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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Commission Meeting
March 9, 2016

Commissioners Present: **LeRoy Candelaria- Chair**
 James Frost-Member, Vice-Chair
 Julia DuCharme-Member

Others Present: **Joy Ansley-County Manager**
 Annette Ortiz- Deputy County Manager
 Dennis Wallin-County Attorney
 Michelle Jones -Clerical

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Candelaria calls the March 9, 2016 meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomes all those present to the meeting and leads us in the pledge. Ms. Nicole Maxwell, reporter for the Mountainview Telegraph, gives the invocation.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve the February 24, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the February 24, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for a change to the minutes. On agenda item # **10. Petition to Vacate County Road B039**, she requests clarification on the minutes that she requested the landowner, Mr. Barner, be invited to the next Commission meeting to be available for questions, not to the viewing as the minutes state. This change will be made. The Commissioners vote; two in favor, Chairman Candelaria abstains as he was not in attendance at the February 24, 2016 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve today's agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve today's Commission Meeting Agenda. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme requests a change to the agenda; she requests agenda item 13.

Proposed Contract with EVSWA for Solid Waste Services & Ordinance 94-12 Discussion and agenda item 14. **Proposed RFP for Solid Waste Services Discussion**, be switched so that the proposed RFP for Solid Waste Services can be discussed before the proposed EVSWA contract and Ordinance 94-12. Chairman Candelaria states that if the Commission discusses the contract first, they can compare it to the RFP. Madam Commissioner DuCharme disagrees and does not think the RFP should match the contract. She requests the switch. She also asks why item 14. **Proposed RFP for Solid Waste Services Discussion** is on the agenda, as the Commission has already discussed this. Ms. Ansley states that she put both of these items on the agenda. There is a draft RFP that she wants to present to the Commission for their review. Ms. Ansley also suggests that the Commission form a committee to work on the proposed RFP. The Commissioners vote; two in favor, Madam Commissioner is opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Madam Commissioner DuCharme's request for the change to the agenda is noted, but this change will not be made.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve today's consent agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve today's Consent Agenda. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme has questions about the consent agenda. She asks about invoice #922916 to NM Compilation Commission for replacement tabs missing in returned law books in the amount of \$34.00, and invoice #143716 to NM Compilation Commission for Cost due to agency to replenish returned 17-numbered sets for lost NMSA set #954 INV #10406 in the amount of \$450.00. Ms. Jaramillo, County Clerk, explains that the County had law books that had been here for many, many, years that were not being used, several books were missing in the Commission room, and books were not being updated. Ms. Jaramillo was going to exchange her office's law books for online books. You have to pay for the hard copy books before you can get online. She returned her books, but some of the tabs were missing, so she had to pay for those before she could access the online books-

\$34.00. The Manager's Office paid for their books so that they could stop receiving updates for books that were not complete. Ms. Jaramillo states that if anyone needs to look at the current laws, they can access NM One source in her office.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme now asks about invoice # 163716 to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power for Postage meter refill 2/1/2016 in the amount of \$1005.00. She asks how this works and who uses it. Ms. Ansley answers that the postage machine is in the Manager's Office; we have to have postage to mail things so we purchase postage on that meter. The mail comes from every department in the County and the Manager's office stamps it and takes it to the Post Office.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme now asks about invoice #203716 to Ugly Joe for 300 t-shirts xs-2xl. In the amount of \$2,480.00. 300 total tee-shirts and almost every Fire Department is charged \$496.00. She asks what those tee shirts are and who will receive them. Ms. Ansley replies that members of the Fire Department will receive the shirts. The Departments will keep a rotating stock of shirts because the roster changes. When a new member comes in they are issued their bunker gear, their tee shirt, their sweat shirt, etc.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she noticed that we are paying the Radio Station for February and March. She asks if we have already paid for February. Ms. Ansley states that she does not believe so.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks about invoice # 2222616 to Dennis Engineering for Differential Elevation Survey GRT in the amount of \$864.00. Ms. Ansley explains that the County did an elevation study at the Mescalero Dam. She states that this dam has been on the inventory and we have been failing inspections on it. Mr. Steve Guetschow, P&Z Director, found out that if the dam met certain elevation criteria, it could be excluded as a dam from the State's listing, so an elevation study was done. The dam is located in Torrance County next to the Indian Hills Fire Department. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There are no indigent claims on the consent agenda today.

Action Items

Items to Be Considered and Acted Upon

Department Requests/Reports:

1. Updates

Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk, speaks. Yesterday was candidate filing day. She reads the list of persons who are running in Districts that pertain to us:

State Senator District 19-

Harold Murphee, Democrat
James P. White- Republican
James Roger Wilder- Republican
Anthony Linn Thornton- Republican
Herb A. Gadberry- Republican

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- 5,6,13,15

State Senator District 39-

Mike Dale Anaya- Democrat
(Ted) Theodore Barela- Republican
Elizabeth Liz Stefanics- Democrat
Hugh H. Ley- Democrat
Ambrose M. Castellano- Democrat

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16

State Representative District 50-

Matthew McQueen- Democrat
Jeremy Ryan Tremko- Republican
Andrew Homer- Democrat

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- 3,4,5,7,9,10,13,16

State Representative District 70-

Thomas E. Salazar- Democrat, unopposed

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- 1,2,6,8,12,13,14,15

Judicial District 7-

Lee Deschamps- Democrat

Clint Wellborn- Republican

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- All

County Commissioner District 3-

Javier Ernesto Sanchez- Democrat

Ivan Riley- Democrat

LeRoy M. Candelaria- Republican

Edwina (George) Hewett- Republican

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,12,14,16

County Clerk

Linda Jaramillo- Republican unopposed

County Treasurer

Wilson B. Myrick- Democrat

Margarita C. Hibbs- Democrat

Tracy L. Sedillo- Republican

Precincts in Torrance that can vote for this race- All

Ms. Jaramillo congratulates all of those who filed, stating that she knows it can be stressful and nerve-wracking to run and she admires the people who step up to run for office.

Steve Guetschow, Planning and Zoning Director, speaks. He informs the Commission that on April 13th, his office has scheduled a Public Hearing for the Commission to review the draft of proposed updates to the Torrance County Zoning Ordinance. He will have a hard copy available in his office for the public to review or purchase, a scanned copy will be available on the TC website, and Mr. Guetschow will deliver copies to all the local libraries.

