the vote count should be 5-0 and not 4-0. Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval of the above minutes with that exception. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Requests

Undersheriff William Martinez introduced Sergeant Gordon to give an update on the task force that was implemented due to emergency purposes. Mr. Gordon gave stats for November and December which showed a significant impact in the amount of burglaries due to the task force being implemented on December 21, 2005 which the Commission gave \$20,000 to get this started.

6. Discussion (Non-Action) Items

a. Retirement Presentations – County Commission

1) Mary Ann Gonzales, “Older American Program, Admin. Services Dept”

2) Ramon Barela, “Road Division, Public Works Dept”

Commissioner Pinkston recognized Ms. Gonzales on her retirement. The Senior Program has greatly benefited from Mary Ann’s years with them. Commissioner Pinkston said she enjoyed working with her as a boss and friend and thanked her for that. She thanked Mary Ann for her time she gave during the off hours, endless time has impacted the Seniors because she gave so much. Commissioner Pinkston said Mary Ann has a great heart for the Seniors and they will always be grateful to her and she will be missed.

Commissioner Andersen said she worked with Mary Ann for two years on what she hopes will become the new Older American Kitchen. It has been a pleasure working with her. She is dedicated to her job and worked really hard. Mary Ann began this position with very little knowledge of what the position required and has worked hard to gain the skills she needed to do an effective and heartfelt job. Commissioner Andersen offered her personal thanks for everything she has done and is not going to let her get away and hopes they can still work together in the kitchen.

Dan Trujillo from the Road Department recognized Ramon Barela who was not able to attend today’s meeting. Mr. Trujillo said Mr. Barela has been with the Department for seventeen years and has done a good job. He enjoyed working with everyone and he will be missed. Mr. Trujillo accepted a plaque in honor of Mr. Barela’s retirement from the County.

Commissioners presented Mary Ann Gonzales with a plaque in honor of her retirement with the Older American program. Ms. Gonzales thanked the Commission and staff and her employees for everything they did for her. She said she had a very dedicated staff and could not have done it without them. She also thanked her family who was in attendance because if it wasn’t for them she could not have performed such a dutiful job.

Chairman Trujillo called for a five minute break.

b. Citizen Complaint Regarding Crime and Trash – Robyn Darling-Greenley (See Exhibit A)

Ms. Greenley said she is a new resident to Valencia County having moved here just recently. She sent a letter to the Commission addressing crime and trash which are the two issues that are out of control. Ms. Greenley said she feels she lives in a landfill and not a community. Her car was broken into at the UNM Valencia campus and she had to learn the hard way that we have a grossly insufficient police force in Valencia County. Ms. Greenley said she had to wait for over 2 ½ hours for an officer to come and file a report. Her complaint to the Sheriff's Office was met with "They were sorry and only have two deputies for the entire County at one time". But incidentally, it was not their office that came to help, it was the State Police. We live in a beautiful area and we are doing our part by regularly cleaning our street and placing signs, "Please Do Not Litter". Ms. Greenley said it is discouraging to see how badly people litter and how little is done. As taxpayers, we just don't understand how we can get so little for our money.

Commissioner Kirkham said if Ms. Greenley lives on Llano Road, then she is her Commissioner. Commissioner Kirkham suggested that the residents of that area start a Neighborhood Watch Program and have someone in the Sheriff's Office meet with them to start the process. The Commission has put together a nuisance ordinance that might curtail the trash dumping, so hopefully we can start with fining people for illegal dumping.

Commissioner Gentry assured her that even as Commissioners we are experiencing the crime and dumping trash situation. It has been rampant in the past and we are starting the process with the ordinances to address the situation.

c. Commissioner Communication or Questions – County Commission

d. Reports from Boards, Commission & Committees – County Commission

Commissioner Gentry reported on the Association of Counties Conference. Most of the Commissioners attended the meetings. There is a report out on the hospital trauma funding. There is a bill and a movement with the legislature to try to resolve this instead of with local taxes. Commissioner Gentry discussed the rail runner. In February, they are talking about testing the tracks out and soon putting the train and cars out on display here in Los Lunas. Commissioner Gentry suggested they also put it out in Belen to display it in the southern part of the County.

