

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Business Meeting

June 3, 2005

| PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| 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 9:05 AM.

Chairman Andersen asked Bill Brown to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Manager, Mike Trujillo informed the Commission that Commissioner Trujillo would not be attending today’s Business Meeting and Cynthia Wimberly left the meeting due to an emergency call.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

May 20, 2005 Business Meeting
Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Requests

None

Discussion (Non-Action) Items

- Commission Communication/Questions – County Commissioners
- Reports from Boards, Commission & Committees – County Commissioners

Commissioner Stublefield stated she would be holding a meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at the Meadowlake Community Center from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Commissioner Gentry said he has gotten several calls on problems with zoning commercial properties in Rio Communities. This was master planned years ago and has a commercial development area that was done by Horizon Corporation. Commissioner Gentry said when the County rezoned; it was inadvertently put back to residential. Now, when people go to transfer or sell, they are being told they have to go back to the Planning and Zoning Department and pay the fee to request it back to commercial. Commissioner Gentry said he would like to see P & Z handle this as a general cleanup rather than every property owner come through one at a time.

Chairman Andersen asked Andrew Camillo to look into this matter and do research on this and keep Commissioner Gentry posted as well as all the Commissioners.

Action Items

Appoint a Valuation Protest Board – Assessor’s – Beverly Dominguez-Gonzales

Olinda Reneau, Chief Appraiser on behalf of Beverly Gonzales said the protest period ended on June 2, 2005. The next step is creating a protest board. Charles Griego, the existing member, is serving his two years. Ms. Reneau said they spoke with Filo Sedillo to replace Bob Cullins who is deceased. He will need to be approved or whatever this Commission’s wishes are at this time. There are three members, one from the state and two that are named locally that serve two years. We need to name two alternates to this Board. Commissioner Kirkham nominated Eric Eichwald and Commissioner Gentry nominated George Koch as alternates. Commissioner Gentry moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit A**

- Approval of Mutual Assistance Agreements with Central New Mexico Correctional Facility – Mike Trujillo
- Valencia County Detention Center
- Los Chavez Fire Department
- Valencia Sheriff’s Department

Mr. Trujillo requested approval of mutual assistance agreements for the three entities listed above. Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit B, C & D**

Decision on Animal Control Advisory Board – County Commissioners

Commissioner Kirkham asked Anne Aragon, Animal Control Director to come forward. At the last Commission meeting she had asked them to help her evaluate as to whether the Animal Control Advisory Board is doing the job they were set out to do. The Board has been fighting amongst themselves so we need to reorganize this Board. Commissioner Kirkham asked Ms. Aragon and Andrew Camillo their thoughts since they attend these board meetings. Ms. Aragon said they have lost sight of what it is supposed to represent. Mr. Camillo said he had attended the meeting and there are members that are confrontational with other members. He did not witness this personally, but it has been brought to his attention. After commission discussion, Commissioner Kirkham moved to disband the current Animal Control Advisory Board and look to restructure and rework the goals and objectives. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit E**

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Valencia County Water Planning Group – Ruben Chavez

Mr. Chavez requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. Department of Finance and Administration has granted funding through New Mexico Tech to initiate a water planning effort in Valencia County. Valencia County was chosen as a pilot project area. Many local groups, both private and governmental entities, have gathered together for a unified effort to study water issues throughout the County. The planning group intends to move forward its planning effort to further study and suggest plans of action to address drinking water issues. After Commission discussion, Commissioner Gentry moved to table this item to rewrite a section with regard to the MOU. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit F**

Additional Surplus Items for Auction – Mike Trujillo

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit G**

Selection of Judicial Complex Site – Mike Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo gave a power point presentation of the three sites for the judicial complex site. Judge William Sanchez, Greg Ireland and Sheriff Perea were in the audience, committee members for the judicial complex site. The committee has evaluated these three sites. The first site was the existing courthouse site; advantages the County owns the land and it is immediately available, very close proximity to the County administrative services and detention center. The disadvantages are the site is too small to accommodate the judicial complex and parking required for that area. Under the state regulations the courthouse would require, 140 parking spaces based on the square footage of the usable spaces. Based on the number of people we are going to need 179 parking spaces. There is no room for County office and building growth if the judicial complex is built on that site. There is also a big security concern for this area with the railroad tracks close by. They have rail cars and gas tankers parked in that area. The second site is the Morris Road site off of State Road 314. The advantages, the property is state owned with open space and in the Village limits except for the south side. Disadvantages are the sewer facilities are not adequate and could be expensive. It is in a flood plain. The north side is currently leased to the Village and is being used. The south side would need to be annexed into the Village. The third site is the hospital and training school site and this is the site the committee says best fits the needs with regard to space and security, but the major problem is, it would have to be annexed into the Village of Los Lunas. Traffic issues have been brought up. It is not in a flood plain. It is in a government redevelopment area. Interest to the committee was a tie into the State Police 911 system. Disadvantage is the property would have to be annexed into the Village limits.

