



April 25, 2011
Agenda
3:00PM Business Meeting
Valencia County Commission Chambers
444 Luna Avenue
Los Lunas, NM 87031
AMENDED
4/19/2011

Board of County Commissioners
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Chair District II
Mary J. Andersen, Vice-Chair District I
Lawrence R. Romero District III
Ron Gentry District IV
Donald E. Holliday District V

April 20, 2011, Business Meeting
has been **Rescheduled** to-

April 25, 2011

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2011-Business Meeting
April 13, 2011-Public Hearing

DISCUSSION (Non-Action) ITEM(S)

- 5) Presentation of Latino Sustainability Institute/ **Arturo Sandoval, President**
- 6) Discussion on Redistricting/**Commission**
- 7) Directors Reports: Update Public Works, 2011/2012 Budget/**Eric Zamora**
- 8) Reports from Manager, Commissions, Boards & Committees

ACTION ITEM(S)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENES AS INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD

- 9) Consideration of Indigent Report/Appeals.....**Kenny Griego/Barbara Baker**

BOARD RE-CONVENES AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- 10) Consideration of *Resolution 2011-___*, Proclaiming "San Clemente Day"/**Mary Andersen**

Final Action on Public Hearing: April 13, 2011

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

18) Consideration of Approval: Payroll /Warrants: **Kenny Griego/Wilma Abril**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Please sign up on the sheet located just outside the Commission chambers. The Board will allow each member of the public wishing to address the Board a full and complete opportunity to address the Commission.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

♦ **May 4, 2011- Business Meeting @ 9:30A.M.**

Valencia County Commission Board Room 444 Luna Ave. LL, NM

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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUSINESS MEETING

April 25, 2011

PRESENT	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Chair	
Mary J. Andersen, Vice-Chair	
Lawrence R. Romero, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
Donald E. Holliday, 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 Madam Chair Otero-Kirkham at 3:00 P.M.

2) Madam Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

County Manager Eric Zamora requested a change under item (7) Directors Reports- the update on the Public Works Division will be moved to the May 4, 2011 meeting. This will be replaced with the recognition of students from Los Lunas High School Pre-Engineer Program who recently won an award for the development of an energy efficient car.

Commissioner Andersen requested a short executive session for discussion on a personnel item. County Attorney Dave Pato stated under Section 10151D closed meetings shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public has been made.

Commissioner Holliday moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2011 Business Meeting

April 13, 2011 Public Hearing

Commissioner Holliday moved for approval of the minutes of April 6, 2011 Business Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Holliday moved for approval of minutes of April 13, 2011 Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION (Non-Action) ITEM(S)

5) Presentation of Latino Sustainability Institute / Arturo Sandoval, President

Mr. Sandoval was not present – postponed until the May 4th meeting

6) Discussion on Redistricting / Commission

County Manager Eric Zamora stated since this is a decennial census the county is required to consider redistricting and at this point staff is looking for some direction from the commission to see where and how they are going to accomplish this task. The options available would be to consider performing the redistricting in-house or hire a consultant. The county has until April 2012 to complete this.

Madam Chair Otero-Kirkham asked how the hiring would proceed. Mr. Zamora said depending on the scope of the services, either go out for request for proposals, formally consider proposals, this being what he would consider small professional services and most likely would fall under the county's procurement guidelines for selecting three professional proposals under \$30,000.00.

Madam Chair said she feels the commission knows the scope of work and should go straight for the bid rather than to do the proposal and then the bid.

Commissioner Andersen said she's willing to bet that there are several companies in the state that do this and she would like to see a proposal from at least two or more.

Madam Chair asked, instead of the bid right off the top? Which ever way you do it, I want more than one respondent was Commissioner Andersen's response.

Commissioner Gentry said they could do in-house if it was as simple as taking the census and putting it into the districts but we probably know that this is the highest politically charged thing that's going to happen every ten years. He agrees that the commission

needs to look at several providers. If the commission asks for proposals, they would get the scope of work that those companies are prepared to do. Some are very elaborate; some are very simple and thinks the simple version is all the commission really needs. If they get the proposals, they can decide on which company offers the best price, find the service the commission may want and then if the commission wants they can issue an RFP.

Commissioner Andersen said if we can set out a bid, she would think that would be the most preferred way. Once the person that wins the bid comes back with what they consider a solution, is it still not a commission decision? Commission Gentry said, "It's the commission's decision".

County Clerk Sally Perea and Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal stated that Michael Sharp from Research and Polling has been involved and very helpful in looking into how the redistricting of the precincts would be done. A lot of the boundaries are very confusing and she does recommend Research and Polling because we do not have the capability or the software to do this in-house. She and the County Clerk Ms. Perea have both discussed this and it's just a bit out of their realm.

