VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 2001

Chairman Alicia Aguilar called the Meeting to order at 5:08 P.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	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Carol Anaya, Personnel Manager asked that during executive session, the Commission delete new hires, transfers, and terminations. All Ms. Anaya will present is a resignation. Commissioner Pando made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Pando seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried.

Carol Anaya, Personnel Manager, said that during executive session the Commission discussed the resignation of Mathew Carrasco from the Older American Program as Meal Site Manager. That was all Ms. Anaya discussed during executive session.

Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, said during executive session, the following was discussed: a potential litigation involving public roads, the Ben Ber Case, a potential litigation in regards to two other county roads, and the pending law suit involving Anthony Lucero with no action taken. Commissioner Pando made a motion that's all that was discussed during executive session. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Juan Julian.

Approval of Agenda

Tina Gallegos, Valencia County Clerk, read the agenda. James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission that under the Manager's Report he would like to add three informational items, one is a letter that was sent to Commission Chair Aguilar from the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department asking for clarification of the status of fire equipment in the event incorporation takes place in Rio Communities. The second item would be information Mr. Fernandez received from a meeting in Socorro regarding Valencia County's possible participation in a Liquor Tax Act. The third item is requesting the signature of the Chairman of the Board on a contract between Valencia County and Monarch as the Board previously approved this item. Mr. Fernandez asked that item J be deleted. Commissioner Pando asked what the reason is for deleting this item. Mr. Fernandez answered there are concerns as to whether or not this qualifies as an emergency purchase.

Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, told the Commission there was a publication in regards to a meeting tonight involving a public hearing to consider a request for approval of La Merced Moose Lodge for a new liquor license. This matter was not on the approved agenda. Mr. Garde stated since the witnesses are present, he would like to take testimony from those witnesses, and the Clerk is prepared to administer an oath to the witnesses. There would need to be a final hearing to make a decision in this case since this was not on the approved agenda. Commissioner Pando asked for the reason this can't be added to the agenda as it's published through the paper. Mr. Garde said that what the Commission is doing is setting up an action item for an item that was not on the agenda. Commission Chair Aguilar stated in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, if it's an action item and it's on the agenda, action could be taken. If it's not on the agenda, it can be discussed but action cannot be taken. Mr. Garde told the Commission there is a statute that provides for how public bodies are to address a liquor license transfer. Commissioner Daves is curious about the rule that doesn't allow the Commission to add to its agenda an item at the meeting and not act on it. Monica Mireles, Assistant to the County Manager, told the Commission that last Monday she attended a workshop with the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office made it very clear to all public bodies that items have to be on the agenda before any action can be taken. Ms Mireles was advised very strongly that items being added to the agenda cannot have action taken on them. Commission Chair Aguilar recommended this item be added for discussion followed up with a meeting on Monday for final action, as that is also the attorney's advice. Commission Chair Aguilar asked how the rest of the Commission feels. Commissioner Daves made a motion on that.

Commissioner Pando stated he would not be here on Monday. Commissioner Padilla said he goes along with the opinion. This item was put on the agenda as item A. Commissioner Pando made a motion to accept the agenda as amended by putting La Merced as item A. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Carlos Montoya, Valencia County Fiscal Officer, requested that the Commission seriously consider not taking off item J on the emergency purchase and since it is on the agenda to discuss it, as Mr. Montoya got an opinion from the auditors that it does qualify as an emergency purchase. Mr. Montoya thinks a semi-truck is well needed at the Conejo Transfer Station. Commissioner Daves withdrew his second motion. Commissioner Pando withdrew his motion. Commissioner Pando stated he agrees with Carlos that there is a letter from Mr. Gaylord, and Commissioner Pando can't see why the Commission can't listen to it and if the Commission can't make up it's mind they don't have to. Commissioner Pando made a motion to accept the agenda as amended putting La Merced as item A and the agenda as it stands. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Commission Chair Aguilar said "under discussion, the opinion that Mr. Montoya has is apparently coming from Gary Gaylord our Certified Public Accountant that did the audit for us, yet on our findings of June 30, 2000 under emergency purchases, he sites us and he says three emergency purchases were made during the fiscal year and he says the purchases do not appear to satisfy the conditions defining emergencies. The upper mentioned statutes define an emergency as a threat to public health, safety or property created by goods, epidemic riots, that sort of thing. And I go back and there was a reason for pulling it off and even with the Sheriff when he tried to make purchases of vehicles that are an emergency for the safety and health of the community, he was told he couldn't do that. Same thing with John Cherry, in purchasing the pumper truck and he was even sited by financing although it was a lease/purchase it needed to go out for RFP, and that created a delay there, that was the same. So to me, I don't want to get into a discussion that it benefits one but it doesn't benefit another, and on this with the purchase of the trailers, it wasn't a budgeted item, it wasn't planned, now we're calling it an emergency for this fiscal year. We're going into a new fiscal year in three weeks or in a month, it can be planned starting July 1st and let it be part of the budget and let there be full disclosure. Commissioner Pando said, "Chair, I agree with you whole heartedly but there's still no crime that I can see or no harm in listening to it. I'm not saying we're going to take action, I'm saying lets listen to it." Motion carried.

Public Requests

Commission Chair Aguilar mentioned that she received 8 calls and calls from the newspaper questioning travel by the Commissioners. Commission Chair Aguilar said what it was, is they were questioning travel by the Commissioners. Commission Chair Aguilar was informed Commissioner Pando is going to Hawaii, and people wanted to know why the Commission was hiding it. Commission Chair Aguilar said, "we're not hiding it, if they're approved, by the same token, I said I got 8 calls of people asking me why didn't we make it public and they wanted to know why the trip. I'm just making it public." Commissioner Pando stated, "I'm the one that's going to Hawaii and if they got a problem, then why don't you call me? Don't call you. I got something to say to you or anybody else in this crowd or in the world. I don't hide from anybody, and I'm not afraid of nobody or afraid of anything. So if you got anybody that's got something to say, don't tell her, tell me. If you're going to whip me, you whip me. Don't whip her."

