

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

May 17, 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 5:02 PM.

2. Chairman Trujillo asked Sheriff Perea to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Discussion of the Preliminary 2006/2007 Fiscal Year Budget (Exhibit A)

a. Public Budget Requests/Presentations

Chairman Trujillo asked who would be speaking on behalf of their budget tonight. Bill Brown, Tierra Bonita, Marcel Reynolds, Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District, and Julie Hutchins, New Mexico State University, Valencia County Property Extension Service.

Mr. Brown handed out referenced material to the Commission pertaining to the Tierra Bonita Program. Mr. Brown discussed the 2006-2007 budget plan and the part-time position held by Cyndi Sluder. There was question on either a 10 hour work week vs a 30 hour work week. Mr. Brown stated how a 10 hour work week would be to answer phones, check e-mails and filing. A 30 hour work week would be more time efficient with the different programs associated with Tierra Bonita. Commission directed staff to contact Ms. Sluder to discuss the confusion on the hours worked per week. Commissioner Gentry discussed how this program has grown and has become a full blown department. When you come up with a half of a million dollar budget projection for five years, this is a concern with the amount of hours because a 10 hour work week won't seem to cut it. Commissioner Andersen stated this program needs 30 hours weekly, as Mr. Brown also agreed the program needs 30 hours and that is what we need to consider budgeting. Discussion ensued.

Marcel Reynolds, Valencia County Soil & Water Conservation District discussed projects that the District has done and their progression over the last five years. Mr. Reynolds said they have averaged about \$25,000 a year from the County to support the District activities. Mr. Trujillo said the funding in the past has been \$10,000.00 and the District is requesting for an additional \$7,500.00.

Julie Hutchins, Property Extension Services thanked the Commission for listening to their proposal as part of the County's budget request. Ms. Hutchins gave a brief history on how the Extension Service is County, State and Federally funded. The State and Federal funds are matched from the County's funds. The amount requested is the same as last year's budget of \$75,215.00 and then that is matched with State and Federal funds. Ms. Hutchins introduced Home Economist, Ann Marie Wilson and Agricultural Agent, Allison Chipman each gave a brief overview of their perspective projects.

b. Review of Budget Adjustments during Commission Hearings (Exhibit A)

Mr. Trujillo discussed the budget adjustments with the Commissioners. The Commissioners reviewed the referenced material of the General Fund Budget Summary for the fiscal year 2006-2007 and the budget recommendations. There are some requests for additional staff in the different departments. Chairman Trujillo recommended to staff if with the Animal Control facility if it could be defined into two phases so we would not be affecting the general fund. Mr. Trujillo discussed different avenues with Mr. Trujillo asked the Commission if there were any other changes to the budget. Mr. Trujillo referenced the different increments of a budget increase with the exception of the Sheriff's Office deputies. Also showing a separate line item showing an increase for Sheriff's deputies. Commissioner Gentry suggested they take the salary increases and put them into one salary consideration. This base budget should reflect the desktop audit that will be complete in three to four weeks. Mr. Trujillo said a workshop will be held after the audit to determine a range system to see where people should fall. Commissioner Pinkston said Detention Officers did not get an increase last time, we need to look into this. Commissioner Gentry wanted staff to look into a loan agreement with a bank based in New York that we are paying on. Commission discussion ensued.

The next Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on Friday, May 19, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Andersen adjourned at 6:19 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the May 17, 2006, Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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**ss/
PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
RON GENTRY, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER**

**ss/
GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, MEMBER**

**ss/
LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: June 16, 2006