

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 22, 1999

M I N U T E S

The Regular Meeting of November 22, 1999 was called to order by Chairman Alicia Aguilar at 4:37 PM.

PRESENT

Alicia Aguilar, Chairman
Aurelio H. Padilla, Vice-Chairman
S. T. Frank Pando, Member

Helen Baca, Member
James Fernandez, County Manager
Thomas Garde, County Attorney

Press and Public

ABSENT

Eloy Giron, Member

Kandy Cordova, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Paula Weathersby read the agenda of the Executive Session. County Manager James Fernandez asked to add discussion on Solid Waste Hauling Contracts to the Executive Session.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of Solid Waste Hauling Contracts and to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, “Let the record show Commissioner Giron is absent.”

Carol Anaya stated during the Executive Session discussion was held on the following:

NEW HIRES: Pending pre-employment physical and drug test.	Edward Gonzales
RESIGNATION:	Lynette Stubblefield
STATUS CHANGE: Probationary to Non-Probationary	Rose Molina
STATUS CHANGE: Probationary to Non-Probationary with Salary Adjustment	Jennifer Hawkes Paul Sanchez
RETURN FROM LEAVE WITH PAY:	Octaviano Gonzales

Commissioner Eloy Giron came into the meeting during the Executive Session.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the recommendation of Carol Anaya. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Manager James Fernandez said during the Executive Session, discussion was held on land acquisition with regards to Tri-Sect Landfill and Pet Vista. No action was taken on either item. Tri-Sect will be discussed during the open meeting.

County Attorney Tom Garde said, “Because of time, no litigation was discussed during the Executive Session.”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar asked if another Executive Session would need to be added as Item O. The County Attorney said, “Let’s leave it open.”

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion that these items were the only items discussed during the Executive Session. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS & STAFF

Chairman Alicia Aguilar introduced the County Commission, Elected Officials and Staff.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar called for a Moment of Silence and asked Fire Marshal John Cherry to explain the reason. Mr. Cherry said he requested the Moment of Silence for Chief Don Owens. He was Fire Chief of the Rio Grande Estates Fire Dept. He was killed in an auto accident and services were held for him today.

Mr. Cherry said Mr. Owens was with the Fire Dept. for 6½ years. He was Asst. Chief for one year and was Chief for one year. He had one-year left of his term and ran a progressive department. He will be greatly missed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barney Carabajal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Paula Weathersby read the agenda as presented. Jacqueline Guilbault said Item D (Accept Proposal for Tome Hill Pathways Phase V) and Item F (Award RFP #125/Final Design, Fabrication & Installation of Interpretive Signs) are basically the same and could be combined. Chairman Alicia Aguilar said we could change Item E (Acknowledge & Confirm Rio Del Oro Pathways Project) to Item F and move Item F to Item E.

Chairman Aguilar said an Executive Session would be added as Item O if necessary.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of November 8, 1999 were presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 8, 1999. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Joel Greashaber said he lives in Blythe Mobile Gardens. They have an association that has been involved in a long-standing court case (Hibdon versus Blythe Mobile Home Association). It has been heard by Judge William Sanchez and has now gone beyond there to the Appeals Court. He said his purpose in being at this meeting is to make the Commissioners aware that this case has gone beyond District Court and Mr. Hibdon is trying to overturn that decision and open the road.

Chairman Aguilar asked the County Attorney if they could continue with this discussion if it was still considered pending litigation. The County Attorney said the County was not involved in the litigation.

The residents that he is representing are here to state that they believe Diana Drive Northeast was not built to be used as a thoroughfare. It has been closed since 1992. Prior to that there was rumor of damage to property and homes. They want the road to remain closed and anything the County can do, such as sending a memorandum to the Appeals Court, they would appreciate. He said the road is known for its tight turns. He said the decision would be made in a few days.

Tom Garde said, "Without looking at the lawsuit, I'm not sure I could advise the Commission on whether this is something we need to get into. We were not served notice of this decision. It was before Judge Sanchez. The appeal was made from Judge Sanchez' position. The only position the County could take would be a friend of the Court. Without knowing what the issues are in the case, I'd be unable to make a recommendation."