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Pando made a motion to accept minutes of May 1, 2001 as presented. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Requests

Dieter Hartenhoff told the Commission that the lights were back on Meadow Lake and the Manzano Expressway. They were shut off about 3 months ago. It's a very dangerous intersection coming down from Meadow Lake. Mr. Hartenhoff had told Commissioner Daves about this and the situation was fixed very quickly. Mr. Hartenhoff told the Commission he appreciates that. The other thing he told the Commission is about the problem with trash in his area. Mr. Hartenhoff told the Commission that at Conejo Transfer Station they want everything separated, and Mr. Hartenhoff doesn't think that's right. Mr. Hartenhoff told the Commission the transfer station was charging people different prices for different areas the trash is separated into. Mr. Hartenhoff doesn't think it's right for customers to have to separate it.

Carlos Montoya, Valencia County Fiscal Officer, told the Commission the minimum charge is \$5.00; the price goes all the way up to \$35.00. The reason Mr. Montoya has the trash separated, the County is under contract with Waste Management of Rio Rancho, as they own the landfill. Waste Management tells the County what they can and cannot put into their landfill. If there's a truck with tires or batteries on it the tires and batteries are removed. A truckload of trash is \$5.00. If there is a trailer, it goes up to \$10.00. Commissioner Daves asked if a person comes with a pickup load and it includes 3 or 4 different classes of items, do they have to separate it? Mr. Montoya said depending on the items. Mr. Montoya explained on a pickup truck its \$5.00, if it goes above the window on a full pickup, it's \$10.00. An 8-foot trailer is \$15.00 and goes up to \$35.00 on a dump truck. As far as pronging branches, Waste Management won't accept that. Mr. Montoya said the WIPP site accepts branches and stuff for compost, which is approximately four miles south of Conejo. Commission Chair Aguilar told the Commission she received several memos that if branches were small, they would be accepted at the transfer station, it was just huge trunks and full size trees they won't accept. James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission that with the direction of this board a memo was sent to the transfer station directing them that it was the wishes of the board that household wastes that were generated in terms of yard wastes be accepted at the transfer station.

La Merced Moose Lodge Liquor License

Valencia County Clerk, Tina Gallegos, swore in Matthew Carrasco to speak on the La Merced Moose Lodge Liquor License. Mr. Carrasco, Administrator of the La Merced Moose Lodge #2550, requested from the Commission a liquor license to get social quarters started, as that is the only steady source of revenue. Mr. Carrasco explained that the social quarters is not and never will be open to the public. No one walking in off the street can buy a drink, in order to be served, a person has to come in with a member who will present his card that his dues are paid up and is a member in good standing. Only then, can the guest be served. The guest cannot put any money on the bar or buy dinner. The member would need to get money from the guest and buy it, as the member has to do all the purchasing. A guest is only allowed three times in as a guest, if the guest does not join the lodge on the third time, they lose all guest privileges. The guest can come in half hour before a pool tournament and leave a half hour after the tournament. The guest can play pool but cannot participate. This is strictly a private club and will never be open to the public. Commissioner Daves asked if those rules are from the chapter or if it's a general Moose rule. Mr. Carrasco stated that's from Moose International from Moose Headquarters of Chicago. Mr. Carrasco stated as long as he's administrator he will do everything he can to adhere to those rules. This lodge complies in distance as far as churches and schools. This lodge is properly zoned. Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, told the Commission that originally this application was a conditional use permit to open up a social establishment to serve liquor under PD district, which requires a conditional use permit. At the first hearing it was approved conditionally and was given a two-year term. The state liquor Board called Mr. Chavez, and indicated they wouldn't approve a liquor license with a term limit on a conditional use permit, so they went back to the Planning & Zoning Commission and requested they reconsider their decision to place a two year term on it and they did that at the last hearing. The Planning & Zoning Commission took away the two-year term and made the conditional use permit perpetual until the use ceases. Mr. Chavez stated that it may have been published in the newspaper for the reconsideration hearing and if so it's defective notice because they already have a conditional use permit to do that. This is a state license and will be the second Moose Lodge in the Belen area. There are 145 male members and about 50 women members. Mr. Garde stated this Commission has to hold a public hearing within 45 days from a notice of preliminary approval from the department. There are certain grounds this Commission has to look at to determine whether or not the department should approve the issuance of the license. The grounds this board may consider in disapproving the issuance of the transfer are: impose locations within an area where the sale of alcoholic beverages is profuse by the law of New Mexico, the issuance or transfer would be in violation of the zoning or other ordinance of the governing body, or the issuance or transfer will be detrimental to the public health safety or morals of the residents or local option district. The vote the Commission will make is whether or not to approve the issuance of the license and ultimately the state will make the final decision. There will not be any gaming machines in this lodge. Mr. Garde told the Commission that during a break he discussed some concerns with Mr. Chavez. Chavez's concern initially was the representation made by Mr. Carrasco that there was a publication that is being cleared up, so there is not an issue at this point. Commissioner Padilla made a motion to table this item until Monday at 9:00 A.M. during a special meeting. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando abstained because he will not be in that meeting, but he would vote yes for it. Motion carried. See exhibit A.

