

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

February 26, 2003

Chairman Gary Daves called the Meeting to order at 5:05 A.M.

| PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Gary Daves, Chairman | |
| Paul Edward Trujillo, Vice-Chairman | |
| Aurelio H. Padilla, Member | |
| Alicia Aguilar, Member | |
| Mary J. Andersen, Member | |
| James Fernandez, County Manager | |
| Thomas Garde, County Attorney | |
| Tina Gallegos, County Clerk | |
| Press and Public | |

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Chairman Daves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Tina Gallegos, County Clerk read the agenda for the Special Meeting of February 26, 2003. Chairman Daves said there is an added item to the agenda, which will be that the Commission will announce the decisions they have made after executive session. Commissioner Aguilar said under Item 4 this covers it and follows Roberts Rules of Order. Commissioner Padilla made a motion for approval of agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Trujillo. Discussion. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0.

Executive Session

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to enter into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Trujillo. Discussion. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0.

Chairman Daves called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Aguilar made a motion to return to Regular Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Padilla. Discussion. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0.

Chairman Daves said he will announce the decisions made in executive session. Chairman Daves said the decision was made to extend the contract for the County Manager, James Fernandez for another year. Within the context of discussion it was a consensus of the Commission that a Finance Director was needed and we will be moving forward toward that goal including looking at that job description for that office. We agreed that administration would come forward with recommendations for the Animal Control position. We did not discuss filling that position but we do need to discuss the need for hiring a new Animal Control Director. Chairman Daves said that was only discussion and a decision was not made. Chairman Daves said a decision was made to offer Danny Trujillo the job of Road Superintendent and in context with that there was discussion of going to an interview process and the consensus, given the situation, decision was to offer the position to Mr. Trujillo. Chairman Daves said the Commission also agreed to offer Tom Garde, County Attorney the position as County Attorney for the next 12 months starting March 1, 2003. Chairman Daves said we need to articulate the County Manager position as same salary and the same rate as contracted for the County Attorney.

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to accept what was discussed and decisions made in executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Trujillo. Discussion. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0.

Mr. Garde said just for clarification with regard to Mr. Trujillo state to him that we have offered him the Road Superintendent's position because he is present here. Danny Trujillo was present and accepted the position as Road Superintendent.

Commissioner Andersen asked Mr. Garde for clarification; do we need to make things clear to Mr. Trujillo with regard to personnel questions? Mr. Garde stated to Mr. Trujillo your position now is a classified employee, which means that you are an employee who is entitled to rights under the County Ordinance. The position that has been offered to you, as Road Superintendent under our

Ordinance is an exempt position, which means that you serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Mr. Garde said just to make you aware of that change in the job status of this accepted position. Mr. Garde said to Mr. Trujillo to meet with Ms. Anaya, the Human Resources Director so she can go over the changes. Chairman Daves said we have offered him this position and it has been approved by the vote of the Commission and Mr. Trujillo does have some time to discuss the implications with the Personnel Officer and legal counsel if necessary if there are any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Aguilar said one more item that we discussed was to have a workshop or some sort of a meeting with our County Manager and County Attorney just to set up some protocol clarifications and discuss in a team effort the future of the County.

Adjournment

Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Aguilar. Discussion. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Motion carried. 4-0. Time being 7:00 PM.

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

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**ss/
GARY DAVES, CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
AURELIO H. PADILLA, MEMBER**

**ss/
ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER**

**ss/
MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: March 18, 2003