

# VALEO May 21, 2019

Chairman Jhonathan Aragon Opened Meeting at 6pm

Jim Rickey led in pledge

In Attendance:

Jhonathan Aragon

Danny Monette

Gail Armstrong

David Carlberg

Greg Martin

Arturo Saiz

Mark Gwinn

Bill Brown

Joshua Rexall

Gerard Saiz

Angie Womack

Leisa Haynes

Chris Ortiz

Charles Files

Frank Lucero

Mark Kmatz

Denise Vigil

Brian Culp

Jim Rickey

Approval of minutes - acknowledgement

## New Business

Sheriff Vigil – Rise in stolen vehicles and property crimes. Deputy/Detective to work with Region I task force – investigation on worst of drug activity. CRIT Team – One sergeant and one deputy to work drug and property crimes in VC. Will work directly with Region I Task Force. May be requesting resources from State. More officers in Meadow lake area (NMSP). Even though we are short staffed, still conducting warrant roundups. Business/home contact cards. Facebook page created for VCSO. Watch groups have expanded. Contact with moderators of fb pages. Making sure correct information is being posted. Community watch page meeting – to better educate pages on how to give good info. Joint Efforts: LLPD, BPD, BFPD, NMSP have assisted in areas we did not have help in previously. SWAT from VCSO and LLPD work and train together. Great relationship with FBI, DEA, USM – Getting calls from federal agencies to see if we need assistance. Only want to utilize outside agencies when needed. Wildland Police – Isleta new certified officers.

Undersheriff Kmatz – Information sharing amongst agencies. Communication is via dispatch. Interagency information shared amongst all agencies.

Sheriff Vigil – Lexis Nexis crime stats not being reported correctly for Rio Communities – still grouping with Belen. Mark G. - speaking with Aaron Chavez (VRECC) in the shape file would need to create a unique file number. Arturo – Citizens patrol – if guidelines are followed – everything will be fine.

LLPD – a lot of property crimes stem from narcotics. Working confidential informants – undercover buys. Partnerships with VCSO, BPD, LLSD. Vin etching to try and combat vehicle theft. Event being held this month. Stepping up officers doing traffic enforcement. Complaints of speeding coming in from residential areas. Lots of warrants, lack of license, stolen vehicles being found. Numbers doubled from last year. Biggest issue – revolving door – criminals are being deemed incompetent and the judges are not holding – committing felony non violent crime so can not be committed. GPS monitor use? Usually a pretrial or presentencing tool. Need more mental health facilities – treatment centers. No 3-strike law. Gail – need to find judges that will not deem incompetent – no-no bond holds.

Undersheriff Kmatz – another partnership – Identity Theft Passcode System – allows victim of id theft to enter information into system and enter a unique passcode that only victim will know. Can be used at stops and a person at each station to enter information.

Representative Armstrong – Is there NMSP assigned for District 5? Denise – yes. APD has been known to pay criminal's fare to send them back south (VC)

Representative Armstrong – bar needs to be raised for Medicaid reimbursement rate for mental health care.

County Manager Monette – JA and I attended conference and a big point was mental health – working on national level to have inmates keep Medicaid so they will have continual care in and out of facility.

Fire Chief Culp – River update – updates have been given to municipalities – VCNB has published information – Briefing held with Army Corps of Engineers and MRGCD – snow pack has not melted yet. Starting at south valley through Isleta and down to Socorro County Line – levees are unengineered [\[AW1\]](#). Levee system works by using clear ditches – seepage that comes from river – flows

add additional water to clear ditches. Saturation taking place at River Park, west Belen. Three agencies that maintain river, levees, ditches, two being federal. ACE trying to clear out sediment now and flush. MRGCD working to remove sediment – especially at Isleta Dam. Elephant Butte raising .2 -.3 % daily. Currently at 22%. MRGCD working daily on maintaining levees. Right now it is a wait game to see when and where something is going to happen. Implement at that point. EM standpoint – will go through ACE etc. Looking at bigger picture – how do we correct this for the future? ACE currently working on plan that will move to DC – will need matching funds to those being asked for in upward of 100mil. Within RGV – if you build a home – it needs to be raised due to floodplain – buying an old home would mean more flood insurance. IF we can get levee system – possible lower rates for flood insurance. Will have extended run off – then monsoon season immediately after. Ultimately need to look at what is best for the County – Floodplain Authority – would need to come from the State level – MRGCD is not responsible for floods, they are responsible for irrigation – wants to open up area of Highline – from Feeder 3 and Feeder 4 – Feeder 4 does not make its way all the way to river. If waters from flooding hit the highline – it will overwhelm each and every time – ditches are not engineered to handle this amount of water – need more retention ponds. Belen received 1.7 mil for building retention ponds but does not express what happens south of the area. Gail expressed that she would be happy to carry the legislation to create a floodplain authority. Gail – with ACE – BNSF area that was flooded in San Antonio – there are 2 90-degree bends that will not remedy the problem. Brian – ACE went of news articles not emergency management or residents for their story. Reporter was embarrassed that they did not have good information.

Topic needed for next host –

County wide clean up – great success (Danny)

1902 adjourn by Chairman Aragon