A) Presentation of Six Month Status Report-Planning and P & Z Departments....... PWT/Steven Chavez

Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, updated the Commission on a status report for the Planning & Zoning Departments. In the last three months for February, March, and April there were a total of 241 violations that have been assessed in Valencia County which is an average of 80 a month and about 26 per officer. There are only three officers right now. The County has been broken down into three districts, the Meadow Lake/El Cerro and Monterey Park district is run by Edward Gonzales who has sited 99 violations in the last three months. In Peralta, Tome, Adelino, Rio Communities, and Las Maravillas area, there have been 72 violations that were sited. In the entire west side, run by Anna Jojola, there have been 70 violators sited. The types of the 241 violations are for trash and junk debris in yards. There have been a total of 73 violations sited. There have been 65 sited for junk vehicles. There have been 30 violations sited for too many mobile homes or dwelling units on a single lot. . Out of 241 violations in the last 3 months, the zoning officers have settled 64 of them without going to court and 27 are pending court cases. The officers are fairly well trained with court proceedings and are getting more professional training in June with a national organization that trains zoning officials. The zoning applications that the zoning department received in the last 3 months are broken down: 19 conditional use permit requests, 8 variances, and 9 zoning map changes. Out of those zoning map changes, this board has denied 4 in the last 3 months. Under the land divisions summary review process, in the last three months there has been a creation of 78 new lots. There is 1 pending subdivision proposal in a preliminary plan review with 355 lots in the Rio Communities area. In final review there is Santana Estates, which is a 24-lot subdivision, Spellman Estates is a 15-lot subdivision, and Mariposa, which is a 28-lot subdivision. See exhibit B.

As far as training is concerned with the zoning officers they are currently going through very sophisticated zoning training now, as they went through it last year and the year before and there's another one in Albuquerque this summer to get a certification as zoning officials. All three zoning officers will go through that training. Mr. Chavez feels the zoning officers are doing a wonderful job with the resources they have and are doing well in court. See exhibit B.

There have been regular staff meetings every 2-3 weeks in the past couple of months. Some of the things being implemented as a result of staff meetings are vehicle inspections checklists. Zoning

Officers are required to do vehicle inspection checklists for their own safety and the safety of the County. Problems are identified through the checklist. Commission Chair Aguilar asked if the Planning & Zoning Board is familiar with the Zoning Ordinance as to if the Board is complying with and using it as a guide for their decisions. Mr. Chavez answered he hopes so. There are new members of the Board and Mr. Chavez would like to send them to training, as there is training specifically for Planning & Zoning Commissions around the state. The zoning ordinance has been in place for about 2 year. Commission Chair Aguilar asked Mr. Chavez to review it on issues that need clarification. Mr. Chavez would also like to reevaluate R2 zoning to determine whether or not it's working. Commission Chair Aguilar recommended as far as the zoning ordinance to take it slow and take one section at a time as far as review. Commission Chair Aguilar stated that as far as RR2 she understands protecting and preserving the valley and the greenbelt but there's also an issue where there may be a family that may have 3-4 acres and want to deed a portion and split it into 1 acre for family. See exhibit B.

Mr. Chavez told the Commission the moratorium expires in September and the Planning Department will be ready to present a proposal to the Commission soon. The Comprehensive Plan is an issue that Mr. Chavez is concerned with. There was a steering committee meeting on April 12, 2001 and that meeting was used to discuss direction the Commission gave them. The Steering Committee is working on those issues and putting together a template and outline for the entire plan. There will be another Steering Committee meeting held in June. There are a total of 6 chapters outlined. See exhibit B.

GIS System

Planning & Zoning has been working on the Geographic Information Systems project for a while. The County is very fortunate to have a sophisticated mapping project that Pacific Western Technologies has been subcontracted to do for the County. The County has received \$250,000.00 of State funding for the purpose of creating an E911 system. What the County has done with that E911 system is create maps through the Global Positioning System. Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, stated the grant for this system is ending and the County will have to take it up itself. Last year, the County proposed approximately \$30,000.00 as a staff person is needed to deal with it. Mr. Chavez told the Commission that Richard Chavez from Rural Addressing has been going through the training as the lead person with Heather Head and he has most of the training, the state will be certifying him as an E911 person.

Heather Head, GIS Manager for Specific Western Technologies, presented to the Commission what has progressed so far. The E911 project started in 1989 and it was passed as the Enhanced 911 Act that began a statewide deployment of 911 services. Although this is the responsibility of local government agencies, the Department of Finance and Administrations Local Government Division was given the responsibility of overseeing the development and implementation of the state 911 services as well as the statewide grant program. E911 is an improved emergency communications system that automatically displays the address of caller on the dispatcher's computer screen. In order to do this there must be a link between the location of the caller and the film number. The way the state chose to do this, they use three main tools. One tool is the GPS which the Planning Department has purchased and has been maintaining their adequacy with the GPS. The second tool is the Geographics Information System or GIS, which is a system that stores both spatial location and data about that location. An addressing software was also chosen that will automatically calculate the correct address so it can be easily maintained. What Ms. Head has done is gone out using the Global Positioning System equipment, the location of every house. From there, all of the residents and business information is entered, which is what makes up the E911 database. There has been 2,905 miles of road and 16,668 address points collected. For every address point there must be the first name, last name, mailing address, telephone number, and the physical address in order for the E911 database to work. For all the companies that are on the price agreement, Specific Western Technologies has been working with the state and telephone companies and signing confidentiality agreements where this information cannot be sold as it is specifically for Enhanced 911 purposes. After all the data is collected, all the information is gathered from telephone companies and with any missing information, that information is obtained from the telephone companies and the utility companies and postcards are left behind that explains to the person that is not home what this information is needed for. Right now the telephone company Qwest is the main telephone company provider and they recently made a policy change where they are no longer giving out their billing information. The state is aware of the problem and is working with the Public Regulations Committee on getting that policy changed, because without that database, people cannot be notified and records cannot all be filled in. This is something that the state said they would supply all of the counties, with that agreement in place. Ms. Head said that Dave Hannah with the Local Government Division has asked that counties that are not complete and especially counties that have Qwest as their telephone provider ask for a grant and extension. Since PWT's contract was based upon the grant, PWT will also be requesting a contract until they can get Qwest to cooperate with getting PWT the billing The Geographic Information Systems that the state is relying on to maintain this system, it's very complicated software. The Planning Department will need to understand not only the GPS, which they do, but also how to use the Geographic Information System. There needs to be procedures as to how the addressing is done or any other data that goes into it. The final product is what is called the Master Street Addressing Guide and basically that is what the telephone company uses to figure out if there are any errors with the E911 database. Right now PWT is still waiting for the telephone companies to give them the data and a grant extension through the state Department of Finance and Administration will be requested. Ms. Head said that Dave Hannah is the coordinator for the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration and this problem

