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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
July 24, 2024
9:00 AM

Commissioners Present:

RYAN SCHWEBACH – COUNTY CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL – COUNTY VICE CHAIRMAN
SAMUEL SCHROPP – COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Others Present:

JANICE BARELA – MADAM COUNTY MANAGER
TRACY SEDILLO – DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
MICHAEL GARCIA – COUNTY ATTORNEY
LINDA JARAMILLO – COUNTY CLERK
GENELL MORRIS – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I
DONALD GOEN – COUNTY P & Z DIRECTOR

1. Call Meeting to order.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Calls the July 24, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Pledge led by: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman

Invocation lead by: Kevin McCall– County Vice Commissioner

3. Changes to the Agenda:

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: There are a couple of changes that I'm recommending. Move 13A after 11 B and 13 B after 11C to have the public hearing before resolution. Move 13C after 10 to allow the interns to go home on time.

4. **PROCLAMATION: None**
5. **CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS: None**
6. **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: None**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS:**

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: The Primary Election was officially canvassed with the State Canvassing board on June 24. There is still the deadline of August 5, for anyone contesting this election. We had a post-election voting system check for the Primary Election. This was to check the accuracy of our voting machines. Judge Murdock was present throughout the process. We hand-tallied results and compared them to our machine totals. Everything was perfect. We sent our business registration reminder notices out on the 27th of June. There were 480 notices sent out. Payments are coming in. The fee for business registrations is \$35 and a \$2 late fee per month if unpaid.

Jim Winham - County Fire Chief: I have a brief update on the happenings of the US County Fire Rescue in June of 2020. Our operation ran 115 calls for service out of those calls. Just over 100 were for EMS services, structure fires, car fires, car accidents, etc. That is a little bit higher than what we saw in June of 2023. We continue to move up, roughly one to three percent per month on our call volume.

Hiring update. We've hired two full-time members to fill our ranks, we have a total authorized headcount of 14, and we currently have all 14 positions filled. I think it's important the Commission understands that out of those 14, four of those full-time members are off for various reasons and will be out for at least the next 60 to 90 days.

District Three ISO. Great work of one of our Lieutenants and our Deputy Fire Chief who worked well into the evenings and early mornings on several days and were able to bring our ISO rating from a six to a five. District Two is still being evaluated. I have no update or information on where we stand on either going up or remaining status quo with districts in our fire service. We currently have five

frontline apparatus out of service. Those are engines. We do have the reserve capacity to supplement those, and those are working fine. We hope to be getting those back soon. Some of those involved repairs, such as harnesses, and the workings of a pump in many of these engines are very difficult. We have our contractor that's working on them. We will be meeting with him next week to get an update on where we're at on those.

On the 14th of July about 17:00, Torrance County Fire took over operations for Superior EMS. There was no lack of service. There were no missed calls, no mutual aid required on that day, and there have been very, very few through the uptake. Of that, we've been averaging a minimum of two EMS units. Most of those times had been paramedics or at least ILS. Sometimes there have been less than two. We always have a spirit that's ready to back that up in case it is necessary for the county.

The five-year strategic plan that's required from the Commission and the County Manager from the Fire Chief's Office has been completed and is being printed. It will be presented to the Commission and the County administration at the next Commission meeting.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I appreciate the report, that's very helpful. As we move forward without Superior. Is there a way you can take what calls they were doing a year ago, month by month, and include it with yours? Services will go exponentially up because of the lack of service from them.

Jim Winham - County Fire Chief: I don't mean to make excuses. I will tell you that this happens to be done by hand. We can pull a lot of it out of CAD as far as calls. Transports are canceled en route. We have to go through each one of these calls individually. It's time-consuming. That's why I'm 30 days in arrears for that because it takes a while for the staff. Hopefully, we can find a better way to do that, as we implement some type of reporting structure for Lieutenants that we can turn in what is verified daily. The crew is doing a great job of taking care of that and working with our partners.

We have reimplemented monthly meetings. The County Manager attended the first one and the second one, all the municipality fire departments will attend. We've been predominantly doing EMS mutual aid and we'll start on the fire and Dispatch side of that too.

Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager: I wanted to provide an update on the AEDs. They have now been installed in 11 County buildings. The McIntosh Senior Center, Moriarty Senior Center, Estancia Senior Center, Mountainair Senior Center, the Admin Building, Judicial Building, Animal Services, CID Emergency Management building, Dispatch, Fairgrounds, and the Road Department. We have added a component to the CPR class that we teach that's specific to the training for the AEDs. We'll be offering those classes as long as there's interest in it. Thank you.

Chad Hamilton – Resident: I'm here to see if there's any information concerning Shondale Rd. and Mi Ranchito Rds. It is getting worse. It's almost unpassable. 15 to 20 people are living there. If there's a fire, an ambulance, or a police officer, good luck. This has gone on for six weeks. We're trying to figure out when something will be done. It is now a public road.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: I will let you know when we get to the next step.

*Comments by ZOOM

Sophia Genovese - Managing Attorney at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center: My comment today focuses on the asylum seekers' right to counsel Torrance County ICE inmates at Core Civic and has a constitutional obligation to ensure people detained at the Torrance County Detention Facility can meet with their lawyers. This is not optional, it is mandatory. Despite this mandatory requirement to uphold the right to access counsel, which is also a requirement, IGSA between ICE and the County NMLC was recently prevented from meeting with nine prospective clients. We follow the procedures for legal visits. We gave a week's notice for some of these visits and three days' notice for the others. Despite the tremendous amount of notice TCDF staff and ICE refuse to allow us to see our clients. They cited understaffing and lack of space as the reasons. In all other facilities where I have worked, which is well over 20 detention facilities at this point, I simply could show up unannounced and be able to speak with my clients. The fact that TCDF cannot handle nine legal visits for nearly 350 people detained in ICE custody is unacceptable. To be clear, we were very likely the only attorneys providing in-person legal visits that week. If Core Civic cannot handle legal access for 2% of the ICE population they're responsible for, this is beyond a deficiency in

meeting contractual obligations. This is a clear inability and lack of will to abide by a contract and to abide by the Constitution. For these and the many other issues that my colleagues and I have seen escalating for the past few years, we call on the Commission to not renew the ICE contract in September. Thank you.