Commissioner Frank Pando said he would like for the County Attorney to look into this issue. It has been around for a long time. One person wants it open and everyone else wants it closed. He said he didn't know how they could assist these people, but he would like to help anyway he could.

Chairman Aguilar said, "This is under Public Requests and no direction can be taken from the Commission. My recommendation would be to submit all of this information to administration and let them look at it."

Mr. Greashaber said he understands and he does have a copy of the appeal papers to present to Mr. Garde. Chairman Aguilar said, "For the record, with the understanding that in acceptance of the document, it is for information purposes only and not for any action by this Commission."

County Manager James Fernandez said this gentleman did try to call his office today, but based on their schedule they were unable to get back to him.

ACTION ITEMS

(A) COLLABORATIVE ACTION TEAM

Tom Upton said he had an approximate 8½-minute video to show regarding the Collaborative Action Team. He thanked the County for participating with them. He said they attended a Regional Training Institute in Little Rock, Arkansas. The County Manager and Chairman Alicia Aguilar also attended. There were over 250 representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. There was representation for 25 Collaborative Action Teams. He said it was a source of motivation and stimulation to see the things that people are doing all over the country that involves children and youth. The main goal of the Southwest Education Development Lab is to improve the education of children through the concept of "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" and everyone has something to contribute to raising children and providing them with a quality education. Mr. Upton said it is very gratifying to be with a group that is trying to do that as the CAT Team is trying to do in the East Mesa Area. He again thanked the Commission for their support.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar thanked Lupe Garcia, Maria Elena Ayala, Gayla Tomlison, Dolores Marquez and she said the list goes on. She said this is not an 8 to 4 job. They are out there in the evenings and on weekends. The kids depend on them. It boils down to community preservation and the well being of a child from youth to adulthood. These people give a lot.

Mrs. Aguilar said this was a volunteer effort to make this video. She thanked Mr. Upton.

(B) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Services

Wayne Gallegos presented a Joint Powers Agreement establishing a cooperative effort between the County of Valencia and the City of Belen to create an emergency management organization with a coordinator. It shall be the duty of the Emergency Services Coordinator and the County's Emergency Management appointed agent to implement the County's and the City's respective ordinances, State and Federal regulations pertaining to Emergency Management.

It was determined that the County of Valencia shall reimburse the City of Belen for costs associated with supplying Valencia County with the services of an Emergency Services Coordinator in excess of 16 hours per month. (See Exhibit A)

John Cherry said in his opinion, this is the only way to go. He said he works closely with Wayne Gallegos.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Services. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(C) RESOLUTION/To Pre-declare Valencia County in State of Emergency (Y2K)

County Manager James Fernandez presented Resolution 99-53 for Commission approval. It is a resolution pre-declaring Valencia County in a State of Emergency due to the uncertainty of "Y2K". He said they wanted to be ahead so that in case of an emergency, they will be able access any programs that might be needed.

The first three paragraphs read as follows: "Whereas, on December 31, 1999, 12:00 a m., residents of Valencia County may experience problems with utility services, E-911 emergency services and administrative services; and

Whereas, the damage that may be experienced may result in undue human suffering and hardship and threaten the safety, health, welfare and well-being of citizens and economic functions of Valencia County; and

Whereas, all locally available public and private resources and forces committed to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs and meet restoration requirements." **(See Exhibit B)**

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve Resolution 99-53. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion.

Mr. Fernandez said he had discussed with Fire Marshal John Cherry the possibility of having informational meetings at the fire stations so that people will be aware of the fact that if they need assistance they can go to the fire departments, the addresses of the fire departments and what kinds of assistance they can receive.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said the fire departments are doing an excellent job in that they are working to identify individuals that are bedridden so that in case of emergency we would know where they are in the County.

John Cherry said the plan is to have all Fire Stations open that night so that if anyone needs to contact them, they have a physical means of contact for an emergency situation.

Mr. Fernandez said the Senior Citizen Program is working to identify persons who are in need of critical care and might not have any relatives or other individuals that they need to turn to in the event of difficulty.

The County Manager said they also met with the Department Heads to establish a contingency program for Valencia County and how it would meet the needs of individuals of the County should an emergency situation arise.

