

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2000

MINUTES

Chairman Alicia Aguilar called the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2000 to order at 4:30 PM.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Alicia Aguilar, Chairman	
Aurelio H. Padilla, Vice-Chairman	
S. T. Frank Pando, Member	
Eloy Giron, Member	
Helen Baca, Member	
James Fernandez, County Manager	
Thomas Garde, County Attorney	
Kandy Cordova, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Clerk Kandy Cordova read the agenda as presented. Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the agenda for the Executive Session as presented and go into Executive Session. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Commissioner Pando, Commissioner Giron, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Baca and Chairman Aguilar voting yes.

Carol Anaya reported that during the Executive Session, discussion was held on the following items:

(A) Personnel Matters

NEW HIRE: [Pending pre-employment physical and drug test]	Evangel Baldonado
SEASONAL HIRE:	Milton Sanchez
PROBATIONARY TO NON-PROBATIONARY: [with Salary Adjustment]	Kendra Kaneshiro
RESCIND EMPLOYMENT: [Part-time Nurse]	John Baca

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to ratify the report of Carol Anaya. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(B) Pending Litigation

County Attorney Tom Garde said, “During the Executive Session, we discussed the status of the Lobo Valley Lawsuit, a proposed contract with regards to the purchase of Tri-Sect and the status of the Bonito Lawsuit. No action was taken on any of the items.”

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to the effect, that these were the only items discussed during Executive Session. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS & STAFF

Chairman Alicia Aguilar introduced the County Commissioners, other Elected Officials and Staff as well as Marcel Reynolds and Dale Jones from the Soil Conservation Service and Arley Sanchez of Journal South and Kathy Saltzstein from the Valencia County News Bulletin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Frank Pando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of Edwin Berry, a life-long resident of Adelino. In 1947, he built the Calvario Monument on El Cerro de Tome in gratitude for his safe return from World War II and also to honor his fallen comrades-in-arms. In addition to the El Cerro Monument, Mr. Berry will be remembered for the inspirational Good Friday Services he led there, for his vast knowledge of local history, folklore and music and for his wonderful singing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Clerk Kandy Cordova read the agenda as presented. Mike McCartney requested that Item I (Discussion & Guidance of Family Splits in R2 District) be deleted.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to table approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2000 and January 13, 2000. The Board of County Commission did not have an opportunity to review them. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Minutes will be presented for approval and signatures on February 8, 2000.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Commissioner Al Padilla read the following statement into the record, “Recently a fellow Commissioner and myself were labeled publicly as wishy washy for a vote we cast and for the manner in which it was cast. I’d like to publicly state that my vote is mine to cast in the manner that best serves my convictions, as long as Parliamentary Procedure is followed and they were on the vote in question. Name calling, bullying, labeling are characteristics possessed by someone very young and immature and should have been left at the grade school level. They certainly can’t belong in a Commission of supposedly adult members. There have been times when I was the only single vote on a certain issue, but certainly did not resort to name calling of my fellow Commissioners. I respect their right to cast their vote as they see fit, although I may not be in agreement. I don’t know if I’m wishy or washy, but I will say that I will continue to sit in my assigned chair and continue to vote my convictions. I also will continue to serve with my fellow Commissioners, both giving respect and receiving it. This is the only way that we will continue to have credibility with our constituents.”

Chairman Aguilar said, “I reserve some comments on that same issue for item C (Hospital Update/Feasibility Study).”

William Dean spoke to the Commission regarding a zoning violation. He said, Mr. Valenzuela who lives at 51 Andres Sanchez Road has a gravel pit and is presently installing mobile homes on top of the gravel pit. There is considerable trash underneath the land that is being covered up. Wednesday they observed slabs being built and on Friday, the Enforcement Officer from the County went out to check on the situation. Mr. Valenzuela was not there and his wife said she did not know what was going on. He asked that Mr. Valenzuela call him because it appears there are no permits for what is taking place. He does have permits to drill wells, but not construction.

Mike McCartney said Mr. Valenzuela applied for permits today, for the mobile homes, but not for the slabs. There is no rebar involved; only the State is allowed to inspect the slabs. Mr. McCartney told Mr. Dean he could contact Mel Davis with Construction Industries in Santa Fe.

Ray Garcia stated, “We would like the County Commission to change its meeting times to the evening only. It’s very difficult for us to come and deal with the very hard issues when we’re at work. At lot of us work during the day. I think some of you would agree, wouldn’t you? I think if the Commission would please consider that, I think the community would really appreciate that.”

He thanked the Commission for having the patience to deal with the difficult issues that have come before them during the last year. He particularly thanked Commissioner Padilla for standing by Tome.

He requested that the County Commission take Neighborhood Associations into consideration when developments come into their districts. He said he owns a lot of land along with his brothers and along with a lot of the members of their association and they do believe it is their land and to a certain extent that they can do what they want with it. He also believes they need to pay attention to what their neighborhoods would like to see as well. There is room for correct development and the only way to do that is to get some vision and ask the association’s what they think. It will be better for the developer’s also. There will not be so much animosity. He said Lobo Valley Acres created quite a problem and he thinks it could have been averted if they could have worked together and if there had been a mechanism whereby association’s had some say. He said he is saying this now, because the people of Tome and San Fernandez have very high expectations of developers coming into their community from now on. He said, “We’re not going to let colonias take place where we live. We’re going to want clean communities. Far to often we set no expectations for anybody, for our kids and I think that’s part of the problem in New Mexico. We keep thinking it’s ok to move along in this fashion and I don’t think it’s ok. We have expectations, we have a particular vision of our own and that includes maintaining this valley as much as possible. I know it’s going to be difficult because several people need to sell land. There is a way to deal with this whole issue. I want to let any developer know who is planning to come into Tome or anywhere else for that matter, be prepared to deal with us in a fair manner and we’ll deal with you in a fair manner. I hope the Commission will address this and write this into the Zoning Regulations like they have in Bernalillo County. They have to deal with the neighborhood associations.”

Chairman Aguilar said the Commission is one step ahead. At the last meeting there was resolution that was passed by the Commission. They formed an advisory group of all of the Neighborhood Association Presidents and Neighborhood Groups. The County Manager will be setting up meetings once a quarter and issues will be addressed such as the hospital or the bridge and the effects on one area or the whole County to allow discussion and communication to come back to the Commission. She asked that the agenda for the Planning and Zoning Meetings be faxed to the Neighborhood Associations that are registered with the County Manager. You don’t have to be registered as a non-profit organization as long as the County Manager knows that you are the spokesperson for this group and you have a list of names or boundaries and that it has been acknowledged that there is representation from that group.

The County Attorney said, “The Commission adopted a resolution calling for two meetings per month, one day meeting and one night meeting. That has to be adopted at the first meeting of every new year of the Commission. Whether that can be amended at a later date, I will have to check into that.”

ACTION ITEMS

(A) RIVER CROSSINGS (No Build Option)

Jim Miller thanked Commissioner Aguilar, Commissioner Pando and James Fernandez for attending the meeting last week. He said it was beneficial for them to hear what the citizen’s have to say. They have

some good ideas to share with the Commission. They believe there is a great need for a community meeting. They are trying to get the word out so that there will be no more misinformation regarding the bridge.

Mr. Miller spoke of the beauty of Valencia County. He said that is why he lives here, because of the river, the valley and the clean air.

He said they are proceeding with plans for a community meeting. The meeting has tentatively been set for the Los Lunas High School Auditorium on Sunday, February 27, 2000 at 3:00 PM. They have received commitments to participate from Tony Abbo from the Highway Department, Dave Pennington from the engineering firm on the project; they have contacted Mayor Huning, MRGCOG and others. They are establishing a forum, for which the intent is to be educational and informational. Mr. Miller said this meeting could be very helpful in planning the future of the valley. The master plan is coming up and they need input from the people. If they can get a few hundred people out, they can share information that will benefit everyone.

Chairman Aguilar said, "For an understanding, what you're asking is support from the Commission for a Town Hall Meeting?" Mr. Miller said yes. He said they are talking about having the doors open a half hour or an hour early. The State can bring their maps and have them up on the walls and have that information. The auditorium holds quite a few people and they are hoping to show the political leaders and the State Highway Dept. where the people in the valley stand. He said he believes if the people say, "no bridge", there should be no bridge. He said mistakes have happened since the 60's with all of the development that has been approved. He said he does not believe the people are willing to pay such a high price for the mistakes that were made in the past. He said he believes that we need to look to the future and do what is right for this valley.

Chairman Aguilar said, "Because of the item that is on the agenda, do you care to make a statement because the item on the agenda says, 'River Crossing (No Build Option)', just so the Commission has complete understanding, you just want a Town Hall Meeting, you are not taking a position right now?" Mr. Miller said, "We want a Town Hall Meeting and we're going to do this straight up with them. We're going to do this where both sides, but make no mistake, I am no bridge."

