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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Commission Meeting
October 12, 2016

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

Others Present: **Joy Ansley-County Manager**
 Annette Ortiz- Deputy County Manager
 Dennis Wallin- County Attorney
 Michelle Jones –Admin. Assist. III

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Candelaria calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am; he welcomes all those present to the meeting, leads us in the pledge, and gives the invocation.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve the September 28, 2016 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the September 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve today's Meeting Agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve today's Commission Meeting Agenda. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Chairman Candelaria asks for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There are no Indigent Claims.

Action Items **Items to Be Considered and Acted Upon**

***Department Requests/Reports:**

1. Updates:

Tracey Master, DWI Prevention Program Coordinator, speaks. She states that the last time she came before the Commission, she informed them that the budget had to be adjusted for the LDWI program due to the \$4 million dollars that was swept from the LDWI funds during the regular Legislative Session this year. That reduction took our funding from \$180,024.00 for FY16 to \$147,027.50 for FY17. Because of the recent Special Legislative Session, we are now looking at another possible reduction of \$3.645 million dollars due to Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 8, which, in its title, moves to reallocate and redistribute the tobacco settlement money. Ms. Master states that for programs our size this could become devastating. DFA is not sure yet how they will handle this proposed reduction; will it come over a six month period or over twelve months, or eighteen months. Ms. Master states that her department is already looking at reducing some contract amounts for the treatment contract, the evaluation contract, and the Prevention Teen Court contract. She states that she is also looking at reducing her own work hours in order to keep the program going.

Ms. Master speaks about the very important part DWI programs have played in the reduction of alcohol related fatalities since 1994. They are in all 33 counties and in nearly every school district across the state, providing prevention education.

Ms. Master states that it is such a desperate time for the DWI programs that some of the Prevention Coordinators have stepped out of their comfort zones and made a YouTube video which talks about the creation of the DWI programs and their critical importance. Lastly, Ms. Master encourages all to contact the Governor's Office @ 505-476-2200 and to remind the staffer who answers the phone that \$4 million dollars was already taken from this funding this year and that further reductions are going to have a very negative impact on the safety of New Mexico.

Victoria Sedillo, Assessor's Office Manager, informs the Commission that for the first time representatives from our Assessor's Office, the Treasurer's Office, and the Manager's Office, participated in the State Fair's Gathering of Counties day. Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District donated water bottles and the DWI program donated backpacks and crayons, and our Safety program donated little freebies that were given out from our booth to passersby throughout the day. The Clerk's Office also donated voting information that were passed out. It was a great day; lots of adults and a lot of kids stopped by our booth! We answered a lot of questions about our County and talked to a lot of people who were interested in taking a day trip to come out and see Torrance. Lunch was served and there was a nice ceremony. It was also a nice day of fellowship with the other county representatives.

Ms. Sedillo informs the Commission that the Assessor's Office has set up a Facebook page. The page will include upcoming Notice of Value and livestock information, etc.

Lastly, Ms. Sedillo reminds all our upcoming 21st Annual Estancia Rotary Club **Punkin Chunkin** is being held this Saturday October 15th. Admission is \$5.00 and the proceeds go to funding scholarships for High School students.

Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk, speaks about the upcoming General Election. She informs all that In-Person early voting is currently going on here in the Torrance County Administrative Offices building. Yesterday was our first day of early In-Person voting and we had 62 voters. She states that we had issues with our internet connection yesterday; we were able to process voters but we were not able to process our mail ballots. The problem has been resolved and we are up and running perfectly today. We will also have early In-Person voting at our alternate voting site at the Moriarty Civic Center beginning on Saturday October 22 from 10-6. The hours of operation for that site will resume on Tuesday October 25 and

will run Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10-6. Voter registration closed yesterday. As of today, we still have approximately 52 voters in the Secretary of State's website queue that we will process. We currently have 3,400 Democrats, 4,232 Republicans, 1,543 Declined to State, and 430 other for a grand total of 9,605 Torrance County registered voters. Ms. Jaramillo encourages everyone to vote, either early or on Election Day November 8TH!