Butch McGee, Representative from the Fair Board, speaks. He thanks the County for their recent assistance in repairing a water leak at the Fair Grounds. There are two more leaks that will be repaired soon.

Commissioner Frost has no update today.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme speaks. She was recently made aware that the Fair Board made a decision to charge Fair exhibitors a \$150.00 fee if they do not participate in the Fair Cleanup. She states that she initially thought this might cause a drop in participation or might discourage participants. When Ms. Wallin, Fair Board President, read the exact motion to Madam Commissioner DuCharme, she understood it better. If participants have a good reason to miss the cleanup, they will not be charged the fee. Also, the Fair Board is open to ideas that will encourage cleanup participation. Mr. McGee adds that it is the responsibility of participants to show their livestock, etc., in a clean environment. Participants need to help clean, instead of the same people having to pitch in every time.

Chairman Candelaria speaks. He attended the Fair Board meeting last evening and was a bit in awe at all the rules and regulations that these young kids that show animals have to follow; about 40 pages worth. There is a lot of hard work and responsibility involved. Chairman Candelaria states that the cleanup is also a responsibility that the kids have to take on. He also encourages any volunteer organizations that are interested in providing community service to please get involved in helping with the Fair also.

2. Request Payment of Purchase(s) Made- Cheryl Hamm, District IV Fire Ms. Hamm speaks. Last year, the Fire Chief from District 4 called Dispatch and stated that their heaters were not working. Ms. Hamm had the contact information for the electrician, so she was asked to contact him. The electrician went to do an estimate, but it turned out that they had just run out of propane. The electrician charged a trip charge. The electrician sent Ms. Hamm the invoice. She forgot to take the invoice to the admin for processing. The amount of this invoice is \$107.00. Ms. Ansley states that there is another invoice for District 4 in the amount of \$161.72. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Chairman Candelaria makes a motion to approve the request for Payment of Purchases made. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks about the second invoice; she asks if work was done. Fire Marshall Jason Trumbull explains that yes, work was done; Ross plumbing repaired the heater in December 2015. The first invoice was generated in February of 2015. Ms. Hamm does not volunteer for

District 4, but she states that she is here because she made the call for service and the Dist. 4 Chief was not available to come in today. Fire Marshall Trumbull states that Crystal Bostwick, admin, is very efficient at requesting purchase orders properly but unfortunately in this instance, she was not given the invoices. Commissioner Frost asks if the heater was repaired and now works properly. Fire Marshall Trumbull replies yes. Commissioner Frost calls for the question. Chairman Candelaria calls for the vote. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if there will be another late fee charged from Ross Plumbing. Fire Marshall Trumbull replies there should be no new late fee if it gets paid. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that the second invoice has two late fees and asks why we should pay the late fees. The fees are approximately \$17.00 each .She states that the Commission is ready to violate its own policy. She agrees that the County has to pay for services it receives, but not the late fees. Ms. Hamm offers to pay the late fees. Chairman Candelaria talks about the high cost that could have been incurred if the heater had not been fixed. He again calls for the vote to pay the two invoices with the late charges included. The Commissioners vote. Two in favor, Madam Commissioner DuCharme is opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she wants the minutes to reflect that she would be in favor of paying the invoices, but not the late charges; she believes the person responsible for the late charges should pay them.

3. Discussion of Proposed SOG's for TC Fire Ms. Cheryl Hamm speaks. The Commission has been presented with a draft copy of a Torrance County Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Volunteer Nominal Fee Program. She explains the proposed program. She states that this is a retention and incentive program for volunteer Fire Fighters for Torrance County and is attached below:

Torrance County Fire Department
Standard Operating Guidelines
Volunteer Nominal Fee Program

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A. Purpose:

The purpose is to provide guidelines for the distribution of the Incentive Nominal Fee for volunteers within the Torrance County Fire Department.

B. Standard:

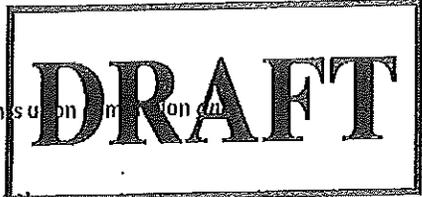
In 2016 the Torrance County Commission approved funding for the "Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Nominal Fee Incentive" for TCFD Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Responders effective April 1, 2016. This is Not an hourly rate of pay or based on the member's productivity, but rather a nominal incentive fee paid to TCFD Volunteer First Responders for participation in department events, trainings, and response to Fire, EMS, and Public Assist Incidents.

C. Eligibility:

1. All TCFD volunteers must fill out an Incentive Program application indicating their membership status and understanding of the program. Participation in this program is voluntary and members may decline participation.
2. Participating members must fill out IRS forms W-9 and W-4 which will be provided by TCFD. No payment will be made without these forms correctly and completely filled out and on file.
3. An active member of the fire department who meets and is maintaining the requirements of an operational or administrative volunteer as set forth in the TCFD SOG's, are eligible for the Nominal Fee Incentive Program. Volunteers must meet all requirements and be in good standing.

D. Probationary Members:

New recruits must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 6 months of the probationary period to be eligible for the nominal fee. All recruits must be in good standing and meet all the requirements of a probationary member as outlined in the TCFD SOG's. Any Formal/Required training completed during the new recruits probationary period will be paid on successful completion of the overall probation period. All required documentation relating to the respective course must be submitted along with documentation of current membership and good standing from the Station Chief.



E. License and Certification Courses*

Active members are eligible for lump sum payments upon completion of

Licensure/Certification of the following courses:

Firefighter First Aid	(\$30)
First Responder	(\$70)
EMT - Basic	(\$200)
EMT- Intermediate	(\$250)
IFSAC Hazmat Operations	(\$50)
IFSAC Firefighter 1	(\$200)
Wildland S-130, S-190, L-180	(\$50)
IFSAC Vehicle Extrication	(\$30)

The nominal fee is based on each 8 hour block of didactic and practical portions of the approved training with a (\$10) minimum up to (\$300) maximum per course completed. No nominal fee will be paid until the Active Duty Volunteer has submitted an approved course Licensure/certificate.

