

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing Meeting

May 14, 2008

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Georgia Otero-Kirkham at 5:00 P.M.

2. Vice Chair Commissioner Kirkham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Public Comments – At the discretion of the Chair (For Information Only) limited to two minutes per person on the subjects not on the published agenda)

William Dean a representative of Los Chavez Community Association shared his concerns on a conservancy gate being removed and allowing access through Miller road located on the Highline Canal.

Torres Leyba read a proclamation on the responsibility of eligible elected officials and the people having the final voice on who gets elected to represent their constituents.

Mr. Wood thanked the board for allowing him to speak. Mr. Wood requested clarification on the procedure of public comments. Vice-Chair Kirkham said the Commission has always had a public comment section that allows anyone to address the commission. She explained when the agenda is full we ask the public to limit the time two minutes; and this allows everyone the chance to speak.

Commissioner Gentry explained it is the responsibility of the Chair to maintain the quorum in good manner. Commissioner Gentry said this is to avoid attacks, confrontations or arguments by the public.

Jim Lane requested more code enforcement officers and deputies in the Meadow Lake area.

Janice Clinger secretary of San Clemente Association gave her appreciation to the board for authorizing paving of the AT&T road. She requested that the Commission not vote on a zone change for an industrial company in her community and said heavy industrial does not belong in residential.

5. Discussion (Non-Action) Items

Vice-Chair Kirkham asked Sheriff Rivera to give an update on the attempted abduction incidents that occurred in her district and asked what the county could do to help catch the abductor.

Sheriff Rivera said the department has been working very hard with these cases. He said it has gone beyond his division with State Police and FBI agents now involved. Sheriff Rivera stated the department is following up on the tips. He asks the public if they see any suspicious activities or any vehicles that fit the description to call the Sheriff's Department. He also recommends that an adult walk with the children to and from the bus stop. He said if an adult cannot be present that children walk in groups and have cell phones, if possible.

Vice-Chair Kirkham requested the public take time to be more alert of their surroundings and to show physical presence in their communities; especially when children are getting picked up or dropped off at bus stops to assure safety for the children.

6. Public Hearing Items:

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- a) Consideration of Final Plat application for Las Mercedes Subdivision (Valley Improvement) for Phase 1; T6N, R3E, apart of Sections 18 & 19; a plat of the Westerly portion of Rio Del Oro, Unit 46 within the Tome Grant; containing 55.274 acres, Valencia County, NM – James Aranda/ Valley Improvement**

County Clerk Sally Perea administered the oath to those wishing to speak at tonight's meeting.

Mike McCartney and Theresa Scott from Valley Improvement Association requested approval for the final plat of phase 1.

Mr. Zamora informed the Commission that items requested to be corrected had been done. No one in the audience were opposed or for it.

- b) Consideration of Joe Sanchez Road Closure, north of Belen City limits – Eric Zamora/ Joseph Dixon**

Mr. Zamora said the neighborhood has signed a petition and everyone has agreed to close down Jose Sanchez road for safety reason. Mr. Zamora stated there has not been any opposition from the public for this closure.

- c) Ordinance 2008____, An ordinance providing for the efficient and sanitary disposal and collection of Solid Waste in Valencia County; regulating Solid Waste, Litter and C& D debris; establishing a Solid Waste disposal fee and providing a penalty, severability and effective date – Eric Zamora**

Mr. Zamora requested the ordinance be as purposed. Commissioner Gentry would like to see a fee schedule before the board votes.

Commissioner Medina also would like a fee schedule. He said people in his district assume that this is a tax increase; therefore do not want the ordinance. He believes people who have private haulers are not aware of the exemption.

Vice-Chair asked Mr. Brown a member of Tierra Bonita to share his information on the matter. He said the connivance stations in the past were a success and does not see it as a tax increase but fee deduction and is in favor of the ordinance.

Ms. Jarred a member of the audience said if the funding does not exist do not pass the ordinance. She is opposed to the ordinance and believes taxpayers should not pay anything if they already have a private hauler.

Mr. Leyba suggested that the fee schedule section be removed. It would give the Commission time to consider without killing the ordinance.

- 7. The next Regular Business Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on May 21, 2008 at 5:00 PM at the Los Lunas School Board Room at 119 Luna Ave.**

Commissioner Pinkston announced that Meadow Lake Residents Association will be having a "Clean-Up Day". Date: May 17, 2008. Time: 8:00 A.M. Place: The Community Center.

Commissioner Pinkston announced the open house for the new fire station in Meadow Lake. Date May 24, 2008. Time 10:00 A.M.

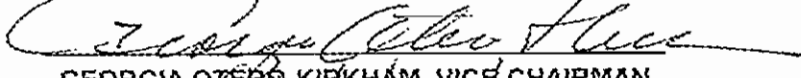
8. Adjournment

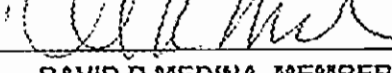
Commissioner Medina moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. Time 6:35 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, May 14, 2008, Public Hearing Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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ATTEST: 
SALLY PERÉA, COUNTY CLERK

6-4-08
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