Madam Chair Otero-Kirkham said she believes that staff can certainly put the proposal guidelines together and then send it out for bid instead of doing a two part project so that no one is confused when the bids come back. Let's just do the scope of work and send it out for bid is her opinion.

Commissioner Gentry said its imperative the commission have that person come before the commission and the commission look at the options. The commissioners need to make sure this commission has some input on 2-4 options in moving around the precinct lines.

County Manager Eric Zamora said they will develop a request for bids, identify the scope of work for this and will work with the commission to do that.

7) Directors Reports: Recognition of the Los Lunas High School Pre-Engineering Class, 2011 / 2012 Budget – Eric Zamora

County Manager Eric Zamora said Valencia County entered into a partnership with the Los Lunas High School Engineering Program. Mr. Gabaldon who is the pre-engineering class instructor introduced some of the students involved in the Los Lunas Pre-Engineering Class. This is the schools first group of graduates involved in this program and part of their major process for this year was to encompass one giant project and to see it from idea to production. Within the course of their project, a competition came up with the New Mexico International Auto Association for developing a car of the future for the year 2020. They had three weeks to complete their project, have it entered on April 6th by 5:00 P.M and it was done. A week later they were notified that they had taken top three, as to the position, they did not know until April 16th that they had taken first place and received a \$1,000.00 scholarship for each student. Student Lorenzo Lopez said he was part of the team that created the car. The main parameters were that this car would be manufactured in the year 2020 and also that the car be green for the environment so not to hurt the environment.

Mr. Gabaldon said within the automotive industry there are minimums required for any vehicle to be operating within a city or freeway. So this car had to have minimum speed which obviously is at stop and maximum speed being 120 miles per hour. This vehicle would have been able to maintain eighty miles per hour for two hundred some miles before recharging, however since the wheels were designed and developed so as they rotated, they were generating energy to the batteries, therefore it's prolonged life wouldn't be known until it was fully manufactured and tested. It also had a solar roof that also recharged its batteries.

County Manager Eric Zamora stated in regards to the budget \$9.8 million was budgeted and year to date \$6.4 million has been collected and looking at last years projections from March through the end of June a \$10.1 million in revenues from property taxes or \$350,000.00 higher then budgeted is being projected. The County Equalization Tax which is received in December is \$128,000.00 more then budgeted. \$1,000,000.00 has been budgeted for the Gross Receipt Tax and currently has received \$818,000.00 and the total projection is \$50,000.00 above budget. Half a million dollars has been budgeted for Motor Vehicle Fees and the projection is about \$4,000.00 over budget. On other revenues which includes fees, permits and income from other sources is running a little short from \$822,251.00, year to date actuals are about \$555,394.00 with a projection of \$783,184.00. Overall the difference shows the county is \$492,479.00 above budget as far as the county projections to the end of this fiscal year. Year to date General Fund actual expenditures

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are \$8,366,449.00. The total budgeted expense is \$8,770,804.00. This yields a budget savings of a little over 4.6% or \$404,355.00.

8) Reports from Manager, Commissions, Boards & Committees

Mr. Zamora also reported on a successful Good Friday event, there were positive comments on the changes that occurred on Friday. Traffic was very well handled and trash was not as much of an issue.

They are working with the State of New Mexico and Juvenile Justice Advisory Board to develop the Juvenile Justice Administrative Position. The new Juvenile Justice Coordinator is Ms. Cynthia Ferrari.

Last Monday Mr. Zamora and Warden Joe Chavez conducted an inspection of the pre-manufactured cells that will be used in the County Detention Center expansion and there were several issues with the door mechanisms. Some parts were missing, there were gaps where welds were not complete and one cracked weld in one of the door operating mechanisms. A design feature request the county had made prior to construction was not made and he will coordinate with the cell manufacturer to see if there is a credit on that. Cells were being wrapped and ready for shipment as of last Monday and with the corrections they should be ready for shipment within a few weeks. They met with the contractor and after receiving ninety percent design drawings, the contractor came back with a proposal to change the configuration. They evaluated the option and determined it wasn't going to work for the county and they're back on board with the original plan and the contractor has procured the services of two new project managers. The county is still on a \$1.1 million dollar budget for this project and the completion date is still late August.

The Valencia County Regional Call Center has a position for a board member-at-large. The board has suggested Mr. Russell Griego and a resolution will be forthcoming to the commission for approval. Mr. Griego is Vice President of Bank of the West.