*All courses must meet the following criteria:

1. Is scheduled in advance.
2. Has a written outline with an objective.
3. Is provided by an individual qualified at the level being taught or higher.
4. Is approved by the governing agency.



F. Required Training*:

- DOT Certified Physical (must pass)
- VFIS Certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- In District Apparatus Training.

Minimum of four hours per apparatus and a Certificate of proficiency issued by the Station Chief.

Class E License (\$18)

This nominal fee is based on the current fee at the time of licensure as set forth by the NM Motor Vehicle Department for a 4 year license. This nominal fee will only be paid for the initial licensure.

CPR Certification/Recertification (\$10)

The CPR course must be a course approved by the NM EMS Bureau.

FEMA NIMS Required Online Course (\$20)

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Nominal Fee is per course; Certificate of completion is required.

*Required training is any course or class that must be completed to fulfill the training necessary for the volunteer member to perform his/her assigned duties as set forth by the Governing Body of said activity.

G. Nominal Fee for Per Call Response

1. Fire (\$10)

This includes Fire, Public Assist/Lift Assist, Extrication and any call that requires a Firefighter. The Firefighter must remain on scene until released by the Incident Commander.

2. EMS (\$5)

To receive the nominal fee for an EMS call the responder must be licensed at or above the First Responder level with a current CPR card and a current Class E license. This applies to Responders even if they are not operating the vehicle/apparatus.



H. Nominal Fee for Station Chiefs:

The nominal fee paid to each Station Chief is a monthly lump sum based on a Station's current ISO rating.

1. ISO rating 8 or 9 (\$250)
2. ISO rating 6 or 7 (\$500)
3. ISO rating 5 or below (\$750)

To be eligible for the monthly lump sum payment Station Chiefs must meet the following requirements:

1. All required NFIRS and EMS run reports must be valid and current.
2. Minimum of 8 hours of station training per month.
3. Minimum of 1 Business meeting.
4. Fuel logs verified and submitted by the 10th of each month.
5. Other Station Chief duties required monthly by the TCFD SOG's and the Corresponding State* and Federal* requirements.

*These requirements will be detailed by the TCFD County Fire Chiefs Office where applicable. Failure to complete any 1 of the mandatory requirements above will result in forfeiture of the respective months lump sum payout.

I. Payment:

Eligible members must submit an approved Per Call Pay Voucher monthly to the Station Chief. Pay Vouchers will be distributed by the Torrance County Fire Chief and any other forms are invalid and result in the forfeiture of pay for that quarter. Copies of Certificate/License must be included. The fully completed Pay Vouchers, signed by the Volunteer and the Station Chief must be submitted by the 10th day following the end of the calendar quarter.

The Nominal Fee Payment is only in effect for the current calendar quarter and no retroactive pay will be Issued for previous quarters.

The Calendar Quarter dates are as follows: July 1–September 30, October 1–December 31, January 1– March 31, April 1– June 30.

Ms. Hamm states that her goal is to put this into effect April 1. Chairman Candelaria comments that this is another element of the County that involves volunteers. These volunteers go out of their way, to possibly even save a life. They spend time going to training and to protect us. The County's volunteers are invaluable to us and deserve a pat on the back and a thank you for keeping us safe. Commissioner Frost concurs with the statements of Chairman Candelaria and adds

that we owe a lot to our Fire Department and anything we can do to help them to help us is good.

Ms. Hamm adds that when people volunteer, they are not doing it for the money. The issue here is that we have very few volunteers. People are having to leave the County in search of work. This is the beginning of what we need to do to help people to be able to stay here in the County and to continue serving their community.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for an update on the upcoming Volunteer Fire Fighter Banquet. Ms. Hamm states that the Banquet will be held this Saturday, starting at 6:00pm. Approximately 110 people are expected to attend. Lastly, Ms. Hamm states that there are a lot of issues facing Torrance County and until we can start having constructive, civil dialogue, nothing is going to get done. We need to start having a little bit of respect for each other. If we can't keep it civil and keep our ideas out there, even with our differences, we're going to be letting a whole lot of people down and that's just not right.

Ms. Ansley states that what they would like is for the Commission to take this document home, read it and study it. She will have it on the next agenda for proposed action. All documentation hereto attached. **NO ACTION, DISCUSSION ONLY**

4. Professional Service Contract Between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Roseanne Bishop, DVM- Cindi Sullivan, TCAS Director Ms. Sullivan speaks. This is a contract between Torrance County and Roseanne Bishop, DVM. This is the same contract that we have been using for several years; no changes have been made. The scope of service on the contract states: Contractor agrees to perform the following services and /or provide the following services to the Animal Shelter, as the supervising veterinarian: Review the standard operating procedures regarding Humane Euthanasia and the controlled drug accountability standards used by the shelter and to assist the Animal Shelter in ordering controlled substances and supplies used by the shelter. Ms. Bishop also provides health certificates for each animal that has to be transported out-of-state. All documentation attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Professional Service Contract between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Roseanne Bishop, DVM. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. Chairman Candelaria asks if the contract was reviewed by County Legal Counsel. Ms. Sullivan replies yes, all the contracts she is presenting today

for approval have been reviewed. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Professional Service Contract Between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Kathleen West, RPH- Cindi Sullivan, TCAS Director Ms. Sullivan speaks. This is a contract between the TC Animal Shelter and Kathleen West, RPH. The DEA and the NM Pharmacy Board require Ms. Sullivan to have a quarterly inspection. Every quarter, Ms. West comes to the shelter and conducts the inspection. This is the same contract they have been using for several years; no changes. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Professional Service Contract between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Kathleen West, RPH. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks why Ms. Bishop cannot perform these services also. Ms. Ansley clarifies that Ms. Bishop is a Vet and provides veterinary services and Ms. West is a Pharmacist and she does the quarterly inspections. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Veterinary Services Agreement Between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Dr. Stacey Thornton- Cindi Sullivan, TCAS Director Ms. Sullivan speaks. This is a service agreement between the TC Animal Shelter and Dr. Stacey Thornton and Western Trails Veterinary. This specific contract is only for sterilization and rabies injections. There are no changes to this contract. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Veterinary Services Agreement between Torrance County Animal Shelter and Dr. Stacey Thornton. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Commissioner Frost asks if these services are conducted at the shelter. Ms. Sullivan replies no, the person either adopting or reclaiming their animal takes them to the vet to have these services performed. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks why Ms. Bishop cannot perform these services. Ms. Sullivan replies that Ms. Bishop does not work out of a clinic big enough to perform these services. Ms. Sullivan explains each contract and each service that each person performs. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