Elias Wilson: Law student at the University of New Mexico: I'm here to speak about the conditions inside of the Torrance County Detention Facility. For the past few months, I've interviewed migrants detained at Torrance County Detention Facility. Through these interviews, it has become clear that the health, safety, and rights of migrants are regularly violated and jeopardized while detained inside Torrance County. Migrants have described to me a complete lack of access to phone calls and legal representation. Food that is inedible and under portions leading to rapid weight loss, racism and discrimination on behalf of correctional officers, unsanitary cell conditions, scalding hot water temperatures, being forced to wear shoes with holes in them, and frequent lockdowns that can last up to 24 hours. Most recently, an elderly migrant from Nicaragua described to me how after having suffered a severe fall, he was left in his cell for hours crying and in pain before receiving any medical attention. After describing this event, he asked me, "How can they treat somebody like this? I'm not an animal. I'm not a criminal. I'm a good person, and no human being deserves to be treated like this. I did not expect such treatment in the United States." Testimony like this is why I support not renewing the contract with ICE. I respectfully ask that you do so as well. Thank you.

Michelle Ortiz - Las Americas and Advocacy Center: Throughout June and July, I visited TCDF and spoke with the multitude of detained men who are continuing to work in the kitchen. They asked her to share the following grievances with the public to expose the conditions that they have witnessed while working for CoreCivic. People working in the kitchen had reported the bad conditions they have seen during their shifts, which have led them to feel uncomfortable with eating the food. Throughout their shifts, these men have witnessed unsanitary conditions while the food they're fed has been prepared. TCDF meals are given in small amounts of food which often is too spicy to eat. Many other people at TCDF come from countries where spices are not a custom in their diet. Despite giving people in attendance, small amounts of food that people

were getting in the kitchen, I've witnessed greater amounts of food being made. They would witness the people in charge throw out food that they could feed the detainees. In the case that this food wasn't thrown out, it would be left out for long periods and then be served to the detainees the following day. One specific individual recalls unhygienic practices during the shift. He mentioned that when the food was being prepared, the chefs would use water that wasn't clean. It was foggy and cloudy. The water they used to prepare the food during the shifts had a strong chemical smell. They see water stains on his shirt after he accidentally spilled some on himself. Those who work in the kitchen could make their food which they would prefer to do. Several men who worked in TCDF either in the kitchen or as part of the cleaning staff have reported similar issues.

PJ Podesta- Legal service provider with Innovation Law Lab: I'll be playing testimony from a man currently detained in Torrance County Detention Facility who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation, then I'll provide the translation. (audio played in Spanish.)

What affects us is that when the water from the showers runs into the drains the pipe which is clogged overflows in the center of the unit and dining area. That's where the water starts to come out. Bad odors start to come out of the water, from the same pipe as the one for the bathrooms. That's where, since it's blocked, the vapors begin to come out and it smells bad in the unit. This harms you and harms one's health. We told the internal staff of the facility what was happening that there were bad odors, and it was flooding. They said they were going to check it out, but so far they haven't checked anything. This was about 20 or 25 days ago; the officers arrive and ask you about your complaint and you tell them but nothing else is known from then onward. I've been locked up for two full months now. Thank you.

Ian Philabaum: Innovation Law Lab a nonprofit: I'd like to warn folks that my comments today relate to suicide. With a heavy heart, I want to raise the attention of the Commissioners and the community that on June 11, 2024, another person died by suicide inside TCDF. Out of respect for him and his family, we will withhold his name from public comment at this point. 911 records indicate that he attempted to hang himself. Attending individuals attempted to revive him, but he died while still at TCDF. Tragically, this is the third person in custody of TCDF to

lose their life by suicide since 2020. Four others whom we know of, have attempted suicide since then. We know of many others who have withheld reports of suicidal ideation and self-harm due to documented practices of solitary confinement as mental health treatment following such reports. This facility owned and operated by Core Civic is unable to run this facility according to standards and for the well-being of those in its custody. Advocates have repeated that someone will lose their life at TCDF again and unfortunately, we were right. Every time Core Civic gets caught publicly harming people in its custody, it issues the same statement, "reporting about TCDF has been inaccurate and misleading." The reality is that we provide a safe, humane, and appropriate environment" Don't let Core Civic fool you. This is not a routine cost of doing business. This is the loss of a person's life. Core Civic is the world's largest private prison company, and it cares about one thing, profit. It does not care about the people in Torrance County, and it does not care about the people in its custody. His death is the ultimate demonstration of the harm caused by TCDF and why the County should not be doing business with this facility. Core Civic may not be taking this seriously, but the County must. Thank you.

Julia Valero: I'm a rising second-year student at the University of Minnesota School of Law. I'm a legal intern with the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center this summer through a check to provide legal services to people in Torrance and remotely. It's hard to adequately describe how harmful detention in Torrance is because the violence is so multifaceted. Medical care in Torrance is nonexistent and at best performative. People must wait weeks before they are seen if they ever are ultimately seen. When people do get to see a medical professional, they're often taken out of their cells in the middle of the night, in the same way that people are culled from their cells for deportations. As another commentator mentioned, typically the only mental health care given to suicidal people is being thrown in solitary confinement, a practice that is known to increase the risk of suicide. Despite being paid only around \$5 to \$10 per day for hours of work, people in Torrance are also arbitrarily denied access to the money that they earn in their commissaries. As if it wasn't bad enough that people are paid so little for their work in detention, people report that they often don't even get these meager wages at the end of the day. Given the lack of adequate food and medical care, this commissary money can be crucial in surviving detention. Given that it's not free to make phone calls from the inside people will also depend on this money to speak

to their loved ones and their attorneys. Many of the people in Torrance are parents of children being cut off from their communities, let alone the violence that this barrier in terms of access to others creates and people's legal cases. This also inflicts violence upon families and communities. Last week in Torrance, I lost track of how many people told me that they felt kidnapped and afraid that they would die in Torrance because of the conditions. I urge the Commission to not extend the contract when it expires at the end of September. Thank you.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. COMMISSION: Request approval of minutes of the June 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Motion to approve minutes of the June 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. FINANCE & PURCHASING: Request approval of payables.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Motion to approve payables.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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B. PLANNING & ZONING: Keer Industries Special Waste Disposal – Annual Renewal of Solid Waste District.

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: This was the annual renewal that they've been doing for several decades. This is the asbestos facility in Mountainair. The application was in order. In addition to their regularly scheduled inspections, they were provided with a surprise inspection, with no violations.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Motion to approve renewal.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE:
None

13C. GRANTS: Presentation and recognition of Summer Enrichment Interns for summer 2024.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We wanted to recognize our summer 2024 Youth Internship Program. It's a Summer Enrichment Internship Program that is funded by the New Mexico Public Education Department. We have 30 interns. We've heard nothing but good things about our interns this summer. They contributed a great deal to both County, federal, and private businesses across the County. They have a presentation about some of their work, but none of this would have been possible without our coordinators. We have our Program Coordinator, Bernadette Martinez, Alicia Pope, Lawrence Tapia, and Coach Eric Lucero, who is not here.