has arisen very recently, so it's a problem for not just Valencia County but throughout the entire state. Since this is something that the state was supposed to supply PWT with through the telephone companies, they need to get that information. If the state doesn't get that information, then PWT has to think of other procedures as to how PWT can get that information.

Mr. Chavez explained as far as Valencia County, the grant extension is the burden of the state, the county has done nothing wrong as it is right on schedule with the grant and the work has been completed on schedule. Valencia County has turned in the reports and David Hannah has assured Mr. Chavez that they will approve a grant extension. Mr. Chavez has told the Commission that Richard Chavez, Rural Addressor, has been doing all the GPS with Ms. Head and the data that has been collected; Richard Chavez has been trained to collect data with updates. Richard Chavez has most of the training he needs. Somebody will be required to run this project nearly full time, so Planning & Zoning is looking at an additional staff person. Planning & Zoning indicated to the Commission last year that this deadline was coming up. James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission that in today's mail he received that extension request from the state carrying this out until the year 2004. Mr. Fernandez said the County needs to start working on making sure there is staff in place and make sure the county is prepared to take over the grant. Commission Chair Aguilar stated that is the county's responsibility to keep the grant going so they have to budget for it. According to Mr. Chavez, this is a state mandate that the state has determined is a necessary project for the health, safety, and welfare of the state citizens, which is why every county received money to do this. Commission Chair Aguilar stated that the equipment the county has, two years from now it may be obsolete. Mr. Chavez stated the computer software is nearly obsolete. Commission Chair Aguilar said the county needs to look at budgeting for that. Mr. Fernandez said the extension is coming for the gathering of data. Mr. Chavez recommended that the person that has been training in this for the last two years, which is Richard Chavez, be the appropriate person for this. The mandatory and the improvement of this project isn't necessarily going to improve or train the 911 and dispatchers, those are two separate grants.

With a basic system, there's not a location or address that comes up on the screen, so when an address comes on the screen that's what's called enhanced. Qwest maintains the county's database, so all the information the county gathers to collect a new address, the county has to go out and collect the GPS point or location and enter all of that information into the system. According to Ms. Head, the state would also like to have the GIS as a component to the actual dispatchers equipment so they will be able to tell the shortest distance to the police department, fire department, etc. Ms. Head said the state is also requiring the assessors to go into a GIS as well and expecting that road centerlines will be used to help with almost every department within a local government agency. This program is web accessible.

Presentation by Residents of Edmundo Rd.-Motorcycle/ATV Track......Russell Heineken

Russell Heineken, who is a resident of Campbell Farms Road, asked the Commission for help in closing a motorcycle track as the noise and dust is getting unbearable. Mr. Heineken presented petitions to the Commission. Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, told the Commission that a zoning officer who inspected the property has indicated to Mr. Chavez that there is not a zoning violation. Mr. Heineken told the Commission he has been calling Planning & Zoning about this several times for 6 months. The zoning officer went out to inspect the property on a weekday and did not find any evidence of loud noises or a lot of people on the track. Mr. Chavez said that he directed the zoning officer to go to the property on a weekend to determine if that is indeed happening, but the zoning officer did not find any evidence of the loud noise or lots of people. The zoning officer indicated to Mr. Chavez there were a couple of children on bicycles and a little vehicle with an electrical motor that can be purchased at Wal-Mart, but believes there is not a nuisance. See exhibit C.

Joy Harden, who lives at the corner of Edmundo and Campbell Farms Rd., told the Commission that she has a problem with the dust and noise and the vehicles on this track do not have mufflers on them. Ms. Harden told the Commission there is more than one of them on numerous occasions. Ms. Harden said that there is not only a problem with the noise and dust but they access the county roads and these are not licensed drivers as most of them are children. Ms. Harden stated these children are jumping irrigation ditches and causing damage to private property, which is a conservancy easement. Ms. Harden said this started out as bicycles and progressed to dirt bikes. Ms. Harden told the Commission that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour on Edmundo Road and aside from the residents nobody drives 25 miles per hour. Ms. Harden said this is a county road and these are unlicensed drivers and these are not street legal vehicles. This has been going on for a few months according to Ms. Harden. See exhibit C.

Richard Sandoval, who is an owner of this property, told the Commission that he has been an organizer of racing motor cross/ATV for a few years. Mr. Sandoval said a driver's license is not needed to drive an ATV or dirt bike. The access people are taking to get to the track is on the side of the road, which is approximately 10-15 feet, and is a fenced area that the children ride on. Mr. Sandoval said primarily it is a 12 year old kid who races and does national and super cross circuits. This 12-year-old boy practices there. Mr. Sandoval said if there was an issue with the irrigation ditches, the neighbors should've taken it to the parents and grandparents. Every vehicle at the track has a muffler according to Mr. Sandoval. It is Mr. Sandoval's nephew, Mr. Sandoval, and Mr. Sandoval's friends who use the track. As far as organized racing on the track, Mr. Sandoval said it does not happen as they use the track to practice. Mr. Sandoval said this track is not used at night.