7. Contract for Professional Services Between Torrance County and Western Trails Animal Hospital- Cindi Sullivan, TCAS Director Ms. Sullivan speaks. This is a contract between the TC Animal Shelter and Western Trail Animal Hospital. This contract is exactly like the one between TC Animal Shelter and Roseanne Bishop DVM. Ms. Bishop has expressed to Ms. Sullivan that she may discontinue providing services within the next year. This contract will get Western Trails on board in the event the Ms. Bishop stops providing services. There will be no fees charged unless services are provided. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Wallin if it is ok to have this type of duplicate service. Mr. Wallin states yes. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Chairman Candelaria makes a motion to approve the contract for Professional Services between Torrance County and Western Trails Animal Hospital. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

At this time, Chairman Candelaria takes this opportunity to wish Michelle Jones, me, a Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Michelle!

8. Resolution 2016-11 Line Item Transfer(s) - Amanda Tenorio, Finance Director Ms. Ansley speaks. Ms. Tenorio is not in attendance today. She is requesting approval of Resolution 2016-11 Line Item Transfers. These requested line item transfers are within the County's budgeted funds for the FY15/16 budget. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve 2016-11 Line Item Transfer(s). Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Ansley about one of the transfers; the transfer within the Fire Admin. Department for \$98,000.00 from the line item Safety Equipment to line item CO/Vehicles. Ms. Ansley replies that she believes these funds were moved to help pay for a brush truck for Fire Department District 1. The check can be written from this fund. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks why the funds are not coming out of the District 1 fund. Ms. Ansley replies that the District 1 budget is the State Fire Allotment. This truck is being purchased with the ¼ cent funds. The ¼ cent funds are in fund 411. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Ansley why she made the decision to take money from this line item and not from District 1. Ms. Ansley replies that she cannot explain this because she didn't make this decision. There has been discussion about purchasing a brush truck for Duran out of the ¼ cent funds, and that's where the purchase is being made. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that this was not discussed. Chairman Candelaria states that this was discussed at a

previous Commission meeting. Ms. Ansley states that this is a Fire Department purchase, the Fire Department Administration and the Chiefs make those calls for those purchases. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Resolution 2016-12 Budget Increase – Amanda Tenorio, Finance Director
Ms. Ansley speaks. This is a budget increase to place the funds that were received through the Juvenile Adjudication fund grant into the line items for expenditures. The amount of the budget increase is \$5,263.00. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve 2016-12 Budget Increase. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Grant Agreement with DFA for Project 15-08-77 Ms. Ansley speaks. At the last Commission meeting, the Commission approved a MOU for fiscal agent services with the Council of Governments for these two projects that are being presented now. Project 15-08-77 is in the amount of \$70,000.00. That is to pair up with the \$200,000.00 that was received in the 2014 session to purchase a computer aided dispatch system for Torrance County. This is the grant agreement for that project. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the Grant Agreement with DFA for Project 15-08-77. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if the \$200,000.00 that was previously received has already been expended. Ms. Ansley replies that it has not. Madam Commissioner DuCharme ask who will do the required monthly reporting for this project. Ms. Ansley replies that the Manager’s Office will. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. Grant Agreement with DFA for Project 15-08-78 Ms. Ansley speaks. This is for Project 15-08-78 in the amount of \$21,400.00 to purchase and equip vehicles for the Sheriff’s Department. Same grant, just a different project and a different amount. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the Grant Agreement with DFA for Project 15-08-78. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Grant Agreement for RE-Leaf Project/landscaping of Administration Building Ms. Ansley speaks. This is a grant that Dierdre Tarr, from the Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District, helped the County apply for so we could do a landscape project in the front of the Courthouse. The grant amount is \$3,998.00. There is a 20% in-kind match of \$6,500.00 for a total grant amount of \$10,500.00. Some in-kind has already been accomplished. Ms. Ansley met with Ms. Tarr to discuss some of the details of the project. This grant has been reviewed by the grant committee and they had no concerns. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Grant Agreement for RE-Leaf Project/landscaping of the Administration Building. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for clarification concerning the dollar amount of the in-kind match. Ms. Ansley clarifies that 20% of the grant amount is required, but they are estimating that they will far exceed that amount. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks who will be doing the planting and the watering. Ms. Ansley replies that the Road Department, 4-H kids, and staff will assist. Ms. Ansley plans to ask for a grounds keeper at some point in the future. The project does not include a water catchment system. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Candelaria thanks Ms. Dee Tarr and the Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District for their assistance with this grant.

13. Proposed Contract with EVSWA for Solid Waste Services & Ordinance 94-12 Discussion Ms. Ansley speaks. Work has been done on this item but more work is needed. She states that there are issues that need to be discussed within the proposed contract's scope of services and the contracted amount specifically. Ms. Ansley states that she believes that the County is still about a year away from having a contractor to fulfill a proposed RFP for solid waste services, however the County needs to move forward with trying to adopt Ordinance 94-12 and looking at the proposed contract with EVSWA in the meantime. Chairman Candelaria states that the RFP for solid waste services should mirror exactly the services that are being currently provided by the EVSWA. This was one of his takeaways from the Special meeting that was held on February 29th, 2016 in order to have a workshop for the Commissioners to discuss this issue and the GO bond election. Commissioner Frosts states that there was a lot of discussion about the RFP, but more needs to be discussed beyond that. One of the things that concerns him about this item are all the jobs involved; he wants the Commission to consider this and try to keep as many jobs as possible. Chairman Candelaria reminds all that the

most recent draft of Ordinance 94-12 is on the TC website for the public to review. He states that eventually the Commission will have to act on this ordinance. If, after the ordinance is approved by the Commission, residents feel that their rights are being violated, etc. they can go to District Court and if changes need to be made the District Court can advise the Commission on how to proceed. Ms. Ansley states that in the packet for this item, there is a proposed Agreement for Solid Waste System Services between the County of Torrance and the EVSWA. She states that she does not believe that there is any way that the County could approve this agreement as it is currently written; we simply do not have the money to pay what the fees would be to the County. Ms. Ansley refers to Exhibit 1: Level of Service; this is the current level of service the County has:

