

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**ROAD WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 21, 2000**

**M I N U T E S**

The Road Department Workshop of August 21, 2000 is called to order by Chairman Alicia Aguilar at 4:00 PM.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Dean.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Aguilar stated that there was only one item on the agenda, which is the 2000/2001 Road Projects. Commissioner Padilla made a motion to approve the Agenda that was seconded by Commissioner Baca. The motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF 2000/2001 ROAD PROJECTS**

Helen Cole, Road Projects Coordinator for the Valencia County Road Department addressed the Commission and provided the Steps For Road Projects (Exhibit A) as well as a list of the road priorities and the amounts allocated for each District (Exhibit B). Chairman Aguilar recognized Road Superintendent Louis Pena in attendance. Mrs. Cole stated that she had asked for the Workshop to review the mechanics for road requests. She stated that the list she had furnished indicated what the State will provide and the share to be paid for by the County. She stated that the list consisted of projects that had been requested for 2000/2001.

Commissioner Pando asked for clarification on the amounts already approved by the State. (Exhibit C). Mrs. Cole then inquired of Commissioner Pando if he was referring to the amounts indicated where the State share was \$177,442.000 and the County share is \$59,147.33 for the total project amount of \$236,589.33. He replied in the affirmative and Mrs. Cole then stated that the amounts on the individual roads will change depending on current costs and she cited an increased cost for asphalt. Commissioner Padilla inquired the amount of the increase on asphalt and Mrs. Cole stated that it had increased to 5.50 instead of 4.36l. She stated further upon questioning from Commissioner Pando that the State will provide 75% but the County must provide 25% of the funding. Commissioner Pando referred to the figures provided in the Co-Op portion (See Exhibit C) and clarified that while the total amount available from the State and County is \$107,793.33 the estimated cost by the County is \$118,048.60. Commissioner Padilla then combined the County's estimate of the Co-Op, the School Bus and the CAP funds and calculated that the amounts were approximately \$29,000.00 over the actual funding. Mrs. Cole then stated that it depends on how much is actually spent and the possibility that certain projects may turn out more or less. She cited as an example Shawn Road that is projected at a certain width but in parts may be less requiring less asphalt and thus less expense. Commissioner Padilla then reviewed the amounts listed for each district and inquired how the funding was applied in instances where the projections for the cost turned out less. Mrs.Cole then stated that the monies had to be spent and that was the reason their department requested other road needs, but, if they go over, then all the roads may not get done.

County Manager James Fernandez then stated that the total dollar amount from State allocations is just in excess of \$520,000 so roughly, based on these cost estimates that Mrs. Cole has developed, we would be roughly about \$9,000 short. Commissioner Padilla stated that that was based on the figures presented. Chairman Aguilar stated that Camino Alegre was incorrectly listed in Commissioner Padilla's District and that is why the numbers have changed. Mrs. Cole stated that she had incorrectly put District 4 and Alegre does go in District 2.

Mrs. Cole continued with her presentation on the Steps for Road Projects. Chairman Aguilar requested that she attach a time frame to the steps. She stated that steps 1 through 6 had been

completed and she needed to know if any changes needed to be made. Chairman Aguilar stated that she was fine with the roads in her District. Commissioner Baca requested that Olguin road be re-paved instead of Harrison. She stated that Harrison would have to be left for next fiscal year. She also stated that she believed she had requested a chip-seal for Victoria Road and that she had Fermin Chavez but being that the State Highway Department is tearing everything up in that area she would have to leave that for later on. Chairman Aguilar then inquired if she would like to leave Fermin Chavez in case there is extra monies. Mrs. Baca responded that that would be acceptable to her. Commissioner Baca also stated that Greer road needed work. Mrs. Cole said she would write to the State Department to make that change from Harrison to Olguin. Commissioner Padilla noted that if there were any monies left he would request other needs in his District. Commissioner Pando stated that he was happy with his allocation and inquired about Murphy Circle. Commissioner Giron stated that his only concern was Murphy Circle but if that was included he was agreeable. Commissioner Padilla stated that he was also agreeable to his allocation.