Bernadette Martinez – Summer Internship Program Coordinator: It's been a pleasure and an honor to be able to work with these students as they progress through the summer program, as well as our coordinators, I had a great staff of teachers who knew the students. We were able to place students in locations that fit

their personalities and what they wanted to learn. We worked with 15 companies, private, and governmental, throughout Mountainair, Manzano, Edgewood, Moriarty, and Estancia.

Alicia Pope - Summer Internship Program Coordinator: Rachel and Jamie will be presenting. They both attend Estancia High School.

Lawrence Tapia - Summer Internship Program Coordinator: Our goal is to ensure these students are ready for the workforce. One of the things that we did weekly was go over certain aspects of how to fill out a timesheet, and fundamental things that you have to do in the workforce. A lot of them were exposed to that. The point of this program is to get them into the workforce.

Rachel Burnett - Estancia High School Student: This summer I worked at the Thin Line fitness gym in Edgewood. This summer program is good and beneficial, especially to the younger demographic of students who aren't old enough to work in places like fast food or grocery stores. This program allows them to get more work experience by going through an interview, filling out a resume, talking to the boss, and going through the process of getting a job and maintaining it and how to communicate. That way when you get older and you start going into bigger jobs and progressing in the workforce, you have a little experience, and you can think of what you learned to do better in the future.

Jamie Bell - Estancia High School Student: I also believe this helps a lot of students learn how to budget money, how taxes work, and how you can benefit from skills you aren't good at such as social speaking, customer service, and speaking in front of large crowds. Our Coordinators have seen a lot of improvement. I've worked for three years with this program. I'm able to talk to people more confidently. Coach Lucero has stated he has seen a lot of students become more confident, more open, and able to communicate.

Bernadette Martinez – Summer Internship Program Coordinator: The Innovative Law Lab, has been working with the community and trying to get a petition going around the community that will benefit kids, adults, seniors, and everyone in the community. They are trying to get a movie theater up and running in the town of Estancia. They asked if I could make a public service announcement. I'm here to express my support for the proposal to implement a movie theater in our small town. This project is more than just about bringing entertainment, it's about enhancing our community's quality of life and providing a space where we can all come together. A local movie theater offers a safe,

accessible venue for families and individuals to enjoy cultural and educational films, fostering a sense of unity and shared experiences. It can also drive local economic growth by creating jobs and attracting visitors to our town, benefiting nearby businesses. Additionally, having a movie theater can serve as an educational resource, offering special screenings of documentaries and films that highlight important social issues. This can be a valuable tool for our schools and community organizations helping to broaden horizons and spark important conversations. In conclusion, a movie theater in our town isn't just about watching films, it's about building a community supporting our local economy and providing a space for education and engagement. I urge everyone to support this initiative and help bring this exciting opportunity to our town. Isaac Chavez one of our interns wrote this statement. Thank you

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I'd like to do another PSA for all of you who want to further your job applications and interview process. McCall's will be hiring soon. So stay tuned.

Micaela Allen - Micky's Place in Moriarty: For the past three years I had a student come work for the summer. It is a pleasure to help the students. They have always been good. Teaching them every aspect of a small business, which includes cleaning to customer service. All of those things are the things that people don't realize that everybody does and that we have to do as a small business. I'm very proud of the girls that have participated. I have Faith Rossignol working with me. She's done very well. She does the maintenance stuff for the shop. She's learned to do the presser designs. She now speaks on the phone and greets customers at the door. Thank you

Noelle - Manzano Mountain Retreat: We enjoy the program and fully support it. One of my first jobs in college was being an intern. We've been able to transfer a lot of what I learned in that to create a student program for them within Manzano Mountain Retreat. Our students walk out of the ranch with their food handlers certification, good for five years. I think it puts them a step above their peers going into whatever they're doing after high school. I think most of us remember having a food service job after or during high school. They learned how to cook for up to 150 to 200 people three times a day, how to do landscape maintenance, how to show up early, and sometimes stay late. They learned how to manage their time. I'm proud of every single one of them. Seeing the progression from those that came last year to this year, we've been able to hand over more responsibility to all of them. They're able to take on harder tasks and take on more complex tasks. Seeing the transition or them being more comfortable talking to adults, answering

questions, being able to talk about the retreat, I think that's the additional thing I wanted to highlight is, they find meaning and purpose beyond themselves, beyond what they're doing maybe at school or home. They learn to find value in the work of their hands and their brains that they're using. They're able to be a part of something, I think with our retreat other small businesses realize that people are operating and trying to impact the world around us and they're able to see that they are a part of that.

We're fully supportive. I tell the leaders of the program all the time, we'll take as many as you're all willing to give us they don't always walk away without criticism from us and they're always willing to give us some feedback too. I think it is a great learning experience for them as they start to learn and grow and become adults who want to do something during their lives here in this county and wherever they end up next. Thank you and I believe some of them stick around through the fall, we have our apple season as well. We invite them to ask if they would like to continue to stay with us. Thank you.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: We also had a couple of interns in our office. Over the past three years have had these bright, intelligent folks working in our office. Sometimes it's just menial tasks that they do, but they also learn life skills. Our two interns were under the supervision of Geno Jones, our Office Manager.

Geno Jones - Assessors Office Manager: I wanted to update the program and provide some valuable education and opportunities for these students. This year, we had a couple of students who were fast and efficient with all the work that was done. These two provided great assistance as far as alphabetizing the return mail, They learned how to put remarks into over 1000 accounts to keep track of what was coming in. You're really good. They learned a lot about our Tyler system. We appreciate being a part of this whole intern program. We thank them and look forward to doing more with the system in the program next year.