Exhibit 1: Level of Service

EVSWA will maintain a level of service for the collection, hauling, and disposal of allowable waste and recyclables, according to the following schedule:

1. Northern Collection Station, 1588 Salt Missions Trail, Moriarty, New Mexico, open seven days per week.
2. Indian Hills Collection Station, 300 Lexco Road, open three days per week.
3. Hills & Valleys Collection Station, 90 A-102, open three days per week.
4. Tajique Collection Station, 8636-A Hwy 55 , open three days per week.
5. Central Collection Station, 903-D N 5th Street, Estancia, New Mexico open three days per week.
6. Punta de Agua Collection Station, 351 Mailman Run at Hwy 55, open two days per week.
7. Southern Collection Station, 20330 Hwy 60, open two days per week.
8. Duran Collection Station, East Avenue & 2nd Street, Duran, New Mexico, open two half-days per month.

Ms. Ansley states that according to the EVSWA, in order to keep those stations open and running and to do the billing is going to cost the County \$800,000.00 per year. In addition, the County will owe tipping fees of approximately \$80,000.00 to \$120,000.00 per year. If the Commission considered enacting this contract, we would have to come up with approximately \$920,000.00 per year. Ms. Ansley states that in her opinion, if the Commission decided to enact this contract with the EVSWA the County would have to review the scope of services, or renegotiate the contract. There is discussion about the many facets of this issue. The Commission discusses the repercussions of cutting services, cutting discounts, etc. There is also discussion about the possible hardship to customers in the mountain communities if the collection stations are eliminated. Ms. Ansley suggests that the Commission have a joint meeting with the EVSWA Board and go through the budget and go

through the contract and ask specific questions about budget numbers. Ms. Ansley also states that it has been suggested to her that the Commission look at the possibility of auditing the solid waste system with regards to the County customers. Maybe get someone independent to come in and look at the system; look at their billing system, look at the collection stations, look at the ordinance, look at the proposed contracts, and have somebody completely unbiased and independent come in and tell us what they think about the numbers and what they think about the service we are providing. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she believes that this has already been done by Gordon Environmental just recently; last year. She reads a portion of their report. In their report, Gordon suggested going out for an RFP for solid waste services. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states we had a Public Hearing, what did we have this Public Hearing for? She hears from the public that they want the Commission to form a committee from the public; they would incorporate their suggestions into the ordinance. Chairman Candelaria states that yes, many people at the Commission meetings are not satisfied with the EVSWA, but many of our citizens do not attend the meetings. He states that many of those people have told him that he was elected to represent them. He states that it is his job to represent the people who do not come to the meetings as much as he represents the people that do attend.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks why we are discussing a new contract. We already have a contract with the EVSWA until June 30th, 2017. There is discussion about the terms of the current contract; it contains a 180 day escape clause for both the County and the EVSWA. Mr. Wallin states that he believes that this is how this issue came to fruition. He states that the EVSWA asked the County to review that contract and that the situation was untenable from their standpoint as to the finances and that the County was going to have to figure out a way to renegotiate that to make it work. Mr. Wallin further states that the EVSWA put us on notice that we needed to look at this contract and figure out ways to make this financing work. Ms. Ansley interjects, "or they were gonna close the stations". Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks who was put on notice and when. Mr. Wallin states that he does not have that in front of him. He states that he doesn't know that they came in and said that they were going to terminate in 180 days, they just said we need to look at this; we need to come up with some resolution. He states that this is his memory of it. Ms. Ansley comments that the Solid Waste Authority threatened to shut down the stations if we didn't renegotiate. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if they shouldn't keep them open according to the contract we have with them and have 180 days notification. Mr. Wallin answers that those are issues that should be discussed in closed session, he is not going to answer specific legal questions about a contract that he does not have in front of him, but he would

be happy to go into closed session now to discuss this. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks about the legality of charging an additional fee to people who already dispose of their trash legally. She states that she needs a legal opinion on this. Mr. Wallin replies that he has researched this and there is no violation of New Mexico law. Mr. Wallin offers to provide a formal legal opinion on this question if the Commission wants one. The Commission requests this legal opinion. All documentation hereto attached. **NO ACTION, DISCUSSION ONLY**

14. Proposed RFP for Solid Waste Services Discussion Chairman Candelaria speaks. He states that this proposed RFP has come about because of the discussion about the proposed solid waste contract and the solid waste ordinance 94-12. He believes that to move forward on the RFP, the Commission should form a committee to work on it and Madam Commissioner DuCharme should head the committee. He suggests that the committee include the County Finance Director, Procurement Officer, and County Manager. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she would also like to include some County residents who have shown interest: Mr. Romero, Mr. Freyburger, and Mr. Godey. Ms. Ansley comments that the committee also needs representation from the mountain communities because those are the people that are expressing to her that they are not ok with doing away with the trash service; she suggests Mr. Jason Quintana. Mr. Wallin comments that the Chair of the Commission would appoint this committee. Chairman Candelaria suggest advertising for volunteers for this committee. There is further discussion about who should be on the committee and how many members the committee should have. The Commission decides that the committee should consist of 11 members. The members of the committee so far will include: Madam Commissioner DuCharme- Committee Chair, Mr. Romero, Mr. Freyburger, Mr. Godey, Mr. Quintana, Ms. Ansley, Ms. Tenorio, and Ms. Olivas. Ms. Ansley will advertise in the paper for interested candidates to attend the March 23rd Commission meeting and the committee will be appointed at the April 13th Commission meeting. All documentation hereto attached. **NO ACTION, DISCUSSION ONLY**

15. Proposed Vacation of County Road B093 Three Sevens Ranch Road Ms. Ansley speaks. At the last Commission meeting, she presented the Commission with a petition she received from Mr. Barner, the land owner. Mr. Barner is requesting that the Commission vacate County Road B093. There is a statutory process that the Commission must follow. Ms. Ansley has contacted some individuals to view the road. She has provided the Commission with a

vicinity map of the area, an addressing map of the area, and copies of the letters she sent to the proposed viewers. All three of the proposed viewers have viewed roads for the County before and have agreed to do it again.

