

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING/ BUSINESS MEETING

November 10, 2010

PRESENT	
Donald E. Holliday, Chairman	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Vice-Chairman	
David R. Medina, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
	Pedro G. Rael, Member
Eric Zamora, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Sally Perea, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Holliday at 5:00 P.M.

2) Chairman Holliday led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Chairman Holliday said there is a request to table item 7(a) request of appeal on an approved conditional use to allow for the operation of assisted living for the elderly with the condition that they supply the Planning and Zoning Office with all the completed licensing paperwork for the state application #10-005. Commissioner Medina motioned to remove 7(a) at the request of Anthony Sedillo. Seconded by Commissioner Otero-Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Medina moved for approval of the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Otero-Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS – At the Discretion of the Chair. (For Information Only- limited to two minutes per person on subjects not on this published agenda).

Meadow Lake resident Bob Gostischa thanked the commission for the dumpster that was donated to Meadow Lake. Also the Meadow Lake Parks Association had an open house on Saturday and everyone had a great time. Mr. Gostischa hopes to see the commissioners at the next open house.

Valencia County resident Clarke Metcalf gave a thumbs up to Chairman Holliday for challenging the inflated ego of the outgoing sheriff. It is important when taking the oath to realize that the job carries with it the responsibility to focus on the service and not on the strutting

Chairman Holliday stated the only reason why he did that was because the press contacted him and asked him how he, as the chairman, felt about the sheriff going and spending \$150.00 per unit to remove his name. He said there's no way that was going to happen, he just wanted to show them that there was an alternative way of removing his name off the vehicles without a cost to the taxpayers and hopes that's the way it was taken. By no means was he trying make the sheriff look bad.

Valencia County resident Mike Wood thanked Chairman Holliday for the job he's done by conducting himself as a person in charge of the 2010 commission meetings and not as a judge as one commissioner did for three years when blocking the right of free speech at some of the commission meetings. You are enforcing free speech by allowing the commission to hear, as stated by Commissioner Medina, "both the good and bad must be heard." This system allows the commissioner's to make the best decision for the good of the county.

Belen resident Earl Gleason said "he understands that County Manager Eric Zamora has put a hold on the installation of the second speed bump on Mesa Road" and would like to ask Commissioner Medina why this is being held back. Mr. Gleason said there's been one accident, out of many, in which a girl by the name of Linda Gray lay dead in his pasture because of a speeding accident in which the vehicle rolled over her after taking down 200 ft. of his fence. He needs an answer on how to slow people down because there is not an available sheriff's deputy or state police officer to patrol this area.

Commissioner Medina said they had installed one speed bump on Mesa Road and has received quite a few calls on this. He has read and looked over the petition and assured Mr. Gleason he would look into this matter further.

Valencia County resident Lillie McNabb thanked County Clerk Sally, Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal and staff for all their hard work, as no one can imagine what staff can do working with only a skeleton crew.

DISCUSSION (Non-Action) ITEM(S)

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham and the hospital board met and heard presentations on the proposed hospital sites. The sites presented were off of I-25 near the Wal-Mart exit by Mr. and Mrs. Louie Trujillo, the City of Belen parcel by the City of Belen, the site near Rio Communities by Theresa Scott and Paul Trujillo of Valley Improvement and Jim Wood from Rancho Cielo and the Tibo Chavez family. These are the individuals that presented their sites for consideration to the Valencia Health Commons and she has maps available for anyone that is interested.

County Manager Eric Zamora said municipal and county entities are eligible to apply for one CDBG Grant. Currently the county does not have a grant in application. There is an opportunity for funding, however, the county does not have a formal project identified at this time, so if there is any consideration the commission would like to proceed with, there is a deadline coming up quickly.

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham asked what the grant can be used for. It's really wide open; it's been used for everything from utility projects, to the county abatement program to various other things, Mr. Zamora responded. Commissioner Otero-Kirkham also asked can it be used for infrastructural like road projects. Mr. Zamora said in certain cases yes, there is some specific criteria that the county will have to meet and will have to do all the low income study guidelines, it's really intended to benefit low income areas. The average grant is about \$200,000.00 and can vary.