Commissioner Al Padilla stated, "I think this bridge issue has been talked over, there have been several meetings with the State Department. This is probably the meeting where we should make a decision one way or another. For the last several months, we have had association members from Los Chavez, Tome, Adelino and El Cerro come before this Commission in protest of the bridge being built in this area. They have been very vocal and adamant in their arguments against the project. The most often comment I've heard is that they believe the bridge is being crammed down their throats despite the protest. During the same period we have had several meetings with Mr. Abbo and Mr. Pennington at which they made presentations and put forward much effort in presenting the Highway Department's plans for the bridge in one of the previously mentioned areas. As these presentations were made, my thoughts were that the people would become convinced of the need for such a bridge, I was wrong. The opposition to this project grows and grows and gains more strength every day. I can now see that this Commission will have to work on an alternate method to alleviate our traffic problems in the area of this County. I would like to make a motion to pass a No Build Vote on the proposed bridge in Valencia County and that this Commission make other methods to resolve the growing traffic problems that we are facing now. I also know that Mr. Pando was there at the last meeting and I understand that he made the statement that he was going to possibly make a motion on this. I thought I'd go ahead and I also understand that Eloy Giron has been opposed to this project."

Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion.

Commissioner Frank Pando said he did make that statement and he stands by it. He does not think we need a bridge at this time, however one may be needed in the future. He believes more study is needed and more answers.

Commissioner Eloy Giron said, "Mr. Miller had a lot of excellent things to say. The reason he wants the Town Hall Meeting is to make sure there is no misinformation. The plan that Mr. Pennington brought before us has a lot of gray areas. It just goes to Highway 47 and they expect us to finish the project to the east mesa. He also said let's not make any mistakes when we look back 10 or 15 years from now. Valencia County does need a bridge, but with the plan they are giving us right now, it's too dark and hazy. We have a Planner on board and they have kept Steven in the dark. With what they have presented to us at this time, there is no way I can support it either."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "I did attend the two homeowner's association meetings and it seems there was a lot of misinformation. I appreciate being invited because I think it not only gave me a good understanding, but it gave them a good understanding and the fact that I did promise them that this item would come before the Commission. Even though they were out there, there is a lot of passion and a lot of effort that has been put into this. I have also been getting additional information whereby I think we need to be fully informed because for every action there is a reaction."

"I have also learned there is a Workforce Investment Act that has been put in place now. This Workforce Investment Act also addresses transportation and commuter. The Council of Governments, there is a \$2,000,000.00 Grant that has been appropriated for planning for transportation as part of the Workforce Investment Act. You have the University of New Mexico that is designated as the one stop center, so you are going to have increased traffic to the University of New Mexico. There's more going on than even you or I know. When I became a Commissioner three years ago, I didn't even know this was going on. I learned about it just by chance. I'd like to say, all of the effort, and I appreciate all of you coming forward and making us aware of what you want and what your wishes are."

Commissioner Eloy Giron said the reason he is opposing this is that they have no complete plan on this. This bridge would probably benefit people in his district and would alleviate all of the traffic towards the north. Bringing in a bridge like this, they can't be selfish and create a problem that is going to be a mistake 10 or 15 years down the line. He said, "I want you to know, with the plan they have given us right now I cannot support, but a future plan, something that will work for all of Valencia County, I would support. We can't be selfish and take care of certain individuals, so that is the reason I'm not supporting it at this time."

Chairman Aguilar introduced a letter from the Highway Department, She said, "The neighborhood association's mentioned that the Commission would be the final vote. If we say "no bridge" that this will go

away. According to Steve Harris, he said no. There are four stakeholders when the resolution was passed in 1995 and all of you had equal authority and equal ground. That would be Belen, Los Lunas, Bosque Farms and Valencia County. I want to make everyone aware, that even though the Commission may take this position, it will not go away according to the Highway Department. There are three other entities that still have a voice in this and you have the Chamber's that have supported this. She then read the following letter into the record:

"The New Mexico State highway and Transportation Department was advised on January 21, 2000 that the Valencia County Commission will vote January 24, 2000 on the issue of a no-build option for a corridor study being conducted to consider a new highway connecting I-25 and NM 47."

"The current corridor study was initiated following a 1995 joint resolution signed by the Village of Los Lunas and supported by the elected officials of Los Lunas, Valencia County, Belen and Bosque Farms."

"The New Mexico State highway and Transportation Department believes it is premature to take a formal position on any alternative for this study, including the no-build option. Our current study is not complete. When it is completed, it will provide factual information on the effects of each alternative, including impacts to the affected communities and the environment. It is our intent to complete the current phase of this study and present our findings to the Valencia County Commission, other jurisdictions within Valencia County, and the general public. We anticipate that the current phase will be completed by April or May of this year."

"Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Valencia County Commission defer any action on this matter until the Department assembles and completes the appropriate engineering and environmental investigations. Then an informed decision can be made that is in the best interest of Valencia County residents." (See Exhibit A)

Les Mabe spoke in favor of the bridge. He said he has seen the fight for access from the east mesa shot down no matter where it was proposed. He said if this falls through, they need to separate the county into East Valencia County and West Valencia County, make both bridges one lane in each direction and say good-bye.

Marcel Reynolds said they have taken Dave Pennington and Tony Abbo around the area and tried to show them the impact that a bridge would make. He said the structure would come into Highway 314 in the school zone. He said it would have to clear the railroad by 26 feet. You are talking about a structure that is going to be approximately 50 feet in the air. The bridge would take up about 100 acres of farmland. The Los Chavez Association opposes the A-2 Corridor.

Ray Garcia said no matter where you put the bridge there are human beings involved. He believes that they are being asked to take care of other people's problems just because they happen to be in the way. He said the property owned by Sally and Beto Benavidez has been in the family for hundreds of years. They do not want the bridge to go through their field. Mr. Garcia said, "We've told them we are not going to let it come through your field. We are going to work with you. I'm sorry there is a serious problem in Valencia County, but we did not cause it. This is an issue of vision and what we want for the future. The "No Build Option" is the route to go. You are going to change people's lives forever. I think we matter."

Andrea Padilla, niece of Edwin Berry told the County Commission that they would honor her uncle's legacy even more by voting the "no build option". She said he spent his life preserving the traditions and culture of the land. "The crosses on Tome Hill would not be there if it were not for my uncle."

Others speaking against the bridge were Fred Landavazo III, Janet Jarrett, Fred Williams and Chuck Ray. They said the bridge would make it easier for developers, businesses and commuters. They believe it is more important to preserve the rural lifestyle of the county.

Commissioner Eloy Giron said, "At this time I'd like to call for the question and we have a resolution that we passed a couple of weeks ago showing if there is a unanimous vote, the Chairman doesn't have to vote. I'd like to see the Chairman's support on this after the vote. This is not funny, we need to know exactly where people stand on this issue."

Commissioner Frank Pando said, "The only one that screwed up on this whole situation is the State. They came before us with a real Mickey Mouse plan. We asked them to give us answers. My concern was to give us an answer all the way from the Manzano Expressway. That is the area that is going to be affected. If you live in El Cerro or Meadow Lake and you are going to come down North El Cerro, you aren't going to travel south five miles to get on a bridge. It makes no sense to me or to anyone. I do feel, in the future we are going to need other modes of transportation and if I'm still sitting up here, I'll vote on that at that time. At this time I cannot support it."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "In response to Commissioner Giron, you throw it at me, I'll throw it right back at you. The public has a right to know. Three years ago when I became a Commissioner, I wanted to hire a Planner because I was concerned about the growth in Valencia County. I wanted a Comprehensive Plan. Four times it was on the agenda. Commissioner Padilla and I wanted a Planner and we wanted to start a Comprehensive Plan. The other two Commissioner's weren't here and you voted against us, Commissioner Giron."

"On this issue, how many meetings have you attended? I can tell you how many meetings I've attended with the Highway Dept., with COG, with making sure that COG adopts on their 2050 plan that we preserve our farmland, that we remain rural, to the point to where I don't even want a transportation plan approved or go to Federal unless there is public approval in a public meeting in this Commission. You want to put me on the spot, that's fine."

Commissioner Giron said, "I call for the question."

Chairman Aguilar said, "Folks, you have my vote as Chairman of this Valencia County Commission on a no build option. I will go with the Vice-Chair next, who has also been with me attending many of these meetings and making sure that on all the options, he was there to get the information so that we were able to argue this intelligently and fully informed. Vice-Chair Padilla how do you vote?" Vice-Chair Al Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Eloy Giron voted yes. Commissioner Frank Pando voted yes. Commissioner Helen Baca voted yes.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "We have approval."

Jim Miller asked what do they do with Belen, Los Lunas and Bosque Farms? Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "I have an answer for that, but in taking it forward, I'd like to hear from the Commission first. Don't you think it's fair?"

Commissioner Frank Pando said they approached the Commission to take a stand on this issue and made a very clear statement. They should go to the municipalities and the Council of Government's and make their position known to them as they did the Commission.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said there is a resolution that was passed in 1995. She said she was unable to find it in the Clerk's Office and she doesn't know if it has any enforcement. Belen, Los Lunas and Bosque Farms signed it. She said, "In doing my homework, the Highway Department tells me there are three other stake holders and they have equal weight. You can't drop it here."