(D & F) ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR TOME HILL PATHWAYS PHASE V

Jacqueline Guilbault stated on Friday, November 12, 1999, proposals for Tome Hill Park, Along the Camino Real, Phase V interpretive signs was opened. Valencia County received one proposal.

Sightworks/UNM submitted a proposal with the cost to be negotiated. Valley Improvement Association reviewed the proposal and determined that it included all information required in the RFP.

Valley Improvement Association recommends that Valencia County accept the Tome Hill Park, Along the Camino Real Phase V interpretive signs proposal from Sightworks/UNM pending a successfully negotiated cost. A contract will then be approved by Valencia County's attorney and signed by the County Manager.

AWARD OF RFP #125/Final Design, Fabrication & Installation of Interpretive Signs

Jacqueline Guilbault presented the Award of RFP #125 for final design, fabrication and installation of Interpretive Signs. There was one bidder, Sightworks/UNM in the amount of \$29,186.00.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the award of RFP to Sightworks/UNM in the amount of \$29,186.00. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit C)**

(E) ACKNOWLEDGE & CONFIRM RIO DEL ORO PATHWAYS PROJECT

Jacqueline Guilbault requested that the County Commission acknowledges and confirms the Rio del Oro Pathways project. This project will provide bicycle and pedestrian pathways linking UNMVC, Veterans Park, Tome Elementary School, Manzano Vista Middle School, Pasitos de Cielo and Tome Hill from the south. It will link Greenways pathway, which will go east from Tome Hill to the Manzano Mountains.

The path will be at least 8' wide with (2) 2' wide shoulders and 2' thick asphalt built to AASHTO standards. Most of this path will be designed and engineered to utilize the road rights-of-way. She said she has included typical sections of the 200', 86' and 66' rights-of-way showing how the path fits.

This is another Enhancement project using federal funds through the NMSH&TD. Initially submitted in 1993, the then County Commission passed Resolution 94-15. It is currently on the NMSH&TD budget to start construction in 2000/2001. This is a five-year five-phase project.

Like the Tome Hill project, VIA will provide the matching funds, assume the liability and administer the project. The JPA, Permission to Publish and bidding process will be presented to the Commission for approval in 2000.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to continue to support Valley Improvement Association and confirm the Rio del Oro Pathways Project. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit D)**

(G) AWARD BID #505 NEW RESCUE UNIT RIO GRANDE ESTATES

Valencia County Fire Marshal John Cherry presented Award of Bid #505 for a new ambulance for the Rio Grande Estates Fire Dept. There was one bid received from CRS Emergency Vehicles of Pawhuska, Oklahoma in the amount of \$49,029.00.

Mr. Cherry said, “Mr. Harry Auge of Auge’s Dodge was the Fire Chief at the Rio Grande Estates Fire Dept. at one time. Mr. Auge passed away some months ago and his wife has come forth and offered to donate \$15,000.00 towards a new ambulance in memory of Harry Auge as long as it was on a Dodge chassis. CRS Emergency Vehicles is the only vendor that can certify the new ambulance on a Dodge chassis.”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said there is a letter attached, signed by Fire Chief Don Owens accepting the bid. John Cherry said Mr. Owens did a lot of work on this, but he didn’t get to see the end results.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to accept the bid of CRS Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$49,029.00. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See Exhibit E)

(H) PUBLIC HEARING/Final Approval Amendments to Personnel Ordinance

Carol Anaya said this is the public hearing for final approval of the proposed amendments to the Personnel Ordinance. She said in reviewing the Personnel Policy Manual, Administration felt that there were amendments that needed to be done. If approved, the amendments will become effective December 13, 1999.

