

MINUTES

Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials

February 2, 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor Jerah Cordova, Mayor Bryan R. Olguin, Mayor Mark Gwinn, Mayor Bob Knowlton, Mayor Charles Griego, Commissioner Alicia Aguilar, Commissioner David Hyder, Commissioner Jhonathan Aragon, Commissioner Helen Cole, Councilor Gerard Saiz, Councilor Kori Taylor, Councilor Tracy Aragon, Councilor Russ Walkup, Councilor Peggy Gutjahr, Councilor Amanda Perea, Bob Skerry, Gayle Jones, Jay Ruybalid, Greg Martin, Danny Monette.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03p.m. by Mayor Bryan R. Olguin.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyder.
- III. Introductions: Elected officials whose first time in attendance were Councilor Gerard Saiz Village of Los Lunas, Councilor Tracy Aragon Town of Peralta and Councilor Kori Taylor Town of Peralta.
- IV. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Alicia Aguilar to approve the minutes of December 14th, 2015, seconded by Mayor Charles Griego. Approved.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. By-laws Articles of Association
The draft for Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO) Articles of Association was introduced and discussed. A motion was made by Commissioner Jhonathan Aragon, and second by Mayor Bob Knowlton. Approved.
 - b. Priorities
 - c. Regular meeting schedule
- VI. New Business:

Commissioner Aguilar stated her concerns of the Zika Virus and how Valencia County could be proactive. Mayor Olguin stated that New Mexico is a border state, and this state has a lot of traffic coming through. Commissioner Aguilar is concerned that this is now a state of emergency health concern. Suggestions were made to check with the County Extension Office, NMSU, and the Health Department. Gayle Jones stated that DOT ponding needs to be cleaned and sprayed. Apparently it is the County or Municipality that is in charge of the ponding and not Department of Transportation. Mayor Charles Griego stated we also need to know how Isleta Pueblo is handling mosquito control. Seth Muller is head of Valencia County Emergency Health Alert.

- VII. Priorities: Economic development county wide was brought up Mayor Charles Griego. He feels this is a number one priority for the whole county. Bob Skerry stated that in order to bring business in, the County and Municipalities need to make Valencia County attractive, such as the golf course, bike paths, horse activities, etc. Skerry stated we need to bring in activities that would attract people, generally categorized as “quality of life” issues, that would help with Economic Development.
- VIII. Next Meeting
May 3, 2016, 6:00PM hosted by the City of Rio Communities, August 2, 2016 6:00PM, Hosted by Valencia County and last meeting for 2016 November 1, 2016 hosted by The Village of Bosque Farms.

Potential agenda items for the next meeting:

1. I-25 Interchange/Corridor Presentation
2. Legislative Review
3. County Business Incubator Program, Russell Combs

- IX. Adjournment: 7:03PM