Commissioner Pando said that resolution made Los Lunas the lead agent so that might be the next battle stop for the people that are pushing the "No Build Option."

Chairman Aguilar said even though this vote was taken, she will continue to be involved and she will continue to mention that any information from the Highway Dept. should be presented in public hearings to inform the public what is going on.

(B) PROCLAMATION/Senior Olympics

Commissioner Al Padilla presented a Proclamation for Commission approval and said there are a couple of "Stars" in the audience tonight, County Clerk Kandy Cordova and his brother Joe Padilla. He asked Chairman Aguilar to read the Proclamation.

This Proclamation is in honor of Kandy Cordova and Joe Padilla for their outstanding performances at the New Mexico Senior Olympics. Mrs. Cordova won Gold Medals in the 1500 M Race, 800 M Race, 400 M Race, 200 M Race and the 100 Yard Dash. She also won a Gold Medal and broke the record in the 5 K Race. Joe Padilla broke the record and received a Gold Medal in the Shot Put at the 1999 Senior Olympics. His record is 34' 6". He also competed in ten other events and would have participated in more, but each participant is limited to ten events.

Commissioner Padilla said he is very proud of his brother, Joe and Kandy. They are an example of what Senior's should do at that point in their life. He said if he can ever slow down, he would like to join them. There is something for everyone in the Senior Olympics.

Kandy Cordova said she has also believed that it is very important to promote good health for our Senior Citizens. She said she enjoys participating and she challenged everyone who is 50 years + to come and join, there is an event for everyone, from Line Dancing to Bowling. She also reminded the audience that there would be a Walk for New Mexico on February 5th at 9:00 AM from the Senior Citizen's Center in Belen to Rutillo's where refreshments will be served. It is for all ages.

Commissioner Padilla said his brother Joe does 100 push-ups at age 67. Mr. Padilla performed 100 push-ups in front of the audience.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit B)**

(C) HOSPITAL UPDATE/Feasibility Study

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "I placed this item on the agenda. It came before us at the last meeting and though the Minutes were not adopted, there is a draft of all that happened. I felt it was important to place it on the agenda and go back and look at a little history of what has happened here."

"About a year ago there was a resolution passed by this Commission asking that there be formed, a committee, to look at the possibility of a hospital or urgent care or whatever. It would be the medical needs of this hospital. The committee was formed and at that meeting, Commissioner Giron appointed Commissioner elect Frank Pando. This was the end of November. Commissioner Pando started meeting with his committee and time has gone by and there was a company named Quorum that came to this County to do the study and then they notified us that they didn't feel there was a need for a hospital and they went back. Members of the committee have been Commissioner Pando, Dr. Manuel Gamez, Richard Jaramillo, Alice Letteney, George Hobbes, Dick Klapper, Diane DeBaca and Roland Sanchez and they have been meeting."

"Getting back to what happened last week and also a letter to the editor, what I'd like to do is go back and take a little bit of time and indicate that there have been times when both Commissioner Pando and Dr. Gamez contacted me whereby at one time they wanted to talk to me about forming a Board. Am I correct Commissioner Pando?" Commissioner Pando said yes.

Commissioner Pando said, "What we were trying to do was do a feasibility study to determine the need. Secondly, if there was a need, how big should it be, what services it should offer, etc? Once this is done and the study shows positive, then it is up to this Commission to appoint a Board or you can go out to vote and that is called a Special Hospital District."

"This Board appoints from five to thirteen people, it depends on what they want to do. Dr. Gamez and I went to Taos and Las Vegas to visit the two hospitals to get ideas on how they were organized and run. They are run by a Board of Citizens from the community. The Board consists of three doctors, one attorney, a banker or CPA and business leaders."

Commissioner Pando said he wrote a list of people that he was going to propose if the Feasibility Study was successful. He said, "I showed that list of names to Commissioner Aguilar and I believe I showed it to Tom and I forget who else. I ask them if there was any name that they wanted to add to the list, this was just in the future. At no time did I try or did we attempt to set up a Board. This is just a road map that we're working on, if the Feasibility Study is successful."

Chairman Aguilar said, "I know that you have said that there are many times when you have been told to shut-up and weren't allowed to talk. I think it should also be stated that much of this reporting on the hospital was being done under Public Requests, whereby you did make comments and you said, 'I'm asking for direction from this Commission'. Under Public Requests, direction or action of the Commission cannot be taken. I mentioned to you that I would be more than happy for you to report under the County Manager's Report or put it on the agenda if you would just request it." Commissioner Pando said, "We did put it on the

agenda two or three times, we were allowed to make a presentation and you can go back and look at the agenda's if you like."

Chairman Aguilar said, "For the record, I would also like to submit that we received a letter, a bill, really, from Holy Cross Hospital. This was dated December 21, 1999. It says, "Enclosed is Holy Cross Hospital request for sole community payment adjustment for the fiscal year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Please note that our request to the New Mexico Human Service Department includes Valencia County, the amount of \$20,000.00. There is a request for sole community hospital payment adjustment, it is the Holy Cross Hospital, but they are doing business, it's the Taos Health Systems, a management firm that does business as the Holy Cross Hospital. It says Taos Health Systems doing business as Holy Cross Hospital; a sole community hospital under Medicaid Regulations hereby requests a Medicaid Sole Community Hospital payment in the amount of \$2,160,000.00 for the period of July 1, 1999 to July 30, 2000. I called these folks to ask them, how did they think that we even owed them some money. They thought that we were a sole source community, which is what Taos is. That's how the management firm works as Holy Cross Hospital. In addition to that, Commissioner Pando we did meet. My main concern was, and I mentioned, when the RFP got sent out by the County, it belonged to the County and the Procurement Code had to be followed." Commissioner Pando said, "We understood that." Chairman Aguilar said, "You understood that? You went back and you did your interviews and though you said that you met with myself, Mr. Fernandez and our County Attorney on this and that I gave you our blessing, I never did. What it was, in the meeting, I said Commissioner Pando I'm concerned with you interviewing and negotiating with four firms and I said, and correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Fernandez, and Dr. Gamez was there. I said check with our attorney because of the legality." Commissioner Pando said, "We did." Chairman Aguilar said, "For you to make a comment that I gave you our blessing, my main concern was the legality. At no time has this Commission ever got copies of the proposals, I did go back and I asked our Fiscal Office to provide us with a copy of all of the applicants, the people that applied. I have a copy of it here for the record; the rating sheets are not there. Three months ago, I asked the committee to provide information to the County Manager including the Minutes. As of Friday, nothing has ever been provided to the County, as far as record keeping."

Commissioner Pando said, "We were told not to take minutes by you and we never took minutes, it was strictly held as discussion and that's all we did. If there was minutes, I don't know where they are." Chairman Aguilar said, "I don't think so. Let me also mention, for the record, I did receive a call from one of the individuals that submitted a proposal. I found that there was a seventeen question, feasibility question that was submitted to the top four. In those, the questions that were asked, among many, I'll read about five: (1) In your view, do you feel that a complete separation between the County Commission and a non-profit 501C corporation is feasible, such that a county hospital is created, a County Commission acts as a Fiscal Agent and the 501C Corporation is completely independent in its authority to govern the hospital. (2) Would you prepare a conceptual design for a 25-bed facility, 15 acute, 10-swing bed? (3) Would you be able to and willing to prepare a prospective five-year and ten year financial loss and earning statement? It goes on to indicate, (4) would you deliver or can you deliver a turnkey? That's fast-track analysis to include operations management and prospective financial statements and alternatives, ownership, organizational structural designs? Please discuss in detail. Are you willing to use some of our data, such as surveys, medical by-laws and board organization policies, such that we would avoid overlap and extra expenses? It goes on and on and on."

Commissioner Frank Pando said, "Madame Chair, I'm going to have to interrupt you, I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to. I gave those questions to Tom. We reviewed them, me, Tom, Dr. Gamez and James, he was sitting right there and Dr. Gamez was sitting right there, we were all sitting right here. They told me do not ask this, ask this. Do not ask this. We settled on, I believe it was fourteen questions, Tom?" Chairman Aguilar said, "You had already sent out the seventeen questions to the bidders." Commissioner Pando said, "Yes, but when we met here, we explained to those people exactly what we were doing and they all agreed. I should have brought a tape recorder, I guess, but again I go back and we sat right here with our State Legislator's, all of us sat here the other day and we explained it to them again. I told them exactly what we agreed. At that time you said, fine. I called you the day before we met with the four bidders and you said that's fine as long as James and Tom were aware of it." Chairman Aguilar said, "I said I would not be a part of the process because I felt the process had been tainted." Commissioner Pando said, "I don't think it was tainted. I don't know where you're coming from or what you're trying to do, but whatever it is, go ahead and do it. You've got the votes; so let's go forward. Do whatever you have to do."

