

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing Meeting

August 13, 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	
Dave Pato County Attorney	
Theresa Sanchez, Chief Deputy	Sally Perea, County Clerk
Press and Public	

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

2. Madame Chair Georgia Kirkham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Madame Chair Kirkham announced item 6d to be tabled by request from the applicant. James Aranda requested item 6c be removed from the agenda due to a typographical error published in Valencia County News Bulletin. It was recommended by counsel to resubmit to Planning and Zoning to be published with the correct information. The R2E legal description should be amended to read R4E. By consensus of the board it was removed. This will also give everyone an opportunity to speak on the issue, Madam Chair said. Commissioner Gentry moved for approval of the agenda with the removal of the items. Seconded by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Shirley Griffenberg a Meadow Lake resident shared her concerns on abandoned homes and trash on road sides. She requested that the Commission improve the abatement process.

Commissioner Pinkston reassured Ms. Griffenberg staff would check with Code Enforcement on the status of these abandoned homes.

Torrez Leyba a resident of Meadow Lake wished to read, for the record, his heartfelt apologies to Commissioner Rael and Madame Chair Kirkham for the articles published and for any harm that might have been inflicted. His viewpoint and words were published incorrectly and done without his permission or knowledge.

Jim Lane a Meadow Lake resident commented on illegal dumping along Fence Line Road and also that Meadow Lake Road is in need of repairs.

Edgar Jones who resides at 10 Jaybird Loop; suggested to the Commission considering prioritizing new construction over old construction by establishing a fund for road repairs. He asked who enforces the covenants. Madame Chair answered unfortunately the County can only enforce ordinances that are implemented by the county, they cannot enforce covenants that are placed on a subdivision.

Bob Gostisha a resident of Meadow Lake agrees with the idea that all roads throughout the county should be paved.

Madame Chair stated the biggest problem in Valencia County, along with Public Safety, are the roads. Unfortunately the county has not come up with a funding system to build and repair roads. She looks forward to the opportunity of creating a fund to address road repairs.

Commissioner Pinkston shared her frustration with the use of chip seal to repair roads and spending more money to repave the same road. She said chip seal will no longer be used in Meadow Lake for repairs.

Commissioner Gentry said he would like to assure the public that the commission cares about their concerns. He explained each district is funded one hundred thirty thousand dollars a year for road repairs and paving. The abandoned homes and graffiti are a

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problem in all districts. He encouraged the public to work with the Commissioner in their district and with Code Enforcement in order to resolve the problem at administrative level.

Commissioner Gentry said the commission agrees that Meadow Lake has huge problems with abandonment but Commissioner Pinkston does have the majority of the funding. Commissioner Pinkston said she has met with Mr. Aragon, the Treasurers Office and the Code Enforcement Manager. This has been discussed and our County Manager is in the process of working on this issue.

5. Discussion (Non-Action) Items

Commissioner Pinkston announced that the Road Runner Food Bank will begin serving Valencia County. They will be providing food on August 18, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the San Diego Mission in Meadow Lake. There are other sites throughout Valencia County and Saint Vincent de Paul is working along with the Road Runner Food Bank. Madame Chair asked Mr. Zamora to check into other location sites in order to inform Valencia County residents.

6. Public Hearing Items

a) Ordinance 2008-___, County Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax – Bruce Rizzieri

Chief Deputy Theresa Sanchez administered the oath for those wishing to speak at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Rizzieri gave a presentation of the Regional Transit system. What the Board of Directors of the Rio Metro Transit District are asking each of the counties is to approve for placement on the November 4th General Election. The amount of one eighth of one percent, if approved by the voters, the money would go to the regional transit district. 50% of the funds would be used to fund the rail runner service and the other 50% would be used to fund regional bus service. One eighth of one percent is roughly twelve and half cents, thirteen cents per every hundred dollars spent. Funding for the rail runner expires in 2009. they are looking at the possibility of some service of Park & Ride location in the general Bosque Farms area to the new Isleta Pueblo Rail Runner station which will be operational by December of this year.

Commissioner Pinkston asked if there would be any services in Meadow Lake and if not, will it ever be considered in the future. Mr. Rizzieri said services will be provided by Dial-a-Ride.

Bob Gostisha said that Meadow Lake is in need of Public Transportation but he is not in favor of the Dial-a-Ride. He said residents should not have to call twenty-four hours in advance to receive services. Mr. Rizzieri said he is willing to meet with Meadow Lake residents to address these issues.

b) Ordinance 2008-___, County Wide Emergency Communications and Emergency Medical and Behavioral Health Services Tax – Shirley Valdez

County Attorney Dave Pato stated that Taxation and Revenue Department had approved the 60/40 amendment that was requested by the Commission. Commissioner Gentry asked if this had been published in the News Bulletin. Attorney Pato stated yes, this past Friday. It will then be addressed on the meeting of the August 20th and then vote on it on September 3rd.

7. The next Regular Business Meeting on August 20, 2008 and the Public Hearing/ Regular Business Meeting September 3, 2008 of the Valencia County Board of County Commission at 5:00 P.M. in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

Madame Chair said on September 3, 2008 they would have both Public Hearing Meeting (Emergency Communications Tax would be the only item heard) and Regular Business Meeting. Action on this item will be taken at the Regular Business Meeting.

Commissioner Medina addressed his concerns with the agenda(s) continuously being amended. He asked if the agenda(s) is reviewed by counsel to see if all procedures are being followed before presented. County Manager Eric Zamora stated the upcoming changes of the agenda request form will have the approval of the Legal and Finance department before placing on the agenda. This will prevent items that are not fully developed for discussion. A policy will be developed with dead line dates to be placed on the agenda.


8. Adjournment

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Commissioner Medina moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously. Time 6:13 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, August 13, 2008 Public Hearing Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

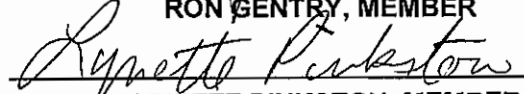
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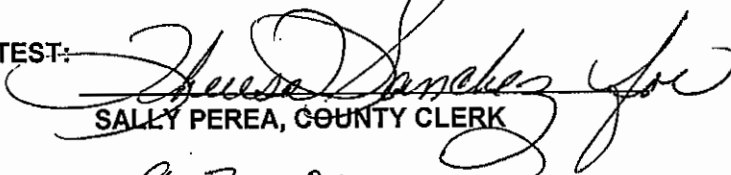

GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, VICE-CHAIRMAN


DAVID R MEDINA, MEMBER


RON GENTRY, MEMBER


LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER

ATTEST:


SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

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