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

A. FINANCE: Request approval of Resolution 2024-22, a Resolution Approving FY24 Final Budget Adjustments.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: This Budget Adjustments Resolution is the final for FY 24. Schedule A is a breakdown. However, the dollar amounts are the same as Schedule B, Schedule D is what we'll be looking at for the Transcom Finance System. The adjustments on this resolution and Schedule B are to clean up any additional revenues or expenditures we had through FY24. The big dollar amount on here is for the ICE payments that we had to make for the prior year that came in during FY 24.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Resolution Approving FY24 Final Budget Adjustments.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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B. FINANCE: Request approval of Resolution 2024-23, a Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2024.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: This resolution is required of us for our year-end flows out and also as part of our FY 25 budget and required by DFA. The attachment is going to be the recap of what we are reporting to DFA for our FY 24. They require approval via resolution for this final quarter. There are no adjustments or amendments to this.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2024.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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13A. FINANCE: Budget Hearing about the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. Public Hearing.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Public Hearing.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Is there anyone here or on Zoom who wishes to speak on this matter? No response.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Regular Session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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C. FINANCE: Request approval of Torrance County 2024-2025 Operating Budget and Resolution 2024-24, a Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Torrance County for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and Requesting State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, Budget and Finance Bureau Approval.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: We have the budget recap for the final budget. I wanted to provide this as a snapshot of what we're looking at for the final budget. Some of the changes that you'll see between the interim and final are mostly the changes that are for adjustments to the Fire Allotment Budget. That's a big a big part of that. We adjusted any numbers to match any beginning balances that they had in the Fire Allotment Funds for the various districts, as well as matching the actual notice that we received for the exact amount that we're going to be receiving from the state for these five buttons. Those adjustments were reflected in your budget recap as well. The other larger items that were plugged into the final budget that were not on income were the new state appropriations that we were awarded between interim and final. Those are also included in the final budget. We did receive some grants, another DWI grant since the interim. We have received the grant for next year's Summer Enrichment Intern Program. We also received the Adam Walsh grants, juvenile justice came in, and the e911 grant.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Also on the first where we'll need to correct, it states 2024 through 2024, which should be 2025. We'll make that amendment to this resolution.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: An item that we wanted to discuss, between interim and final budgets. We were made aware of some pay increases for both Animal Services and the Road Department based on training that they complete as part of their job descriptions and job agreements that they get these pay increases as they complete training, we did include those increases in the FY25 salaries for those two departments. We also plugged in a line item in the county infrastructure funds 620, for \$15,000, to cover any of these increases that may come up through FY25 that we are not aware of, we can always track when the training will be done.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I was under the impression when we budget a salary, the assumption is that the position will eventually get up to the maximum amount of pay raise due to training.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: The reason that we aren't budgeting for the maximum is that in the past, we have seen that the salary budgets have been overinflated, and some departments may try to use those for other things. We want to keep those overinflated numbers out of the department budgets. We wanted to capture this still in the overall county budget, which is why we thought 620 might be appropriate because then we can make transfers as needed for that pay.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We're budgeting the money for full training and full pay. Can a department arbitrarily take the extra money the carry-over from a salary and move it without permission or manager approval?

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: They cannot. If we need to move it from the fun 620 County infrastructure, it will come before the Commission to move it to that department via resolution.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: In the past, it took Manager approval.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: Correct.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: May not be what appropriate time, but why don't we add on the American Rescue? What funding is that, has it been allocated?

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: All of the ARPA funds have been allocated to specific projects. We don't have any leftover funds to allocate. We did have to lower in this final budget, the project overrun budget for ARPA, because it had been allocated to other projects. That adjustment was made but there are no remaining ARPA funds to be allocated.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-2024, With the single correction in the first whereas striking 2024 and inserting 2025.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

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13B. GRANTS: Review and prioritize the 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Public Hearing

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Public Hearing.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:
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Michael I. Garcia-County Attorney: Sworn in Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator, Hanna Sanchez-Deputy Fire Chief, Jim Winham - County Fire Chief, Misty Witt-County Finance Director, Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk, Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We are here to finish up the 2026 to 2030 ICIP process. At our last meeting we discussed the various projects on the list and today we are going to look at the projects and rank them by year and priority. Column A is our previous ICIP year, Column B is the rank from the previous ICIP, and the yellow is the year and rank. I've also included some of the legislative language which will clear up the project scope and the project goal. This includes the total amount as well as some of the discussion from the last meeting. 12F is \$90,000 for the Comprehensive Fire Plan. 12G is \$2,910,000 for the County Fairgrounds Improvements. 12H is \$40,000 for Road Department Equipment, and we also received Jr appropriations or GRO funds for \$200,000, for the same project.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We received them already?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We are in conversations with MRGOG about signing the agreement. It's a different process this year. 12I is \$50,000 to purchase in equipping medical response vehicles. We spent quite a bit of money on that but there's still some work that needs to be done on the purchased vehicles. 12J is \$50,000 for the plan, design, and upgrade of the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor archival storage.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: That's this year's appropriations. Do you have a running total of the appropriations from prior years giving us a total?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: That is something I'm working on; you will be getting another Capital Outlay update. The only thing that changed from

the last meeting is it was requested that we add helipads for the cost of \$200,000 to the ICIP.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: This is that newly added helipad is a project I would like to see in the third district. I've spoken with Jeremy Turner about using one of their lay-down yards. I've spoken with the site superintendent at a Vanguard using their facility as well. Mr. Turner told me that the laydown yards are either leased from a landowner or New Mexico DOT. It would save us a lot of money, the property would be available, and it would be a great benefit to the people all along the east side of the High Lonesome Mesa to Cedarvale, Duran, and Encino as well. The third one is one that was requested by the Fourth District Fire, Johnny Romero, and Jason Quintana to build a helipad. The road in front of the Torreon Community Center Fire Department is a County right away. It would require a concrete pad on that right away. The fourth one says to be determined. We just found out that the Estancia airport is city property, but there is some acreage out there that the county owns, or we could move that one to the County road facility. When we build a firehouse, we'd already have a helipad. The chief thinks the average is about \$25,000. I asked for \$50,000 for cost overruns. This is something that would do the Third District and the County a great deal of good for not much money.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Are the helipads still used? I've seen multiple times where they'll land a bird right next to the accident or the scene and take the patients away. Was the helipad something that was developed years and years ago and now they've got clearance to where they can land the helicopter at the accident scene?

Hanna Sanchez-Deputy Fire Chief: The only actual helipads that the County has currently would be the airport's, and Mountainair Fire Department. It's lit up and has this flag, Estancia is just asphalt. Yes, you are correct. We will land a bird at the scene of an accident. We have been known to even land it in someone's yard if we have enough clearance from powerlines and anything like that. As far as in this southern area we've had issues at the wind farms where we landed at the site, with our coordinates. In Torreon and Tajique we use Highway 337 and Highway 55. In the Encino and Duran area, we used to 85 Highway and 60, there's a big open area there or we get closer to the scene if it allows us. We have options to land. I believe we can put funding towards something else rather than the helipad. That's my personal opinion.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Landing helicopters in a dirt environment is very hard on machinery. In the dry conditions here, you wind up with a brownout, especially at night. Under this helipad in the Vanguard incident. The Vanguard employees and helicopters were looking for each other. The helicopter had to land to save fuel until everybody figured out where they were. This gives a known location for people to meet an ambulance with a family member in these remote locations. It would speed up the deployment of a helicopter. Those are my thoughts.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I kind of go both ways on it. One I'm assuming nobody's ever been denied a helicopter because we didn't have a pad, but it does cause some issues. I can honestly see both. I don't have a problem, keep it on there, but it doesn't need to be at the top of the list. At this point with an ICIP, we're going to legislatures, and they are going to be asking how important it is. A helipad may not be necessary other than predetermined sites.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Going back to what the Deputy Fire Chief says, in her professional opinion. She thinks we should move the funding to ambulances or other apparatus. I'm going to follow the advice of our professionals. I get what you're saying. I've seen him land right there at Moriarity Park. It's asphalted. There's dirt flying everywhere. That's kind of the helipad for the Moriarty area. I hate to ask for something that our professionals aren't requesting and don't get used to if we can use the funding elsewhere.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: As far as EMT and Fire Department, have we maxed out our ask, of what you need?