Chairman Aguilar said, "I'm not going for the votes. You took the position of calling us wishy washy and it was backed up by Commissioner Giron. I agree with Commissioner Padilla that there was a reason. Not only that, right now I'd like to call on our County Attorney, because to go forward and take the direction, we may need to go back to step one." Commissioner Pando said, "That's up to you, Commissioner, you know I did everything that I thought was proper. I did everything that I was instructed to do by you as well as the County Attorney and the County Manager. I did everything that I felt was right. I don't think I violated anybody's rights or rules or regulations. I thought I was doing what was best for the community and that was my whole intent. It is still my intent. If you are going to take this over, it's fine with me. I will still give you my support on it, but that's up to you, whether you want to or not."

Chairman Aguilar said, "My understanding on this is to go back and not violate the Procurement Code, we need to interview, go back to step one, look at the five applicants that applied, am I not correct Counselor? Do a rating sheet, rate them and then we're able to interview from there. May I have your direction please?"

County Attorney Tom Garde said, "I met, as Commissioner Pando indicated, with himself, Dr. Gamez and Mr. Fernandez." Chairman Aguilar said, "I wasn't present." The County Attorney said, "That's correct. We went over the questions that had been submitted to the applicants. There were a number of questions that were not appropriate and we all agreed that those questions would be deleted. Subsequent to the Commission Meeting two weeks ago, one of the vendors expressed some concerns and I did further review with regards to, who in fact should be doing the interviewing and basically the Procurement Code requires that the County

Purchasing Department do the interviews for any professional services. As this Commission had not, to my knowledge, appointed the Hospital Committee to act as in effect the Purchasing Agent of this County, basically to avoid potential litigation, I think this Commission would be better served if we invite the four or five responsive bidders and follow the Procurement Code with regards to State Purchasing Law and have the County Purchasing Dept. do the interviews.”

Commissioner Eloy Giron said, “I don’t want the public to get confused on what happened two weeks ago. Three weeks ago we met with our legislator’s in this room. We met with Senator Sanchez, Fred Luna, our lobbyist and this was one of the items on our wish list. I was under the impression that day from Senator Sanchez that we needed a dollar amount before we could go before the Legislator to even ask. He couldn’t just ask for a blank check. Two weeks ago at the Commission Meeting, I made my motion, I withdrew it, and I amended it to make sure we were all on the same page of music. All we were looking for was money for a feasibility study; I mean money for a feasibility study. This was money that we hoped we’d get from the Legislature. The motion I made was to ask our staff, I think it was Mr. Fernandez, to go ahead and interview these candidates and see what it was going to cost us so that we can go forward and ask for this money from our legislator’s. That’s what we were asking for. They were shot down. They got upset. Thirty minutes later, I guess people figured out that was the wrong vote to take and they made the same motion and it passed. I’m not here to fight this thing. Let’s get this feasibility study going. We received direction for our Senator and from our Lobbyist. I thought we were all on the same page of music with that, and then we were called crooks because we were violating the Procurement Code. Direction was given to us that’s how we knew where we were going.”

Chairman Aguilar said, “Let’s not read more into it.” Commissioner Giron said, “That’s what we’re doing right now. We have a feasibility study right here. We were given direction by our Senator and now all of a sudden we’re getting different information.”

Chairman Aguilar said, “There is a draft of the Regular Meeting on the Feasibility Study if anyone would like to read the Minutes, please let us know, you can have a copy tonight. We need to move forward on this and I guess I’m taking the lead on this. I’d like direction from Counselor, in the form of a motion, and then I’d like to give direction to administration if that’s what is appropriate, to please make appointments with the top five to rate them, to interview them and come back with a recommendation, hopefully at the next meeting. Administration will be in charge of the interviews. I would like to be a part of it. Mr. Fernandez if you could find two people from the public to also be part of that interview process.”

Commissioner Frank Pando said, “At that meeting I was instructed not to chair the meeting. I was instructed to have Carlos Montoya there, James was invited, but he had to be out of town on other business, but he was also made very aware of the meeting we were having that day. As a matter of fact so was every Commissioner on this podium. I didn’t see anyone there but myself, Carlos Montoya and the Hospital Committee. As I explained to you at that time, this is not something that you give out to the lowest bidder because the low bidder doesn’t know what he’s doing and it doesn’t do anybody any good. This is something that you need a person that knows what he is doing. I felt that with my committee in working with them as long as I had, that we were knowledgeable enough to ask the proper questions that we felt were necessary for us to make an intelligent decision. I have no problem with it, all I’m going to say is this. I wish this project would go forward. I don’t want to see this project die. I think it is worthy and it is something that is needed for the community. I was skeptical when I was first appointed to this position, but after going through it for a whole year, I realize that there is a definite need and there is a desire of the people to have a facility of that type here. I will definitely still back this proposal, no matter what. We may have our differences, those I can put aside. I don’t have to like you to work with you, but I do take this job very responsible and I will continue to go forward because the County has other needs as well as this one.”

The County Attorney said, “I am concerned about having two members of the public on this committee. I think the Procurement Code requires the Purchasing Dept. do the recommendation. I don’t want to dilute the power of the Purchasing Dept. If there is one member, that’s ok, but I am concerned about two members of the public being a part of this committee.”

Chairman Aguilar said, “I will amend my motion to include one member of the public.” Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion.

Chairman Aguilar said, “Before we vote, I’d like to make a comment and this is whereby if we do need a hospital, I’m committed that the public is going to be involved and they are going to be part of the process, just like when we said we needed a jail. The jail originally came as a fast track operation. It is like, no, the information will come in, there will be public hearings, the public will be notified and if we need a hospital, I prefer that it be placed on the ballot so that you have a say-so on what you want and if you want it. The study its self should be independent. It should be unbiased, it should be objective. We may not need a hospital. Maybe we need a twenty-four hour urgent care center. I don’t know. I’m not the expert, but that is the job of these individual’s to provide us with that information. That’s where I’m headed. I’m not going to drop it. I’m committed to it.”

Chairman Aguilar called for the vote on her motion. Motion carried.

(D) MONTEREY PARK CONCERNS

C. C. Ortega said she is here to try and get some help with the Monterey Park Roads. She said it is hard for the emergency vehicles to get in to the victims on time. It is difficult for the disabled people. It also causes problems for school bus service.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said Mrs. Ortega had contacted Larry Caid or Willie Giron, but had not gotten a response. Chairman Aguilar asked administration or Planning and Zoning if they could get together with Mrs. Ortega and contact the subdividers and see what responsibility they have and if they are willing to come forth and help with the roads and put up some signs.

Chairman Aguilar requested that Mrs. Ortega give her phone number to Mike McCartney.

(E) TIERRA BONITA

Quarterly Report

Request Grant Application signed by Chair of Valencia County Board of Commission

Approval of Resolution to apply for Grant

Robin Ver Eecke presented the quarterly report for Tierra Bonita for October, November and December. She also presented the Grant Application to be signed by the Chairman of the County Commission, as well as Resolution 2000-6 for Commission approval.

The resolution is requesting consideration and approval for the Grant Application and Program.

Commissioner Frank Pando commended Robin for all the good work that Tierra Bonita does and made a motion to approve Resolution 2000-6. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(See Exhibit C for the Quarterly Report, Grant Application and Resolution.)

Chairman Alicia Aguilar was out of the room for this report.

(F) REQUESTS

Out of State Travel—NACo Conference

Approval of Resolution to Purchase Voting Machines

County Clerk Kandy Cordova requested permission for out-of-state travel to Washington D. C. to attend the NACO Legislative Conference from March 3 through March 7, 2000. Mrs. Cordova represents Valencia County on the Board of Directors.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the County Clerk. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk Kandy Cordova presented Resolution 2000-7 for Commission approval. This resolution is a request for approval of the purchase of 10 additional Shouptronic 1242 voting machines at the cost of \$3,500.00 per machine to be financed by the State Board of Finance at 0% interest. The total cost would be \$35,000.00 and \$3,500.00 per year.

Mrs. Cordova said this need comes with the growth that the County is experiencing. During the last General Election, there were just enough machines to cover the precincts, with no extra machines incase of a break down.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to approve Resolution 2000-7. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit D)**

(G) APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL/Western State Sheriff's Association

Sheriff Juan Julian requested permission for out-of-state travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the Western States Sheriff's Association annual meeting on February 20, 2000 to March 2, 2000.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for Sheriff Juan Julian. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(H) Animal Control/Building/Planning & Zoning Restructuring Report

Mike McCartney said as of November, County Manager James Fernandez placed Animal Control and the Building Inspector's under the Planning and Zoning Department. He presented a report for the month of December for Animal Control. Mr. McCartney is requesting that another employee be hired for Animal Control so that there will be two officers in the vehicles at all times. He would like to promote an employee from within for this position and then hire another kennel worker.

He said they are taking a pro-active approach to Animal Control issues in Valencia County. Steve Sanchez has been going to Elementary Schools and educating the students on the responsibility and care of animals. He said they would like to cut down on the number of euthanizations performed each month.

