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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Emergency Commission Meeting
Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:00 P.M.

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
 Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Candelaria calls the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. He welcomes all those present to the meeting and leads us in the pledge. Leanne Tapia leads us in prayer.

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. Commissioners vote. All in favor. None opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Commission Matters:**

1. Selection of Nomination to the NM Senate, District 39 by Torrance County Commission

Chairman Candelaria explains that this emergency meeting was called to select a nominee to NM Senate District 39 by the Commission. Letters of interest by nominees hereto attached. One nominee, Ted Barela, was submitted by the Torrance County Republican Party at their meeting previous to this Commission Meeting. The names submitted are as follows:

1. Ted Barela (Torrance)
2. Mike Anaya (Santa Fe)
3. Bret Racher (Lincoln)

4. Jose J. Varela Lopez (Santa Fe)
5. Bobbi Shearer (Lincoln)

Chairman Candelaria states that the nominee choice is to be submitted to the Governor's office by 5:00 P.M. today. Letter from Governor's office hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost make the motion to nominate Mr. Ted Barela of Estancia, New Mexico as candidate for the District 39 Senate position. At this time Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if the Commission would allow the candidates present to introduce themselves. There being only one present Mr. Ted Barela is introduced by Mr. Phil Archuleta, 2st Vice Chair of the Torrance County Republican Party.

Mr. Ted Barela says that he is humbled by this nomination. He is the former Mayor and former councilman of Estancia. He served the community for 15 years in this capacity and continues to serve in different governmental committees so that the needs of the people are met.

Madam Commissioner Ducharme states that he is on a list of very distinguished nominees and would like to know why he should be the nominee chosen by this Commission? Mr. Barela agrees with Madam Commissioner DuCharme about the distinguished list of nominees. He says that he has never lost passion for making sure that the people's needs be met. If his name is selected by the Commission and he would go on to be Senator, he would be bi-partisan in his decisions. He would understand the issue and not the politics. He understands the uniqueness of this district with its rural areas and more populated areas.

Commissioner Frost states that he was impressed by Mr. Barela's presentation at the Republican meeting prior to this meeting and understands that Mr. Barela has worked at the Senate. Mr. Barela corrects him and says that he has not worked at the Senate but has worked with Senators and Representative in his representation of the Town of Estancia.

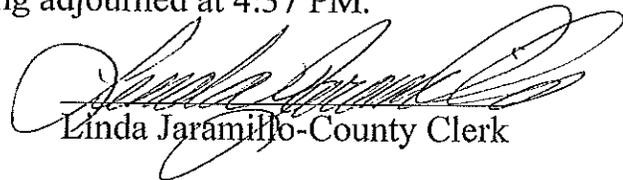
At this time Chairman Candelaria states that there is a motion to nominate Mr. Barela as candidate to the Senate, there has been discussion, and now he would like to have a roll call vote on the nomination to be sent to the Governor. District 1-yes. Madam Commissioner Ducharme says that she has received only one letter of interest from Commissioner Liz Stephanics of Santa Fe County and she was not aware of the others who have shown interest in this nomination. She says that San Miguel County, Santa Fe County, and Bernalillo County have postponed their decisions for later this week to give people the opportunity to submit their letters of

interest. She asks if the Commission is in a hurry in this process. Chairman Candelaria answers that at this time he is calling for a vote and Madam Commissioner DuCharme can vote or abstain. She says that looking at the map of District 39 she sees that the majority of the county is represented in this district and she agrees that it should be a person from Torrance County that they nominate but she wishes that more people would be able to participate in this process. Having said this she votes in favor of nominating Mr. Barela. District 1-yes; District 2-yes; District 3-yes. All in favor. None opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Adjourn**

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Frost makes a motion to adjourn the March 15, 2015 Emergency Commission Meeting. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.


Chairman Candelaria


Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk

3/25/2015
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.