One of the changes was, the name of the Personnel Director has been changed throughout the Personnel Ordinance to Human Resource Manager. Other amendments are as follows:

SECTION	WORDS ADDED OR CHANGED
Section 2.27-IMMEDIATE FAMILY	(added) their spouses, their children
Section 2.34-PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE	(Changed wording) cannot avail himself/herself of the grievance procedures set forth in this personnel policy manual.
Section 3.3-A-APPOINTEES	(added) business manager, county planner, landfill director
Section 5.2-CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS	(Section added) a full-time classified employee may be selected to assume in an acting non-classified appointee position until such time as the exempt position is filled. While in acting status the classified employee shall be paid at the entry level of that exempt position. Upon the selection of the non-classified appointee position, the acting classified employee shall return to his/her previous status and pay grade.
Section 5.3-DEMOTION	(changed section number)
Section 5.4-TRANSFER	(changed section number)
Section 5.5-RESIGNATION	(changed section number)
Section 5.6-REDUCTION IN FORCE	(changed section number)
Section 5.7-DISMISSAL	(changed section number)
Section 6.2-PERFORMANCE EVALUATION	A) added March 15 th added returned to the employee or discarded after five years.
Section 10.4-ANNUAL LEAVE WITH PAY	Added (Employees serving over fifteen years will accrue 6.16 hours per pay period adding up to four weeks of annual leave.
Section 10.6-SICK LEAVE CONTRIBUTIONS	added (Employees may contribute any of their sick leave balance to another Valencia County employee when the following criteria are met: 1. The employee is in need of sick leave time due to critical circumstances. 2. The employee in need has used all sick and annual leave. 3. The contributing employee has an accumulated balance in excess of one hundred twenty hours of leave. 4. The sick leave hours contributed are transferred from one employee to another in hourly increments. 5. Sufficient departmental funding is available.)
Section 10.12-ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY	Added (Administrative pending disciplinary action shall not exceed thirty calendar days.)
Section 10.13-OCCUPATIONAL INJURY TIME/WORKERS' COMPENSATION	changed section number
Section 10.19-FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE	Added (the employee) and (as specifically set out in Section 825.114 of The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.)
Section 11.7-CONTENTS OF PERSONNEL FILE	deleted subsection C (Medical examination form)
Section 11.10-MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH	Added (The Human Resources Manager shall maintain all medical and mental health forms and evaluations in a separate file.)

Lillie McNabb requested that a portion of Section 8.3 (Grievance Hearing/Appeals to the Hearing Officer) be adopted to dispose of old records and tapes of hearings. There should be a time frame to dispose of dead material.

Carol Anaya said you couldn't dispose of Personnel Files. She said sometimes employees leave and later on in life they need information for Social Security purposes.

Tom Garde said, "Basically under the public records section, The Archives indicates that there must be a standard set by the public agency, which would be this agency. What we are trying to do is find out what archives is suggesting as far as the time frame with which to retain records. We're pursuing that avenue to insure that we are not keeping records too long."

The County Attorney stated, "Under Section 13.9 which indicates Repeal, I think we need to add the number 4 because this will be the fourth amendment to the original ordinance #93-03. The amendments to this ordinance will take affect 30 days from today's date if it is adopted in full. That would be December 22, 1999. The face of the Valencia County Personnel Policy Manual will reflect the affective amendment date of these amendments."

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to accept the proposed amendments as presented. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit F)**

(I) DISCUSSION ON ABANDONED MOBILE HOMES IN VALENCIA COUNTY

Mike McCartney said he wanted to make the County Commission aware of the fact that when they discuss land acquisition, maybe they could consider a portion for the storage of mobile homes. They are running into problems with repossessions. They are abandoned and become a haven for gangs. He said if they get an order from a Judge to remove the mobile home, they have no place to put them. They do have the ability to tow them, but no storage space.

Commissioner Frank Pando said the only thing that is good on some of the mobile homes is the metal that can be made into rebar. It would be impossible to auction them off.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar asked if some of the older mobile homes could be used for training for the fire departments.

Charles Eaton said sometimes the mobile home is pulled out on Highway 6 and left by the side of the road.

Chairman Aguilar said this should be turned over to the County Attorney because there could be legal repercussions.

Tom Garde said, "You have a situation where you can legally assess the property owner for the amount that it takes to move the building, but the problem is, it is not the property owner that owns the mobile home. The tenant or the finance company left it there. There is a mechanism in place for the ordinance to deal with it, but I think the problem is where to place the structure until we can make the assessment."

It was recommended that Mr. McCartney get together with the County Attorney on this issue.

