

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
HELD WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., at the San Miguel County Administration Complex located at 500 West National Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701. Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Jacob Gonzales, Chairman Harold Garcia present, Vice-Chairman Janice Varela present, Commissioner Max Trujillo present, Commissioner Martin Sena present, and Commissioner Kenneth Medina 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 Martin Sena led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salutation to the New Mexico State Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

County Manager Joy Ansley recommended to the Commission that a non-action item be added to the agenda for a meet and great with the governor at the Castaneda.

Motion made Vice-Chairman Janice Varela to approve the agenda with changes recommended by the County Manager. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR ORDER

1. PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON SUBDIVISIONS

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero informed the Commission of the proposed moratorium on subdivisions which would place a moratorium on subdivisions for 180 days so the subdivision ordinance can be reviewed and updated. Mr. Romero requested the Commission table the proposed moratorium on subdivisions.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to table the proposed moratorium on subdivisions. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FISCAL AGENT SERVICES WITH MORA COUNTY

San Miguel County Manager Joy Ansley informed the Commission of a Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal agent services with Mora County to act as the Fiscal Agent for the \$750,000.00 grant. Ms. Ansley requested the Commission approve of the MOU for fiscal agent services with Mora County.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to approve of the MOU for fiscal agent services with Mora County. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

3. RECESS TO ATTEND NMDOT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE SOUTH GRAND PROJECT

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to recess to attend the NMDOT ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Grand project at 9:28 a.m. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

4. RECONVENE AT SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting back to order at 11:29 a.m. The Commission attended a ceremony for the NMDOT as guests and no action was taken.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to reconvene at 11:30 and go into the regular meeting. Second by Vice-Chairman Janice Varela. Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Samaritan House

Presenter: Theresa Damian

Samaritan House Interim part-time director Theresa Damian and Martha Lopez presented to the Commission a letter written by Interim Executive Director April Valdez. The City of Las Vegas requested the Shelter remain open year-round. The Samaritan House requested that the County Commission increase the annual funding of \$30,000.

Presentation: San Miguel County Family & Community Health Council

Presenter: Dr. Barbara Perea Casey, Chair and Rosalie Martinez

Dr. Barbara Perea Casey informed the Commission that the state funding for the San Miguel Health Council was \$4,388 last year. Dr. Barbara Perea Casey and Rosalie Martinez requested the Commission fund \$15,000 for the San Miguel Health Council which will be used for Health Council work. Dr. Perea Casey requested the Commission recommend someone to become a member of the Health Council from the Valley and Pecos area.

Presentation: NMSU Extension Office

Presenter: John D. Martinez, County Extension Agent

County Extension Agent John D. Martinez presented to the Commission an update on agriculture and 4-H in San Miguel County.

Presentation: Las Vegas Senior Citizens Program

Presenter: Wanda Salazar, Community Service Manager

Community Service Manager Wanda Salazar presented to the Commission an update on food services, covid-19 vaccines and necessities provided to Seniors' in San Miguel county.

Presentation: Imagination Library

Presenter: Elizabeth Ratzlaff

Elizabeth Ratzlaff presented to the Commission a power-point presentation on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library book distribution program for children aged two to five years-old.

Presentation: Northeastern Bookmobile

Presenter: Laura Gonzales, NE Bookmobile Manager

Northeastern Bookmobile Manager Laura Gonzales presented to the Commission a synopsis of rural bookmobile services provided. Ms. Gonzales requested the Commission fund an amount of \$3,000.

Presentation: Las Vegas/San Miguel Chamber of Commerce

Presenter: Philip Martinez, Chair

Chairman Philip Martinez presented to the Commission programs and grants hosted by the Chamber to aid citizens of San Miguel county. The San Miguel Chamber of Commerce requested the Commission fund \$40,000.