After checking with Wal-Mart, they have negotiated with the Old Mill Western mercantile at a savings of \$100.00 per month for the animal food.

Mr. McCartney said everything is operating smoothly in the Building Inspector's Department. There has been constant consultation concerning any problems that arise. He said problems are alleviated at the in-house level. For the Month of December there were 9 building permits issued for single residences. The valuation of the structures was \$925,530.00

In the Planning & Zoning Department there has been a dramatic increase in the number of Amendment to Zone Map applications since the moratorium was lifted.

There has also been a decrease in the number of calls regarding zoning violations since Anne Jojola and Edward Gonzales have joined the department.

There will be a Zoning Enforcement Officer in the field from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM every Saturday, starting January 22, 2000.

Mr. McCartney said there is a cooperative effort between all three departments. At this time there is a clean-up campaign doing on in the El Cerro Mission and Monterey Park area. All residents have been given an amnesty period between January 10 through February 10 to clean up the inoperable vehicles, multiple dwellings, accumulation of trash and debris, building materials, appliances, abandoned mobile homes, too many animals, animals not restrained, travel trailers used as living quarters and any other violations of the Valencia County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

They have spoken to the Valencia County News Bulletin, The Journal South and KARS Radio regarding this campaign and to ask for their support in this matter. They are hoping the campaign will be a success and can be used in other areas of the County. **(See Exhibit E)**

Commissioner Frank Pando commended Mike McCartney for the report he made.

(I) DISCUSSION & GUIDANCE OF Family Splits in R2 District

This item was deleted.

(J) AMENDMENT TO ZONE MAPS**Build Site Homes for Joseph Lucero/Amend from R2 to R1**

Mike McCartney said this is a request to amend the zone maps from RR2 to RR1 for Joseph Lucero for the purpose of splitting 6.625 acres net into 4 tracts to build site-built homes. This was presented at the January 11, 2000 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Vice-Chairman Castillo made a motion to recommend approval of this request to the County Commission based on the condition that there will be only site built homes. The motion carried 5-0. Bill Fischer is the Agent for Joseph Lucero.

Bill Fischer said there will be a 2.4 lot, a 1.2 lot, and 2 1.3 lots. Chairman Aguilar said RR2 is 2 acres. Mr. Fischer said they are asking that the RR2 be changed back to RR1 as it was before November. There was more discussion on the property.

Ruben Chavez showed copies of the plat of the property in question. He said they did go out and look at the property. The P. & Z. Commission voted in favor of the zone change. He said in reviewing the Subdivision Ordinance, they are concerned with three items, #1 being the proposed tracts 3 & 4 do not meet the required acreage necessary to meet the RR1 classification. There is enough acreage on Tract 1 (2.48 acres) to make the necessary adjustments and conform to County standards on Tract 3 and 4.

According to the plat there is no cul-de-sac at the end of the roadway. This is necessary for emergency vehicles and is in accordance with County standards.

Access onto South El Cerro Loop Road should be condensed in order to minimize confusion onto what is becoming an arterial road. The trees at the Las Cercas Lateral obstruct the view as it is. It appears that Tract 1 uses an entrance at the west end of the property. Tracts 2,3 and 4 will use the proposed 40-foot road. With the entrance to Miguel Lane to the south, they have arrived at the following recommendations:

The entrance to the proposed land division will be in line with Miguel Lane, as the property will allow; or at the very least, Tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 use the same entrance.

Discussion was held on the flood elevation and restrictive covenants on the property.

Steven Chavez said, "I'd like to remind the Commissioners that what we are doing is reviewing the zone change proposal. This isn't an actual split. Under our new ordinance, we require that any proposals for a zone change, any proposals for R2 to R1, and they disclose the land use. We require a preliminary site design layout. We don't have the ability to review the plat formally as a plat. I'd like to remind the applicant that we're not reviewing the survey or the plat; we are just reviewing for the zone change. The larger fundamental issue there that we are confronted with is the zone change from R2 to R1 with facts that are necessary. In drafting the ordinance we required a few extra additional hoops, but there are some general issues that we need direction on in our initial review from R2 to R1."

Chairman Aguilar said if we are going from 2 acres to 1 acre and if you are going to be building some homes, in that area from South El Cerro, you're dropping down about 4 feet. If you have to elevate, 3, 4 or 5 feet, on a one-acre lot, it will make a difference and the drainage would be affected. These are concerns. She said, "If you give a zone change, we're going to have to address these other things, so why not discuss them."

Steven Chavez said, "I just want to remind the Commission, that in approving the zone change, or tabling it, we're not giving the applicant, we are not accepting this plat or this proposal. This is something that he can't rely on. We are just giving him the zone change. We can have the ability to review the plat at a later date and make changes."

Chairman Aguilar said, "If you are coming for a zone change on this and you're saying I want to go to 1 1/3 acre, there has to be an idea that we've already given approval for an acre and a third. Even in coming back and saying I want a building permit, it's on an acre and a third."

Mike McCartney said, "You are giving approval for a zone change. He still has to come back with a plat. If we don't agree with it, we can send him back. He can't do anything with this survey until he gets approval."

Tom Garde said, "Basically what this Commission is being asked to do, is to amend the zone map on this particular piece of property from R2 to R1."

Chairman Aguilar said, "This is in my district. I feel that we went through the process of having a zoning ordinance; we had a lot of public input. The main vision is to preserve the farmland and to have 2-acre minimum in the valley. My motion is to deny." Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion.

Bill Fischer said this land would be compatible with all of the land around there. Every piece around there is one acre or smaller already. The people that are neighbors were given letters and they are all in favor of this zone change. They would like to have nice custom homes on the land and not some trailers. As far as the access, Mr. Fischer said they had already planned on moving the road that is on the west side of the property to the 40 ft. road. It makes more sense to use a 40 ft. road than a 20 ft. road.

Fabian Padilla and Dieter Hartenhoff spoke against the zone change.

Commissioner Pando asked why they didn't make the property into 3 lots with 2 acres in each lot. Mr. Fischer said there would be some other buildings and fences that would have to be knocked down.

Commissioner Eloy Giron asked Mr. Fischer if the Lucero's were aware of the new ordinance that Valencia County has adopted.

Mr. Fischer said a realtor told the owner's of the property that it is much easier to sell one acre than two acres and that is why he is trying to change the zoning on his property.

Steve Romero said he supported Mr. Padilla. They have lived here all of their lives. These people have come and gone back to Texas. He said we have had a moratorium for six months and nobody was allowed to build. He said, "Now I think Mr. Chavez is trying to come up with a new study. He is pushing going back to one acre. What's the problem with our county officials?"

Commissioner Frank Pando asked if the Lucero's were to come back and say they would divide this property into three lots, they wouldn't have to go through Planning and Zoning or the Commission, it could be administratively done?"

Tom Garde said, "Sir, you bought these two lots from the same individual in the past year or so?" Mr. Fischer said, "No, I don't even own this land." Chairman Aguilar said, "Mr. Lucero bought two lots." Mr. Fischer said, "Mr. Lucero hasn't bought anything yet. He's wanting to." Chairman Aguilar said, "Who bought the house?" Mr. Fischer said, "I did." Tom Garde said, "Who did you buy the house from?" Mr. Fischer said, "From Dick and Katherine Johnson." Tom Garde said, "You bought two lots within that contiguous area. Now, you are proposing to split four lots?" Mr. Fischer said, "What they are wanting to do is take the other two lots and make four lots out of it."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "I stand with my motion." Motion carried to deny the zone change with Commissioner Pando, Commissioner Giron, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Baca and Chairman Aguilar voting yes.

Purpose Subdivision for Hawley, L. L. C./Amend from AP to R2

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said this piece of property is known as Winfield Farms. It is in Adelino almost across the street from Hacienda Estates. It's about 100 acres.

Mike McCartney said this is a request to amend three tracts of land, Tract B is 27.28 acres, Tract c is 35.06 acres and Tract D is 35.06 acres from AP to R2. The current other Tract A is already zoned R2. The purpose of the request is to eventually do a subdivision. This was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 11th and received approval four to one with Vice-Chairman Phillip Castillo voting against this request.

Chairman Aguilar said, "If I recall there was a land split on this about two or three years ago?" T. J. Bell said it was in 1989.

Clint Sherrill said Tract A is already zoned as R2 and they want to combine the other three tracts with it in an R2 zone. T. J. Bell said they would be building site built homes on this property. It has existing irrigation that will serve just about all of the lots.

Chairman Aguilar asked how high the water table is. Clint Sherrill said it is undetermined at this point. Chairman Aguilar said, "Wasn't there a proposed subdivision planned at one time?" Commissioner Pando said, "There has been various things planned." Mike McCartney said the last thing proposed here was horse riding stables. Commissioner Pando said, "The last thing proposed here was the horse stables, but before that there were numerous subdivisions that came before Planning and Zoning and I understand they also came before the County Commission. My recollection is that all of them have been turned down due to the fact that in that area, and I'm real familiar with the area, the water table goes up and you actually float. The only way you could ever do something on this piece of land is to move a mountain. You would need to put eight or ten feet of dirt. I don't care what you build there, it is going to contaminate the river."