Steve Guetschow, Planning and Zoning Director, gives a brief Forest Service update. He informs all that tomorrow night, October 13, from 6-8 pm, at the Tajique Community Center, the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who have been working on mitigation to the Dog Head Fire burn scar damage on private property, will be holding a meeting to inform people about the projects that they have been working on and their progress. Flyers about the meeting are available for the public.

Andy Miller, EVSWA Manager, speaks. He informs the Commission that we just finished the 1st Qtr. of the contract that the EVSWA has with the County; July-September. The contract states that the Authority's County revenues would be \$200,000.00 and that any revenues under that amount would be made up by the County and any revenues over that amount would be refunded to the County. Mr. Miller states that, for this quarter, the Authority's County revenues totaled \$214,000.00. Therefore, the EVSWA will be giving the County the difference of \$14,000.00. Chairman Candelaria comments that this is great news to hear!

Commissioner Frost states that he has no update today, but thanks the Road Department for their recent chip seal work- it all looks good!

Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that last Saturday she attended a fund raiser for the building of a monument for our Veterans in Moriarty. Mr. Steve Anaya, a Councilman for the City of Moriarty, his father Mr. Mike Anaya, and Moriarty Mayor Ted Hart, profusely thanked the Torrance County Commission for providing \$12,000.00 to support that project. Madam Commissioner DuCharme wants to thank the Torrance County taxpayers who provide the Torrance County Government and the Commission with the resources that enable us to allocate funds for this project and many others worthy projects.

Chairman Candelaria comments that he was unable to attend the fund raiser that Madam Commissioner DuCharme spoke of, but, being a Veteran himself, he knows how important it is to the County that finally a memorial is going to be built for the people that have served this Country with honor. It's very important that we

never forget our Veterans; through their efforts and their sacrifice, we have what we have in the United States. Chairman Candelaria states that tomorrow he will be attending a Naturalization Ceremony at the Quari ruins in Abo where people will become citizens of this great Country.

Chairman Candelaria also compliments the Road Department on their hard work. He thanks them, and all the people who work for the County, for their dedication and efforts. He also mentions **Punkin Chunkin** and encourages all to attend.

2. Resolution 2016-44 Line Item Transfers- Deputy County Manager Annette Ortiz speaks. She is requesting approval of Resolution 2016-44 Line Item Transfers. These transfers do not change the overall budgets for any of the requesting departments. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve Resolution 2016-44 Line Item Transfers. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for clarification about two transfers from Fire Admin to the fire protection fund for the purchase of a vehicle. Ms. Ansley states that it is her understanding that they needed a unit, followed procurement and bought one. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she believes that in 2015, they bought two trucks @\$25,000.00 each. She asks why Fire Admin., (two people) need a third vehicle. Ms. Olivas, Purchasing Director, states that they have received an approval from the State Fire Marshall's Office; they followed their procurement and ours. Ms. Ortiz states that on the request for this transfer it states. 'C/O (Capital Outlay) Vehicles was at a zero balance. Fire Admin needed to purchase another unit to replace SAR (Search and Rescue) unit given to TCFD5'. There is further discussion about this request. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for documentation, if there is any, of the transfer of the unit given to TCFD5. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Request Funding to Purchase a New Truck for Dispatch- Ben Daugherty speaks. He is here today to ask the Commission for funds for the purchase of a new vehicle for Dispatch. He has received a quote for a 2016 Dodge Ram Truck. The truck outfitted for their needs will cost \$30,000.00. He explains that they are in need of a second vehicle; their department is getting busier and they are down to one vehicle- a 2009 Chevy Impala. Bad weather is coming and Dispatch can't stay home; sometimes a Dispatcher will need a ride to and from work. Mr. Daugherty explains that he also needs to regularly inspect and maintain their communication towers and generators. He is currently having to borrow vehicles from other