Ms. Ansley scheduled a proposed date for the viewing- Thursday, March 24, 2016. If the Commission chooses, they can take action on this vacation at the April 13, 2016 Commission meeting. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to appoint the viewing committee and move forward with the process for the proposed vacation of County Road B093. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. Mr. Barner, the landowner, comes to the podium and introduces himself to the Commission. He states that land where the road is located is all his private property. No one else lives there and there should be no public traffic driving through there. The portion of C093 for vacation is from HWY 41, East and South to the ranch headquarters, approximately 3 miles. If the County vacates this portion, Mr. Barner will gate it. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Barner for some history about the road. She asks him how the County ended up maintaining that road. Mr. Barner answers that he does not know; the County has maintained this road forever, long before he bought the property. Ms. Ansley states that the road viewing committee which consist of Mr. Jose Torres, Mr. Aaron Ward, and Mr. Fred Sanchez. Ms. Ansley states that these men are unbiased freeholders, they don't live in the area, are from different parts of the County, and have served on road viewing committees in the past. Mr. Guetschow has a sign ready to post in the area. The viewing will take place on Thursday, March 24th at 10:00 am. The road viewers, Mr. Barner, and any interested members of the public are invited to attend the viewing. Ms. Ansley states that the viewing committee will provide a written report to the Commission by April 4th. This item will be on the April 13th Commission meeting agenda as an action item. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

16. Appointment of Steering Committee for Comprehensive Land Plan

Update Ms. Ansley speaks. We have been going through the process of appointing persons to this committee. Ms. Ansley has given the Commission a list of interested candidates; four of these candidates were already appointed by the Commission at a previous meeting. Interested candidates were asked to attend today's meeting for a brief interview and possible appointment.

At this time, the following interested candidates are asked to come to the podium:

Anna Marie Nunez, Ron Graham, Jose Torres, Gail Langell, Morrow Hall, Daniel Antonio Herrera-Brummell, Gloria Zamora, Dierdre Tarr, Myra Pancrazio representing EVEDA, Steve Guetschow, Linda Jaramillo, and Gene Winn. Each speaks and answers questions of the Commission. Ms. Anna Marie Nunez and Mr. Ron Graham were was not able to attend today's meeting.

Each person is uniquely qualified and each is thanked by the Commission for their time today and their interest in this very important committee. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to appoint the following candidates to the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Land Plan Update:

Jose Torres
Gail Langell
Morrow Hall
Daniel Antonio Herrera Brummel
Gloria Lovato Zamora
Deirdre Tarr
Myra Pancrazio representing EVEDA
Steve Guetschow
Gene Winn
Linda Jaramillo
Anna Marie Nunez
Ron Graham

Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

17. Set Date of Torrance County Special Bond Election- Linda Jaramillo, Clerk Ms. Jaramillo speaks. At the last meeting, the Commission agreed to have a Special GO Bond election. Ms. Jaramillo requests the Commission pick a date for the election; she suggests August 9th. Chairman Candelaria comments that this date will conflict with the Fair which will run August 9-16. Chairman Candelaria suggests August 16th. Ms. Jaramillo agrees to this date and gives the Commission a handout outlining her election cost estimates:

Torrance County Special Bond Election

	Per Day	Precincts	Total Cost	Total
1 Election Day Presiding Judge	\$140.00	12	\$1,680.00	
2 Election Day Judges and Clerks	\$120.00	12	\$2,880.00	\$4,560.00
1 Absentee /In Person Presiding Judge	\$104.50	1	\$1,776.50	
2 Absentee /In Person Judges and Clerks	\$85.50	1	\$2,907.00	\$4,683.50
1 Alternate Presiding Judge	\$104.50	1	\$1,149.50	
2 Alternate Judges and Clerks	\$85.50	1	\$1,881.00	\$3,030.50
				\$12,274.00
	Per Hour			
2 Technicians	\$16.00		\$1,400.00	
Ballots	6,400		\$9,152.00	
Publications 1 paper only			\$2,400.00	
Supplies			\$500.00	
Mileage / Fuel			\$800.00	
Overtime			\$300.00	
		Units		
Poll Books for Absentee and Alternate	\$1,000.00	2	\$2,000.00	
Estimated Total Cost				\$28,826.00

Last day to hold Election	9/19/2016		
Target Date	8/9/2016		
Publication of Resolution Telegraph	6/16/2016		
Publication " " Independent	6/15/2016		add \$2,400 to budget
Absentee begins	7/12/2016		
Alternate Site begins	7/23/2016		

All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to set the date for the Torrance County Special Bond Election for August 16, 2016. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Jaramillo to clarify if the total election budget estimate includes the \$2,400.00 for publication in the Independent. Ms. Jaramillo states that this would be an additional cost if she publishes in both local papers. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that, as she has stated in the past, she does not support having this election in August. She states that she spoke with Ms. Wallin, Fair Board President, and Ms. Wallin told her that a table could be set up during the Fair to help educate people about the election. Madam Commissioner DuCharme now comments that she heard a complaint from someone about the

condition of a road that they use to bring their children to and from elementary school. School buses also travel that road and it is in pretty bad shape. She states that she drives dirt roads that need maintenance and she thinks to herself about how many roads could be taken care of with this money. She states that to her, this money is being spent frivolously. She hopes this is another chance for the Commission to consider having this election in November. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. Two in favor, Madam Commissioner DuCharme is opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. Jaramillo states that she will give the Commission the election timetable for the August 16th election.