T. J. Bell said they have been to an engineer that says it can be done. They have owned the property for at least 25 years and it has never been under water. He said they are not here to talk about the water, they are just requesting the rezoning.

Commissioner Pando said he sat on the Commission for approximately 16 or 17 years and he has never voted on an issue unless he knows what he is voting on. He said, "You can come over here with your fancy words and say we're asking for a zone change only and it is none of your business what I'm doing with it afterwards. I have to disagree, because you know it is my business what you're going to do once we approve that zone change. I want to know what it's going to look like."

T. J. Bell said it was already approved by the Commission, subject to this particular plat that is in here.

Chairman Aguilar said, "You have Highway 47, which is a State road. I think it's important to also look at the Highway Dept. and the kind of traffic that is going to get on that road. That would be my number one concern. The second concern is this property is probably 20 feet lower than the road. You are going from Highway 47 down on a slope, you're crossing a ditch and then you're going further down. I think there would be a safety issue on ingress and egress."

Mr. Bell said they have to go to the Highway Dept. and if they say they can't do it, then they can't. Chairman Aguilar said, "You're here and you want the Commission to tell us that we can be able to proceed and have the smaller lots and then you go forward. I think what this Commission is doing, is taking its responsibility very serious. We want to see what the picture is going to look like tomorrow. This is in a flood plain area, what is the elevation?"

Clint Sherrill said we don't know what the elevation is at this point.

Commissioner Al Padilla said he knows where the property is and there is a swamp area there. He said, "I can't figure out how they can build homes in that area. It is so low that if you dig three inches down, you're going to hit the water. What will you do with the sewage problem there? I'm sorry, but it would create a big problem in that area. For that reason and other reasons stated by Commissioner Pando, I would make a motion to deny this subdivision." Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion.

Joe Baca, Rita Padilla Gutierrez, Lawrence Sanchez, Steve Vallejos, Michael Lundmark, Paul Moya and John Lopez spoke against the zone change.

T. J. Bell said they were told that in order to even propose a change that they had to go by the rules of the County. These people are telling me that they are engineers and they know what can or cannot be done. That is not the purpose of this meeting. He said, "As I understand it, this proposal is being voted down because of the water level. That is what this Commission is telling me. That is the only issue that has been raised since I have been standing here."

Chairman Aguilar said, "Let me tell you what I'm hearing and what the issues are. There is an issue of a high water table. There is an issue of ingress and egress onto Highway 47. There is an issue of the access and the slope; it's a safety issue. There is an issue that we do have a zoning ordinance and we do have the vision of the statement of this County, to preserve the farmland and keep it rural and AP is 10 acres. At that, this Commission has the authority to listen to pros and cons, we listen to them and we listen to you and to make a decision as to what we feel is best for the County."

Commissioner Pando said it is also called the health, safety and welfare and he believes that is the biggest issue here.

Motion carried to deny the zone change with Commissioner Pando, Commissioner Padilla, Commissioner Giron and Commissioner Baca voting yes to deny.

Extraction & Mining of Rock/ Twin Mountain Construction II Co./Amend from OD to MR

Mike McCartney said this is a request to amend the zone maps from OD to MR for the purpose of extraction and mining of rock for Twin Mountain Construction II Company. The legal description of the property is T8N; R3W; Sec. 3 & 10; Tract B; 651 acres, Lands of Grady K. Day and Jan Day. This passed the Planning and Zoning Commission with a recommendation for approval by four to one. Vice-Chairman Phillip Castillo voted against this request.

Steve Medina, a project manager for Twin Mountain Construction made the presentation for Twin Mountain Construction. He said Van Gross, President of Twin Mountain and Grady Day owner of the property were also in the audience.

Twin Mountain Construction is wholly owned and a subsidiary of Peter, Quitet & Sons Company. They have been in construction since 1885. They have been doing work in New Mexico for over 30 years and have had a permanent office in Albuquerque for 15 years. Twin Mountain is an employee owned company.

Mr. Medina said, they are asking to change the designation from Outland District to Mineral Resource District of the property of Grady and Jan Day. Twin Mountain has an option to purchase with them. The property is located in the northeast corner of Valencia County, adjacent to Cibola and Bernalillo County and also adjacent to the Laguna Reservation.

Twin Mountain has done extensive investigation to get to this point. The material source investigation indicates that there are a little over 11 million yards of material that can be extracted from the source that is there; you convert that into tons and that makes over 20 million tons of material that can actually be extracted for the purpose of mining. This is a 20-year plan; eventually they want to buy this property with the option so that they will have a capital investment in this property. The material is of excellent quality; it lends itself to this mining facility.

There are some findings on this 651-acre property. There are two types of findings on this property; 1 of significant value and the other of very little value, which they call rock findings, maybe, a little campfire maybe some chips on the ground. The ones that are significant are the petroglyphs, the findings that they have in the area that they want to mine have 4 low significant value; they already had a consultant on board to mitigate those 4 sources before anything can be done.

The environmental phase study had no findings, nothing to be concerned with. The natural terrain of the area lends itself to good natural screening of the adjacent property owners. They are going to mine this source in a manner that is actually going to keep this facility down below the elevation that you can see now. For some adjacent property owners, they won't see it; it will be of minimal impact and/or minimal visibility. There will be a buffer zone between where they are going to mine and the adjacent property owner and there is also the Rio San Jose. There is a lot of buffer and a lot of rolling hills and minimal visibility to where the site is going to be. The closest dwelling to the site is over 1500 feet from where the proposed mining will start at any given time.

Mr. Medina went on to say that the property has been FEMA mapped but has not been platted as floodplain, therefore water right transfers may be necessary. They will drill their own wells on this property. The surrounding area has ¼ acre lots and if the same area that they want to venture into was subdivided into the same ¼ acre lots and knowing that the average household uses about 8,000 gallons per month, in the acreage that they wanted to start to mine, the equivalent amount of water that would use is about 4 million gallons per month. They don't need to use that much water, in fact it would be substantially less for their water needs in the industrial use that they will be using the water for.

Twin Mountain Construction worked on the Rio Grande River Bridge, the railroad bridge and both jobs were excellent for them. Mr. Medina said he would be the project manager for this facility. He believes that the facility will benefit Valencia County; with the gross receipts tax revenue, the property tax revenue and the employment, they are a responsible company and they want to be a good neighbor. He said they are consistent with the goals of Valencia County. There are means within the ordinance for a Mineral Resource District. He commended the county for taking that initiative because it is important to have these types of resources.

Commissioner Frank Pando said he was out at the site today with Mike and Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence. He asked Mr. Medina why they wanted to zone the whole acreage and not just where they were going to mine. Mr. Medina said there was 651 acres on Mr. Day's property. They asked for the whole thing to be changed to Mineral Resource, the area they will mine for the 20-year plan is the 156 acres and for ease of purpose they asked to zone the whole thing.

Commissioner Giron asked the County Attorney if the Commission had the authority to set parameters on giving the minimal size for so many years and then moving forward.

Tom Garde said, "Basically the Commission can grant the zone change, deny the zone change or make a motion to amend the zone request to comply with what is going to configure, but you can't grant him a zone change for twenty years. It has to be a zone change period. What the Commission has done with regards to the zoning ordinance, once this Commission approves a zone change to whatever acreage, he still must comply with the zoning ordinance with regards to mining. There are other restrictions that he has to comply with before this operation commences."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "For the record, I would like to submit a letter, all the Commissioners have this, from the Office of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division about their concerns on the property and they have not had adequate time to go and look at the archaeological sites, so they are asking us, in the mean time, it says, I urge the Commission not to change the zone of this area to allow basalt mining with stipulations to consider the effects of the project on archaeological sites. That is one thing and we'll give you a copy of the letter. The other thing is that I did, two things, I spoke with Steve Harris from the Highway Dept. and he mentioned that the question that was posed to them, he was unaware that there was going to be this much traffic and there was direct access onto Highway 6. He said even though it is a State Road, they also have

to calculate the formula because you would be adding heavy trucks on the roads, so the road may need to be repaired. Thirdly I did speak with Laguna Pueblo Acting Governor Lloyd Dailey today, seeing that this abuts the Laguna Reservation and the Pueblo has already put us on notice that any operations, any changes to property abutting their boundaries, whether it be Native American or Native American owners or not, we should not grant any permission, any changes, take any action until they have had an opportunity to review. The other thing, there is Highland Meadows that you're talking about. That's a 3000-lot subdivision. Though it may not be totally developed today, it is still a subdivision that's on the books. We have to look at traffic, in addition to your trucks coming onto Highway 6, tonight we keep talking a lot about the safety, health and welfare of the residents, I'm mostly concerned about the Pueblo's and we are on notice and they have not had an opportunity to review this."

Mike McCartney said the Pueblo was notified.