Nobody is charged for using this track and if other kids are riding on the track, their parents or legal guardian are there on site with their permission. Mr. Sandoval said they use motor cross motorcycles and racing ATV's on this track. Mr. Sandoval lives on a total of a 2-½ acre lot, the house is on an acre, so the track is approximately ¼ of an acre. The speed these people use on the track is 20 miles an hour at the most. This land is fenced off and has No Trespassing signs posted. There are gates on the property. Commission Chair Aguilar asked about the video and asked if the video is showing the vehicles, the jumping, and the dust. The video is approximately 2-3 minutes. Commissioner Daves asked, "Assuming more than one or two kids, assuming the friends, and assuming some of what the other folks stated in terms of noise, would that rise to, in your mind perhaps to some kind of jurisdictional?" Mr. Chavez answered, quite possibly. Mr. Chavez did ask Mr. Heineken to video tape it. Mr. Chavez said he did request a variance to keep the case open and have it videotaped. See exhibit C.

Robert Dowdell, who lives on Edmundo Rd., asked the Commission if the petition with signatures from other neighbors has any bearing in this matter. Mr. Dowdell told the Commission that Mr. Sandoval is painting a very nice picture, but the kids go up and down the road whenever they please. Mr. Dowdell said the attitude of the Sandovals is "if you don't like it, too bad." According to Mr. Dowdell, on Edmundo Road, there's no gate. Mr. Dowdell told the Commission there have been a couple of threats about this and there's more to this. See exhibit C.

Mr. Sandoval stated on a given time there's no more than four people on the track, who are Mr. Sandoval, the two kids that live there, and another gentleman who comes with his father's supervision. All the kids on the track are under 12 years old; Mr. Sandoval is the oldest person on the track who is 30 years old. Mr. Sandoval is the only person on an ATV, the children are on dirt bikes. Commission Chair Aguilar asked to see the video, but Mr. Heineken did not bring an adapter for it. Mr. Chavez said "I think this sets sort of a dangerous precedent for this Board, I don't think, I think the problem with the authority of the Board has is to remand it back to us, so that we can investigate this new evidence, because that's what it is. In all fairness to these folks and to Mr. Heineken, we indicated to Mr. Heineken that we would keep the case open and review it, so evidence can be shown to us. He hasn't done that. He's doing it now for this Board, so what you're doing, is you're conducting the duties or responsibilities assigned to the Zoning Department. We don't have a problem now and we didn't have a problem when we spoke with Mr. Heineken to investigate further, if he can show us the videotape. I just think that your authority is to say, well, Mr. Chavez have the Zoning Officers investigate further, take them to court if necessary, and let the judge decide. This is a, if it's a nuisance issue, under our zoning ordinance, only a judge has the authority to penalize them for a nuisance." Commission Chair Aguilar responded, "When calls are coming in and there is five or six calls and there are five or six calls to me, I have a conversation with you and you say, I sent the zoning officer out and you just made a comment a while ago that there was no violation. Mr. Heineken chose to bring it to the Board because there wasn't any satisfaction to it. And to me, I think as a constituent, any constituent, any resident of Valencia County has a right to come before this Board. We can hear it. We didn't say that there was going to be action, but at least it would be of record at which time the Commission could say, Planning & Zoning, look into it and even yourself. Now you're saying there's new information. This information would not have even surfaced and may not have even gone further, had they not come before us." Mr. Chavez said, "That's not true Madam Chair, Ms. Jojola as well as myself spoke to Mr. Heineken, and I'm the one that asked him to videotape it, that was our idea." Commission Chair Aguilar asked Mr. Heineken to get a copy of his video tape and drop it off at the County Managers Office and let Planning & Zoning review it. See

Ms. Sandoval asked that as far as the noise and dust is there a line drawn between ATVs, motorcycles and animals and dogs barking. Mr. Sandoval would like to know what his neighbors want out of this situation. Commission Chair Aguilar said, "You're neighbors, can't you talk." Ms. Sandoval said they do talk to him. Commission Chair Aguilar asked, "Can't you come to some agreement." The Sandoval's said they didn't even know there was a problem, as they read it in the newspaper. Ms. Sandoval told the Commission that there are a lot of racers that represent Valencia County as they race all over New Mexico. Commission Chair Aguilar told the parties involved, "Talk to the neighbors, you have a video, bring it in. Once this is done, get together with Planning & Zoning, see if you can resolve it." Commission Chair Aguilar asked the parties to give their phone numbers and names so the dialogue will be complete. See exhibit C.

List Facts & Findings......Tom Garde

- > Denial to Amend Zone Maps from RR2 to RR1-Kevin Jaramillo
- > Denial to Amend Zone Maps from RR2 to RR1-Nash & Mary Jaramillo
- > Approval to Amend Zone Maps from C1 to C2-Michael Aldrich

Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, presented the Commission with facts & findings on this Commission's decision to amend zone maps with regards to this particular zone change. These items are pursuant to state statute, which adopted a requirement that County Commissioners adopt findings & conclusions after they make a land use decision. The first is the decision of Kevin Jaramillo to amend zone map, which the Commission denied the application. The second item is the decision on Nash & Mary Jaramillo and that decision was to deny the application of Nash & Mary Jaramillo to amend zone map. Last, was a decision on the application to amend zone map by Michael Aldrich, in this decision the County Commission approved the amendment to zone map with

the limited purpose of electrical repair and towing service on that particular piece of property. See exhibit D.

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to accept the facts & findings of Kevin Jaramillo. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried. See exhibit D.