departments to conduct these inspections. Their current budget cannot afford this purchase. Chairman Candelaria asks if there is funding available for this purchase. Ms. Ansley replies that there are funds in the Wind PILT that can be allocated for emergency purchases. Commissioner Frost states that he would prefer to table this item until the next Commission meeting in order to get specific information on the amount of funds that are still available in the Wind PILT. Commissioner Frost makes a motion to this affect, which is seconded by Madam Commissioner DuCharme. Ms. Ansley reads from the Treasurer's report and states that as of August 31, there was \$477,883.01 and at the last Commission meeting the Commission allocated \$15,000.00 to the Home Visiting Program. Ms. Dorothy Rivera, from Dispatch, comments that this truck will pay for itself as they use it to inspect and repair their communication towers themselves. After further discussion, Commissioner Frost withdraws his motion to table and makes the following motion: **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the allocation of \$30,000.00 from the Wind PILT for a new truck for Dispatch. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Ratification for Out-of-State Travel for Transport Deputies for Inmate Transport in August- Stephanie Dunlap, Sheriff Administrator Ms. Dunlap speaks. She accidentally neglected to bring this item before the Commission in August. Today, she is asking for ratification of out-of-state for Deputies for Federal inmate transport. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to ratify Out-of-State Travel for Deputies for inmate transport in August. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Discussion of Juvenile Justice Board Issues- Jenea Ortiz, Continuum Coordinator Ms. Ansley informs the Commission that Ms. Ortiz is not able to attend today's meeting and has requested that the Commission table this item until the next Commission meeting. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to table this item. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **ITEM TABLED**

6. ScOutreach Contract with Torrance County for Juvenile Justice Board – Jenea Ortiz, Continuum Coordinator As Ms. Ortiz is unable to attend today’s meeting, this item will be tabled. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to table this item. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **ITEM TABLED**

7. Disposition of County Property Ms. Ansley speaks. The Torrance County Project Office cleaned out a storage shed and found a bunch of old computer equipment that they wanted to donate for recycling. The Disposition committee met and agreed to dispose of it and now it is before the Commission for approval. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve agenda item #7- Disposition of County Property. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Ansley why this equipment was not disposed of earlier. Ms. Ansley replies that it is probably because the equipment was locked up in storage and no one knew it was there and when the storage unit was cleaned out they found it. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks about the computers that were approved for disposal at the September 14 Commission meeting; she asks if those computers were disposed of. Ms. Ansley replies that the 30 day waiting period has just passed; we received approval from DFA to dispose and Mr. Lucero, Deputy Assessor has confirmed that the computers were disposed of. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if there is paperwork that the property was disposed of. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for clarification that all 12 computers on the disposition list came from the Project Office. Ms. Ansley confirms that they did, as is stated on the Disposition Committee Checklist. Commissioner Frost calls for the question. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for documentation of the disposition. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Commission Matters:**

8. Request Maintenance on Vigil Lane- Earl Nieto, Resident Mr. Nieto is not in attendance at today’s meeting. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

9. Letter of Intent to Buckland for Semi Purchase from Bond Proceeds Mr. Leonard Lujan, Road Department Superintendent, speaks. The Road Department has begun looking at the CES contract for rigs to purchase for their department from the upcoming bond sale. He has presented the Commission with a small packet from CES showing price quotes and pictures of 4 proposed rigs. He is requesting approval from the Commission to move forward in this process. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Chairman Candelaria makes a motion to move forward with this process of issuing a letter of intent to purchase 4 rigs. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks for clarification about this process. Ms. Olivas explains that CES is a cooperative purchasing program that the County is a member of. The CES purchasing officers would have done an RFP for this. This would have been conducted by the State procurement code. Now that the contract is in place, the County, as a member entity, is allowed to use their purchasing prices. Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that the prices listed here are different from what was discussed during the GO bond meetings. Mr. Lujan comments that yes, the prices have gone up. He notes that the prices he has presented today are only good for 30 days and may change. If the Commission approves the letter of intent today, trucks on the ground might be held for us. If not, those trucks might get sold and ordering trucks is a longer process. Ms. Ansley asks for clarification on how many trucks the County is considering purchasing. Chairman Candelaria states all 4 of them. Mr. Wallin clarifies that this is just a letter of intent to lock in a price for a limited period of time. The Commission will still have the option of not funding the purchase. No further discussion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Resolution 2016-45 Mexican Gray Wolves Mr. Jerry Lisk speaks. Mr. Lisk, President of the Torrance County Farm and Livestock Bureau, speaks. He is here today to request approval of Resolution 2016-45. The resolution is from the State Board of Directors for the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau, from a July meeting when they proposed to purport this resolution. Chairman Candelaria clarifies that we can go forward with approving this resolution and basically stating that we are opposed to reintroducing the Mexican Gray Wolf into the area due to the possible devastation to our cattle industry. Ms. Ansley reads the proposed resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-045