Commissioner Pinkston said she also attended the meetings in Santa Fe and wanted to say that we have great support from our legislators and state senators. They will be working hard for Valencia County including the municipalities and she just wanted to let them know that they are appreciated for all of their hard work.

7. Action Items

Board of Commissioners convene as Indigent Claims Board

Commissioner Pinkston moved to convene as the Indigent Claims Board. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Indigent Board – Barbara Bake (See Exhibit B)

Ms. Baker presented the indigent claims from December 1, 2005 to January 6, 2006. There were 83 claims submitted and 16 applicant denials. The amount of claims submitted was \$506,165.37 and Ms. Baker recommended the approval of \$58,737.36. Commissioner Andersen moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

Re-Convene as Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Update of County Zoning Map – Ruben Chavez

Mr. Chavez requested the approval of the updated zone map. Throughout the year the Commission has either approved or denied a zone change request. Mr. Chavez presented a map reflecting all the changes to date. In the Commission's packet was a smaller version of the map for their review. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like for the Commissioners to examine the larger map that will be signed before a motion is made for approval. Mr. Trujillo discussed the process the Commissioners want after a zone change request with regard to the map. Chairman Trujillo said if the colors for minerals and heavy industry are close in color and can't be distinguished. Can they be changed? Commissioner Andersen asked if the official large map could come before the Commission quarterly. Commissioners discussed the request and consensus was to table this item for review and change the color scheme on the zone map. Commissioner Andersen moved to table this item until the next Business Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion on Building Permits for Non-Profit Organizations – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested that building permit fees be required for all of Valencia County and not to exclude non-profit organizations including churches who have not been charged a building permit fee. Mr. Trujillo said at present time Valencia County does not handle commercial, mechanical or electrical inspections because the State of New Mexico handles these. This would be an increase in revenue in building permit fees to the County. Commissioner Gentry moved to impose building permit fees on all buildings such as those requiring inspections. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Medical Services Update – Detention Center – Michael Oliver (See Exhibit C)

Mr. Oliver updated the Commissioners on the search for medical and mental health services for the Valencia County Adult Detention Center. Mr. Oliver said a notice was sent terminating the current contract with Management Team Solutions in October 4, 2005. The request for proposal was

published with a closing date of October 18, 2005. Three different RFP's published were requests for medical and mental health services, requests for medical services only and requests for mental health services only. Mr. Oliver said that on October 18, 2005 they received two responses to the RFP from Correctional Healthcare Management for Medical and Mental Health Services from Inglewood, Colorado and Dr. Norah Walsh, Los Lunas for medical services only. The proposed costs were Correctional Healthcare Management for \$520,000 per year including gross receipts tax and a \$2.25 per diem, per inmate, if average daily population exceeds 160 inmates and Dr. Norah Walsh \$531,000 per year, not including mental health services. A selection committee reviewed and recommended findings as follows:

1) Cost of both RFP's far exceeds current budget for services, 2) Cost would place a financial burden on the County and Detention Center, 3) Consider publishing another RFP to additional companies throughout the United States, 4) Consider hiring a Certified Nurse Practitioner for the Detention Center, 5) Consider contracting a Physician for the Detention Center.

Mr. Oliver stated after researching remedies to the Committee's recommendations the following was determined:

1) After contacting several medical and mental health management companies, it was determined that publishing additional RFP's would not result in the receipt of additional local, viable candidates.

2) It was also determined that separating medical and mental health services for RFP purpose, was demonstrating that candidates were simply unwilling to partition their services.

3) A proposed salary schedule for a Certified Nurse Practitioner would not be commensurate with current compensation and benefit packages available in the Albuquerque metro area and would draw little, if any interest.