Commissioner Holliday asked, the detention pods will be ready to ship in two weeks, where are they going to be stored? Mr. Zamora had requested they not be shipped until the building is up and ready. They will either be stored at the site or at the county's contractor's location. Commissioner Holliday asked if they get damaged while they're there, who is going to be liable? Mr. Zamora said the county will not issue final payment on the cells until they are installed and final inspection has been completed. It would be up to the contractor to assume any liability for them.

County Manager Eric Zamora said he overlooked presenting the quarterly budget update to the Commission. This is the first quarter of this calendar year which is January through March.

County Assessor Viola Garcia and Chief Appraiser Orlando Montoya gave a brief overview as to how county evaluations relate to actual revenues collected. County Assessor Viola Garcia said if property values go up, the tax rates do come down. Whatever the values that the assessor picks up on the homes, it'll make the tax rates come down.

Commissioner Andersen said strangely enough the taxes on her home have done nothing but go up in the last ten years.

County Assessor Viola Garcia said the only reason that has happened is because of a passed bond that could have been for a hospital, college or schools and suggests that the commissioners and the Assessors Office sit down together and discuss the process of how the Assessors Office arrives at their values and what happens after that.

Madam Chair Otero-Kirham asked how can the budget be increased and get out of thirteen million budget. Madam Chair has been on the commission for seven years and the budget has always been thirteen million.

County Assessor Viola Garcia said the values would have to be increased but she has state statutes she has to follow.

County Treasurer Dorothy Lovato stated tax collections are going well. There are two gentlemen from the property tax division out of Santa Fe working five days a week out of the Treasurer's Office and they will be going after the local businesses that have not paid their taxes. Her mobile home employees are working hard trying to contact the taxpayers and if they don't hear from them, they literally go out and make a home visit to find out why their taxes have not been paid. As of today the Treasurer's Office has brought in \$2,545,935.35, the county's portion being \$688,841.97. Taxes are due April 10th and become delinquent May 10th and after that delinquent bills will be going out June 1st.

ACTION ITEMS (S)

9) Consideration of Indigent Report / Appeals – Kenny Griego / Barbara Baker

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENES AS INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD

Commissioner Andersen moved to convene as the Indigent Claims Board. Seconded by Madam Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Barbara Baker presented the Indigent Claims from March 3, 2011 to April 8, 2011 and requests approval of \$84,577.20.

Commissioner Andersen moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit A)

Ms. Baker presented the Indigent Claims Appeal for Judith Storey in the amount of \$1,210.39 and requests approval of \$932.00 to Presbyterian Hospital.

Commissioner Andersen moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit B)

BOARD RE-CONVENES AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

Commissioner Holliday moved to re-convene as the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Consideration of Resolution 2011-25, Proclaiming “San Clemente Day” – Mary Andersen

San Clemente Association President Virginia Smith read the proposed proclamation proclaiming May 7, 2011 to be San Clemente Day.

Commissioner Andersen moved for approval of the resolution. Seconded by Madam Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Sally Perea announced Resolution 2011-25. (See Exhibit C)

Final Action on Public Hearing: April 13, 2011

11) Consideration of an Appeal on an Approved Conditional Use to Allow for the Operation of Assisted Living for the Elderly. T7N, R1E, Section 20 NMPM; Lands of Bruce W. Botkins; Lot 50-D-2; zoned OD, filed in book 364 Page 3409, of the Office of the Valencia County Clerk, Also Known as 4 Wild West Ct., Los Lunas, NM (Mandie Trujillo) Application #APL11-001 - Eric Zamora / Jacobo Martinez.

County Counsel Dave Pato said you can affirm or agree with the Planning and Zoning's determination to permit the Conditional Use or you can make a motion to reverse the Planning and Zonings decision to permit the Conditional Use.

Commissioner Andersen motioned to reverse the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Romero.

DISCUSSION-Commissioner Gentry said Conditional Uses are all over the county. He has a lot of Conditional Uses in his district along with a lot of assisted living homes which the state even goes out and rents these particular properties and is made available for the elderly and people that need care. There is a good place and a good purpose for them. Commissioner Gentry feels Mr. Sedillo has met the Planning and Zoning conditions that the community wanted. One thing they did not get back was the information on the well and water that he would of liked to have before this meeting.

County Planner Jacobo Martinez said it was placed in the commissioners packets.

Commissioner Gentry said he is in support of the Planning and Zonings decision, as the state would have been monitoring this Assisted Living Program and feels this should be allowed. There's a need for this even if the location is far out. The need out weighs not wanting any Conditional Uses unless the county prohibits them.