Presentation: Villanueva David F. Cargo Library

Presenter: Eva Artschwager, Director

Director Eva Artschwager presented to the Commission how the library is part of the El Valle Cultural Center and in the past year assisted school children for the past pandemic school year by providing free wi-fi service, online tutoring, as well as providing online and paper packets to train teachers in online instruction. Director Artschwager made a request of the last year's monetary contribution and a special request for CARES act money for air purifiers and dividers.

Presentation: Hispano Chamber of Commerce

Presenter: Manny Martinez

President Manny Martinez presented to the Commission a proposal to clean-up Kings Stadium. Project should be complete within 21 days with work approval from the San Miguel Public Works Department. Mr. Martinez requested \$1,400 for the 4th of July parade, \$3,500 for a Veteran's Tribute to Las Vegas Party, \$1,750 for the Thanksgiving Holiday drive, \$12,000 for the Community Wood drive, \$2,500 for the light parade,

\$1,200 for clean-up projects per request of Commissioners in the County, \$3,500 for gas, tools, safety equipment.

Chairman Harold Garcia indicated that the monetary request from the presentations is in excess of one-quarter of a million dollars. The floor was granted to County Finance Director Melinda Gonzales who informed the Commission the requested funding totaled \$272,442.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin Sena to recess at 1:26 PM to attend a meeting with Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Janice Varela to reconvene Special Meeting at 2:44 PM. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

Finance Director Melinda Gonzales recommended that the Commission allocate \$150,000 on above requests and the remainder when the fiscal year 2020-21 budget is finalized on June 30, 2021.

Finance Director Melinda Gonzales listed the amounts requested by each entity as follows:

Las Vegas Senior Center,	\$75,000
NMSU/San Miguel Extension Service,	\$39,442
San Miguel County Health Council,	\$15,000
Samaritan House,	\$30,000
Villanueva David F. Cargo Library,	\$30,000
Northeastern Bookmobile,	\$3,000
County Chamber of Commerce,	\$40,000
Hispano Chamber,	\$10,000
Imagination Library,	\$5,000
Total:	\$247,442

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to fund Finance Director's recommended entities. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

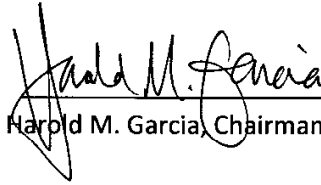
6. RESOLUTION 2021-05-26-F1 – ESTABLISHING THE FY22 INTERIM BUDGET

County Finance Director Melinda Gonzales informed the Commission that interim budget hearings were held with all departments. An interim budget was established with the input of the departments and presented said budget to the Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin Sena to adopt resolution 2021-05-26-F1 to increase budget by \$500,000 and to increase Probate position salary by \$5,000; and by \$150,000 for grants and services. Second by Vice Chairman Janice Varela. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

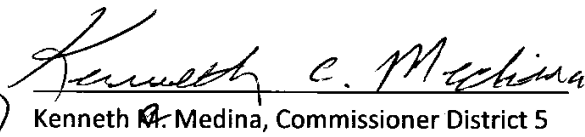
Approved this 8th day of June, 2021 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico, of its Special Meeting held May 26, 2021.


Harold M. Garcia, Chairman District 1

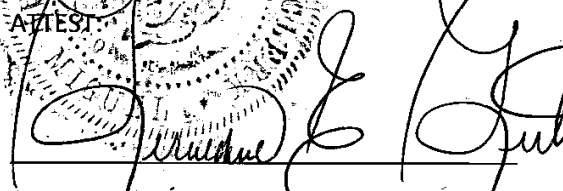

Janice C. Varela, Vice-Chairman District 2


Max O. Trujillo, Commissioner District 3

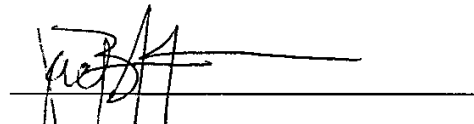

Martin M. Sena, Commissioner District 4


Kenneth A. Medina, Commissioner District 5




Geraldine E. Gutierrez, San Miguel County Clerk

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Minutes submitted by Jacob P. Gonzales