***Presentation:**

Rehabilitation Program, El Camino Real Housing Authority- Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez Ms. Chavez-Lopez speaks. She is the Executive Director of the El Camino Real Housing Authority. The El Camino Real Housing Authority is a tri-county housing authority which covers Socorro, Valencia, and Torrance County. They are applying for funding to bring to Torrance, Socorro, and Valencia County a rehab program for low income families that own their own home but cannot afford to remodel it. They are asking for a letter of support from Torrance County. Chairman Candelaria asks about the criteria for low income. Ms. Chavez-Lopez replies that it depends; metropolitan counties have different income limits than rural counties. She states that the amount of money that they can spend on each home to remodel is \$80,000.00 and they are applying through the NM Mortgage Finance Authority to do this. Projects are picked by application, by need. They will have applications in their office in Mountainair. Applications can also be emailed to interested residents. Ms. Chavez-Lopez gives the Commission a sample of a letter of support. Ms. Ansley reads the sample letter. Ms. Chavez-Lopez states that to date her organization has rehabilitated 50 homes; 27 of those homes had to be completely demolished and rebuilt. They have not yet done a rehab on a home in Torrance County. They are a government organization. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks how she can get more information about this organization. Ms. Chavez-Lopez replies that they have a website. They also have an office in Mountainair, in Valencia County, and their main office is located in Socorro. Ms. Chavez-Lopez states that they run several different programs. Currently, in Torrance County, they have the Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program and they assist about 126 families. They also have a family self-sufficiency program where they assist families to get their credit rebuilt and with homeownership. They

have moved 9 families from the Section 8 housing program into homeownership. Commissioner Frost thanks Ms. Chavez-Lopez for her presentation. Chairman Candelaria expresses his support for writing the letter. Madam Commissioner DuCharme would like more time to research the program. The Commission instructs Ms. Ansley to put this as an action item on the next Commission agenda.
NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY

***Commission Matters:**

18. Transition in the Torrance County IT Department Madam Commissioner DuCharme speaks. She put this item on the agenda. She received an email from Ms. Annette Ortiz, Deputy County Manager, stating that if you have any issues or concerns or questions for the IT department, to please forward those concerns to Ms. Ortiz or Ms. Ansley. She thinks we need more information about what is going on or what happened to the IT department and why the Managers office is now responsible for these services. She states that the Commission put money in the budget for IT, why is the Manager's Office now suddenly responsible for that. Ms. Ansley replies that the Manager's Office is delegating the IT responsibilities because they are trying to monitor what requests are coming in and how they are being handled. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that the Commission voted to have the IT department and its budget. She asks if Ms. Ansley should have informed the Commission. Ms. Ansley states that there are some personnel issues going on that the Commission is not privy to and the IT budget is still being expended and used for IT expenses. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks what qualifications Ms. Ansley has to do this job. Ms. Ansley replies that she is not doing the IT job, she is delegating the work to the Ambitions group, who is helping with IT in the immediate future until we have a contract in place with someone to help us with IT. Ms. Ansley states that outsourcing IT has been an ongoing discussion for several months. We no longer want IT taken care of in-house so this is how it is currently being handled. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Nick Sedillo to comment. Mr. Sedillo gives an extensive history of the IT situation in the Administrative offices. He states that now, instead of the IT problems coming to him and Mr. Ray Cullen, they are going to Ms. Ortiz and Ms. Ansley. He further states that the current IT demands can become overwhelming at times and it takes away from what he is tasked to do in the Assessor's Office. He states that he thinks this is a win-win situation for the County. He knows the transition has been difficult for some departments because he cannot just stop whatever he is doing in his regular job to help. The transition will take time, but he has not seen any down time in the County since this transition began. Ambitions group are

experts at IT. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Sedillo why they stopped helping with IT before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Sedillo replies that there has been a lot more demand of him and Mr. Cullen in their current jobs in the Assessor's Office. Mr. Cullen oversees the entire Assessor network and Mr. Sedillo has his responsibilities as Chief Appraiser along with running the Safety Committee. He reiterates that he thinks this has been a win-win. Ms. Ortiz comments that when requests or issues come in to either her or Ms. Ansley they can talk and figure out if the problem is isolated or Countywide. Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that she still does not understand why the Manager's Office is better equipped to deal with these issues than the IT department itself. Ms. Ansley states that there are several factors that come in to play, none of which are allowed to be discussed in open session. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks about the money in the IT budget; how is that money being spent and who is receiving that money now. Ms. Ansley replies that it is still being spent on IT and whoever is invoiced for IT services is being paid. Ms. Ortiz comments that the money is going to vendors that are called to provide IT service. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that the County was paying \$10,463.00 all together to our IT people, but now we have to pay \$125.00 (per hour) or more to Ambitions. How is this better for the County? Ms. Ansley replies because we are receiving third party unbiased IT support from a professional capacity who is bonded to do this work and protect our servers. Ms. Betty Cabber, County Assessor, reiterates Mr. Sedillo's comments that he and Mr. Cullen are needed for their primary jobs and job titles which are in her office. Ms. Cabber states that with recent changes that have been made and with the constant growth of technology, the IT job was getting bigger and it was interfering with her office. She states that as a result, there was an agreement and changes made and the third party (Ambitions) came in. She further states that in some cases, the IT needs were also beyond the scope of Mr. Sedillo's and Mr. Cullen's IT knowledge. With Ms. Ortiz and Ms. Ansley getting all the IT calls, they can also keep track of the money being spent on IT. There is further discussion, primarily about the growth of the IT needs for the County and the need for additional professional help and security. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that Ambitions seems expensive and she would like to see more options before decisions are made for the next fiscal year. Mr. Sedillo comments that Ambitions \$125.00 per hour is probably close to the average price. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that next time this item is discussed, she would like to see options: perhaps part-time County workers, or full-time workers, and how much it will cost to have an IT department, and something to compare. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

19. Request to Have Evening Commission Meetings Madam Commissioner DuCharme speaks. She put this item on the agenda. She states that each month we have two Commission meetings. She is asking the Commission to have one morning Commission meeting and one evening Commission meeting starting in May and ending in October. She states that this was discussed last year and Commissioner Frost expressed his concern about the late hours, driving in the dark in wintertime, etc. but he was open to having evening meetings part of the year. She states that she heard from District 3 residents that when Chairman Candelaria was campaigning he was in support of evening meetings also. She knows that the Commission has already had evening meetings so we know how to do it; let's give people who work during the day the opportunity to be present during evening Commission meetings. It will be easier for people who want to place items on the agenda to discuss with the Commission. She asks her fellow Commissioners to please support having evening Commission meetings. Commissioner Frost comments that he has, "been there, done that". He knows that staff would have to work overtime and staff has family at home. He states that he has thought about this a lot; it did not work before and he does not think it will work again. Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that the Municipalities have their meetings in the evenings as do other Commissions in other Counties. She states that she is only asking to have one evening meeting a month. There is discussion about the implications of employees working longer than a 10 hour day and potential overtime. Chairman Candelaria states that he attended an evening Commission meeting that lasted until 10:00pm. Last night, he attended a Fair Board meeting that ran until 8:00 pm. He states that he could tell that the people that were there were tired after having worked all day. If we had started today's meeting in the evening, it would be close to midnight by now. He is in favor of staying with day meetings. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion have evening Commission meetings once a month from May through October. There is no second. **MOTION DIES**

***County Manager Requests/Reports:**

20. Update

Ms. Ansley gives the following brief update.

