

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

January 31, 2001

Chairman Alicia Aguilar called the Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Alicia Aguilar, Chairman	
Aurelio H. Padilla, Vice-Chairman	
S. T. Frank Pando, Member	
Gary Daves, Member	
Helen Baca, Member	
James Fernandez, County Manager	
Thomas Garde, County Attorney	
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. James Fernandez

Approval of Agenda Commissioner Padilla moved to accept the agenda; it was seconded by Commissioner Pando. Motion carried.

Action Items

Public Hearing/Final Consideration

A) Low Income Property Tax Rebate.....County Commission
First Item on the agenda was a Public Hearing on Final Consideration of the Low Income Property Tax Rebate. Mr. James Fernandez talked about 1998 legislature statutes 7-2-14.3,7-2-14.4,7-2-14.5 New Mexico statutes which pertained to low-income property tax rebates. He said the county commission must conduct a public hearing on whether the property tax rebate would benefit low-income property tax payers in the county. This public hearing is to be held in January on every odd numbered year. Approximately 23,422 claims were filed with the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue department regarding low-income property tax rebates, among those about 2000 were from the County of Valencia. Maximum amount to be claimed by these individuals in Valencia County would be half a million dollars. This particular statute says the county can fund the rebate rather than the state funding it. The allowable method would be that the county take the money from the general fund or pass an ordinance to implement a mill levy to fund this rebate. Commissioner Daves asked if this was a workable statute. Mr. Fernandez answered that it does not appear to be. Mr. Fernandez read a section of the property tax code 7-36-21.3, 1978 New Mexico statute that the assessor has to do every year. “If you and your spouse are sixty five years old or will become sixty five years old in 2001 and if your modified gross income was not greater than 18,000 in the year 2000 you may be eligible for a limitation on a taxable value of your residence. Further information may be obtained from the assessor’s office.” There is a revision on the property tax code that will allow some limitations on the land value for these individuals. According to Mr. Fernandez, this is a new law that will be in effect for the 2002 tax year. Mr. Fernandez says what will happen is it will affect the land value and the dollar amount that will be generated in terms of property taxes from that particular piece of property. It will not only affect the county but any entity on that property tax bill that has any tax record. Mr. Garde says this is an attempt for the state to recoup some of its costs and to put the burden back on the counties. Mr. Fernandez recommended that the county not make an ordinance allowing for this property tax rebate. Commissioner Pando made the motion to not pass the ordinance; it was seconded by Commissioner Baca. Motion carried.

B) Payroll & Warrants.....Carlos Montoya
Next item was payroll & warrants presented by Carlos Montoya. A list of the warrants was presented. The total warrants is \$373,406.00, out of that \$327,000.00 came out of the general fund, the majority of that was the monthly payment to Cornell, which was about \$334,000.00. There was a motion by Commissioner Pando, it was seconded by Commissioner Padilla to approve warrants, motion carried. Total cash balance in our general fund is \$2,248,000.00.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on February 06, 2001 at 8:00 AM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Aguilar at 10:37 A.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 1-31-2001 (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/
GARY DAVES, MEMBER**

**ss/
HELEN BACA, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: January 20, 2001

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