

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2018 BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday December 11, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting convened at the San Miguel County Administration Complex located at 500 West National Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

ROLL CALL:

Upon a call of the roll, Chairman Chris Najjar present, Commissioner Rock Ulibarri present, Commissioner Arthur Padilla present, Vice-Chairman Janice Varela present, Commissioner Maria Martinez was not present and a quorum was duly noted. Commissioner Martinez joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION TO NM STATE FLAG

Commissioners, staff and citizens in attendance joined in the pledge and salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Arthur Padilla to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Rock Ulibarri. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Arthur Padilla to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting held on November 13, 2018. Second by Commissioner Maria Martinez. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW SAN MIGUEL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

San Miguel County Human Resource Director Eileen Sedillo introduced to the Commission the new San Miguel County employees.

April Gonzales – San Miguel County Detention Center Administrative Assistant.

PUBLIC INPUT FORUM

Manuel J. Garcia – Discussed County matters.
Manuel Martinez – Discussed County matters.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of office San Miguel County Detention Center

San Miguel County Chairman Chris Najjar swore in employees of the San Miguel County Detention Center for Oath of office. Warden Matt Elwell and Deputy Warden Antonio Padilla awarded each member with their badges.

REGULAR ORDER

1. APPOINTMENT OF PROBATE JUDGE

San Miguel County Human Resource Director Eileen Sedillo informed the Commission that during the November regular commission meeting, Chairman Najjar gave the recommendation to form a committee (members selected by the commission) to interview and select the top three candidates to be submitted to the commission for appointment of the recently vacated Probate Judge. The committee (Dave Romero, Eileen Sedillo, Matthew Elwell, Celina Rael de Garcia, Dave Luna; Dolores Ortega and Steve Martinez, not present) held interviews on Monday December 3, 2018, interviewed 7 applicants, (1 withdrew and 1 did not show) and selected the following top three candidates (listed in no order): Dwight Torres, Richard Vigil and Mike Trujillo. Each candidate gave a brief presentation to the Commission on why they should be appointed as Probate Judge.

Motion made by Commissioner Arthur Padilla to nominate Dwight Torres. Second by Commissioner Maria Martinez.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Janice Varela to nominate Mike Trujillo. Second by Commissioner Rock Ulibarri.

Chairman Chris Najjar Voted Dwight Torres to be our next Probate Judge. Motion carried.

2. REQUEST COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN THE AMOUNT OF 150,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 4X4 AMBULANCE TO SERVICE THE PECOS AND EL VALLE AREA OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

San Miguel County Fire Marshal Andrew Duran informed the Commission that San Miguel County is seeking capital outlay for the purchase of a new 4x4 ambulance to service the Pecos Village and surrounding area. Mr. Duran requested the Commission approve capital outlay in the amount of \$150,000 for the purchase of a new 4x4 ambulance.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Janice Varela to approve capital outlay in the amount of \$150,000 for the purchase of a new 4x4 ambulance. Second by Commissioner Rock Ulibarri. Motion carried.

3. DISTINGUISHED PROBATE JUDGE SERVICE AWARD

San Miguel County Probate Clerk Samantha Armijo presented to the Commission a recognition speech and award for Probate Judge Charlyne Otero for her exceptional service to San Miguel County. Ms. Otero stood up and gave a thank you speech.

For informational purposes only.

4. DISTINGUISHED COUNTY ASSESSOR SERVICE AWARD

San Miguel County Chief Deputy Assessor Elaine Estrada presented to the Commission a recognition speech and award for County Assessor Patricia Gallegos for her exceptional service to San Miguel County. Ms. Gallegos stood up and gave a thank you speech.

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For informational purposes only.

5. DISTINGUISHED COUNTY SHERIFF SERVICE AWARD

San Miguel County interim Undersheriff Rodney Perea presented to the Commission a recognition speech and award for County Sheriff Gary Gold for his exceptional service to San Miguel County. Mr. Gold stood up and gave a thank you speech.

For informational purposes only.

6. DISTINGUISHED COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 SERVICE AWARD

San Miguel County Public Works Supervisor Morris Madrid presented to the Commission a recognition speech and award for County Commissioner Rock Ulibarri for his exceptional service to San Miguel County. Commissioner Ulibarri stood up and gave a thank you speech.

For informational purposes only.

7. DISTINGUISHED COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 SERVICE AWARD

San Miguel County Planning and Zoning Supervisor Alex Tafoya presented to the Commission a recognition speech and award for County Commissioner Arthur Padilla for his exceptional service to San Miguel County. Commissioner Padilla stood up and gave a thank you speech.

For informational purposes only.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Arthur Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 3:05p.m. Second by Commissioner Rock Ulibarri. Motion carried.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2018 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, of its Regular Meeting held December 11, 2018.

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Chairman, Chris A. Najár
District 5

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Vice-Chairman, Janice C. Varela,
District 2

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Commissioner, Max O. Trujillo
District 3

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Commissioner, Maria L. Martinez
District 4

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Commissioner Harold M. Garcia
District 1

ATTEST
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Geraldine E. Gutiérrez, County Clerk

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Minutes Submitted by Zachary Garza