

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday January 26, 2021. San Miguel County Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M., via remote live on San Miguel County website. Upon roll call by the office of the County Clerk's Deputy Arleen Ortiz, Chairman Harold Garcia present, Madam Vice-Chair 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 Max Trujillo led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salutation to the New Mexico State Flag.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING DRUG ABUSE, ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ADDICTION A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**

San Miguel County Sheriff Chris Lopez presented to the Commission the Resolution Declaring Drug Abuse, Alcohol Abuse and Addiction a Public Health Crisis in San Miguel County. Mr. Lopez informed the Commission through the Resolution Mora-San Miguel-Guadalupe Counties Collaborative 4 (MSG-LC4) will come before the Board of County Commission to seek support of the program in the hopes of addressing drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and addiction. Mr. Lopez

informed the Commission the (MSG-LC4) is seeking the support of the County in the effort to establish the Northeastern Regional Crisis and Treatment Center. Mr. Lopez turned over the floor to fellow Collaborative Members Yolanda Cruz, Matt Probst, Dr. Rocky Romero and District Attorney Tom Clayton.

**Yolanda Cruz-** Spoke on establishing MSG Comprehensive Treatment Center out-patient recovery treatment center, together we can make it a reality.

**Matt Probst-** Spoke also on developing the Comprehensive Treatment Center (Trauma informative care) asking for support from the Commission to establish residential treatment center.

**District Attorney Tom Clayton-** Looking forward to working together with everyone in the effort to help with our drug, alcohol and addiction problems. District Attorney informed the Commission the old vacant Eppie Duran Building would be an excellent place for this type of service. Totally supports this project.

**Dr. Rocky Romero-**Spoke on all the benefits of having a crisis treatment center which would create a place for an individual could receive the help they need and feel safe. Totally supports this project.

Interim Manager Melinda Gonzales informed the Commission she has met with Sheriff Lopez about the different possibilities of the County obtaining funds, one being for the building and the other for services rendered. Ms. Gonzales stated to the Commission she is hoping the County will not need to provide any additional funding for this project.

Chairman Harold Garcia requested Commission approval for the Resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to approve the Resolution Declaring Drug Abuse, Alcohol Abuse, and Addiction a Public Health Crisis in San Miguel County. Second by Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela. Motion carried.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chairman Harold Garcia-Yes  
Madam Vice-Chairman Janice Varela - Yes  
Commissioner Max Trujillo- Yes  
Commissioner Martin Sena- Yes  
Commissioner Kenneth Medina- Yes

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)**

San Miguel County Planning and Zoning Supervisor Robert Archuleta presented to the Commission the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Mr. Archuleta informed the Commission the County has already submitted all projects to the Legislature and has an approved ICIP. Mr. Archuleta informed the Commission the County can amend the ICIP Plan if the Commission would like to add additional projects to the plan.

Chairman Harold Garcia stated the Commission would like to add to the ICIP Plan, the previous Resolution on Drug Abuse, Alcohol Abuse, and Addiction and Broad Band.

Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela informed the Commission she agrees with Mr. Archuleta but would like to make sure that the rural areas are included to the Broad Band Capital Outlay.

### **2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

San Miguel County Interim Manager informed the Commission during the Special Meeting held on January 14, 2021 the Commission was provided a listing of the legislative requests. Ms. Gonzales stated since then a few more requests have been brought to the attention of management, in addition the County has been asked to prioritize the top three projects. Interim County Manager Melinda Gonzales requested a verbal vote of the projects of most priority be conducted. The Commission voted the following top seven projects as followed Number one being the one of top priority, (1) Treatment Center, (2) County Roads, (3) Broad Band, (4) Facility for Voting, (5) Equipment for Public Works, (6) Pictometry, and (7) Sheriff Building Expansion.

Motion made by Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela to approve the 2021 Legislative Priorities. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION**

Limited Personnel Matters, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) (2) (as amended) of the Open Meetings Act, more specifically personnel matters regarding specific County Departments: Detention Center Supervisor

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero requested the Commission enter into executive session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters.