Mr. Medina again explained their intentions of requesting this change. He also said they have a contract with Steve Crawford and he going to be doing that study and they intend to comply with anything that the study impacts, whether it be ingress or egress, adding lanes or whatever the need. Steve Crawford said they are sensitive to truck traffic and they are prepared to do the study. Historically that is a lightly used truck cut-off from I-40 to I-25. It is not heavily used, but there is truck traffic. They will be dealing with the district office in Grants.

Aaron Lawrence said he has lived in Highland Meadows since he was three years old. He said he has great respect for the company and for Mr. Day. He said he has such respect for the land and he wants to make sure that the spirit of the land is not going to be taken away. He said he liked what Commissioner Pando said about just zoning 156 acres.

Buddy Major said his main concern is the petroglyphs and his abutting 50 acres. He said he was not for or against this project, but he feels there is a need for more information.

Robert Samuels, Steve Romero, Frances Wood and Kathy McAnally spoke in favor of the zone change.

John Erickson spoke against the zone change.

Aaron Lawrence reminded the Commission that there is a bar out there and that he has been run off the road a few times by people leaving the bar too late.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "I go back and I mention that the Pueblo did come down, Mr. Fernandez and the Governor did make us aware that any operations that were near or abutting the Pueblo, legally they said they have jurisdiction over non Pueblo lands and properties that are not there, if there is going to be impact, whether it be cultural, social, or economic on the Pueblo. We have a letter from the Office of Cultural Affairs and even the testimony on all of the petroglyphs, I don't see how we can make a decision tonight and go with this, but Commissioner Pando that's in your district."

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to table this item until the next meeting so they can obtain additional information from the Office of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division and The Laguna Pueblo. He asked Staff to send a letter and ask for input as to what they feel should be done. He also believes that the Traffic Impact Study should be in place at that time. He would also like to see a schematic or conceptual drawing on what the road would look like and what the entrance would look like. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion.

Mike McCartney said the Pueblo of Laguna has been notified twice. He asked if there is a special person to contact. Chairman Alicia Aguilar said to contact Lloyd Dailey and he did receive a fax from her today. He said he would be responding, but he wanted the Commission to hold off on this.

Motion carried. (See Exhibit F for letters from Laguna Pueblo and the Office of Cultural Affairs)

(K) FIRST HEARING/Revise Subdivision Regulations & Guidelines

Mike McCartney said this is the first of two or more hearings on the proposed amendments to the Valencia County Subdivision Regulations. The entire packet was sent to all of the State Agencies for review.

Steven Chavez said pursuant to the State Statutes they are required to notify the State Agencies regarding any amendments or proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations. He said, "Pursuant to this Commission's request in September, we have undertaken the task of revising the Subdivision Regulations. Specifically the sections that we revised were the areas of concern that the Commission had in September. The State Agencies that have responded so far are the Office of the State Engineer, the Office of Cultural Affairs and the Historic Preservation Division, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District. The Attorney General's Office hasn't formally responded yet. I've been in contact with them and had communication's with the Attorney General who views subdivision amendments and who deals with this subdivision statute, Mr. Frank Wiseberg. He has a trial this week and he wasn't able to get anything to us in writing."

Commissioner Pando asked Mr. Chavez what kind of response he had had from these agencies. Mr. Chavez said, "The response that I received from the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District, I just received today and I haven't had a chance to review those yet. I will start reviewing those tomorrow. The Conservancy District, I'll just read off what they responded to, specifically, "All proposed plats with boundaries in the District must be reviewed by the District and a signature block included as part of the approval. For plat purposes, we already have that; it is something that we are not amending. The second response that they had was that all District right-of-ways are simple documented easements, prescriptive easements, etc. are to be protected and that the proposed subdivision should grant adequate right-of-way where prescriptive easements exist. I think we already do that. That is something we don't have to adhere to since we already do that. The third one is, the regulations should encourage continued irrigation for irrigatable lands. That is something that has been the heart of debate in this County for a long time. The fourth request was that appropriate ditch easements should be provided within all subdivisions if irrigation is to be continued. I think irrigation is the main issue that the Conservancy would like us to respond to in our guidelines. The fifth response is, the proposed subdivision is required to obtain an approved license agreement for installation of

utility access etc. that affect District right-of-ways and facilities and all improvements must meet District requirements and specifications. They've done that in the past many times."

Mr. Chavez said, "The Office of Cultural Affairs and Historic Preservation Division didn't recommend any changes at all. They like what we've done with the archaeological review, the pedestrian walks, and the pedestrian survey. As you have already seen in the past proposals, it works well and it is something they like. They approve of that guideline. It is the same guideline that we have recommended for the subdivision regulation and is verbatim from our zoning ordinance."

"The recommendation of the Office of the State Engineer, they recommend that we set a standard to quantify the analysis for how long the water is available. Whether it's adequate, sufficient for 50 years or 100 years. Bernalillo County uses 100 years for certain tracts of land and 50 years for others. It is a very strict standard and they recommend that we institute that standard. Right now I think you look at 30 years or so. That is basically the life expectancy of the aquifer. They misunderstood the summary review procedure and they thought it would create more lot splits when it actually does just the opposite."

"The State Highway Department responses were really nothing. They just said they had received them and they would look at them. We haven't heard from them. The Statute doesn't actually require that they give us a formal response. It actually specifically states if they do not respond within 30 days, at the time of the hearing that we can proceed and it should not be taken as a consent or a denial."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said she has not had a chance to review this document, but she is concerned that they did not go through the public comment period and allow the public to review the draft and get their input before it is submitted to the AG for approval.

Mr. Chavez said, "We followed the statute according to the letter of what's required. This has been in the County Clerk's Office for a month now and it has been published in the newspaper two or three times."

Chairman Aguilar said, "This is the first that I see this draft." Steven Chavez said, "It has been available at the County Clerk's Office and has been in the newspaper for several weeks." Chairman Aguilar said, "Counselor, I don't recall it coming to us."

County Attorney Tom Garde said, "I got my copy last week, but regardless, under the Subdivision Act, the Attorney General's Office has to respond. At this point we're in no position to, I think I would encourage more public comment." Chairman Aguilar said, "That's what I'm saying, what if the public has some comments." Steven Chavez said, "I'm not disagreeing with you. All I am saying is that we have put it out for public comment. I do not have a problem with a longer period. You can table it and we can get more public comment."

Marcel Reynolds presented a one-page document that contained eight items of concern of the Los Chavez Community Association. He read the concerns into the record. **(See Exhibit G)**

Discussion was held on Mr. Reynolds's recommendations, as well as the issue of notification of adjacent property owners. The consensus of the Commission is to place that responsibility on the developer instead of Staff.

Dale Jones said he presented his suggestions to Steven Chavez for review. He did however request a section in the Subdivision Regulations that relates to the "Greenbelt" only. He said it is confusing when the "Greenbelt" is mixed with all of the other development projects.

Mr. Jones said all of their recommendations concern the "Greenbelt." He said they would like to see the water conveyance and they would like to see the land use compatibility and he is only talking of the RR2 lands, splits, as a part of the regulations, so that there is some law behind the regulations. He said they also recommend that the Valencia Soil and Conservation District be assigned the task of checking the water conveyance and also the land compatibility as part of the Terrain Management responsibility. He said they believe it fits in with keeping the agricultural land.

Commissioner Eloy Giron asked the County Attorney if it would be legal to separate a template of the Greenbelt.

Chairman Aguilar said, "Steven, on the zoning ordinance, aren't you already defining that in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District boundaries? We may be able to duplicate and have consistency." Steven Chavez said, "The Zoning Ordinance does have specific regulations and specific requirements in the Greenbelt and it is well defined in the zoning map as well as in the ordinance. I think what Mr. Jones is referring to, he wants a separate set of regulations within the ordinance or an added tier of regulations for that area for just subdivisions." Chairman Aguilar asked if it wouldn't simplify it if they just have a map or a definition so that if it falls within that area, then it is a Greenbelt area and that the Soil and Water would have jurisdiction over that. Mr. Chavez said he believed that would be the easiest way to handle that.

Chairman Aguilar said, "I was talking to the engineer from Molzen Corbin and they were telling me that for Los Lunas and some of the other municipalities, it is a minimal charge of about \$75.00 to \$150.00 and they are able to review the subdivision and actually look at the drainage, the traffic and that analysis provides some comments back to the County. It also covers the affects on adjoining properties. I think that would probably be a good thing to have because when it comes to us, we look at it, but we don't know." Steven Chavez agreed with Commissioner Aguilar and said they have a hard time quantifying the analysis used by the engineers.

Steven Crawford said, relative to the compatibility issue, whatever the Commission picks, it needs to be numeric because it needs to be predictable by an agent. He said he needs to know what people are looking at. It needs to be specified clearly in black and white. It has to be a number that everyone agrees on.

His interpretation of the State Law on the summary review process, is that there is a mandate that they have a summary review process for type III subdivisions of five lots or less. He said he would claim, maybe wrong and maybe right, but he claims that you cannot change that to four lots. The State says that you have to have the summary process at five lots. The Attorney General will probably straighten that out.

