

MINUTES of The SPECIAL MEETING
of The BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
HELD JUNE 3, 2022 AT 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Friday, June 3, 2022. San Miguel County Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM in the San Miguel County Commission Chambers at 500 W. National Ave Suite 201. Zoom link is active.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call by County Administrative Assistant/Probate Clerk Zachary Garza: Chairman Harold Garcia present, Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela absent, Commissioner Max Trujillo present, Commissioner Martin Sena present, and Commissioner Kenneth Medina present.

The record will show a quorum is present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Max Trujillo asked the Commission this being a Special Emergency Meeting if the Commission can recess the meeting instead of adjourning. The purpose being in case the Commission has to meet on short notice because of potential disasters.

County Manager Ansley asked Attorney Dave Romero for advice for the Commission on legality of an Emergency meeting. County has 10 days to submit notification and explanation after adjournment of the meeting to the Attorney General's office.

Attorney Romero informed Manager Ansley that the requirement for notifying the Attorney General is less than the requirement that if the Commission feels it is an Emergency then they should act.

Chairman Harold Garcia requested Attorney Dave Romero give a template in writing that the Commission can follow so they are in compliance.

Manager Ansley requested that Chairman Harold Garcia write the notification to the Attorney General.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HERMIT'S PEAK CALF CANYON FIRE

San Miguel County Manager Joy Ansley presented the Commission an Emergency Declaration for the Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire which started April 6th, 2022. County Manager Ansley informed the Commission of a Resolution done back in April 2022 that was signed and submitted to DHSEM. County Manager Ansley requested the Commission ratify the Resolution and sign it in open session.

Motion made by Chairman Harold Garcia to ratify the submitted Resolution Declaring emergency due to Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

b. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL DUE TO DAMAGE BY HERMIT'S PEAK CALF CANYON FIRE

San Miguel County Joy Ansley presented the Commission an Emergency Declaration for debris cleanup due to damage by the Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire. The county is working with a multi-jurisdictional group of agencies who are putting together a plan for the County to go onto peoples properties who've given permission to do the cleanup. County Manager Ansley requested the Commission approve the Emergency Declaration for Debris Cleanup due to damage by Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to approve of the Resolution. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

Attorney Romero informed the Commission on the Recess instead of adjournment. As long as there is a motion and a second with one reason as to why the Commission is doing this then they can proceed. Chairman Harold Garcia asked if they can proceed with this even if it is not an action item.

Attorney Romero stated yes to do it now and do it for the meeting on 6-7-2022.

Chairman Harold Garcia requested a motion based on the recommendation of Commissioner Max Trujillo to recess the meeting with the intent that the Commission may have follow up meetings regarding the disasters.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to recess with anticipation that the Commission will have to meet on short notice with the impending disasters. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

Attorney Romero requested a roll call vote at 10:47 a.m.

Chairman Harold Garcia – yes

Vice-Chairman Janice Varela – absent

Commissioner Max Trujillo – yes

Commissioner Martin Sena – yes

Commissioner Kenneth Medina – yes

Following the meeting after the recess discussion ensued: Chairman Harold Garcia addressed issues at the Memorial Middle School shelter with part of the services being shut down. The evacuation part of the services was what was shut down and this was done at the request of Red Cross. The distribution of foods was being shut down by the church providing the services.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo to reconvene at 10:58 a.m. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

Commissioner Max Trujillo spoke with regards about the shelter and agreed that San Miguel County should have a continuum of this service for the individuals that are evacuated.

Sheriff Chris Lopez informed the Commission of the Emergency Sheltering and need of overnight staying. San Miguel County is not seeing that need. The 48hr notice was posted specifically for the Emergency Sheltering/ overnight staying for the disaster relief center or old

Memorial Middle School. World Kitchen has been providing food services at the evacuation shelter.

Commissioner Max Trujillo spoke about replacement costs for the people who have lost everything not just their homes.

Chairman Harold Garcia asked Dennis Esquibel if he has had any success with Red Cross as to coming back to the Middle School.

Dennis Esquibel informed the Commission that he has been communicating with the Salvation Army and asked them if they would be willing to help. However, they have declined the request due to insufficient staff, and declined the request for distribution site management at the Middle School. Mr. Esquibel also checked with Red Cross and they do not handle unsolicited donations.

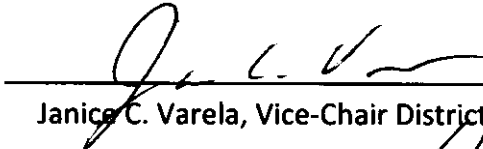
San Miguel County is still accepting donations at the warehouse; nonperishable items, dry goods, new clothing (not accepting used clothing).

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to recess at 11:23 a.m. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

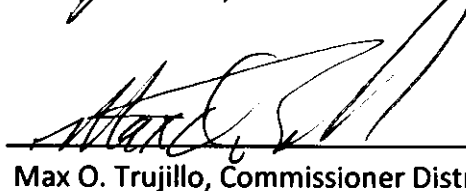
Approved this 11th day of July, 2022 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico of its Special Meeting held June 3, 2022 in the San Miguel County Chambers.



Harold M. Garcia, Chairman District 1



Janice C. Varela, Vice-Chair District 2



Max O. Trujillo, Commissioner District 3

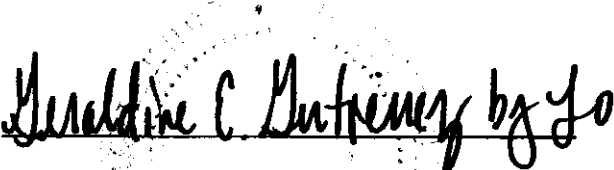


Martin Sena, Commissioner District 4

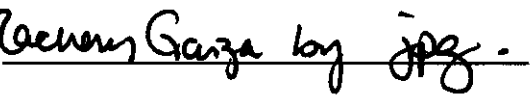


Kenneth C. Medina, Commissioner District 5

ATTEST:



Geraldine E. Gutierrez, San Miguel County Clerk



Minutes submitted by Zachary Garza

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