RESOLUTION ON MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES

WHEREAS, Torrance County supports sound, scientifically-based state wildlife management rather than federal land-use restrictions or federal listings under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"); and,

WHEREAS, states and local governments have been involved in significant litigation with the US Department of the Interior ("DOI") with respect to the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program ("MGWRP"); and,

WHEREAS, questions relative to hybridization with Native American dog lineages have not been adequately addressed; and,

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2016, the US District Court for the District of New Mexico enjoined the US Fish and Wildlife Service from introducing Mexican wolves in New Mexico without a permit from the New Mexico Game and Fish Commission; and,

WHEREAS, in June, the office of the Inspector General for DOI issued a report to Congressman Steven Pearce on June 29, 2016 that raises significant questions about scientific integrity, transparency, personnel management, public outreach and the public trust in regards to the MGWRP; and,

WHEREAS, these issues justify further inquiry into the efficacy and operations of the MGWRP;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Torrance County Board of Commissioners hereby;

1. Urges the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to ensure the DOI Secretary implements a pause to the MGWRP unless and until a complete and independent review of the MGWRP is implemented; and,
2. Urges the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to ensure that depredation activities are transferred to the State of New Mexico or, should the State decline, to the US Department of Agriculture;
3. Urges the Congress to enact legislation deferring to the states on management of Mexican gray wolves and to support local, state and private conservation efforts without serious and adverse effects to private property rights, economic development and western communities.

DONE, this 12th day of October 2016.

All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve Resolution 2016-45 Mexican Grey Wolves. Chairman Candelaria seconds the motion. The Commission votes; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

***County Manager Requests/Report:**

11. Update

Ms. Ansley informs the Commission that she received a call from Mr. Andrew Gutierrez from the Tajique Land Grant; he was asking about the status of the setting up of a special meeting to discuss the Tajique Transfer Station issue. Ms. Ansley ask the Commission how they wish to proceed. Chairman Candelaria states that he thinks this is an item for the new Commission to address. His fellow Commissioners agree. Ms. Ansley will send Mr. Gutierrez a letter stating the Commissions opinion.

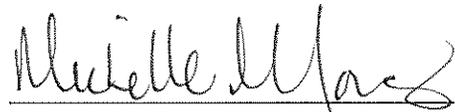
Public Requests: At the Discretion of the Commission Chair. For Information Only (**No Action Can Be Taken**). Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person on any subject.

Danielle Johnston, resident, speaks. She addresses the topic of the purchase of vehicles for the Road Department. She is familiar with CES and is very pleased that the County is going to be able to utilize this contract. Not only will it provide the best prices, but it will save payroll dollars because it avoids the time consuming procurement process. She now takes this opportunity to compliment the Torrance County Fire Department and Dispatch for their quick response and excellent work. She coveys a story of her own personal experience with them recently and states that she cannot commend them enough. She thanks the Manager's Office and the Commission for their efforts as well.

***Adjourn**

ACTION TAKEN: Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to adjourn the October 12, 2016 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am


Chairman Candelaria


Michelle Jones, Admn. Assist. III

10/26/16
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.