(J) REQUEST AMEND ZONE MAPS

RR to CD for purpose of operating a gift shop gallery for Virginia Baca

Mike McCartney said this property is located on Highway 47 about 1.7 miles north of Baca Pontiac. This item was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 9, 1999. Mrs. Baca and her daughter want to open a small shop with a gallery. They were granted approval to bring it to the County Commission for a zone change.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the zone change. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(K) MARIPOSA ON LIST FOR PAVING

Mike McCartney said this is a request to put Mariposa on the list for paving for District 5. It is a County dedicated road for maintenance at this time. This road is off of north El Cerro Loop. It is a quarter of a mile road and turns into a cul-de-sac.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to add Mariposa to the list for paving for District 5. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(L) REQUEST PERMISSION TO PUBLISH AMENDMENTS TO FEMA

County Manager James Fernandez said, "Within your packet you should have a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated November 9th. It was addressed to Commissioner Aguilar. This is a reminder that the County needs to amend their FEMA Ordinance. We would like to have permission to publish amendments to the FEMA Ordinance."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "This goes back to 1992 and since then there have been appeals and all of the appeals have been exhausted. The new maps have been provided to our FloodPlain Administrator who is Richard Padilla. They will become effective February 9, 2000. They are adding Tome, Adelino, Los Chavez and other parts of the valley that weren't in a flood plain area. The bottom line is almost everything in the valley becomes a flood plain. There are some areas that are AE, where FEMA has designated the flood plain elevations so we would go by their information. In areas A, it is our responsibility to establish elevations based on the best data that we have available."

"It also means that now that we will be approving subdivisions, we would need to impose on the developers to provide us with this information."

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to grant permission to publish amendments to FEMA. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(M) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager James Fernandez reported on the following items:

Valencia County Policy/Special Events

The County has a policy in effect that needs to be updated. There have been several requests to utilize some of the County Buildings for special events. Mr. Fernandez asked permission to update the policy that is now in effect such as requiring proof of insurance, add some other items in that when it is utilized for certain

functions that we would have a provision that security would have to be provided, that there would be no use of alcoholic beverages in county facilities, that we would also look at a damage and cleaning deposit. We would also need to determine what types of functions would be allowed in the county facilities. The existing policy was adopted as Resolution 95-25 in June 19, 1995. It has not been updated since then.

The consensus was to give administration direction to proceed.

Jail Update

The bid documents have been released for the new Adult Detention Facility. They were advertised over the past weekend. Those bids will be reviewed and opened on December 15th.

In the packets there is a revised calendar that has been provided by the Modrall Law Firm in terms of the marketing of the bonds. It will give the time frame that we're looking at, I refer to page 6 that on Thursday, January 13, 2000, the New Mexico Finance Authority will adopt a sales resolution and they will be closing on the bonds on the 19th.

Purchase of Tri-Sect Landfill

The Commission has given direction to administration to look at the possibility of negotiating the purchase of the Tri-Sect Landfill. They met with Tri-Sect and they have a preliminary Conceptual Agreement as to the cost of that site and how we would propose to finance it. The County has negotiated a purchase price for the total 640 acres of \$3,100,000.00 and earnest money in the amount of \$50,000.00 that would be refunded to the County in the case the County could not obtain the financing for this particular project. The County is looking at financing this through the New Mexico Finance Authority pledging our tipping fees and the Environmental Gross Receipts Tax.

The County would look at leasing this facility to Waste Management and they would operate it on the County's behalf. The County would not have the initial startup fees or be responsible for the annual operation cost.

There is a commitment that any volume that Waste Management has under their control would be going into this landfill. It is anticipated to be approximately 150 tons per day.

There was a meeting today with the City of Belen. Their City Manager and the person who deals with their solid waste are looking at the possibility of taking their tonnage to this particular site. They are also looking at working with us on utilizing their existing convenience center and having a JPA with them that would allow county residents to drop off their items at their convenience center.

They are going to be submitting the paperwork to Santa Fe to formalize this.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Direction to Administration on the Conceptual Agreement for the Purchase of Tri-Sect Landfill. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Giron voting no.

Service Agreement/Los Lunas/Housing of Prisoners

There is a negotiated agreement with the Village of Los Lunas on the housing of their prisoners. They went through mediation and the Commission needs to sign off on the mediation document. The County Attorney has reviewed it. The County can go ahead and proceed with finalizing the litigation that took place between the County and the Village of Los Lunas on housing prisoners.

