

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**APRIL 27, 2000**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Alicia Aguilar called the Special Meeting of April 27, 2000 to order at 10:08 AM.

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	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Manager James Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said on today’s meeting there is an Executive Session and during the Executive Session they will hear matters regarding the Valencia County Adult Detention and Emergency Services Department. There is also potential litigation that may be discussed.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and go into Executive Session. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, “We have been in Executive Session and under Valencia County Adult Detention, Magistrate Judge Buddy Sanchez did come in and address the Commission on concerns and issues that have been raised over the Courts. There were some recommendations that were given to us by the Judges. Mr. Edwin Esquibel also came in and we discussed his resignation to this Commission and after two hours of discussion and very honest and candied discussion about the whole criminal justice system and the problems out there, Mr. Esquibel has rescinded his resignation. The Commission has accepted that and now we go forward and having a better relationship in identifying the issues and having a better understanding on how to solve and have problems resolved without it getting to a point of miscommunication or that it should come to this. The bottom line is that we’ve decided that there is going to be a plan with recommendations of methods of who’s responsible and how it will be done.”

Commissioner Frank Pando said, “One of the recommendations was the fact that we’re accepting prisoners without the proper paperwork. Whose responsibility is it going to be to notify these entities that they have to provide the proper paper work?”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, “I think that was discussed during Executive Session and whatever the issues were, they have been addressed.”

County Attorney Tom Garde said, “I think the matter is to be resolved at the meeting tomorrow. I think, in discussions with personnel action while I was gone, they have figured out a way to resolve the whole situation.”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, “Magistrate Judge Sanchez did mention that there are some deficiencies whereby the relationship could be strengthened between the Courts and the jail and the Sheriff’s Dept. and he is stepping in and helping us to resolve it and he’s having a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM with Belen and Los Lunas and Bosque Farms who has already met with corrections in making that work better.”

Chairman Aguilar said, “I’d like for they’re to be a vote on the rescinding of Mr. Esquibel’s resignation because that is action being taken by this Commission. I’d like to poll the Commissioner’s. Commissioner Pando how do you vote?” Commissioner Pando said yes. Chairman Aguilar said, “Commissioner Giron?” Commissioner Giron said yes. Chairman Aguilar said, “Commissioner Baca?” Commissioner Baca said yes. Chairman Aguilar said, “What it was, I know I didn’t call for a motion, but just for the record and for administration, there was action that was taken and I wanted it understood. Commissioner Padilla had called in earlier and made some comments about this to Commissioner Pando and Mr. Fernandez.”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, “The other item that was discussed was the Emergency Services Dept. and action is being taken today.”

County Manager James Fernandez said, “We had asked the Commission for direction to enter into negotiations with Dr. Phil Froman for a two month limited contract as a Medical Director for the County and to go out on RFP for a full-time Medical Director for the next fiscal year.”

Tom Garde said, “It is with the understanding that the amount is under the \$20,000.00 Professional Services Agreement.”

Chairman Alicia Aguilar said, "One item I forgot to mention is that Mr. Montoya will still have a roll in working with Mr. Esquibel to address many of the issues and concerns so that he will stay involved."

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to accept the County Manager's recommendation regarding the Emergency Services. Commissioner Frank Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Frank Pando made a motion that this was all that was discussed during the Executive Session. Commissioner Eloy Giron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Eloy Giron made a motion to adjourn the April 27, 2000, Special Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Helen Baca seconded motion. Motion carried.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 27, 2000, Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

#### **VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ss**  
**ALICIA AGUILAR, CHAIRMAN**

**ss**  
**AURELIO H. PADILLA, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss**  
**S. T. FRANK PANDO, MEMBER**

**ss**  
**ELOY GIRON, MEMBER**

**ss**  
**HELEN BACA, MEMBER**

**ATTEST: ss**

**KANDY CORDOVA, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE: May 15, 2000**