

MINUTES of The SPECIAL MEETING
of The BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

HELD MAY 16, 2023 AT 9:00 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Chairman Harold Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the San Miguel County Commission Chambers at 500 West National Avenue, Suite 201 in Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll-call by Administrative Assistant Jacob Gonzales: Chairman Harold Garcia - present, Vice-Chair Martin Sena - present, Commissioner Janice Varela - present, Commissioner Max Trujillo – present, and Commissioner Kenneth Medina - present.

The record will show a quorum is present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Max Trujillo led the Chambers in the Pledge, and:

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

No changes to the Agenda.

Motion to approve agenda as is made by Chairman Harold Garcia. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT FOR DOLORES RUBIO-SALAZAR AND JOHN TIERNAN

Human Resource Director Eileen Sedillo presented John Tiernan a plaque commemorating his employment as Maintenance Supervisor with a begin hire date of 08-03-2015. Ms. Sedillo then presented Dolores Rubio-Salazar's plaque and informed Ms. Rubio-Salazar began her employment with SMC Finance on 08-10-1998. The plaque will be delivered to Ms. Rubio-Salazar.

7. REQUEST TO HAVE JULY'S COMMISSION MTG CHANGED FROM JULY 11TH TO JULY 10TH

Vice Chairman Martin Sena requested to change July's meeting to July 10.

Motion to approve July's meeting change from July 11th to July 10th made by Commissioner Janice Varela. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried.

8. MANUEL VILLANUEVA EL VALLE DE SAN MIGUEL FLYING DIAMOND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT PRESENTATION*

Human Resources Director Eileen Sedillo informed the Commission the recipient of the Manuel Villanueva El Valle de San Miguel Flying Diamond Scholarship is Azlyn Valdez from San Jose. Her parents are Andrew and Mari Valdez. Ms. Valdez attends WLVHS and graduates with a 3.6 GPA as a member of the National Honor Society and MESA. Ms. Valdez will be playing softball at LCC. The scholarship is \$800/year broken down to \$400 per semester.

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*** Chairman Harold Garcia introduced Jennifer Sanchez, Legislative Aide for US Representative Teresa Leger-Fernandez. Ms. Sanchez conveyed the Congresswoman's concern and efforts related to the Calf Canyon/Hermit's Peak fire and floods. Representative Leger-Fernandez's office is available to assist in any way and invited the Commission to be in contact.

*** Informational for public comment of federal elected official as item was not on agenda

9. JOB DESCRIPTION – CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

Human Resources Director Eileen Sedillo presented the Commission for a new position to coordinate and manage the \$64M in road projects that will be undertaken in SMC (mostly in the burn-scar and flood damaged areas). The position will also assist in the construction projects for Sheriff's Building, Clerks Voting Storage Building and the Addiction Treatment Center.

Motion to approve Construction Project Manager job description made by Commissioner Martin Sena. Second by Chairman Harold Garcia. Motion carried.

10. REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – CHIEF APPRAISER

Human Resources Director Eileen Sedillo informed the Commission of a few edits to the position of Chief Appraiser. The changes provided greater detail to the roles and supervisory aspect of the Chief Appraiser.

Motion to approve revised job description – Chief Appraiser – made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

11. RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING HEALTHCARE INTERESTS IN SMC

Chairman Harold Garcia informed the Commission of the desire and need to create an advisory board to address healthcare concerns in our County and our neighbors, Mora and Guadalupe counties. Alta Vista Hospital is limiting their services provided to the community and mainly transporting patients to Albuquerque and Santa Fe hospitals, a long-time pharmacy in Las Vegas has ceased operations, and some medical practices have left the county. The board will have 19 medical and health professionals; of these members, an Executive Committee of seven members will be the governing board of the Health Care Study Group with an elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. The meetings will be conducted under the statute of the Open Meetings Act. The Health Care Study Group will be funded \$50K to conduct research and develop a study plan.