Tom Garde said the agreement was approved on November 6, 1999. The rate will be as of November 6, 1999 until April 14, 2000.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with the Village of Los Lunas on housing prisoners. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Update/Rio Grande Fire Station Erosion Project

The County has been in contact with Molzen Corbin who has been dealing with the New Mexico Highway Dept. and has verbally received a commitment for the extension to allow the County to expend the \$25,000.00 for the erosion control.

Asphalt/Paving

The County is going out to bid on asphalt on paving. They are hoping, by doing this that they can beat the State Contract prices that are in existence rather than utilizing the State Contract. They hope they can get prices on asphalt and the application of the asphalt at a lower price than has been negotiated by the State, in an effort to try to stretch the County's paving dollars as far as they can. The bids will open on December 16th.

There will be a Special Meeting on December 20th to deal only with the awarding of bids, one for the County Jail and one for the asphalt and other county related items such as warrants.

The County Manager said as of today, they received one finalized packet on the disposal of solidwaste from Waste Management. They have also been in contact with Mr. Sissons who will be bringing in his documentation Wednesday or Monday. These are the only two firms that have contacted the County so far. The packets are due November 25th. Since that is Thanksgiving Day, there is an extension to November 29th because of the holiday.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said the four haulers were sent certified letters reminding them of the dates.

Permit/Remote Communications Link Repeater

There is a permit granting Valencia County the right to install an antenna on a government owned tower. The permittee desires to occupy space on the tower for repeaters and antennas to include associated coaxial cabling together with the right to install and maintain electronic equipment in the existing engine generator room located at the base of the tower structure. Power shall be obtained from the Government's existing power panel. The County Attorney has reviewed this permit.

The County Attorney said this agreement between the County and FAA will be at no charge to the County, however it will cost the County approximately \$3,000.00 to move to the site. This is a six-year agreement. If things go well, this agreement could continue on after the six years is up.

The tower is on Highway 47, south of Rio Communities. It is opposite the Tierra Grande Fire Dept.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.
(See Exhibit G for all items submitted by the County Manager.)

The County Manager thanked Monica Mireles and Barbara Garcia for putting together the Ground Breaking Ceremony on such short notice.

The County Manager said he and Commissioner Aguilar attended a conference in Albuquerque on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the Work Force Investment Act. The Association of Counties put it on. They are working very diligently to gather as much information as they can so they can bring it back to the Commission before they have to take action on establishing a Work Force Investment Board and some of the requirements that will take place at that time.

Commissioner Eloy Giron said he attended a conference in Kansas City, Missouri. It was a Leadership Conference through the New Mexico Extension. They would like to come before the Commission to present what they brought back to New Mexico. It will probably be at the next meeting.

Chairman Aguilar said, “One last thing on the Work Force Investment Act, it is extremely important because with this act it does away with the OJTPA Programs and there is a lot of funding that comes into Valencia County. When you start thinking about Medicare, Youth Employment, that goes away and the criteria is now different. We’re now a four county region. It’s Valencia, Torrance, Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties. We have to learn about and get involved to make sure that we don’t get left behind.”

(N) WARRANTS

The County Manager presented the warrants for Commission approval. Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to approve the warrants. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar asked the County Attorney if there was a need for another Executive Session. The County Attorney said, “At this point, no. We have settled both lawsuits with regards to the Village of Los Lunas. The Order of Dismissal was filed this passed Thursday. It was signed by Judge Pope with regards to the jail site location and with regards to the settlement of the prisoner case, both the Village and the Manager have signed the appropriate settlement agreement and this Commission has approved the Service Agreement this evening.”

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on December 13, 1999, at 10:00 AM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse. Executive Session will be at 8:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to adjourn the November 22, 1999, Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded motion. Motion carried.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 22, 1999, Regular Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ALICIA AGUILAR, CHAIRMAN

SS
AURELIO H. PADILLA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

SS
S. T. FRANK PANDO, MEMBER

SS
ELOY GIRON, MEMBER

SS
HELEN BACA, MEMBER

ATTEST: ss

KANDY CORDOVA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: Dec. 13, 1999

For an official copy of these minutes and attachments see Commission Book 36 Page 166