

# VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Business Meeting

April 2, 2008

PRESENT	ABSENT
Pedro G Rael, Chairman	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Vice-Chairman	
David R Medina, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
Lynette Pinkston, Member	
Eric Zamora, County Manager	
Ron Lopez, District Attorney	
	Sally Perea, County Clerk
Press and Public	

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pedro Rael at 5:00 P.M.

2. Chairman Rael led Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2008 Regular Business Meeting

Commissioner Medina moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Requests – At the discretion of the Chair.

(For Information Only) – limited to two minutes per person on the subjects not on this published agenda.)

Mr. Barr from Las Maravillas stated he had a conversation with Mr. Davey and Ms. Scott with the VIA (Valley Improvement Association). Mr. Barr was assured that Mineral Resources, a gravel pit company, will use the truck route that is described in the lease and if violated the lease will be terminated. Mr. Barr is satisfied with the matter and wanted his comment on record. Mr. Barr also gave the commission a petition of seven hundred thirty-nine signatures for the approval of a hospital.

Mr. Torres Leyba, Director of Meadow Lake Home Association read his concerns on trust of elected officials and their responsibility to speak the truth on all matters.

6. Non-Action Items:

a) Presentation "Unsung Hero's" – Lynette Pinkston

Commissioner Pinkston gave her appreciation and recognized residents from District Five for their hard work and commitment to Meadow Lake. Mr. Torres Leyba, Bill Lebrecht, Bob Gostisuha, Rosemary Lebrecht and Samuel Aragon were presented with an award plaque for their dedication to Meadow Lake.

b) Reports from Boards, Commissions & Committees – County Commission

County Manager Eric Zamora introduced Ron Lopez an attorney from the District Attorney's office. Chairman Rael stated that Mr. Lopez would be the attorney at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ruben Chavez reported that he had received their evaluation from HSUS (Human Society of the United States) on the animal control facility. He stated that there is a lot of data and it would take time to review. Mr. Chavez gave each of the commissioners a CD to begin reviewing.

Commissioner Kirkham gave her appreciation to Mr. Chavez and staff for the huge removal of tires in her community.

Commissioner Gentry stated Eric Zamora and he had met with Rhonda G. Faught, Cabinet Secretary of New Mexico Department of Transportation concerning the Manzano Expressway and the GRIP program. Due to the county unable to meet funding requirements, the program was terminated. He stated that Cabinet Secretary Faught supported the project and will assist with finding a solution to receive funding for improvements of schools for Valencia County.

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Chairman Rael heard that the county has financial problems so he had taken the liberty to go to the Treasures Office, the County manger's office, the Finance Officers office and Bank of the West and had met with all personnel and personally checked the bank accounts, outstanding checks, checked the CD's (Certificate of Deposit) and the balances and was assured that the county is in good financial shape.

**7. Action Items:**

**a) Consideration of Proclamation "Autism Awareness" Month – Erica & Elizabeth Sluder**

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval for proclaiming April as being Autism Awareness Month. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit A)

**b) Consideration of Boarding Service Animal Control Agreements between Valencia County and i) Town of Peralta, ii) Isleta Pueblo, iii) City of Belen, iv) Village of Los Lunas, v) Village of Bosque Farms – Ruben Chavez**

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit B)

**c) Request for 12 Month Extension of Preliminary Plat approval for the Sierra Madre, Unit 2 Subdivision; Tract 10 of Sierra Vista a plat of the westerly portion of Rio De Oro, Unit 19, within the Tome Grant, projected sections 7, 8, 17, & 18; T6N; R3E, MNPM: containing 42,4906 acres more or less, Valencia County, NM – Stephen L. Crawford**

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

**d) Consideration of advertising for Legal Services on a retainer or contract basis as possible alternative to "In- House Lawyer /Employee" – County Commission**

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried 4-1.

**e) Financial Matters**

**i) Consideration of Award RFP#172-A "Cleaning Services of the Judicial Complex" – Eric Zamora**

The Commission, as a board, requested a re-bid for a local companies to bid on the above item. A special meeting will be held to take action on this item. The board requested that the county manager seek out a local professional cleaning service during the waiting duration. No action was taken.

**ii) Resolution 2008-13, Budget Increases & Expenditures – Wilma Abril**

Commissioner Pinkston moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit C)

Chief Deputy Theresa Sanchez announced Resolution 2008-13.

**iii) Consideration of Approval: Payroll/ Warrants – Wilma Abril**

Ms. Abril presented the computer printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on March 28, 2008 covering vendor bills processed on the above dates. Check #93580 thru Check #93800 inclusive for the total of \$ 814,822.25.

Ms. Abril presented the computer printout list of all the checks issued by the Manager's Office on March 3, 2008 covering payroll process on the above date. Direct Deposit Check# 5907 thru direct deposit check# 6065 inclusive. Deduction Check # 93582 thru deduction check# 93618 inclusive. Payroll check # 81545 thru payroll check# 81643 inclusive. Listing total \$335,269.45.

Commissioner Gentry moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit D)

**8. Executive Session- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, the following matters may be discussed in closed session: a. limited personnel matters; b. pending or threatened litigation, and c. other specific limited topics that are allowed or authorized under the stated statute.**

Commissioner Medina moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Roll call vote. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Chairman Rael voted yes. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Medina voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Kirkham moved to go back into Regular Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rael gave a summary on the matters discussed in Executive Session: The negotiation of the Union contract: Pending items of litigations on long standing matters and new lawsuits that have been filed. Personnel matters were to consider "In-house county attorney or contract an attorney and discussion of an employee resignation. No final action was taken.

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote. Commissioner Pinkston voted yes. Commissioner Kirkham voted yes. Chairman Rael voted yes. Commissioner Gentry voted yes. Commissioner Medina voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Action on Executive Session Item(s)**

**a) Consideration of "In-House County Attorney Selection**

No action was taken.

**10. County Manager's Report (Information Only)**

Eric Zamora reported on the budget of all departments and that a date would be scheduled with the Commission to review and evaluate.

**11. The next Public Hearing Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on April 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.**

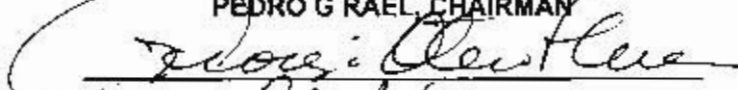
**12. Adjournment**

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried unanimously. Time 8:20 PM.

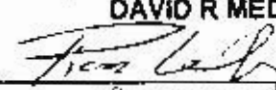
**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, April 2, 2008, Regular Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

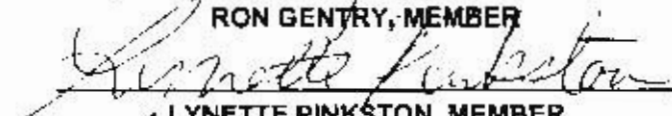
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ATTEST:

  
SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

4-16-08  
DATE