

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Madam Chair Maria Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., at the Pecos Village Chambers located at 93 South Main St, Pecos, New Mexico 87552. Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Zachary Garza, Madam Chair Maria Martinez present, Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia present, Commissioner Janice Varela present, Commissioner Max Trujillo present, and Commissioner Chris Najjar present.

The record will show a quorum is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SALUTATION TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG:

"I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among United Cultures. Commissioner Janice Varela led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salutation to the New Mexico State Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR ORDER

1. ORDINANCE NO. SMC-09-10-2019 HARD ROCK MINING MORATORIUM

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero Jr presented to the Commission a proposed draft of Ordinance No. SMC-09-10-2019 Hard Rock Mining Moratorium which is an Ordinance putting a halt on all activity which requires the county's authority and permission. Discussion Ensued.

Attorney Romero swore everyone in to speak on the Hard Rock Mining Moratorium at 5:15p.m

Leslie Hammel-Turk – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Bob Wessely – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Catherine Kahn – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Jaylene Quiles – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Gene Ostmeier – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Peter Olson – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Claudia Floyd – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Matthew Fernandez – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Chiyoko Yoshida – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Teresa Seamster – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Frank Adelo – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Telesfor Benavidez – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Kimberly Allen – Spoke on the mining moratorium and is in favor.

Commissioner Janice Varela – Spoke on behalf of everyone that was unable to make the meeting and everyone is in favor of the mining moratorium.

Motion made by Commissioner Chris Najar to accept exhibit one; letter by Leslie Hammel-Turk. Second by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia. Motion carried

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to accept exhibit two; Toxic Pecos Past Article. Second by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Chris Najar to accept exhibit three; 24 Emails presented by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia. Motion carried.

Commissioner Max Trujillo – Spoke on the mining moratorium and thanked everyone for their input on the moratorium.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia to close the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Janice Varela to go into regular meeting. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia to approve Ordinance No. SMC-09-10-2019 Hard Rock Mining Moratorium. Second by Commissioner Chris Najjar. Motion carried.

Attorney Romero requested a roll call vote

Chair Maria Martinez – Yes

Vice-Chair Harold Garcia – Yes

Commissioner Janice Varela – Yes

Commissioner Chris Najjar – Yes

Commissioner Max Trujillo – Yes

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Harold Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

Approved this 10th day of March, 2020 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico, of its Special Meeting held January 7, 2019.



Maria L. Martinez, Chairman District 4



Harold M. Garcia, Vice-Chairman District 1



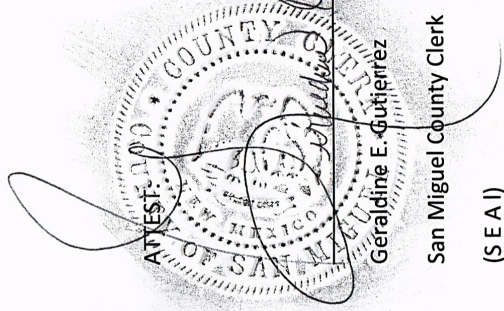
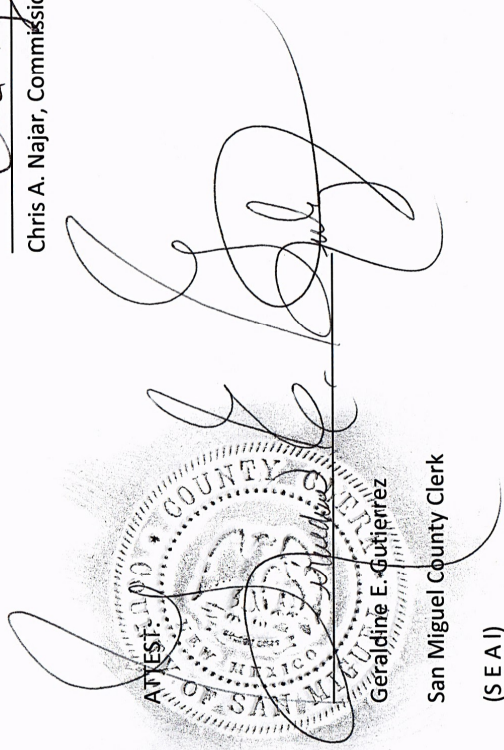
Max O. Trujillo, Commissioner District 3



Janice C. Varela, Commissioner District 2



Chris A. Najjar, Commissioner District 5

Geraldine E. Gutierrez
San Miguel County Clerk
(SEA I)



Minutes submitted by Zachary T. Garza