

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing Meeting

May 11, 2005

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	

Chairman Mary Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Chairman Andersen asked Loretta Tollfson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Trujillo moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Requests

None

Discussion (Non-Action) Items

Proposed Recommendations for action to be incorporated in County’s comprehensive plan – Joe Quintana

Mr. Quintana proposed 29 recommendation items to the Commission for their review. Mr. Quintana explained the objectives and goals based on the comprehensive plan steering committee. They have had a lot of input and have done a lot of research on land use planning and management. Mr. Quintana invited the Commission to attend the public hearings that are scheduled for next week. On May 17, 2005 it will be held at the Daniel Fernandez Intermediate School at 6:00 PM and on May 18, 2005 at 6:00 PM it will be held at the Belen City Hall. Mr. Quintana said these recommendations are statements that give direction to the County Commission but does not set a commitment by the County Commission, just mainly a guidance set forth for them. Mr. Quintana said the main categories are land use planning and management, transportation systems development, regional infrastructure development, natural resource protection, and economic development strategies. Commissioners discussed as to publicizing these workshops to make the public aware of these types of hearings for public input and informational purposes.

Presentation on Transportation Traffic Studies – Loretta Tollfson/Molzen Corbin

Loretta Tollfson representing Mid-Region Council of Governments said their mission statement is to identify and prioritize a regional, comprehensive and coordinated multimodal transportation system that will meet the needs of the County’s citizens and business community. Ms. Tollfson said they have a mobility plan development process that identify’s structure and process with goals and objectives. This also provides a cooperative and sustainable approach to transportation planning in Valencia County. Ms. Tollfson said the goals are to (1) provide for alternative modes of transportation in and through the County’s objectives, (2) to protect and enhance the scenic resources and unique characteristics of the County’s transportation system, (3) to address the environmental impacts of building transportation facilities, (4) to address the link between transportation and economic development, (5) to ensure the safety of the local transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users, (6) to consider the relationship between land use decisions and the provision and impact of transportation, and (7) to provide for safe and efficient circulation of roadway traffic in and through the County. Ms. Tollfson said these are the goals but with each one are objectives. Ms. Tollfson handed out brochures to the Commission for their review.

Joe Moore, Civil Department Leader, Kevin Eades, Project Manager, and Dale Archuleta, CEO representing Molzen Corbin gave a power point presentation on the transportation traffic impact studies for the Village of Los Lunas. Mr. Moore said the initial phase of the study has been a long process and they are getting close to the end. Mr. Eades gave a power point presentation on the phase one-report findings and phase two report completion schedule. The project purpose is to model and identify the traffic problems within the Village and to provide planning level information and recommendations for the roadway issues. Mr. Eades explained that computer traffic model is at the heart of the study and does show existing conditions and future forecast that ranges from the year 2003 to 2025. The model does allow what if scenarios as allowing future flexibilities. Mr. Eades demonstrated the traffic congestion on Main Street and the traffic counts within the Village of Los Lunas. Mr. Eades said on the data collection they performed two types of traffic counts with 53 locations throughout the County. There is a lack of an east/west corridor, which NM 6 is the only

main arterial road. They did a license plate study, accident study, intersection study, and a signal progression study. Mr. Eades discussed the 20-year future demands to see what is happening to the existing system and what to anticipate over the 20 year forecast period. Commissioners discussed different scenarios as to the growth of Los Lunas only as opposed to how this would affect Valencia County as a whole. Mr. Eades explained that the model does grow and it will tell you if there are any changes or additions or deletions on how this will affect the County. Mr. Archuleta appreciated the concerns and questions the Commission have with this project. Because it is a consolidation with all entities to make this work with input and output for this project. The impact and the affect will be felt by all involved. Mr. Archuleta said he is pleased with the way the workshops and the involvement of the County have been.

Public Hearing Item

Amend Zone Maps from RR2 to RR1 Tract 1B1, Land of Betty Stewart – Betty Stewart/Ruben Chavez AKA 20 Hamilton Street Los Lunas, New Mexico

Ms. Gallegos gave the oath to the interested public speaking on this item. Mr. Chavez brought forward the request to amend the zone maps from RR2 to RR1. Betty Birner owns just over three acres located off Hamilton Road and would like to split the property for the purpose of creating a one acre tract. This property is located in Tome off of Tavalopa Road. On April 20, 2005 Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request. Ms. Birner stated she is asking for a zone change so that she can sell one acre. She said she cares for two handicapped children who live with her and she can no longer care for them and the land. After discussion, Commission will make a decision at their next Business Meeting on May 20, 2005.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Trujillo said the different departments will meet with the Commission on Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th to discuss budget.

The next Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on Friday, May 20, 2005 at 9:00 AM in the Los Lunas Schools Consolidated Board Room.

Adjournment

Adjournment 6:45 PM.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the May 11, 2005 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**

PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO, MEMBER

**ss/
RON GENTRY, MEMBER**

**ss/
LYNETTE STUBLEFIELD, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: May 20, 2005