

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ICIP WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 10, 2000

M I N U T E S

THE WORKSHOP was called to order by Chairman Aguilar at 10:00 A. M.

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**  
Commissioner Pando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Chairman Aguilar stated that the Agenda consisted of one item, which was a review and prioritization of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Padilla made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Commissioner Pando. Motion carried

**Discuss and Prioritize the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan**  
(Exhibit A, Letter from New Mexico Finance Authority, and Exhibit B, Infrastructure Capital Improvement Worksheet)  
Mr. Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, stated that the worksheet priority list before them of the projects that have been identified but not prioritized or in order of priority for each year. He stated that it was a 5-year plan so it would be necessary to define priorities for each year. He referred Commissioners to the 2000 ICIP Project Summaries attached to the worksheet which depict 6 completed projects from last year and one is pending which is the Jarales Community Center, pending the completion of the study. He stated that the County is using the ICIP in obtaining Legislative funding and the Legislature uses the ICIP in determining how to fund. He requested input from Commissioners for projects of priority.

Commissioner Pando inquired if his understanding is correct in that all the projects listed were submitted last year. Mr. Chavez responded by saying that all the projects were with the exception of the Road Drainage Engineering Design and the Upgrade recreation Equipment for Community Centers. Chairman Aguilar stated that there was one more project she wanted included because they are dealing with a five-year plan and if the other Commissioners agree she would like to add a Phase 2 of the Adult Detention Facility. Commissioner Padilla agreed, as did Commissioner Pando. Commissioner Pando; however, stated that other projects merited a higher priority. Chairman Aguilar clarified that because it is a five-year plan she is looking at 2004. She stated that should monies become available for that purpose or anything having to do with detention at least it is there. Mr. Chavez stated that the Legislature, the Council Service and the DFA like to see projects early, four or five years in advance. Mr. Chavez proceeded to clarify the process of setting dollar amounts on an inquiry from Commissioner Padilla. Commissioner Pando then inquired regarding monies received for the County Hospital which he stated were used for other projects and stated his interest in exploring the project further. County Manager Fernandez stated that the feasibility study on the project should be completed by December 1st. Mr. Chavez emphasized that the list could be amended at any time. He also stated that the Hospital project could be included under the same theory as that of the second phase of the Detention Center.

Discussion continued on the needs and Commissioner Pando stated his sentiments on the Administrative Offices and the Judicial Complex, stating that it made more sense to him to build administrative offices and turn the present Courthouse building into facilities for the judiciary. The issue of transporting prisoners and the efficiency of the adjacent Detention Facility were discussed as well as upgrade of the present Courthouse to assure security.

Chairman Aguilar stated she was prepared to give her top five priorities and would ask her fellow Commissioners to give theirs and then discuss a finalization. Chairman Aguilar stated that she would give the Landfill #1; Solid Waste Transfer Station/Facility #2;Road Drainage Engineering Design/Los Chavez Community Roads #3. She stated that she had some roads to be paved and they can't be

paved until the engineering is done. She stated her concern of flooding up near Miller Road. She stated that #4; Heavy Equipment for the Road Department and #5 would be the County Government Administrative Offices. She stated that those would be her tops five.

Upon inquiry from Commissioner Padilla, Chairman Aguilar clarified her understanding of Item 5. Commissioner Padilla stated that #1 would be the Landfill; #2 Solid Waste Transfer Station; #3 Heavy Equipment for the Road Department; #4 Administrative Offices and #5, Road Drainage Engineering Design for Los Chavez Community roads.

Commissioner Pando stated his priorities as #1 Landfill; #2 Solid Waste Transfer Station; #3 County Government Administrative Offices; #4 Upgrade of the Juvenile Detention Center and #5 Heavy Equipment for the Road Department.