Commissioner Andersen said she takes issue with Commissioner Gentry's statement that Mr. Sedillo has done what he was asked to do. There were sworn statements from several residents of the community that stated Mr. Sedillo had never been to see them, he never paid the bills for the road and never did any of the things he promised to do and in her view from what these people swore to at the Public Hearing, he has not met his share of the responsibility.

Madam Chair called for the vote. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Gentry voted to affirm Planning and Zonings determination to permit the Conditional Use.

12) Consideration to Amend the Zoning Map from RR-2 to RR-1 to Allow a Lot Split to Provide Her Grandchildren One Acre Lots; T4N, R1E, Section 24 NMPM; Lands of Pat & Charles Storey; Tract 5-A-1, Zoned RR-2, Filed in Book 328, Page 4016 of the Office of the Valencia County Clerk (Gloria Storey-Agent) Application #ZC11-001 – Eric Zamora / Jacobo Martinez.

Madam Chair motioned for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Consideration of Notice of Award #664-A, for the Valencia County Solid Waste Pick-up Services – Eric Zamora / Angel Martinez

County Attorney Dave Pato stated within the last two hours he received two protests relating to this procurement. Section 131173 of the Procurement Code provides that in the event of a timely protest under Section 145 of the Procurement Code the county is not to proceed any further until a determination is rendered on those protests and since those were received in the last two hours the county has not yet had an opportunity to consider a letter of determination for those protests. His recommendation at this point, given this requirement through the Procurement Code, is that the county hold off until a determination can be rendered and expire the period within they can seek judicial review. Commissioner Andersen said in view of the fact that the commission doesn't know what this is really all about, maybe it would be best to defer and not table.

Madam Chair asked Commissioner Andersen, is that your motion, to defer? Commissioner Andersen said yes. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

14) Consideration of Awarding Bid #661 for a Fire Pumper for the Tome-Adelino Fire Department to Monarch Fire Equipment Co. – Charles Eaton

Madam Chair motioned for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Holliday. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion-Commissioner Andersen asked if there had been discussion on trying to come up with the dollar amount that Valencia County has spent in the last 8-10 years for improvements on the physical facilities and the vehicles for the fire departments.

Fire Chief Charles Eaton said that information will be provided at the next commission meeting. Just for the record, this goes to a local vendor who is Monarch out of Belen and the total purchase price is \$338,682.00. (See Exhibit D)

15) Consideration of State Fire Fund Applications for the Year Fiscal 2012 for the Eight (8) County Fire Districts and County Fire Administration – Charles Eaton

Madam Chair moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit E)

16) Consideration of Execution of Closing Loan Documents with New Mexico Finance Authority for the Acquisition of Three (3) Fire-EMS Response Vehicles – Charles Eaton

Commissioner Holliday moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit F)

17) Consideration of Resolution 2011-26, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Valencia County, New Mexico, General Obligation Public Safety Bonds – Kenny Griego / Shirley Valdez

Commissioner Gentry moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Sally Perea announced Resolution 2011-26. (See Exhibit G)

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

18) Consideration of Approval: Payroll / Warrants – Kenny Griego / Wilma Abril

Madam Chair motioned for approval of the payroll / warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit H & I)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Meadow Lake resident Bob Gostischa wished everyone a happy Easter and thanked Commissioner Holliday for his continued cooperation in Meadow Lake. He can't always solve everything, but he listens and is willing to discuss the issues. The recent town hall meeting in Meadow Lake turned out very well.

Valencia County resident Mary Wood on behalf of herself and other concerned citizens expressed her concerns with the performance of several of the county commissioners who were voted to serve as county commissioners and not self-centered district commissioners. Proven documents and other factual information prove that several of the commissioners are working behind the scenes to keep the hospital from being built on the site that the county commission selected. Consideration should be given to change the method of electing county commissioners by district and changed to be elected by all the voters in the county and be willing to work for the good of all. Commissioners need to stand firm and let the people of Valencia County know the truth as to what they have been

doing behind the scenes in regard to the commissioners majority voted approved hospital site. Work with Belen and get the hospital going in a positive direction.

Tax payer Shirley Wood would like to see the county go after the people that are refusing to pay their mill levy taxes for the hospital. She may not approve as to where county facilities are located but she does believe in supporting those facilities with her tax money. She does feel disenfranchised by her tax money being held hostage and not going towards a badly needed hospital in this county. She hopes the commission will get on board and give it their full support.