Motion to approve Resolution creating Health Care Study Group made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

Roll Call – AYES: H. Garcia, M. Sena, J. Varela, M. Trujillo, K. Medina – Unanimous Passage.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING ETZ ZONE AND LV LAKESIDE, LLC SUBDIVISION*

County Attorney Herman Chico Gallegos informed the Commission of a request to reduce the number of lots in this 1964 subdivision known as Lakeside from 91 lots to 32. There are several factors about the management of this subdivision especially in regards to the S/D being in the extra-territorial zone in regards to water, sewer, roads, etc. Planning and Zoning Director Amanda Salas informed the Commission that the County provides most of the services in the ETZ except for water. Discussions and agreements in terms of development in subdivisions in the ETZ must be had between the City and County Zoning regarding Statutes and Ordinance enforcement to create a cohesive plan between these two governing bodies to maximize permitted development and administration of services and jurisdiction.

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13. LODGER'S TAX BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Harold Garcia asked Planning and Zoning Director Amanda Salas if these appointments were necessary to be made today or if it would be acceptable to table this item for the June meeting. Ms. Salas responded tabling the item would be acceptable.

Motion to table Appointment of Lodger's Tax Board to June meeting made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried.

14. RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

County Manager Joy Ansley asked for ratification of the OEM Emergency Declaration for the Las Tusas Fire Event and subsequent flooding in the existing burn scar of Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire 2022. The Las Tusas 2023 fire event burned 200 acres, destroyed three houses and 10 structures. As of May 16th the fire is 90% contained.

15. COUNTY MANAGER CONTRACT RENEWAL

Chairman Harold Garcia asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss Ms. Joy Ansley's contract renewal as SMC Manager.

Motion to adjourn Regular Session and enter Executive Session made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried. Executive session was entered into at 10:02 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

Limited Personnel Matters, as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15(H)(2) (as amended) of the Open Meetings Act, more specifically personnel matters regarding specific county departments.

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(6) that portion of meetings at which the contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code are discussed during the contract negotiation process.

Attorney Client Privilege pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation as permitted by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7)(as amended) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and re-adjourn Special Meeting made by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried. Regular Session of the Special Meeting was entered into at 1:44 PM.

15 cont. COUNTY MANAGER CONTRACT RENEWAL

[1st motion] Commissioner Kenneth Medina made a motion to renew Joy Ansley's contract as SMC Manager for one year without a salary increase. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion denied.

ROLL CALL: AYES – K. Medina

NAY – H. Garcia, M. Sena, J. Varela, M. Trujillo – motion 1 denied.

[2nd motion] Commissioner Max Trujillo made a motion to renew Joy Ansley's contract as SMC Manager for one year with a \$10K salary increase. Second by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Motion carried.

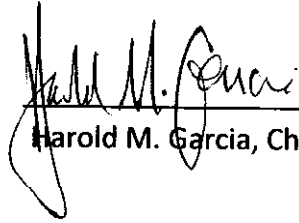
ROLL CALL: AYES – H. Garcia, M. Sena, J. Varela M. Trujillo – motion 2 carried.

NAY – K. Medina

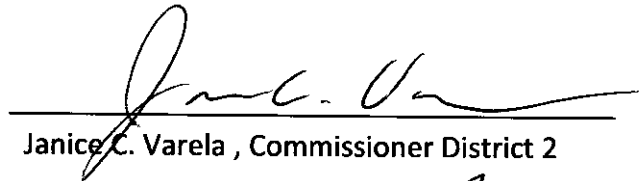
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting made by Vice Chairman Martin Sena. Second by Commissioner Max Trujillo. Motion carried. Adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Approved this 19th day of June, 2023 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico of its Special Meeting held May 16, 2023 at the San Miguel County Commission Chambers Suite 201 at 500 W. National Ave.


Harold M. Garcia, Chairman District 1

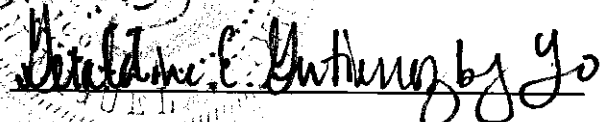

Martin Sena, Vice-Chairman District 4

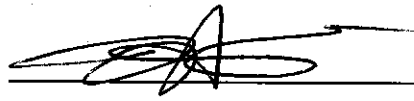

Janice C. Varela, Commissioner District 2


Max Trujillo, Commissioner District 3


Kenneth C. Medina, Commissioner District 5




Geraldine E. Gutierrez, San Miguel County Clerk


Minutes submitted by Jacob P. Gonzales

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