1. Madam Commissioner DuCharme wanted her to check on the payments made to the Radio Station. She confirms that only one payment is made per month, there was no double payment. She provides Madam Commissioner DuCharme with documentation.

2. For the last several months, a resident has put a road on the Commission agenda for consideration for County maintenance- Mi Ranchitos Road. The Commission has been discussing the Road Policy and what possibilities there are for helping with this road. After the last Commission meeting, Mr. Lujan, Road Foreman and Ms. Ansley talked to the resident about the road and his possible options. They suggested, as one option, that he hire a private contractor to come and blade and shape the road, getting it closer to County specs. The resident hired a private contractor and when the contractor went out there to work on the road, he could only work to the one resident's driveway because the other residents did not want the road done. She states that she wants the Commission to know that this is why we do the research we do and follow the statutes. If we would have accepted that road, we would have had other residents on that road that didn't want the County accepting it. (Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that she was told that the other residents could not afford to pay for it)

Public Requests:

At the Discretion of the Commission Chair. For Information only (No Action Can be Taken). Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person on any subject.

Michael Godey speaks. The Neighborhood watch is having a meeting on Sunday at 3:00pm. They will be discussing an upcoming neighborhood cleanup and building a playground in Tajique.

Gloria Zamora, resident, speaks. She is confused about the EVSWA. She feels that her rights have been violated. In 2002, a lien was put on her property by the Authority. That lien was cleared; she has a copy of the release. 14 years later, she received another letter stating that a lien was on her property and she owes \$2,234.00. She received another letter in November stating that she owes \$2,496.00. She states that she has never used the waste management landfill, she does not have a bill or an id card. She states that she pays the Mountainair utilities and dumps there because she has a house. She does not understand this and she needs clarification.

George Ramirez, speaks. He states that he is the President of the Manzano Land Grant. He is here to introduce himself and wants the Commission to know that he is here to work with the Commission and support them in any way he can. Chairman Candelaria informs Mr. Ramirez that the Commission will add Land

Grant updates back on to the agenda and will welcome updates from the Manzano Land Grant.

Fred Sanchez, resident, speaks. He presents the Commission with a hand out. He states that the EVSWA workers are fantastic; the problem is over costs because of mismanagement. He introduces Mr. Chavez to the Commission. Mr. Chavez is having trouble with his road being maintained; he states that he needs this road maintained if it is a County Road. Mr. Lujan, Road Foreman, tells him the road he is talking about is an easement road and is not county maintained. There is also an issue in terms of emergency services as there is no sign on the road. Mr. Chavez is advised to talk to rural addressing about getting a sign on his road.

Mr. Sanchez also comments that this weekend he visited a road in the Torreon area that leads to a former Road Department employee's ranch that was greatly improved and well maintained. Mr. Sanchez states that a cousin mentioned that a lot of the work was done on weekends. He calls this favoritism. Lastly, Mr. Sanchez states that he is Fred Sanchez, he is from Tajique, and he is running for County Commission and he is going to take Chairman Candelaria's place and he is an independent.

Michelle Jones, resident (myself), speaks. She states that for about two months she has been asking the citizens of Torrance County to help her raise money to send her daughter to a college program at Brown University. She wants to say thank you, she was able to raise all the money she needed thanks to the citizens. She thanks Nicole from the Mountain View Telegraph and Leota from the Independent for writing stories about her daughter and everyone who donated and helped her raise money. She also congratulates her boss, Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk, on her unopposed run for reelection.

Daniel Antonio Herrera Brummel, resident, states that he is speaking for a friend, Lenora Lovato Romero, who had to leave. She states that he and Ms. Lovato Romeo thank the Commission for allowing public comment.

Leonard Lujan, resident of Torreon, speaks. He states that he thinks the Commission really needs to look closely at the solid waste issue. He suggest that the Commission have meeting on this issue in the towns. He states that Madam Commissioner DuCharme has been saying that 95 % of the people are in favor of closing the transfer stations. He states that people from the mountain communities don't even know what is going on. He thinks meetings should be held in the towns with representatives from the County and the EVSWA there to explain the issues

and answer questions. Madam Commissioner DuCharme clarifies that she stated that 95% of the people are upset about the current situation, not that they want to close the stations. Mr. Lujan states that it is 95% of the people that come to the meetings, but the majority of the people in the mountain communities don't come to the meetings. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she is open to this suggestion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

As Per Motion and Roll Call Vote, Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1, The Following Matters Will Be Discussed In Closed Session:

- a) Personnel Matters: Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), discuss Limited Personnel Matters regarding the outcome of the February 8, 2016 Grievance Hearing

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Frost makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote: District 1 Yes, District 2 Yes, District 3 Yes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Executive session starts at 2:00 pm.

***Reconvene from Executive Session:**

Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(J), Commission report from closed meeting:

- b) Consider and act upon personnel matters regarding the February 8, 2016 Grievance Hearing, if necessary

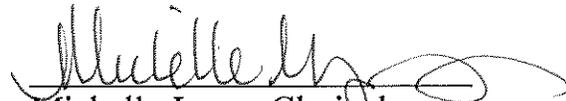
Regular Session reconvenes at 2:35 pm

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Frost makes a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Candelaria states that no action was taken and no other items were discussed in Executive Session.

***Adjourn**

ACTION TAKEN: Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2016 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed.
MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.


Chairman Candelaria


Michelle Jones, Clerical

3/23/16
Date

The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM Website. Audio discs of this meeting can be purchased in the Torrance County Clerk's Office and the audio of this meeting will be aired on our local radio station KXNM.