4) In December discussions opened with Dr. Norah Walsh with regard to contracting her services for VCDC and she indicated she was amenable.

5) There was a meeting to negotiate a contract with Dr. Norah Walsh which resulted in a proposed cost to the County for approximately \$501,732, not including mental health services. No contract was signed.

Mr. Oliver said Wexford, who maintains a State Contract to provide medical and mental health services for Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Los Lunas, was contacted and an inquire was made to see whether or not they would be willing to submit a proposal for their services. Meanwhile, MTS offers to extend their services with VCDC until March 7, 2006.

e. Status Report Goals & vision for Tierra Bonita Program – Cyndi Sluder (See Exhibit

D)

Ms. Sluder gave a status report of activity for Tierra Bonita. Ms. Sluder said they used County Jail prisoners for clean-up and they have a contract with the Juvenile Drug Court for trash pickup every weekend or as youth are in violation of probation. Commissioner Kirkham said she would like to be notified of any meetings as she is the Commissioner for the Tierra Bonita Program and the Solid Waste Program. Ms. Sluder said she would be contacted.

f. Additional 2006 Board, Commission, Committee Appointments – County Commission

1) Trash Committee

After lengthy discussion, Commissioners decided to deactivate the solid waste trash committee until further notice. Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval to deactivate the above committee and send a letter out to them in appreciation. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Discussion. Commissioner Pinkston said she would like the Commission to reevaluate and redesign this committee toward more education and purpose for the County. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Tierra Bonita Committee

Commission and Ms. Sluder discussed the standing committee for Tierra Bonita. Commissioner Gentry moved to accept the Tierra Bonita Committee contingent on Ms. Sluder submitting a list of names that she has verified and are available to serve with the additions that the Commission recommended. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Selection of Consultants, Negotiating Team:

1) Architect for Casa Colorada Project – Mr. Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested selection of an architect for the Casa Colorada Community Center renovation project. Mr. Trujillo recommended the firm of Village Architects, Inc. to accomplish architectural and engineering services to bid the needed renovation functions. Commissioner Gentry moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Evaluation Committee – RFP #160, Engineer of Record – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested selection of an evaluation committee to review and recommend to the Commission an "Engineer of Record" for the County. Responses to the request for proposal #160 – County Engineer of Record are due January 26, 2006 at 2:00 PM. The evaluation committee would shortlist from proposals submitted and then interview and rank proposals submitted from engineering firms. A committee of three to five individuals is recommended. Commissioner Gentry moved that the Commission act as the evaluation committee. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Dispatcher's Union Negotiating Team – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested selection of a two to four member negotiating team for dispatcher union negotiations. We have been notified by the Communication Workers of America union that a majority of dispatchers would like to be represented by the union. Commissioner Pinkston moved to

appoint Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Gentry and Manager Mike Trujillo for the purpose of negotiating relationships with the dispatcher's union. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Selection of County Lobbyists for 2006 Legislative Session – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested the selection of County Lobbyists for the 2006 Legislative Session. Due to the time period of the session and critical issues that will require constant attention, Mr. Trujillo recommended on the medical facility, Dan Weak and Associates and for general County related issues, Luke Otero and Associates. Commissioner Pinkston moved to hire the above mentioned lobbyists for the 2006 legislative session. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gentry made a motion that along the lines of a lobbyist's responsibilities, we send a letter to the Governor's office, that when they purchase statewide voting machines and the State paying for it, that they also consider, in that funding, forgiving the debt that is on a revolving fund for all the voting machines which the Counties have purchased and were led to believe they were going to be usable. Commissioner Gentry said he was told last year by the Secretary of State that Valencia County was buying state of the art and would last from now on and this County committed themselves from \$500,000 to \$700,000 which payments are being made and if this proposition goes through they will be junked at the end of next year. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Trujillo recommended the County Clerk draft the letter and then they can forward it on to the appropriate people.