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to accept facts & findings of Nash & Mary Jaramillo. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted no, as he thinks they're completely wrong. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried with a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Daves believed there were other facts that aren't presented, but also believes the facts that were presented are accurate. See exhibit D.

Commissioner Daves made a motion to accept facts & findings of Michael Aldrich. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried. See exhibit D.

Redistricting/Valencia County Commission......Tina Gallegos

Tina Gallegos, Valencia County Clerk, told the Commission that the Commission asked Ms. Gallegos to keep in mind the census information that was coming in April and to decide whether or not the redistricting project can be done in house. Ms. Gallegos visited with Planning & Zoning and the GIS Department regarding this matter. Ms. Gallegos saw the GIS program that was presented to the Commission tonight and one of the layers that was discussed with the Assessor and Treasurer and how it's going to benefit the whole county. The way it's going to benefit the County Clerk's Office, is one of the layers is a precinct layer, where the Clerk's Office comes in and puts down all the precincts the County has. Once that is a layer within this GIS program, at that point the census information can be brought in, which right now those numbers are in census block data format only, not by precinct. If the precinct layer can be on top of the census block layer, then when the numbers are put in, the Clerk's Office can gather all that information and begin the redistricting project. This is where it becomes complicated in house. Ms. Gallegos doesn't think this is a project that Richard Chavez and Ruben Chavez can begin and get the layers of the precincts and the census information ready to this Commission to have completed for redistricting. Ms. Gallegos recommended the County look at an outside agency to help with the redistricting project. Ms. Gallegos does not have a quote from Research & Polling as to how much it would cost if the County went through an outside agency, but they are the agency that is doing this statewide for several counties and for the State Research & Polling told Ms. Gallegos at one time it would cost approximately \$20,000.00. Ms. Gallegos told the Commission that the GIS program, software, and the census information the County currently has, cannot make it compatible enough to work and get this done within the deadline. Commissioner Daves told Ms. Gallegos he thought the census block data did at some point conform to precinct boundary lines in order to make that an attainable thing. Steven Chavez, Valencia County Planner, told the Commission the census data is based on Data Analysis Sub zones and the Regional Council of Governments creates those sub zones, and they disregard political lines. Ms. Gallegos said when the Clerk's Office does the precinct boundaries, the precinct boundaries do follow census block boundaries, however, they're two different sets of lines and when the precinct boundary is laid on top of the census block, yes it should match, but then again the precincts fall into smaller pieces in which case it is broken down farther. It is the County Commission who directs the County Clerk on this project. Ms. Gallegos recommended for the next step, the County talk to an outside agency and work out some kind of agreement with them. James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission that two firms have approached the County. Research and Polling submitted a proposal indicating they would charge \$17,500.00 not to exceed \$20,000.00 and it will be considered perpetual service. According to Mr. Fernandez, the County can probably get more competitive rates if they go out RFP. Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, suggested that time is of the essence, and thinks the County should go out RFP and in conjunction with that, pursue the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments aspect that way the County can deal with both things at the same time. In going out for RFP, Commission Chair Aguilar asked to work with Mr. Garde, so that if the outcome isn't there, to come out with alternatives and say this is your option for this district and that district. Mr. Garde said when a study is requested like RFP, ultimately there are going to be recommendations made. Commission Chair Aquilar made a motion go out for RFP and asked administration to get together with the Mr. Garde, satisfy the law, and that's what the RFP should say and that's how the County should proceed. Commissioner Pando seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0. See exhibit E.

Request to Award Bid #525-Notice of Value Forms.......Beverly Gonzales Margaret Garcia, Chief Deputy to the County Assessor, told the Commission that the Assessor would like to request that Ink Impressions be awarded the bid for the notice of value forms, as they were the only company to submit a bid. The bid amount was \$9,627.55. The Assessor has the money in her budget. Commission Chair Aguilar made a motion to approve bid #525. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried. See exhibit F.

Request Approval of Out and In State Travel:

IAAO School in Socorro-O. Montoya & B. Gonzales.....Beverly Gonzales

Margaret Garcia, Chief Deputy to the County Assessor, requested in state travel for Orlando Montoya and Beverly Gonzales to attend the IAAO school in Socorro which is an appraisal school that will be held August 5, 2001- August 10, 2001. Commission Chair Aguilar made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried. See exhibit G.

Request Approval & Signature of Amendment to CDBG Project......Monica Mireles

(End date of Grant Agreement changing from May 31, 2001 to October 31, 2001)

Monica Mireles, Administrative Assistant to the County Manager, requested signature and approval of an extension of a CDBG project. Originally, this project was to expire May 31, 2001. Ms. Mireles received proposals for this project; the vendor is requesting an extension until September. Ms. Mireles is requesting an extension of an additional month, until October 31, 2001. Commissioner Pando made a motion to approve Ms. Mireles's request. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Mireles told the Commission the contract amount that has been granted is \$27,062.00. Valencia County does not need to add additional money for that project. This agreement needed the Chairman's signature only. See exhibit I.

Release & Settlement Agreement/Bernalillo County vs. Valencia County......James Fernandez

James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, presented a proposed agreement between Bernalillo County and Valencia County for a settlement of disputed claims of the juvenile detention facility. The particular item that will be paid would be the disputed claim of the \$95,745.18, which will be paid in four installments, one coming out of this fiscal years budget, the remainder will come out of next years fiscal budget and will be budgeted for 3 installments. The revenue that will be utilized for the payment of this particular item will come from the money generated from the juvenile detention facility. Mr. Fernandez requested permission to proceed with the signing of this agreement. Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, told the Commission this is a complete settlement. Commissioner Pando made a motion to approve this agreement, and commented that this bill is 8 years old and this Commission had nothing to do with this bill. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Motion carried. See exhibit J.