Jim Winham - County Fire Chief: No, we're not close to maxed out on what we need. Let me go back to the landing pads, I flew in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I flew for 10 years privately. I can tell you, it's inherently dangerous to land in any other place except on a helipad. They do get expensive because those red lights around them are radio-controlled. Those are turned on by the pilot. You don't have anybody out here that is going to be able to turn those on. It is inherently much safer for a helicopter to land on a helipad pad. You don't have the debris, you've got the FAA requirements, etc. That being said when you prioritize what is necessary for the Fire Department, and the constituents of the county, I would have to agree with the Deputy Fire Chief however. I think it's important that we look for trying to do these helipads. Maybe we can get money from wind turbine companies. They can benefit from that also. They have private people that come in, and they fly people in all the time. This could be beneficial for them. My point is

we should look at it, keep it, and maybe try to get more money from the turbine people and then use these around the county. The one for the fire station is important because that was built into the plans. We commit to having a full-time EMS helicopter station that is 24/7, 365. Our costs would be building the helipad at the new Fire Department, by the Public Works.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Johnny Perea and Jason Quintana asked me at the very beginning of my term about getting a helipad in the mountain communities.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I think it needs to remain on the list. When we start going to negotiations with Legislatures, when it comes to picking and choosing where we have at rank.

Jim Winham - County Fire Chief: One other recommendation is to have at least two instead of Four. That would free up our equipment for the next call.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I would like to ask other cities/municipalities, to add it to their ICIP as well. I would agree.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I would agree.

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: In my years of working with Dr. Saul back in the 70s, he had to meet the helicopters on Main Street. You have all these people all around and have to make arrangements. Dr. Saul would get in that helicopter and ride off. I think it's a necessary thing for landing on helipads that are designated for this one purpose, for the sake of saving lives. \$50,000 for a pad is just more efficient, for emergency services to have designated places. I think it's a necessary part of our emergency services. Thank you.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: I wanted to remind the Commission that we do have some funding for the Comprehensive Plan for the Fire Department. I think that's the type of thing we want to address in that planning is prioritizing those needs and trying to come up with a plan that will then feed into the ICIP for the next several years. That's something that we'll address in those discussions.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I think the Commissioners are well aware of what's on the ICIP. I'm going to ask the Commissioners to go through and see if there are any changes you want to make.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Is the new multi-use building fully funded?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I think it is.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: That's a nine-and-a-half million-dollar project, if I remember correctly, and then we're asking for another \$14,863,120 on top of that?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: The reason that's in there is that when this whole project with the County Fairgrounds came to be, we were asked to expand beyond just to build. I wanted a master plan with the entire property, including the rodeo grounds, that's where the 14 million comes from.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Is it 14 million total, or on top of what we've already approved and got in appropriations?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: It's on top of what's already been appropriated. We calculate around \$5 million, which is what we currently have. To state that we're fully funded for this project, I don't believe that we are.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: You are correct. When this started, we were looking at the multi-use building, which is a benefit. When we started talking to legislators, we went down a road of an overall plan, and their reasoning was at the time, they were going to have a ton of money, and they wanted to see these road projects. We paid for that. We've done that, within that's an improvement of the County Fairgrounds, or some historic wall site, there's maintenance on that. Finishing up the extension service, incorporating the multi-use guard, and redoing the driveway. It was a full plan, even incorporated into the city park. That's where the pain came because that building is not done, for other reasons. In my opinion, foolish to pull this off, what have we worked on six years ago, just for the sake of keeping on the ICIP? Am I saying that that's ever going to come to pass? I don't know. I'm not comfortable removing it until we have phase one done.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: \$23 million total on the fairgrounds is not serving the greatest good for the most people in Torrance County. That's my position. \$14 million here and the \$9.5 for the multi-use building, my understanding is that those are two separate numbers. \$5 million appropriated but the project in its entirety, will be \$23 million when it's finished the \$9.5 for the multi-use building and the \$14.8 that we're asking for.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Where's the nine?

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: That's what I was asking for clarification on. The project cost for the multi-use building is nine and a half million dollars. Is that nine and a half million dollars included in this \$14 or is that a separate number?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: The nine and a half million is not the total amount. Four and a half million would be included because we already have five.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: This is all blended into that same project. That makes better sense to me.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We don't have any professional plans for design to come up with the nine.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Right, we have not gotten to the phase, yet. Is there anything we're going to cut?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: At our last meeting, there were some that you wanted to move down maybe move them out of the top 12 in 2026 and then there were a few, for example, the Asset Management Plan we were going to move down or possibly remove completely. I did note those, but now we need to finalize if you want to move those to 2030.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: On this new county government office, we are moving forward. It must stay on the list.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Can we ask for appropriations until the day of completion or until the day of a contract with the contractor? At what point can we not ask for funds for construction?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: You can continue to ask for improvements to the property, whether it's the county government building itself or development outside of that. We have additional plans that could be Animal Services. On the admin building, we have, as he stated known that we've secured funding for it. However, that doesn't mean we can't use appropriations instead of

taking a loan because that would be better for the county overall. We're required to get a notice of obligation in place before we use any of the appropriations. As long as there's work that can still be done, we can stop the loan, enter into a different phase with the contractor, get a quote from them, or whatever the cost is, and turn that in as a notice of obligation to complete the project. As far as we were able to with the appropriations. Instead of using the loan money, then we would use the appropriations. It would be to accomplish the same thing. It would be a different funding source. As long as the work has not been completed, we can use the funds for anything. Once we get the agreement, anything after that, then we can use it towards the completion.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: If we didn't have the loan in place, and we went ahead and pulled out our general funds thinking we were going to get it, that's what they want to prevent. If we get started on it, and they want to help out, we simply use their money instead of ours.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: You're correct, we can't go in arrears and ask them to give us our money back. It's whatever is still left to be completed, we can ask for approval from DFA to use that money to complete the project.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: It's safe to say it needs to be a priority for the next two to three years.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: In light of the weather we've been having, we're going to have to find some funding to make that budget shortfall in that department. Should we move County Road Improvements to a higher position on the list?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I was thinking the same thing, move to the top five.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Item number six County Road Improvements \$17,675,328.00. The Road Department is struggling right now to keep up with the damage to the roads by the weather patterns we have. The Road Department is going to start having budget shortfalls and budget difficulties as a result. We should move that ask up in priority.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I agree. Move item number four County Road Improvements. Number five Fire Department Comprehensive Plan, then I