Tierra Grande resident Sue Moran commented on the removal of the commission room railing, the trash issue and was also thoroughly amazed on the presentation on the property taxes. She has to support her Tierra Grande members and most of these people bought their land about forty years ago and they pay more taxes on this property than it's worth on the market today. Ms. Moran is concerned that the value on vacant land in her area keeps going down but yet some of the homeowner's association members received their assessed valuations and it tripled. This property is not marketable at \$2,000 - \$3,000 an acre. How can any state or government entity do this injustice to people, to raise randomly the property and housing values in market where everything is going down? She has encouraged each of her members to contact the County Assessors Office.

Valencia County resident Alice Torwrit agreed with everything Ms. Moran commented on.

Valencia County resident Mike Wood read an excerpt from page 6 of the minutes of the March 21 Belen City Council Meeting which said Councilor Lorenzo Carrillo briefed the council on significant issues concerning the hospital who believes Ameris is not convinced with the current location. Mr. Schupp, representative for Ameris, is thinking of abolishing the Health Council Board and going straight to the county commission. Mr. Wood contacted Mr. Schupp and sent him a copy of Councilor Carrillo's brief. Mr. Schupp's reply was, until two weeks ago the only time he ever spoke to Councilor Carrillo was back in November when he attended the City Council Meeting. Mr. Schupp left a message with Andrew Camillio for Councilor Carrillo to call him back and explain this to him. Shortly after April 1, 2011, Mr. Wood received a phone call from a Belen City Councilman who gave him information that several Valencia County Commissioners were involved in working with a former commissioner who is an attorney, to come up with a plan to keep the hospital from being built east of the river. The City of Belen and the surrounding area has lost hundreds of jobs, why would anyone want to delay or block the construction of a hospital that would bring hundreds of jobs and new businesses to the Belen area and other locations in Valencia County.

Los Chavez resident Jackie Farnsworth spoke on the issue of the trash contract. This contract is an attempt by the commission to solve the disfiguring trash problem in the county. She doesn't believe the solution that the ordinance gives is the proper solution to the problem. It sets up a monopoly, it drives the local people out of business and it takes the county from a local business to a multi-state, maybe even multi-national business. Her family has made the decision when possible to shop locally and try to keep their money in the county. By going with a large company will be putting some local businesses out of business. This isn't right because it's such an extension of government control over the county.

Ms. Farnsworth would like to see an annual "Let's clean up Valencia County trash day." Let's do it the American way, let's appeal to the people's civic pride, not give a monopoly to a large corporation and drive our local people out of business. We beg you to please give us the freedoms we have here in the county.

Valencia County resident Joan Artiaga stated she was glad this was deferred and hopes the whole proposal issue is revisited, especially the idea of giving a monopoly a contract for eight years to an out of state company. Ms. Artiaga feels this will be a hardship for the elderly who can't even pay for their prescriptions and the county will be forcing them to pay twenty dollars a month in three month increments. There should be a waiver system for people that go to recycling systems, that take their trash to the dump, for single elderly people or low income people that can show proof that they are disposing of their trash properly. This waiver system would be a lot cheaper than the county forcing people to have a receptacle and when they don't pay for this service the county is going to have to pay for it and go through the expense of filing thousands of claims of liens against people's properties. It's going to be a mess and the county needs to take a look at this issue.

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Los Chavez resident Archie Farnsworth said in regards to the trash issue the only thing that keeps down costs for the average person is competition. Competition works, monopolies do not keep down costs to the user. Monopolies by their nature do not produce low cost prices for the consumer. If the county goes ahead with the eight year contract monopoly, what the county will find is, yes the county will be able to collect a lot of trash but they'll have a problem collecting the money to pay for it. Mr. Farnsworth's suggestion is to redo this plan as it is not a good plan.

Local business owner Chris Martinez said he also agrees in the county buying locally and was glad to hear the trash contract award was deferred. By awarding the contract to Waste Management, you take out several local carriers and will also adversely affect his business, his employees and all the local businesses. The whole realm of going to a monopoly that will not whatsoever benefit this county is amazing that this county would even think of entertaining it.


The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on May 4, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

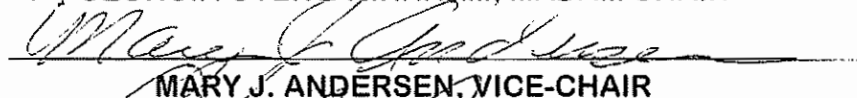
11) Adjournment


Commissioner Holliday moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. TIME 5:09 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 25, 2011 Public Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

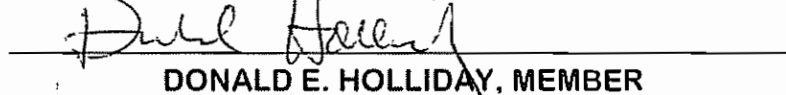
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ATTEST:


SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

5/18/2011
DATE