

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting
Fire Protection Excise Tax
June 14, 2004

Chairman Gary Daves called the Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gary Daves, Chairman	
Paul Edward Trujillo, Vice-Chairman	
Aurelio H. Padilla, Member	
Alicia Aguilar, Member	
Mary J. Andersen, Member	
Mike Trujillo, County Manager	
	Wimberly Law Firm, County Attorney
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

Chairman Gary Daves called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Steininger

Approval of Agenda

County Clerk, Tina Gallegos read the agenda. Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Padilla seconded. Motion carried. 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

Financial Matters

Bid Award #559-Security System for Courthouse

Mr. Mike Trujillo informed the commission that this was coming before them after re-bidding because of technical errors in the first package. They must respond before June 30, 2004. Control Screening had been the sole bidder. The total bid was for \$39,685.00. Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to approve. Commissioner Padilla seconded. Motion carried. 4-0. See Exhibit.

Public Hearings

Ordinance 2004-01, Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting the County Fire Protection Excise Tax.

Attorney Cynthia Wimberly could not attend the meeting due to her son been very ill. She would be available by telephone.

Mr. Mike Trujillo presented the item. Based on prior legislation the county had adopted, originally for a five year period, then for a ten year period, this tax is due to expire January 1, 2005.

They had hoped that legislation introduced in the past by Senator Sisneros could take care of it without having to adopt an ordinance, however, due to a technical clause in the bill passed by legislation and signed by the Governor, we will have to adopt the ordinance and have a special election on August 10, 2004. It will be a mail-in ballot election.

The results, once passed by the voters, would then be sent to the State for their proper enactment, and no later then October 1st so that they can re-impose it on January 1, 2005.

Mr. Bill Brown encouraged the commission to adopt this ordinance.

Mr. Charles Eaton hoped that the commission considers extending this much needed tax ordinance. Without it would really hinder their performance.

Chair Daves asked for any more comments. There were none. Commissioner Trujillo made a motion to approve and adopt the Ordinance and the Resolution. Commissioner Padilla seconded.

County Clerk, Tina Gallegos, said that ballots would be mailed on July 16th. There were 13,798 eligible voters. Assuming that it all happens, the total estimated cost of the election would be \$11,521.00, which has been budgeted into the account, and they should be ready for August. Motion carried on approval of Ordinance #2004-01 and Resolution #2004-28. See Exhibits.

Mr. Mike Trujillo let the commission know that the county is under fire restrictions.

Brian Culp asked the commission if they could invite the Fire Chief to restrict fireworks and open burning. Chair Daves said he would be supportive of it and it would be appropriate, if, the Fire Marshall had recommendations, that he bring them forward.

Mike Trujillo, County Manager, informed the commission that they were looking at revising the travel policy, personnal ordinance review and road cuts. This was for information only.

Adjournment

Commissioner Andersen made a moiton to adjourn. Commissioner Padilla seconded. Motion carried. 4-0.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, June 14, 2004 Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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AURELIO H. PADILLA, MEMBER

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ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER

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MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: July 7, 2004