Commissioner Pando discussed his concerns over the Juvenile Detention Center. He stated that since Albuquerque took it over they have been promising they will upgrade it and nothing has happened. He stated that something needs to be done. He stated that he didn't know if that was a good priority as far as the Legislature is concerned or if it should be done administratively. Chairman Aguilar stated that the Legislature can't help in the operation but she agrees with what Commissioner is saying in that there needs to be some remodeling. Commissioner Pando inquired if remodeling was something they needed to do. County Manager James Fernandez stated that in meetings he has attended there has been discussion of remodeling for observation. Commissioner Pando stated that he could change the priority but that the issue needed to be addressed in some manner. Commissioner Padilla then inquired about the dollar figure of a million dollars for the Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Steven Chavez explained that that was a 1999 figure. It was prioritized at that time as #3 for 2001. Chairman Aguilar stated that Congresswoman Wilson had toured the facility and the Congresswoman mentioned that there were so many deficiencies that it would cost a million dollars to bring it up to code. She stated that what the Commission had done was go in there with some of the County engineers and local contractors and administratively they opened it with Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties. She stated that she is not disagreeing with the need as expressed by Commissioner Pando but perhaps it could be moved into 2002 when they know who is going to be operating it. Chairman Aguilar then inquired of Commissioner Pando if the project was not a priority for next year, what would be his next priority. Commissioner Pando stated that he would like to see a Health Department facility. Mr. Steven Chavez then suggested that perhaps he could separate the Administrative Offices, which would include Extension Service, Health Department, Animal Control Facility, and Road Department and make those individual priorities. Chairman Aguilar stated that she feels that in planning for the project next year that it might be possible to get the engineering design and some seed money for the following year, for the planning, even for the existing complex in preparation to move Administration. Commissioner Pando agreed.

Commissioner Padilla requested to add a sixth priority, Rio Communities and Tome-Adelino that need paving and are in real bad shape and wants to add \$50,000. Mr. Steven Chavez stated that they might want to see if Rio Communities incorporates or not. Commissioner Padilla inquired if Mr. Chavez knew time limits on the maintenance of roads after incorporation. Mr. Chavez replied that it is a relatively short time. County Manager Fernandez stated that the last information his office had regarding the incorporation is that Rio Communities had to get permission from the City of Belen and they have already inquired from the County Clerk the cost of that election. Chairman Aguilar then stated that the Health Department, which is in Commissioner Padilla's District in Belen, is in terrible shape. She stated several deficiencies at the Belen Health Center and suggested that if there is a sixth priority they might address the facilities for the Health Department in Belen and Los Lunas. Mr. Chavez stated that they had listed the Health Department for 2003 as a #1 priority. Chairman Aguilar stated that they may want to separate the one in Belen and look at it first and the other would go in planning for the Administrative offices. Commissioner Padilla inquired if the health offices are rented should they prioritize money for remodeling. The discussion continued with Commissioner Pando inquiring if the landlord of the Belen Office has been notified of the problems complained of. He stated that his idea would be to purchase some property between the two communities to serve both. He stated that he felt it was a much more important issue than roads at this time because he is aware of the numerous people that benefit from the facilities. He stated that he too had received complaints regarding the Belen office and also that the health officials in Los Lunas are not satisfied with their offices as well. Discussion then ensued over the possibility of a central location and Chairman Aguilar stated that she had inquired and was told that because of the population this was not feasible. Commissioner Pando stated that he understood that the two offices were more a matter of convenience but stated that economic realities have to be faced. Mr. Chavez inquired of Commissioner Pando if he wanted this project in the 2001 short list. Commissioner Pando stated that it was #5.

Mr. Steven Chavez stated that so far they have agreement on the Landfill and the Transfer Station as the number 1 and number 2 priorities. He inquired if the Road Department Equipment could be listed as number 3. Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Pando inquired if the Administrative Offices would be listed as number 4. Chairman Aguilar stated that she wanted the Road Drainage Design as number 4 because she had had some road paving requests that could not be done because of the engineering work and there are two homes getting flooded. Commissioner Pando stated that it was his understanding that at one time the Commission was attempting to purchase the two acres to build a facility. Commissioner Aguilar stated that she was talking about roads, roads that have flooding problems. Commissioner Pando stated that he had a like problem with roads on Morris Road. Chairman Aguilar stated that Mr. Chavez could go ahead and put #4 County Government Administrative Offices and she would talk to the legislators herself regarding her priority on the Road

