

# VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Emergency Meeting

**August 2, 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	
Cynthia R. Wimberly, County Attorney	
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Trujillo at 2:30 PM.

**2. Chairman Trujillo asked Wayne Gallegos to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Provide an update on flood conditions; How to mitigate further disaster or flood damage and ; How to work with and assist neighboring entities.**

Chairman Trujillo recognized Francisco Apodaca, Public Works Director, Belen Fire Chief, Wayne Gallegos, Village of Los Lunas Fire Chief, Mark Chavez Bosque Farms, Councilmember Terese Ulivarri, Valencia Fire Chief, Charles Eaton, Sheriff Perea, Timothy Manning, Director of Homeland Security, Office of the Governor, Dan Trujillo, Road Department, Manny Garcia, City of Belen and Michael Oliver, Adult Detentions Director.

Francisco Apodaca said he can't take any of the credit, he would like to thank Dan Trujillo from the Road Department. They have been working to improve the conditions of the roads, which was basically all night. There were different entities lending a helping hand in the Belen area. Mr. Apodaca said we have utilized everyone that we could, Planning and Zoning did a great job, we have most of the roads passable, the worst was Manzano Express Way and El Cerro Mission. The Sheriff's Office did a great job as well in keeping the traffic moving or diverting them in a direction that was passable. Mr. Apodaca said the Detention Center has put together sand bags, they are available to the public, the materials were donated, so these will be available. Mr. Apodaca said we have expended \$1,506.00 in overtime, total spent on this flood disaster for the County was \$19,000.00.

Sheriff Perea reported on conditions of the storm. He was contacted by the Chief of Police, Mark Chavez, and together they worked on emergencies in Belen, Manzano Expressway, Highway 47 and La Entrada. Sheriff Perea said he had his day shift stay over and activated four officers with SUV's to help. There were several volunteers that also helped. Sheriff Perea said his dispatchers complimented Mr. Apodaca for his diligence in handling the situation. They now know who he is. All entities worked together to make everything run smooth. Sheriff Perea sad he incurred \$480.00 in overtime.

Chairman Trujillo recognized and thanked Dan Trujillo from the Road Department and his road crew for everything they did.

Charles Eaton, Fire Chief, said he was contacted by Mannie Garcia, from the Office of Emergency Management, City of Belen, advising him of the storm. It was evident that we were going to have problems, we put our resources together and alerted everyone. Out of the six fire districts, we had 39 personnel respond, since the activation period Monday night, we have accumulated 38 hours of fire department response.

Michael Oliver, Director of Adult Detentions Center reported that with the heavy rains, they go through a general lock-down, a few leaks nothing major, they have crews making sandbags, right now they have about 300 sandbags available. They will be available at the County Road Department.

Manny Garcia, Office of Emergency Management, City of Belen, reported that he had received a phone call from the National Weather Service that weather was eminent coming into Valencia County. We had 50 minutes to react and activate, we received help from the County through Fire Chief, Charles Eaton. Bernalillo County also assisted in helping with mutual aid. The Corps of Engineers helped with sand bags, Valencia County picked those up for the City of Belen. Bosque

Farms helped out, fortunately they did not have any problems in their area. Mr. Garcia said a lot of coordination has gone on with additional resources, the City of Belen has declared an emergency.

Wayne Gallegos, Fire Chief, City of Belen, said everyone does come together as a community, we are still a small enough County so that we can do that. We have 30 homes under water or that have been destroyed. We have families that need access to their homes. Mr. Gallegos said the government can't help people individually. We have scheduled the Red Cross to come in tomorrow to help. Hopefully, these people's insurances will help them. What we are doing through coordination is trying to help out these families. Mr. Gallegos said a word of caution, document everything so you will know exactly what has been expended. When the State does come and help that documentation is readily available.

Terese Ulivarri, Councilmember, City of Belen, thanked everyone who has participated in helping Belen and the surrounding areas. All the entities have banded together and have done such a wonderful job. The recovery period is going to be a tough thing to tackle. We need to start looking at the mosquito problem that will incur due to the standing water. We will need to work with the Environmental Department if this gets out of control. The pumper trucks have been working steadily throughout this period. We just got too much rain too fast and in the next few days, we will need to watch those areas that got flooded out, so that we may help those families.

Anthony Romero, Emergency Coordinator, Village of Los Lunas, said in regards to the training school, it is prepared to house people in case of evacuation. Mr. Romero said he is ready to coordinate with the Red Cross and is available to do anything he needs to help.

Detective Chavez of Bosque Farms said his office has been in contact with Manny Garcia for any type of man power that is needed. They are available to block roads or whatever is needed, please let them know, they will be on standby.

Timothy Manning, on behalf of the Governor, expressed his commitment to any assistance that may be required to Valencia County or any city within the County, Governor Richardson did declare a disaster about an hour ago. This will make available financial resources to Belen on behalf of the County. That, notwithstanding, any emergency assistance that is required will be available and coordinated by his office. Mr. Manning said he commends Manny Garcia and Wayne Gallegos in Belen, the coordination and communication has been great. There has been widespread damage from El Paso, Texas through Sandoval County, San Miguel, and they are working with all of the counties. There has been a weather forecast for increased storms but hopefully, it is weakening and won't be as severe as the last few days.

Commissioner Gentry asked if he understood Mr. Manning correctly, that the Governor within the last hour declared Belen a disaster area, but not the surrounding area. Mr. Manning said the disaster declaration is for Valencia County, the subdivisions that are declared in the geographic areas are within the County boundaries. In order to be eligible for assistance under that program, the subdivisions requesting assistance must have exhausted their assets and declared that an emergency if the condition exists. Mr. Manning said Valencia County has not passed a disaster resolution to declare it a disaster. Belen, being part of Valencia County will be eligible having declared an emergency there. That is in addition to the subdivisions that don't have a disaster making authority, a disaster resolution such as the school districts and certain other special districts that have no governing bodies, such as Valencia County. Under the disaster program, 75% of the eligible costs are reimbursable by the program. Commissioner Gentry said so is it yes or no? Mr. Manning said it is yes.

**a. Consideration of an Emergency Disaster Proclamation.**

**b. Resolution 2006-33, Emergency Authority granted to Chair Person and County Manager in case of a disaster or emergency requiring immediate attention. (See Exhibit A)**

Commissioner Andersen moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Discussion. County Attorney modified the resolution. Commissioner Andersen moved for approval of adoption of the above resolution as modified. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry as modified. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners discussion ensued as to delegation of authority or main contact for emergency purposes.

Commissioner Gentry moved to direct County Manager, Public Works Director, Administrative Services Director, and the Chairman of the Commission as a line of authority for emergency purposes. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted no. Chairman Trujillo voted yes. Motion carried 4-1.

The next Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on August 11, 2006 at 9:00 AM at the Los Lunas Consolidated Schools Board Room.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Trujillo called for adjournment. Time 4:15 PM.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the August 2, 2006, Emergency 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**

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**RON GENTRY, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER**

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**GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, MEMBER**

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**LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER**

**ATTEST: ss/**

**TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE: August 11, 2006**