6) SWEARING IN OF PARTICIPANTS: None

7) PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

a) Request of Appeal on an Approved Conditional Use to allow for the operation of assisted living for the elderly with the condition that you supply the Planning & Zoning Office all completed licensing paperwork for the state application #10-005-Jacobo Martinez/Mandie Trujillo. Tabled.

8) BUSINESS MEETING: ACTION ITEM(S)

a) BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENES AS THE CANVASSING BOARD TO: Commissioner Gentry moved to convene as the Canvassing Board. Seconded by Commissioner Otero-Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

i) Consideration of Finalization of the 2010 General Election Canvass-Sally Perea/Peggy Carabajal.

Ms. Perea stated that the Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal would present the results of the 2010 General Election and also wanted to take a moment to thank Commissioner's Rael and Medina for their service to the county and for all the support they provided to the county clerk's office throughout their term and also congratulated the incoming Commissioner's Mary Andersen and Lawrence Romero and all the candidates on their victory.

The last two weeks of the election fell on the shoulders of her Elections Director Peggy Carabajal and Chief Deputy Theresa Sanchez, they pulled staff together, both the Filing and the Recording Office and the Bureau of Elections worked as a team and got through a tough election and they did an awesome job. Staff worked tirelessly after hours, weekends and in a very compact area to make it work. So that the commission is aware, come budget time she will fight for more space for the Bureau of Elections and at least two more employees. It really is a shame that Valencia County has a Bureau of Elections with only two employees. It's a busy department with almost 40,000 registered voters in our county.

Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal stated all of staff pulled together to put on a good general election. As stated when they began the canvass on November 3, 2010, there were 22,404 votes out of 39,774 registered voters, early voting for Los Lunas and Belen totaled 5935, absentee and in person totaled 4771. There were 128 provisional ballots, out those 76 were qualified and that was because the voter was not registered in

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Valencia County or was an ineligible or was an incomplete provisional ballot. Ms. Carabajal at this time asked for approval of the 2010 General Election Official Canvass results.

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Chairman Holliday. Motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

ii) Consideration of Special Election for the County General Obligation Bond Questions-Sally Perea/Peggy Carabajal.

Ms. Carabajal requested approval for the 2010 General Election Special Election. These were results on questions 1, 2 and 3. Question 1 passed with 11,493 for and 9,185 against. Questions 2 and 3 failed.

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Chairman Holliday. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Rael was absent.

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham moved to re-convene as the Board of County Commission. Seconded by Chairman Holliday. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Consideration of Traffic Safety Bureau Grant Project Agreement #11-AL-64-109-Don Donges.

Captain Don Donges stated again the State of New Mexico Department of Transportation has authorized a grant for Valencia County for DWI enforcement to pay overtime costs to personnel for saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints. The grant totals \$25,700.00. The bureau in the previous year awarded the county a grant in the amount of \$23,300.00. Mr. Donges respectfully requests approval.

Commissioner Gentry asked will this be used up by the end of the year. Mr. Donges said yes and they have also been awarded a secondary grant of over \$8,500.00 to go along with this grant.

Commissioner Otero-Kirkham motioned for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

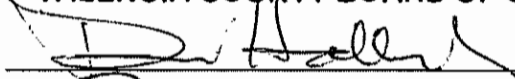
9) The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on November 17, 2010 5:00 P.M. at the County Commission Board Room, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM.

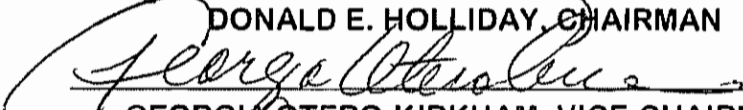
11) Adjournment

Commissioner Gentry motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Chairman Holliday. Motion carried unanimously. Time 5.39 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 10, 2010 Public Hearing/Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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DAVID MEDINA, MEMBER

ATTEST:


SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

12-1-2010
DATE