Judge William Sanchez, co-chairman of the committee spoke on their behalf stating he realizes there is opposition to this site that they have selected but he is doing this for the best interest of the judicial system and the County. They have gone to great effort with the state legislators to free up this property for the state to give it to the County. There are people with personal interest in this property but this is the recommendation from the committee.

Patty Guggino, Historian, spoke against the complex being built at the training site. They would like to maintain the downtown area look. The Village of Los Lunas initially was looking into annexing the hospital training center because of the facilities there. But the facilities were in such need of repair prohibited the refurbishing of these facilities. Ms. Guggino said she prefers the existing courthouse site.

Michael Griego, Attorney, spoke against the complex being built at the training site. Mr. Griego said he owns property near the existing site and his is a personal investment. But the County shouldn't look at it that way, they should look at it as their own investment and what is best for the County because they have spent millions of dollars on the detention facility and the District Attorney's offices and on the current structures. So the County should want to protect their own investments. Mr. Griego discussed the pros and cons of the three sites and stated the County should build on property they already own.

Judge Violet Otero spoke on behalf of the committee and as a person using this Commission's facilities, her desire and preference is the training school site. Judge Otero discussed the disadvantages to the two sites, mainly with safety concerns and secure parking. Judge Otero asked the Commission to make a decision and choose a site and then present it to the Village to go forward.

After further discussion, Commissioner Gentry moved to table this item and meet with the Village of Los Lunas Council members. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit H**

Cyndi Wimberly, County Attorney returned at 10:40 AM.

Schedule Interviews for Adult Detention Administrator Position – Mike Trujillo

Commission discussed Wednesday, June 15, 2005 in the afternoon for interviews.

Approval of Service Agreement with Los Lunas Housing Authority – Mike Trujillo

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit I**

Financial Items

Approval of Litter Control & Beautification Grant – Cyndi Sluder

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit J**

Approval of Agreement between Century High School & Valencia County – Cyndi Sluder

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit K**

Resolution 2005-45, Budget Adjustment, Payoff of Tanker for Manzano Vista Fire Department – Michael Steininger

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit L**

Resolution 2005-46, Budget Increase for CDBG Comprehensive Plan Grant – Michael Steininger

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit M**

Approval of Payroll & Warrants – Michael Steininger

Mr. Steininger presented computer printout lists of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on May 27, 2005 covering vendor bills processed on that date. Check #80951 thru Check #81064 inclusive for a total of \$369,051.93.

Mr. Steininger presented computer printout lists of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on May 27, 2005 covering payroll process on that date. Payroll Check #67409 thru Payroll Check #67638 inclusive. Deduction Check #80919 thru Deduction Check #80950 inclusive for a listing total of \$258,657.64 for a total of \$627,709.57. The general fund balance as of Wednesday, June 1, 2005 was \$3,366,297.00.

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. **Exhibit N, & O**

Executive Session

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval to enter into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Stublefield voted yes. Chairman Andersen voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Stublefield moved for approval to enter regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Stublefield voted yes. Chairman Andersen voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Trujillo stated as to what was discussed in executive session. Discussion on pending or threatened litigation regarding public employees retirement program paybacks. Commission directed staff to draft final documents for consideration and review by the next June 17, 2005 Business Meeting. No final action taken.

Ms. Wymberly stated as to what was discussed in executive session. Discussion on a personnel matter. Discussion on the settling the Curb South lawsuit. No final action taken.

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval of the above reports as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Stublefield. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Commissioner Stublefield voted yes. Chairman Andersen voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Trujillo reported that the county annual conference will be held June 8th-June 10th in Hobbs, NM. On June 7, 2005 the Soil and Conservation Project sites will be toured with Dale Jones at 9:00 AM. Chairman Andersen, Commissioner Kirkham and Commissioner Stublefield said they would be

available to tour the sites. Commissioner Gentry said he had already. Mr. Trujillo gave a brief report and a handout on the juvenile detention center.

The next Public Hearing Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

Adjournment

Chairman Andersen stated as soon as the necessary documents are signed by each Commissioner this meeting will be adjourned. Adjournment 12:30 PM.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the June 3, 2005 Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**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: June 17, 2005