Managers Report.....James Fernandez

Biweekly Jail Monitor's Report

James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission the average population in the jail for the last two weeks has been 102. A couple of items that have been instituted at the Adult Detention Facility very recently are, the jail management firm at Cornell has established a GED program for inmates in the facility. The GED program is held on Wednesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. See exhibit K.

The second program was started titled Life Skills. This particular program started on May 4, 2001 and will conclude August 17, 2001. See exhibit K.

There are Bible studies being held at the facility for inmates. They are three times weekly for those who choose to attend. Sunday services are also being held twice for male and female inmates. See exhibit K.

Letter to Commission Chair Aguilar

Mr. Fernandez told the Commission of a letter that was sent to Commission Chair Aguilar from the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department and Rescue I requesting clarification as to what might happen to the equipment that is housed at the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department in the event that incorporation should be approved by the citizens. There apparently has been some discussion between the fire department and fire marshal as to what might eventually happen with this particular equipment. Mr. Fernandez will forward a copy of this letter to John Cherry, Valencia County Fire Marshall, for clarification as well as to the State Fire Marshall's Office so they can clarify in the event that incorporation does take place, what happens to the disposition of that equipment. See exhibit L.

Signing of Contract

Mr. Fernandez presented the Commission with a contract between the County and Monarch for the purchase of a pumper. This item was previously approved and is coming before the Board for Commission Chair Aguilar's signature.

Local Liquor Tax Act

Commissioner Pando, Monica Mireles, James Fernandez, Tina Gallegos, Lawrence Kaneshiro, and Barbara Baker attended a meeting today that was presented by the New Mexico Health Department in regards to the possibility of Valencia County qualifying for the implementation of a local liquor tax act. Mr. Fernandez gave the Commission some information. This item was presented in Socorro and there is an indication that three counties now qualify to bring these particular items before the constituents for a vote and those counties are Chavez, Otero, and Valencia. The provision under statute are two requirements and that is the County has to be between a population of 50,000 and 75,000 which it is now according to the new census data. The other requirement is a property The minimum is a \$500,000,000.00 property evaluation and a maximum is \$700,000.000. In checking with the local Assessor today, Mr. Fernandez found that the county is at \$686,000.000.00 excluding some additional corporate assessments. So it is a possibility that the County with the latest evaluation this year may already exceed the threshold that is provided under law. The Assessor's Office hopes to have that additional information to Mr. Fernandez by next Monday, and at that point the County can decide whether or not to bring this back for a formal presentation to this Board, assuming the County does qualify. The uses of this money are very restrictive in terms of alcohol prevention, treatment, and drug treatment. McKinley County is the only county right now who has this within the state. See exhibit M.

Request Approval of Valencia County Vector Control Agreement......Carlos Montoya

Carlos Montoya, Valencia County Fiscal Officer, told the Commission that it is mosquito season. He told the Commission an agreement would be started today on May 15, 2001 and run through the mosquito season, which is September 30, 2001. Mr. Montoya recommended the Commission approve this agreement with Roadrunner Pest Control. Mr. Montoya told the Commission that Paul Sandoval, Roadrunner Pest Control Owner, did a wonderful job last year. Mr. Sandoval also sprays Belen and is negotiating with Los Lunas. Mr. Montoya went out RFP on this last year and this is an agreement the County can agree with every year until the year 2003. This is a one-year agreement. Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, told the Commission this matter was referred to him. Under Statute Section 13-1-129, the County can extend an agreement for up to four years under the same terms and conditions. There is an existing contract with Roadrunner Pest Control as they performed this service last year. Mr. Sandoval told the Commission what he sprays is water based and there is no odor. Commissioner Pando made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. Commission Chair Aguilar told the Commission she has a problem with paragraph #21 being in the contract where it says this agreement can be mutually extended annually until the year 2003. Commission Chair Aguilar asked why it can't come back every year as a new contract instead of having that in there. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Commission Chair Aguilar voted no. Motion carried. See exhibit N.

Request Approval of Resolution-Emergency Purchase of Semi-Truck for Solid Waste Dept......Carlos Montoya

Carlos Montoya, Valencia County Fiscal Officer, told the Commission the county transports 39 tons of trash every day. Currently, the County has one 1985 Mack truck doing two loads every day. Two weeks ago the truck broke down on the freeway, lucky enough it broke down by MC Trailers and they were kind enough to pull it into their yard. All crews were sent out there and the truck was fixed in 3 days. MC Trailers lent the County a truck to continue the trash hauling. Mr. Montoya contacted Mr. Gaylord, County Auditor on Staff, as to what justifies an emergency purchase. Mr. Montoya told the Commission it is Mr. Gaylord's opinion that this does not meet the definition of heavy road equipment, as heavy road equipment cannot be purchased as an emergency purchase. It is indicated that for the safety, health, and welfare of Valencia County and the citizens that if the semitruck the County currently owns, breaks down again, there will be no means for the County to haul the trash out of Conejo. The Road Department has one Mack truck themselves. A brand new semitruck costs \$110,000.00; this is a used 400 Cummings truck. The County has used it. Mr. Montoya believes this justifies an emergency purchase and asked the Commission to allow him to go out and get another bid so the County can have two vehicles. The County is still trying to clean up the mess it picked up with VIA, so the County does need another truck there so it can get all the trash out of there. There is money in the Capital Outlay Budget. This truck will be a lease purchase; the first payment won't be until next fiscal year. Tom Garde, Valencia County Attorney, told the Commission according to Section 1272 they decided here that procurement made with competition is practical under the circumstances. Mr. Garde does not know what efforts have been made to determine what, if any competition has been made. The other concern is Mr. Gaylord's repeated siting of this Commission for not following the procurement code for emergencies. Mr. Garde said the Auditor criticized the law enforcement purchase of vehicles because he did not feel that was in fact an emergency when in fact there were officers without vehicles. Mr. Montoya said the road department checked with the federal surplus of the state first to see if there's any trucks there, which there were not, and then the Road Department called to see who had some kind of semi-trucks. Mr. Montoya said through the month of April the County's bill was \$10,000.00. The bill in March was \$17,000.00, so there's a \$7,000.00 savings with the County hauling it. Mr. Garde said what he is concerned with is the statute requires a written determination of the basis for the emergency procurement and the selection of that particular contract should be included in the procurement file. If this Commission acknowledges that this is in fact emergency, there must be documentation that the County has contacted other people. Commission Chair Aguilar said there has to be documentation to explain that it is an emergency and why wasn't it budgeted. Commissioner Daves said "I will concur that you have to meet that requirement and I would expect and certainly condition it on that written characterization, both on the attempt to the competitive and also the nature of it being emergency,