Chairman Harold Garcia requested a motion be made by the Commission to enter into executive session.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo at 3:18 p.m. to go into executive session. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Chairman Harold Garcia- Yes  
Madam Vice-Chair Janice Varela- Yes  
Commissioner Max Trujillo- Yes  
Commissioner Martin Sena- Yes  
Commissioner Kenneth Medina- Yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

San Miguel County Attorney Dave Romero stated for the record those items discussed in executive session were Limited Personnel Matters, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (h) (2) (as amended) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Romero Requested the Commission make a motion to come out of executive session and return to regular session.

Chairman Harold Garcia requested a motion be made by the Commission to come out of executive session and resume to regular session.

Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo at 4:18 p.m. to come out of executive session and return back to regular session. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

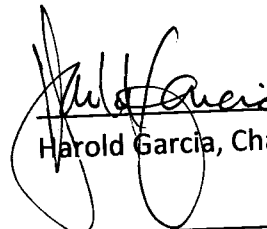
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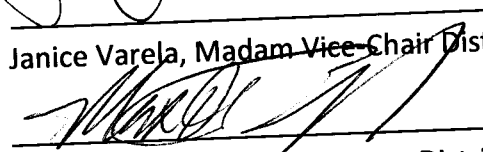
Motion made by Commissioner Max Trujillo at 4:22 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

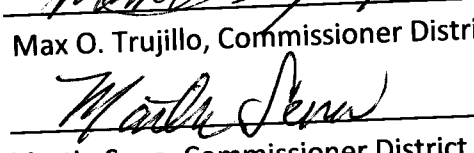
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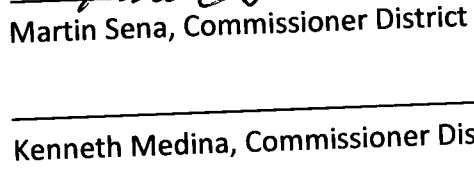
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Approved this 9th day of February, 2021, as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico, of its Special Meeting held January 26, 2021.

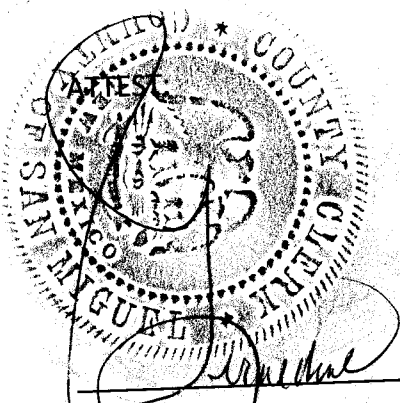
  
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Janice Varela, Madam Vice-Chair District 2  


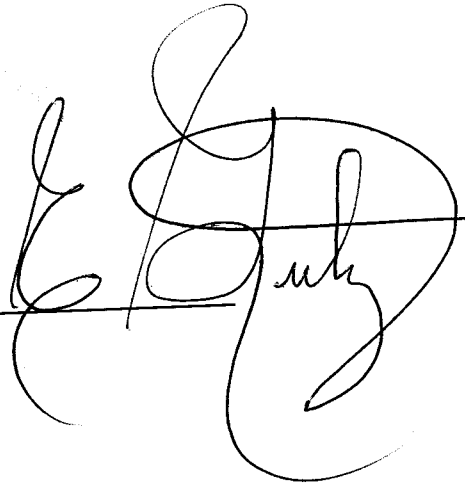
Max O. Trujillo, Commissioner District 3  


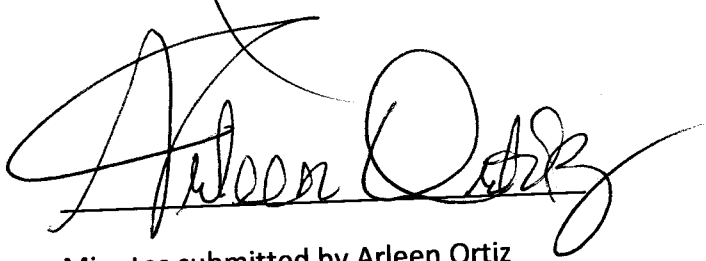
Martin Sena, Commissioner District 4  


Kenneth Medina, Commissioner District 5



Geraldine E. Gutierrez  
San Miguel County Clerk



  
Minutes submitted by Arleen Ortiz