Drainage. Mr. Steven Chavez stated that what they could do is prioritize the roads and they could request some engineering design money that would be divided among the districts. Chairman Aguilar stated that she preferred that they leave it out. Mr. Chavez suggested that the Health Department be kept in with the Administrative Offices project. Commissioner Pando inquired from Chairman Aguilar whether she had been in contact with the owner of the Belen Health building and she replied that she had. Discussion continued and Chairman Aguilar stated that she would call Mrs. Rosie Clifford and advise her that Commissioner Padilla will be in touch with her and he can take the lead. Mr. Chavez then stated that since there are still projects to be addressed and it is up to the Commission whether or not they wish to prioritize for 2001. County Manager stated that Animal Control even at the existing site needs some renovations. Chairman Aguilar stated that she had a concern over the lease expiring next year. She stated she would also like to see a bay for the repair of vehicles. She stated that if they are going to address road department and animal control she thinks they should be together because they are on the same site. Commissioner Pando then inquired if they could combine Animal Control and Road Department as Priority 5. Chairman Aguilar and Commissioner Padilla agreed that would be a good idea. Mr. Chavez then inquired if they wanted to move on to 2002. Commissioner Pando suggested that Mr. Chavez could address the remaining projects. Chairman Aguilar stated that on 2002 she would like to address the Judicial Complex because if they are doing the Administrative Offices planning this coming year, the following year they can start doing the planning of judicial for this complex. Mr. Chavez stated that his understanding was the Health Department would be addressed as priority 6. He stated that 2001 would be the Judicial Complex. Chairman Aguilar stated the priorities, Landfill, Transfer Station, Road Department Heavy Equipment, County Government Administrative Offices, Animal Control-Road Department facilities and then the Health Department. Commissioner Padilla inquired where the paving he requested would be addressed. Mr. Chavez stated that what has been done in the past is to put in there general paving as a priority even though he wonders if it will be successful because the County gets funding through their STIP but it should probably be listed in there for all the years. Chairman Aguilar stated that she recalled legislators had told them paving was not an item they would consider. Commissioner Padilla stated that he wanted the paving for the Fire Department in both Rio Communities and Tome-Adelino because Las Maravillas got paving for their Fire Department from the Legislature last year. Chairman Aguilar stated that that request had been funded as an item for drainage. Commissioner Pando stated that he thought the Las Maravillas paving should be the problem of the developer VIA. Chairman Aguilar recounted the history of that particular problem. Commissioner Padilla stated that the Tome-Adelino residents have requested a community center and asked Mr. Chavez to list it in 2002. Mr. Chavez inquired if they wished to address 2002. Chairman Aguilar stated that she felt comfortable with Mr. Chavez scattering the rest because the priorities have to be addressed each year. Commissioner Pando stated that the people in Highland Meadows are also requesting a community center. Mr. Chavez stated that certain criteria have to be met on the infrastructure development. He stated that if they could get the Legislature to address consolidation of the land use law it would be helpful but the best way he sees at this time is not to approve further development until the issues are addressed. County Manager Fernandez addressed the 2000-01 project of the Jarales Senior Citizen Center and requested that a police sub-station could be added to that item as phase 2. Chairman Aguilar stated that there is one item that she has been very involved in which is in Commissioner Padilla's District and that is the drainage problem near the golf course on Highway 47 and at the last meeting they had a commitment of about 2 million for drainage but will require additional dialogue with Interstate Streams Commission and the Corps of Engineers so that she will go on record that she will pass that on to him and let him make the contacts and address that drainage problem there.

Mr. Chavez stated that he would have the final paperwork completed within 10 days or 8 days. County Manager inquired that with the Landfill being the number one priority would they will have to look at a separate demolition rental anymore. Chairman Aguilar stated with the purchase of a Landfill there would be enough property for various purposes. Commissioner Pando stated that he felt the County was being held hostage in the present situation and is anxious for the County to have its independence. He stated that both possibilities need to be explored. Commissioner Padilla agreed. Mr. Chavez stated he would present the final paperwork to the Commission at the next meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pando made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Padilla. Motion carried.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, ICIP Workshop of October 10, 2000 (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: October 16, 2000**

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