would like to put anything that has to do with purchasing equipment for medical response vehicles below that.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Look at the line item four. We suggested moving that down out of the top 12.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm good with that.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I agree with that as well. In speaking with some people in Torreon, and mountain communities, they have begun, approaching these through their sources, the Council on land grants, and going through for federal and state directly.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We all three agree that the County Administration Buildings need to stay in the top five or six.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: To my constituents in Torreon. When you get your house in order up there and start functioning, you can make money come your way.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: The Emergency Management Facility.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: The Emergency Management Facility, is \$1,435,000.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: That needs to be moved closer to Fire Department and Rescue. When you put it all together, it can coincide. We present it in a manner that is what we want to focus on.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: As a standalone facility, it's going to cost a lot more. I'll defer to Commissioner McCall on this. Adding some square footage to design for the Fire/EMS on the road shed would cost less than a standalone building, if we take Item Four and bump everything up. That's below number four. Then we come down to Arthur Park Lake and pool improvements number 12, which is in support of Estancia. We could put the Torreon Well in the 11 spots ahead of Lake Arthur and the swimming pool improvements.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We have Lake Arthur on there to support Estancia, because they have it on there also correct?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I have not verified that they have it on this year's ICIP list. This is going off of previous years they requested that we put it on. I can only assume that they would continue.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: In working with municipalities, if they don't have it on theirs. I have no reason for us to have it on ours.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: I did reach out to all the municipalities, land grants, and mutual domestics and I only heard back from Mountainair.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Keep it at the bottom, if they can't communicate. The County priorities need to be on the top.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Right now Fairgrounds would be one, Fire Station Water would be two, County Road and Improvements three, New County Offices four, Purchase and Equip Medical Vehicles five, Fire Department Comprehensive Plan six, Emergency Management seven, Road Department eight. Duran nine, Preservation 10, Arthur Park 11. Then we'll move the Torreón water back up to 12.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I would like to swap the Preservation and the Duran Water System. Okay. If you guys are okay with that?

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Are you good with 2025?

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Yes.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: 2026.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I've spoken with Felix Lovato in Abo about a water system. As a number one ask, we can move that one down.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: In 2026, the way this whole chart is set up is assuming we get funded for everything, which we know is not going to happen. In 26, assuming we get everything else funded, this is what we want to do next.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: As far as the Abo water system. I put those folks in touch with Sherry Moran from Sendero. Environmental in Mountainair. Who is helping with USDA money for private wells? I don't know how practical a water system in this area is. Money is available for their private wells; they have been working on that. It's a USDA program.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Are you suggesting we take the Abo water system completely off? I agree with Commissioner Schwebach. We need to keep a roadmap. If you're suggesting removing it, I'm fine with that too.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I'm not suggesting you remove it. I need more information as to the need. As the number one ask on that list, we can move that down. If my fellow Commissioners would like that.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I'm okay with it being one. It shows the age of the ask because it's been moved up.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: The County needs to be at the top. To support our municipalities, it needs to be on here. Ultimately, we're saying what we view as a Commission as our needs. Looking at 26, Regional Animal Shelter, and Road Assessment at the top two, and then up the rest.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Do you want to leave the Animal Shelter here, or do you want to put the Animal Shelter Improvements above the new shelter? That was one of our new asks.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Improvements need to be at the top. I think it needs to be in 2025 based on what we heard not long ago.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: There is an urgency to that one, I would agree with that.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Do you want Duran and Arthur both down to 2026?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Leave them in 2025. We're slotted to approve this today, right?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Once we get this public hearing out of the way, can you retype it, and we will just defer till it is ready?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: In 2026, the Mountainair Rodeo Grounds Improvement is entirely a support position as well. We could bump that up to 2025. I don't know where Mountainair has it on their ICIP.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm okay with that. Refresh my memory on that multi-generational facility with gym.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This is looking in the Moriarty area to replace the senior center. It's not Moriarty's property that we're using. It's not going to be something that's run or owned by Moriarty. It's in the municipality of Moriarty, that we're providing services through Presbyterian. That's currently where the senior center is, and the highest population in the county. The goal would be to still have it in Moriarty for the seniors to have easier access.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: The reason we're looking at that is because that building needs to be replaced.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm okay with that.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: If you move the building of a new Animal Regional Shelter and Road Assessment up, then I'm good.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Multigenerational Buildings need to be below roads in 2027. What's the road shop yard water system?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: That was one of the ones we considered removing because the project was finished. I just left it up.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I think we need to remove it, because somebody may come and say that we just funded.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: In the planning of the New Firehouse, is the water on the road shed property able to meet the requirements of the State Fire Marshal's office?

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: No, it's not.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: We may need to keep this \$435,000 ask on there to support a fire station.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Re-label it. Take the Road Shop out and put Fire Station Water System.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Before we get a Fire Station, we need to solve the water problems. I see the water falling in with the Fire Station improvement. As of right now, we don't need more water there at the Road Shop.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: This is a 2027 ask.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Where is our Fire Station ask?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We had this discussion at the last meeting. On the Highway 285 Fire Station and the Highway 60 Fire Station, we had discussed if we wanted to combine them and ask for one fire station and the location to be determined.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: That's my recollection. Then we have this ask, as the infrastructure required on the ask to be determined which would work wherever we decided to build a major fire station since it doesn't say road shop anymore.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: That makes sense to me. I'm going to do that.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We only want to ask for one fire station correct?

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Yes.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Can you put Highway 285/60, so future Commission understand what we're trying to do?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Why do we have the ball field development? Was that in support of Estancia?

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Move that Emergency Medical Services Building up to the top and then that would alleviate some of the helipads. I'm fine leaving it there.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We had discussed possibly moving the radio systems up higher as well.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We have that in 2029.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I believe Ms. O'dell has applied for a grant.

Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager: We have applied for a grant. They are scheduled to give awards out at the end of August and the beginning of September. We have not heard anything back regarding that grant. At the last meeting, we discussed combining all of this to include a Dispatch/Sheriff's Department to include everybody with radios into one.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: I have \$1,000,218.

Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager: That amount is for Dispatch and the Sheriff's Department only.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: I need to increase this amount for every department. Okay, and I know you sent me those numbers.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: What's clear is it's coming before 2029. We need to bump that up to 2025.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: We also had the urgent care.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Is that to plan and development?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I would like to move that up to 2026. We heard it in public comment today. I have to be honest with anybody who's listening. He rubs me the wrong way. Saying that our inmates in a detention facility don't have the right medical care when the taxpaying citizens in this room don't have the right medical care.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: That's a valid point. We have learned that we can't depend on getting the funding for the combined fire, EMS, and Urgent Care. We need to start looking for ourselves and depending on ourselves for that project.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I would like to move the planning up to 2026 in the top five because I think that will be a game-changer for this valley down the road.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Right now we have the new Regional Animal Shelter number two 2026.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I envisioned in the details to plan and partner.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: It would have to be a private-public partnership.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: What department or what staff member would you suggest that we allocate to reach out to some hospitals? I feel they may be thinking about something like this and if we urged them, together with them, it might happen.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I would say that starts with the County Manager's Office.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: That also may be something the Partnership for Healthy Torrance Community can help with. They may have some resources that we could talk to them about and have some places we could suggest or recommend.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: When you look at economic development, hospitals and doctors are big economic drivers.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This was another part of what Chief Winham had stated as well as his plan for the Fire Station was to have a clinic where we had certified Nurse Practitioners there to help with some of these health issues in the County because currently, we do not have any after-hours services. Our ambulance services are after hours, and some of it may not be life-threatening. If they can go to a clinic and get some care there instead of utilizing our 911 services that would help free up our EMS personnel. That was something that was considered and thought about when we were planning out the Fire Station.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I think that's a good ask and should be high in 2026 as we work through figuring out a corporate entity coming in or a public-private partnership.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm good with that.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: At the state level, regional hospitals have been a hot topic. I'm wondering if we shouldn't move that urgent care to 2025.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm good with that.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I am too.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: It's a long way from a regional hospital, but It could get some traction in this next legislative session.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: In putting the label, 24-hour urgent care, I would like to see a Trauma Center. It doesn't have to be an Emergency Trauma Center.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: It goes back to the discussion we had on Interstate 40. I've had this discussion with the Department of Transportation. Is there any extra funding for this County having this much of Interstate 40 and 285 in our county? It's a long way to a hospital.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Back on 2029,

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Think I'm good with everything else. You get down to 2029, you just want to have it on the list.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: On the new projects we discussed. Are there any that you would like to move to higher priority?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm not interested in a mobile dispatch unit.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: We also talked about making it a stationary secure place instead of having it mobile.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'm okay with that.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: In Dispatch, possibly in the Sheriff's Office, a secondary location that they can dispatch out of in Torrance County that's safe and secure.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Here's my argument on that. 911 services will go to a different dispatch?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: It's currently set up to go to Valencia County.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: It's not ideal. However, I think that it's better to deal with something that's not ideal for a day, a week. Rather than put hundreds of thousands of dollars into something.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: We need to continue to consider that. If we have a tornado come through that area and flatten all of our facilities then we're long-term out of out of service.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I have a problem with that type of backup when we already have a backup. I was hearing were upwards in the \$800,000 plus.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Either Ms. O'Dell or Ms. Sanchez outline the CAD system, the Computer Tracking System of our equipment, and our emergency first responders go to pencil and paper in Valencia, and then we're trying to make that interface work. I think that we want to keep this on our horizon, not just give up on it.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Fair enough. Emergency Management Vehicle. I don't think that should be on here just because it's a vehicle.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Yeah. As you would say at the last meeting, those types of assets lose value quickly.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: When Commissioner McCall and I came on here, vehicles were very commonplace on the ICIP, because of the state of funding we're in. These bigger funds were not even thought about. The County's finances have changed. We need to look at it accordingly.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Would you say the same for the annual State of Sheriffs fleet? We did get \$200,000 for our Sheriff's vehicles for this year.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I look at that just a little differently, because of our square miles. Within this county, when you look at our Sheriff's Department, our Sheriff's Department is tied up with a lot of outside influences in this county primarily, I40. I'm okay leaving that on the list.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Where would you like to put it?

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: It needs to be on every year because it's annual, towards the bottom of the list.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: It should be GRO money, Junior Appropriations. We're always going to need Sheriff's vehicles. We know that Commissioners will always know that. I would not like to see vehicles on the ICIP, other than ambulances, fire apparatuses, and that kind of thing. They're a bigger ticket item and they have a longer lifespan. I don't think it'll get any traction and it takes another spot for ICIP. As long as the Commission knows that the Junior Appropriations what is now called GRO monies, they've changed the names that is where we need to ask for those kinds of things.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: The things you asked for in the GRO funds do not need to be on the ICIP.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Okay, scratch it, down with Emergency Management, just put it on the GRO list.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I would say this for helipads, we would go on in that same slot since Deputy Fire Chief Hanna Sanchez has greater priorities. If we could get on GRO funds, one helipad.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: How do we ask for GRO funds, it's not like the ICIP.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: The legislators are told that they have certain monies available depending on what their budget looks like for the year. Then it's determined by leadership how that money is spent. In the past, it's been a particular amount of junior monies that they could use, and this is coming directly from General Funds. It's eligible or can be appropriated and given to an entity beginning July 1. Historically the state has so much more money in their funds at this moment. Generally, Capital Appropriations require bonds to be sold. They were only sold at certain times during the year. That would be why we had to wait so long to get our agreements. It would take 15 years, sometimes, to get those bonds paid off. That's why the Legislators did not like vehicles to be on those appropriations because it would be driven into the ground, especially a Sheriff's Department vehicle before the bond is paid off. They're told in every session how much money they will have for the Junior Appropriations which are now the GRO monies. It could be a different name, this next legislative session on how they handle it. At that point, Commissioner McCall is correct. It is a direct communication with our Legislators, asking for them to fund our projects with that particular money. Those are individual relationships that are built to be able to have those individual meetings.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: The Helipad is an ICIP ask. It's a Capital Improvement. The reason why we don't want to put the vehicles is that they say anything north of five years is fine to be on your ICIP. We all know that a Sheriff's vehicle doesn't make it five years. An ambulance and fire trucks will. The five-year and down needs to be GRO money.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I agree with that.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Thank you for clarifying.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I think we're good.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We need to put the helipad somewhere they don't get lost. Put them on 2028.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: That's fine.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Would you like me to bring this list back for 2025 in October when they open the Capital Appropriation Applications? So you can pick and choose what you want to request? Or do you want us just to ask for everything in the 2026 column? You have to approve this list today. The ICIP document that will be published, goes to the Legislators. Then from October to January, there's another application we have to complete. That also goes to the Legislators and the Governor to commit to requesting the funds.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I think what we do today needs to be what goes, instead of revisiting.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We are finalizing it now

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Since we spent so much time prioritizing, it'll be pretty obvious demand.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We start changing this around whether something becomes irrelevant, or something gets funded. And so until that happens, there's no point in me changing. We're going to table it until we get this retyped. Is there anybody else within the public who wants to speak against or for?
No response

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Regular Session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

11:26 AM

D. GRANTS: Request approval of Resolution 2024-25, Resolution for Torrance County 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to table this item till we get more information.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