Mr. Crawford said the other issue of concern is the compatibility in the design guidelines. He believes that the land use is hitting in a direction that it needs to go. It is very hard to figure out land use compatibility. It is a lot fuzzier. Subdividers of subdivisions don't build houses. Design things are relatively hard even with the best of intentions. He said he could try and make some covenants that try and satisfy the anticipation of what a house design might be like, but I don't design houses. Land use issues in the compatibility, house

design and design elements are a part of that, but something is needed that is not so subjective as to land every case in Court. Land use issues are the compatibility that everyone is seeking as citizens. He sees that as a desire and goal. There needs to be a way to implement it that it doesn't put a burden on the developer that he can't meet.

Mike McCartney said they would re-advertise and the next meeting will not be the final hearing.

Steven Chavez said he did speak with the Attorney General's Office regarding Section 47-6-10. He said, "That section specifically allows us to adopt more stringent regulations than what the State has on certain areas. This is one of the areas and one of the conditions before is, that we have to have an adopted zoning ordinance and an adopted comprehensive plan pursuant to Section 31 of the State Statutes. We did that in 1986. I don't believe the AG's Office will quarrel with us that we do have an adopted comprehensive plan. As for site design, we can go to land use, it will be a little bit more difficult to define, but site design is easier because you don't get into the discriminate issues on the Fair Housing Act."

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said she got a call from Johnny Paiz, the right-of-way individual for Valencia County from Public Service Company and he requested that the Commission and the Planning and Zoning Dept. add a line on all lot splits and get a utility approval on them. Every county has it except Valencia County.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar read, "An ordinance may be proposed by any member of the Board of County Commissioners. Ordinances shall not be submitted to the Board for final passage until a majority of the members have directed that the title and summary of the subject matter of the proposed ordinance is published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the County at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Board at which the ordinance is proposed for final passage. The date and time of the meeting at which the ordinance is to be considered shall also be published."

Steven Chavez said he believed this has already been done in the last public notice.

Tom Garde said, "Given the jest of that language, this Commission has to vote on publishing and giving direction to publish."

Commissioner Frank Pando left the meeting.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to give direction to Steven Chavez to go ahead and advertise the revisions for the subdivision regulations and guidelines. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said Commissioner Giron cannot be present for a meeting on February 7th. The Meeting will be changed to February 8, 2000 at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to give direction to administration to publish another public hearing on the amendments for the Subdivision Regulations for February 8, 2000, at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(L) COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Tri-Sect Purchase Agreement

County Manager James Fernandez said a copy of the Tri-Sect Purchase Agreement was given to the County Commission to make comments and that is the only action that was taken on that issue.

Mel Sisson owner of Superior Waste System in Valencia County spoke to the Commission regarding some of the concerns he raised previously. This is regarding the management of the landfill if the County purchases the landfill from Waste Management. He requested that he be able to coordinate presentations from all interested haulers on managing the landfill and that the presentations be at a future meeting of the Commission.

Tom Garde said, "I think at this point, any such meeting will be premature until this Commission goes through what I have prepared for you and we can address that in Executive Session, at such time the Commission makes a decision on where they want to go, that this request may be appropriate. At this point I don't see that as being appropriate."

Mr. Sisson asked if it was possible to get a copy of the report that the Commission got. The County Attorney said, "No, it is not. This is a contract negotiation and it is not public record."

Chairman Aguilar said, "Basically what you are telling us is that if we do have a copy that is should remain confidential." The County Attorney said, "That is correct."

Mr. Sisson asked at what time would his concerns be addressed. Chairman Aguilar said, "When you came before us, you were expressing most of the Central Solid Waste Authority and some of those concerns were premature. The County hasn't bought Tri-Sect yet. We're looking at purchasing it and not only that, with the management of it, I'll give you an example. You've got \$15.00 per ton. That is basically what you were arguing before, that Waste Management was getting too much money as far as \$15.00 per ton for the operation of it. One thing is, that without the trash from Waste Management and Waste Management hauls the majority of the trash in Valencia County, if it continues to go to Sandoval County, what trash would you have to manage?"

Mr. Sisson said, "I'm glad that came up because that is what Mr. Fernandez said. Let me ask you this, you say you cannot require Waste Management to dump out here if they don't get to operate the landfill, you can't demand all haulers in the County to go to this landfill?"

Chairman Aguilar said, "This is voluntary. If you take Reliable Waste, they chose not to dump at Tri-Sect and they would not sign the amendment to the contract." Mr. Sisson said, "I wouldn't have signed it either if I had known that I didn't have to."

Chairman Aguilar said, "The contract was just provided to us. We haven't reviewed it. We're reviewing it, we've got questions and it will be discussed at a public meeting when the time is appropriate. I think what I'm hearing from our attorney, now is not the time."

Mr. Sisson asked if he would be given a chance to make a presentation prior to their deciding what to do. Chairman Aguilar said, "I can't make that promise. Once the contract is before us and we're discussing it, you're more than welcome to give us some input, at which time a decision can be made. It is premature for us

to say, come to the next meeting, we're going to give you an hour and bring all that you want. We don't know yet."

Tom Garde said, "That is correct, but under the Open Meetings Act, this Commission is not required, if there is a negotiated contract between two entities, this Commission is not required to have a public meeting to decide whether or not the terms of that contract are in fact acceptable to the public."

Mel Sisson said, "I just want the residents of Valencia County to understand that if their trash bill goes up, it is not because..."

Chairman Aguilar said, "Let me say something and it is not to be rude, but you're dealing with the operation of Tri-Sect and we haven't even purchased it yet and we're still dealing with the haulers not complying with their agreements in hauling the trash and meeting the ordinance."

James Fernandez said there were a couple of items that he discussed with Mr. Sisson and a letter is going out today.

Commissioner Eloy Giron asked if the Commission would be able to have a public hearing on this issue, once they make a decision. Tom Garde said, "The terms would be disclosed, but basically the terms would have been agreed to by both parties."

Chairman Aguilar said, "I thought that was the direction the Commission gave to administration, to work with Waste Management?"

Tom Garde said, "That was the resolution that was adopted by this Commission."

Commissioner Giron said, "The question I am asking is, before we ratify, just like this property in the back and I don't want to get into an argument over this, but before we ratify any purchase or whatever we're going to do, I think it needs to be discussed and ratified before we go ahead and close like the last time."

Tom Garde said, "Basically what would happen is, this Commission would agree to certain terms. Those terms would be related to the other party and the other party would either accept or counter offer and there is going to be some give and take with regards to any negotiations. This is not done in an open meeting, it is a contract negotiation. This Commission will decide what appropriate terms should be, if any. Those terms should be forwarded to the other party and then the parties begin negotiations."

County Manager's Contract

County Manager James Fernandez said the next item is an employment contract for the Valencia County Manager. It has been reviewed by the Valencia County Commission. It has gone before the Human Resources Director and it is being presented for public ratification and signing.

Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to ratify the County Manager's Contract. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried. **(See Exhibit H)**

Other Matters

County Manager James Fernandez said there is a request for a signature from the Commission Chairman on transfers that were approved by the County Commission. It is a formality.

The County Manager said there was a disputed bill with San Miguel County for \$35,551.30. They indicated that Valencia County owed them from 1997 to the current on housing the prisoners. Staff has reviewed this documentation only to find that it was incorrect. San Miguel County owes Valencia County \$35,551.30. He presented a summary of the documentation that is being presented to San Miguel County to each Commissioner and the County Attorney. The County Manager commended Mr. Esquibel and his staff, as well as Mr. Montoya for being persistent on this issue and questioning it every step of the way.

The County Manager presented each Commissioner with copies of a bill that is being presented by Senator Ben Altamirano with regards to the Subdivision Regulations. He requested that the Commission review this item and let him know if it is an issue that they would like presented to the Association of Counties as an issue that the County would be looking at requesting their assistance in fighting this issue.

Chairman Aguilar said Mr. Chavez called her on this issue and said if it goes through, it would take away the teeth from the Subdivision Regulations as they now exist. She said she would trust his judgment and if he is proposing that it be sent on, she would go along with that. Mr. Fernandez said they would forward this item to the Association of Counties letting them know that the County has concerns on this particular bill and provide a copy to our Lobbyist.

Commissioner Eloy Giron left the meeting.

(M) WARRANTS

Carlos Montoya presented a list of warrants for Commission approval. Commissioner Al Padilla made a motion to approve the Warrants. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carlos Montoya also updated the Commission on the Lexis Nexis Bill for \$150.00 and the State Bar Fees. He said it was in conjunction with the County Planner doing some work on the jail lawsuits. He said it was a one-time thing and they would not be receiving any more bills from Lexis Nexis.

Commissioner Helen Baca made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on February 8, 2000, at 9:00 AM with Executive Session to begin at 8:00 AM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse. The Meeting **must** end by 1:00 PM. There is a Planning and Zoning Meeting in the afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Helen Baca made a motion to adjourn the January 24, 2000, Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Al Padilla seconded motion. Motion carried.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the January 24, 2000, Regular Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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