

Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO)
Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

PRESENT:

Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego. Rio Communities Mayor Mark Gwinn. Valencia County Commissioners: Charles Eaton, Helen Cole, David Hyder. Valencia County Manager Danny Monette, Assistant Manager Adrienne Kozacek. Rio Communities Councilors: Arturo Sais, Peggy Gutjar. Los Lunas Councilor Christopher Ortiz. Rio Communities: Manager Bob Skerry. Los Lunas Administrator Greg Martin. Guest Speaker, Animal Control Director Jess Weston

I. Call to order

Chairman Eaton called to order the regular meeting of the Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO) at 6:15 p.m. on September 6, 2016 at Los Lunas Transportation Center, 101 Courthouse Road, Los Lunas New Mexico.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Griego led in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting dated May 3, 2016

Mayor Griego opened a motion to table May 3rd, 2016 minutes, Commissioner Hyder second it. All were in favor to have the minutes tabled.

IV. New business

- a) Introduction of Jess Weston, new Valencia County Animal Control Director. Mr. Weston introduced himself to the VALEO members and mentioned to them he was a Veterinary Assistant for 8 years and A/C/CE/FPM since 2007 through the Village of Los Lunas. Mr. Weston has been with Valencia County Animal Shelter for one month and he has made minor changes, but effective ones, which have resulted in good reviews

Comments from the VALEO Members

Val. Co. County Manager Monette: The Animal Control smells much better, the cleanliness has produced positive comments from the general public.

Val. Co. Chairman Eaton: Valencia County Animal Shelter will be working with municipalities to address needs. Commissioner Eaton with confident stated we have hired the right person for the job and Mr. Weston has good support from the Commissioners and Staff .

Rio Comm. Manager Skerry: The continuation of service agreement between Valencia County and Rio Communities has helped us tremendously; we all use the shelter and we should all pull together and provide support; Saturday Blitz was awesome.

Rio Comm. Mayor Gwinn: Thank you; we have three Animal Control Officers who live in our Community going to bus stops in the early morning.

More discussion on Animal Control

Mr. Weston continued with expansion ideas for the shelter and mentioned a grant from ASPCA.

Assistant County Manager Kozacek: briefed on Capital Appropriations

Mayor Gwinn: *proposed question;* Are you going to change the Ordinance?

Dir. Weston: *responds;* That is the plan Sir.

Gail Goodman: *proposed question;* Are there plans to open spay and neuter to public?

Dir. Weston: *responds;* Yes we are looking at all options: Vet and Vet Tech contract, and a shut down on animals coming into the facility.

Mayor Gwinn: *proposed questions;* What is the average number of animals housed?
Where are the transfers going?

Dir. Weston: *responds;* Animals housed for the month of August were 454 intakes. And transfers are going to out of state rescues (Tucson;SLC) and local rescues (Santa Fe). The ASPCA follows up on all inspections

Rio Comm. Council: *proposed questions;* What is the capacity of the shelter? And what is the difference between stray verses adoptable?

Dir. Weston: *responds;* The capacity of the shelter allowed is 100 large dogs and 50 cats. Mr. Weston also explained if an animal is classified for the first 72 hrs. and if that animal is not claimed within that time, the animal is then adoptable.

V. Next Meeting:

The next VALEO meeting will be held on November 1, 2016 at Bosque Farms

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Eaton adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.