

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing Meeting

February 9, 2005

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mary Andersen at 5:PM.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mary J. Andersen, Chairman	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Vice-Chairman	
Paul Edward Trujillo, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
Lynette Stublefield, Member	
Michael R. Trujillo County Manager	
Wimberly Law Firm, County Attorney	
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

Pledge of Allegiance led by Janet Jarratt

Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously.

Public Requests

None.

Discussion (Non-Action) Items:

Presentation on History & Accomplishments of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species.....Janet Jarratt/Peter David

Presentation on the history and accomplishments to date of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program. This program area includes Valencia County and is mostly about water in the county and two endangered species, the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow and the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher.

This program is a partnership created to protect and improve the status of endangered species in the Middle Rio Grande of New Mexico while protecting existing and future water uses in this area. Congress appropriated nearly \$25 million for program activities, while New Mexico State agencies provided more than \$5 million for program related projects. Participants contributed in-kind services that included land, access to land, personnel services and voluntary fish salvage efforts.

The program has identified a number of projects it would seek to complete within two years, with the State of New Mexico allocating funding to the projects.

Public outreach was the reason they were here tonight. It was important to let local governments know that the program exists and these dollars are spent in their jurisdictions.

Vice-Chair Kirkham asked what impact this would have on the farmers? Ms. Jarrett replied that the impact would come if they were in a situation where, federal courts decrees that, the water must be used for the fish and not diverted for agricultural or if the BOR steps in and starts condemning water rights for the fish.

Chairman Andersen thanked Ms. Jarrett and Mr. David for the presentation. **Exhibit A.** Tape 1-380.

Action Items:

Public Hearing: Amend the Zone Maps from RR2 to RR1.....

Ruben Chavez/George & Karen Lyons

Property Tract AB1A & Tract 1-B land of Joe M. Aragon also known as 28 RJ Aragon Road.

This item had been heard in the Planning & Zoning Commission and the commission found that the surrounding properties are one acre lots and some less than an acre lot. This request for zone change was for the purpose of taking care of their elderly family members. The Planning & Zoning Commission had voted unanimously in favor of the split.

Mr. & Ms. Lyons testified that her father is 86 years old and her aunt is 91 years old. On December 17th, he fell and dislocated a hip and now he uses a walker and needs 24 hour care. This request is for the purpose of building a home closer to be able to take care of them. The Department of Interior had done a survey of the area for the purpose of clearing title and at that time it was consolidated into a three acre tract.

Their home is a tri-level with all bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs and is not a handicap accessible home. Her father is a disabled american veteran and has been supplied all medical equipment from the Veterans Association. Ms. Lyons, an only child, lost her mother in June of 2004 and so she is the primary caretaker of her dad and her aunt. What they want to do is build a handicap accessible home to bring the family member and have them enjoy the quality of life that they deserve for the remainder of their life.

Chair Andersen thanked Mr. & Mrs. Lyons and a decision would be made at the next meeting on February 18th. **Exhibit B.** Tape 1-600

County Manager's Report

Road Issues workshop was scheduled for March 4th after the Business Meeting.

The next Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on February 18, 2005 at 9:00 AM at the Los Lunas Consoloidated School Board Room.

Adjournment 5:30 PM

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the February 9, 2005 Public Hearing Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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

**ss/
GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, VICE-CHAIR**

**ss/
PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO, MEMBER**

**ss/
RON GENTRY, MEMBER**

**ss/
LYNETTE STUBLEFIELD, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: February 18, 2005