and I think that both can be met. I concur that they would have to be, we do have to follow the law." Commissioner Pando said, "I'm sure that can be arranged, without any problem at all, I'm sure they know who they called. I'm sure they have a name, they should have something as to who or what, and if it needs to be documented, put it on a piece of paper I guess. But still in all we can sit here and argue about the legal aspect of it all night long, Mr. Gaylord who has been very critical of us in the past, as Tom just specified, told us, for once, he seems to be trying to work with us. It seems like to me. And if he does come back and say we did it illegally, then we can go back on him because he's the one that recommended it. Okay. Now I don't know what the solution is but I do know if we don't do something, and he breaks down, then we're really in trouble." Commissioner Pando feels the County will be safe in doing something like this. Commissioner Daves made a motion to approve this request on the condition that Mr. Gaylord's concern in terms of documentation both on the emergency and the attempt to be competitive have been met. Commissioner Pando seconded the motion. Commission Chair Aguilar said "Mr. Garde, and in emergency, because we didn't budget for this, and the fact that we could lease a vehicle or bring Waste Management back for a few weeks until we were able to budget for it and approve the new budget, isn't that one solution? And it wouldn't be a, it's an emergency if there's no other solution." Commissioner Pando asked, how do you budget for emergencies? Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted no. Commission Chair Aguilar voted no. Motion carried. See exhibit O.

Request Approval of Intra Budget Transfers......Carlos Montoya Carlos Montoya, Valencia County Fiscal Officer, told the Commission there are intra budget transfers from the law enforcement budget, probate budget, planning budget, and the Senior Citizen's. These are all within their own budget moving from one line item to the other line item. Mr. Montoya requested approval of intra budget transfers. James Fernandez, Valencia County Manager, told the Commission that it is appropriate from to move from one line item within a budget to cover a deficiency in another. Mr. Fernandez made the Commission aware that the Sheriff's budget has an over expenditure within the law enforcement budget of about \$41,000.00. Mr. Montoya said it went up to \$60,000.00 that the Sheriff is going to need from somewhere else to put into his budget to cover some shortfalls. Mr. Montoya said on full time salaries with the Sheriff, last year 80 per officer was budgeted. Juan Julian, Valencia County Sheriff, has a policy that officers are allowed to do 86 hours per pay period. Mr. Montoya said the other shortfall is car expense with the expense of gasoline, as no one predicted gas was going to go up \$.30 more than it has gone up. The third one is liability, that's what the Sheriff pays out of his budget for all the lawsuits the County acquires. Mr. Julian is in the red in those three line items. DFA has put the County on warning that it cannot transfer money outside of 401 into the 401, so consequently, Mr. Montoya is going to have to find money in other departments to come up with the shortfall for the sheriff by the end of the fiscal year. At the last meeting in June, those transfers will be brought to this Commission. Commissioner Pando said he thought the County had a deal where everything was going to be done at the Road Department, as far as gas, oil, and lubes. Sheriff Julian said that was an agreement the County had and the Sheriff's Department uses the credit cards very sparingly and that's just for out of town trips, they are not used here as the Sheriff's Department gases up at the County yard. Carol Anaya, Personnel Manager, said the personnel ordinance states that standard operating procedure in the Sheriff's Department determines the number of actual hours worked in each pay period. Ms. Anaya said the Sheriff is within his rights for his officers to work 86 hours before overtime. Mr. Montoya told the Commission he doesn't think they should transfer into mileage and per-diem since the Sheriff is going to have a shortfall of \$60,000.00. Commissioner Daves made a motion to approve intra budget transfers, Resolution 2001-20. Commissioner Pando seconded the motion. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Motion carried. See exhibit P.

All checks issued by the Fiscal Office on May 11, 2001 covering vendor bills processed on May 11, 2001, warrants # 65077-65172 for a listing total of \$456,015.54. \$358,233.00 is out of the general fund. Mr. Montoya requested approval of warrants. Commissioner Pando made a motion to accept warrants. Commissioner Daves seconded the motion. Commission Chair Aguilar questioned check #65129 to Molzin Corbin as it says it's a retainer for one month for \$1,599.00. Mr. Montoya said the retainer is part of the agreement the County has with the engineers when the County went out RFP. This particular retainer included a study of Brian Drive a project 92-23 and also the monitoring wells for 203, project 93-23, and Mr. Montoya thinks they did some studies on speed humps. Motion carried. See exhibit Q.

The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on June 5, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. with Executive Session starting at 9:00 A.M. in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

There will be a Special Meeting on Monday May 21, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the Moose Lodge Liquor License Final Action.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 P.M. Commission Chair Aguilar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, May 15, 2001 Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: June 19, 2001

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