Chairman Aguilar then stated for the record the following priorities: Vista de Las Cruces, Camille Road, Murphy Circle, Sanchez Road, Shawn Court, Vicente Road, Olguin Road, Meadow Lake Road, the end of that, the far east end, AT&T Road, Jose Garcia Road, Avenida del Fuego, Damon Road, Victoria Road, Amy Road, Cinder Lane and Avenida Allegre, those are the roads that are going in.

Mrs. Cole stated that when it comes to the school bus program, that money could only be used if the school bus goes on that road. She then referred Commissioners to Items 8, 9, 10 and all She also reviewed the process by which the County is reimbursed by the State for use of equipment. Commissioners Pando and Padilla inquired if this was additional money to which she replied that the costs are figured in the project. Chairman Aguilar inquired when the projects would begin and Mrs. Cole stated that as soon as the State contracts are signed. Chairman Aguilar stated that it was her understanding that as soon as the change from Harrison to Olguin is made the projects could begin. Chairman Aguilar inquired if there were any monies left in this year's budget. She stated that she knew that Bryan wasn't done because of an engineering issue and inquired if Airport has been chip-sealed yet. She asked Mrs. Cole, that taking into consideration those two projects, and she stated that she would want to switch Bryan to something else, would there be any monies left over from any other paving projects. Mrs. Cole responded that she could not say but that she had already contacted the State Highway Department on the change on Bryan Road and had been given approval. Chairman Aguilar stated that she would like to substitute the Sunflowers for that project. A discussion ensued among commissioners regarding the use of monies under projected in individual districts and how they were used. Chairman Aguilar suggested that commissioner's turn in an extra road request so the money allocated will be used in their individual districts. Commissioner Padilla then requested that Padilla Road be placed on the list as an extra road. Mrs. Cole then requested that she be allowed to make a better determination on how the monies are distributed for each district before adding any additional roads. Commissioner Pando stated that he could understand Commissioner Padilla's frustration on how the money was distributed and inquired of Mrs. Cole whether or not these monies could be used for other road needs including speed humps. Chairman Aguilar stated that it must be the road specified in the initial contract and not just any road. Chairman Aguilar then polled the Commissioners on any additional road they wished to have done if there are any extra monies. Commissioner Pando stated that he wanted Blythe Circle. Chairman Aguilar stated that Blythe Circle was not a dedicated road. Commissioner Padilla stated that he wanted Padilla Road. Commissioner Baca stated that she would want to chip-seal Victoria, build up Greer. Commissioner Giron stated he is happy with what he has. Commissioner Pando stated that if he had money left over he would like to see Benke. Mrs. Cole stated that she thought it was a private road. She was instructed to figure the costs and the matter would be addressed at the next meeting. After further discussion, Chairman Aguilar stated that Hobb Road could be chip-sealed. She then asked Road Superintendent Louis Pena if he had anything he wanted to say. Mr. Pena stated that so far this year they had done 23 roads, paved and chip-sealed.

Chairman Aguilar then inquired of the Commissioners if they wanted to address the humps that had been requested for some roads. Discussion ensued and Superintendent Pena stated that the only road that had been done is Don Jacobo. Commissioner Giron then inquired and County Manager Fernandez replied that the Road Department is in the process of making forms. Chairman Aguilar stated that for clarification the amount budgeted for speed humps is going to be distributed equally among each district and each Commissioner will be able to prioritize for his or her own district. County Manager Fernandez stated that the amount budgeted is \$8,000. He also stated that in the packet is a request for a culvert on Silva Road. (Exhibit D). Chairman Aguilar also stated that because of the change in direction it might be necessary to change the ordinance to prevent a challenge. Chairman Agiler directed the County Manager to contact Gerald Chavez to find out who initiated the request on Frijoleria.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Padilla with a second by the Chairman. Motion Carried.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the August 21, 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**

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**ALICIA AGUILAR, CHAIRPERSON**

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

**ss**

**HELEN BACA, COMMISSIONER**

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**ELOY GIRON, COMMISSIONER**

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**S. T. FRANK PANDO, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST: ss**

**KANDY CORDOVA, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE September 5, 2000**

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