Vice-Chairman Gentry took over the meeting at this time.

i. Approval of White Goods Contract with Jim's Place – Cyndi Sluder (See Exhibit E)

Ms. Sluder requested to accept the contract with Jim's Place for recycling white goods at Conejo Landfill. Ms. Sluder said that Jim's Place has received proper certifications to remove and dispose of hazardous materials. Costs will remain the same as before, \$10.00 for refrigerators and \$5.00 all other units. Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Authorize Development of Medical Facility Request for Proposals – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo requested authorization to develop a medical facility RFP and contract with Dan Weak and Associates to assist in preparation of the RFP. Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Request to Publish – An Ordinance Relating to Public Works, Amending Section 1404.04 of the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance Deleting the Sunset Clause – Mike Trujillo (See Exhibit F)

Mr. Trujillo requested permission to publish an ordinance relating to Public Works, amending Section 1404.04 of the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance deleting the sunset clause. State statute requires permission from the County Commission to publish an ordinance and this will basically sunset on March 31, 2006. Mr. Trujillo requested an amendment to the ordinance which would eliminate the sunset clause. Commissioner Andersen moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Financial Matters

1) Resolution 2006-06, Budget Increase for "Desk Audit" Services with UNM – Mike Trujillo (See Exhibit G)

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution 2006-07, Loan Authorizing Resolution – Los Chavez Fire Station – Andrew di Camillo (See Exhibit H)

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Approval Loan & Intercept Agreement NMFA – Los Chavez Fire Department – Mike Trujillo (See Exhibit I)

Chairman Trujillo made a motion for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Approval of Payroll & Warrants – Mr. Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo presented the printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on January 13, 2006 covering vendor bills processed on that date. Check #83540 thru Check #83651 inclusive for a total of \$406,199.94. **(See Exhibit J)**

Mr. Trujillo presented the printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on January 17, 2006 covering vendor bills processed on that date. Check #83653 thru Check #83653 inclusive for a total of \$499.95. **(See Exhibit K)**

Mr. Trujillo presented the printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on January 17, 2006 covering vendor bills processed on that date. Check #83652 thru Check #83652 for a total of \$6,168.00. **(See Exhibit L)**

Mr. Trujillo presented the printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on January 20, 2006 covering payroll process on that date. Payroll Check #71318 thru Payroll Check # 71548 inclusive. Deduction Check #83654 thru Deduction Check #83689 inclusive for a listing total of \$20,569.02. **(See Exhibit M)**

Chairman Trujillo moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Gentry stated pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, the following matters may be discussed in closed session, limited personnel matters, pending or threatened litigation, and other specific limited topics that are allowed or authorized under the stated statute.

Commissioner Kirkham moved to enter into executive session. Seconded by Chairman Trujillo. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Chairman Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Vice-Chairman Gentry voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Trujillo took over the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Pinkston moved to enter into regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Chairman Trujillo voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Trujillo reported that during executive session under pending or threatened litigation, real property acquisition and one under personnel were discussed, no action was taken.

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval of Mr. Trujillo's report. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Chairman Trujillo voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

9. County Manager's Report (Informational Only)

Establishing 2006 COOP Road Projects
Report on NMAC Mid-Winter Conference
Report on Commission 2006 Initiative Retreat
Mr. Trujillo reported on the above items, informational only.

10. The next Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on February 3, 2006 at 9:00 AM at the Los Lunas Consolidated Schools Board Room. The next Public Hearing Meeting will be held on February 8, 2006 at 5:00 PM at the Valencia County Courthouse Commission Room.

11. Adjournment

After Commissioners signed the proper documents, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the January 20, 2006 Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ss/
PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO CHAIRMAN

ss/
RON GENTRY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ss/
MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER

GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, MEMBER

ss/
LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER

**ATTEST: ss/
TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK**

DATE: 2/3/2006