12. APPROVAL

A. MANAGER: Request approval of Restrictive Housing Report – Second Quarter 2024. (not public)

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This comes to you quarterly. It's a requirement by state statute that we house our inmates at a facility. As you're required to, as part of the Sheriff's responsibilities, the Commission is responsible for reviewing the restrictive housing quarterly report and approving it. This gets submitted to the state once the approval has been given.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Are there County female inmates?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: We do have County female inmates, but they have not gone into the restrictive housing.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Why are they inmates, if they're nonrestrictive housing?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Restrictive housing is if they're segregated from the population. There have been no issues with females in this last quarter. That's why you are not seeing their names on the report. For example, it'll tell you the date that the individual is placed into restrictive housing, and then tells you the day that they're released. It also tells you the reason for placement. I'll give an example: the first individual says that he was placed there for disciplinary restriction, due to part of a disciplinary issue that they had with the inmate.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Restrictive housing is that they are in the detention facility.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: No.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: We have several inmates who are incarcerated. This list is not inclusive of everybody. It's only those that were separated to solitary confinement, you need to know who has been separated from the general population, and for what reason and be able to review that in case you have any questions or want to check into anything if there's a lot of excessiveness. There are reasons for the Commission to review this.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Who makes this determination of restricted housing?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: The Sheriff doesn't have any influence over this list and is completely the administration from within the facility. They can also be separated if they're preparing for prehearing detention, it doesn't necessarily have to be the is disciplinary, it can be part of their procedures and policies.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Restrictive Housing Report – Second Quarter 2024.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

B. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement No. 25-690-3000-79641 with the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department for implementation of the Juvenile Justice Grant through June 30, 2027, for a total of \$884,806.00; the annual amount shall not exceed \$261,602.00.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: This is our Juvenile Justice Grant Program. They offer programming at various schools, boys and girls circles, and also restorative justice. It's a three-year contract with CYFD and we have subcontractors that manage and implement the program.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Has legal reviewed this?

Michael I. Garcia-County Attorney: Yes.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Agreement No. 25-690-3000-79641 with the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department for implementation of the Juvenile Justice Grant through June 30, 2027, for a total of 884,806.00; the annual amount shall not exceed \$261,602.00.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

C. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement with the New Mexico Public Education Department for implementation of the Summer Enrichment Internship Program from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for a total of \$100,000.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: This grant is for the internship program that was presented. This is a grant for the fiscal year. This grant will cover what we've paid them in July.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: It's almost like a reimbursement?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: The services have already been rendered. The grant was already done?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes. For this particular grant, the state allows us to do that.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We were approved for the grant before we did the program.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes. All of that was approved.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Part of this grant funding is also going to be the startup for the next summer. Half of it is going towards paying for this summer. This is ideal because they were far behind in getting out the grant agreements. In the past a lot of the counties were holding out saying, we're not doing anything until we get this agreement. By the time they got it, summer was over. The way that it's set up on a fiscal year is so much better now. It helps us to be able to adequately plan and get into the schools early to let them know that this is an option.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Is there a limit if it includes this summer and next summer?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: What we've budgeted is \$50,000 for July of this year, and \$50,000 for June of next year to start up next year's program. Then what we'll do is look at the budget, how much everybody's making, et cetera. That will determine the number of students that we can have. Essentially anything we don't spend this July, we have to start up the program next year, and that could include more students or more hours.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This program has been successful across the state. The Public Education Department is proud of this program as well. When we get the funding next fiscal year, then that would help also with the July payments.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: The idea is that we'll start up next year in June and then PED will give us another grant that will cover next July.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Agreement with the New Mexico Public Education Department for implementation of the Summer Enrichment Internship Program from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for a total of \$100,000.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

D. GRANTS: Request approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, and Torrance County to host interns for the Summer Enrichment Program; minor change was requested.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: After we signed the other MOU, they said that we need to include the signing of a waiver for the students by their parents. It's something that we as a county provide to them. They wanted to make sure it was included in their language in the MOU.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Law Enforcement brought forth an MOU to serve Law Enforcement at Salinas. I asked the question well; do we need an MOU for our EMTs and Fire to go on to their Pueblo? I remember the Federal Employee shook her head, yes, it will be coming.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: I have not heard, and I don't believe Fire Chief Winham has heard from her about the signing of that MOU. We can follow up with them. This MOU is for the internship.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, and Torrance County to host interns for the Summer Enrichment Program; minor change was requested.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

E. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13182 to develop a comprehensive plan to design, construct, and equip projects for the fire districts in Torrance County with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator:

This is a \$90,000 agreement accepting the funding.

Action Taken:

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24- 13182 to develop a comprehensive plan to design, construct, and equip projects for the fire districts in Torrance County with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

F. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13183 to develop a comprehensive plan to design, construct, and equip projects for the fire districts in Torrance County for a total amount of \$90,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Project 13183 is for the Emergency Management Building, in the amount of \$50,000. There was a typo. The document is correct.

Michael I. Garcia-County Attorney: I'm okay with it, as long as it is on the record.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13183 Emergency Management Building in the amount of \$50,000.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

G. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24- 13189 to plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip improvements to the Fairgrounds in Torrance County for a total of \$2,910,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Information did not get into the packet.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to table till we have further information.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

H. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13185 to purchase and equip vehicles and equipment for the Road Department in Torrance County for the total amount of \$40,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2026.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: This is another Capital Outlay for county road vehicles.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13185 to purchase and equip vehicles and equipment for the Road Department in Torrance County for the total amount of \$40,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2026.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

- I. **GRANTS:** Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13184 to purchase and equip emergency medical response vehicles for the Fire Department in Torrance County with a reversion date of June 30, 2026.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: This is for \$50,000. We did purchase with the previous funding for Emergency Medical Vehicles. We purchased an ambulance as well as a vehicle to be outfitted for the Chief as a first responder. There is still some work that can be completed on that vehicle.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24- 13184 to purchase and equip emergency medical response vehicles for the Fire Department in Torrance County with a reversion date of June 30, 2026.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

- J. **GRANTS:** Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24- 13190 to plan, design, construct, and upgrade the offices of the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, including archival storage cabinets, climate control, and fire suppression systems, in Estancia in Torrance County for \$50,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: This is Capital Appropriation funding. We've discussed this with the Capital Outlay Committee. We need to look for funding elsewhere to preserve our historic documents, but we want to explore what they need in terms of climate-controlled storage, etc. That will be part of the new County Administrative Offices.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We're not putting fire suppression into this building?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Not unless it's determined that this is the best place to store them. We want them to be in the new building. The \$50,000 is going to be for planning and designing appropriate storage systems for our historic documents for the new building.

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: You're aware that our voting machine building is climate-controlled for machines. My idea would be to build another building like that in that area for all the records for all the departments. It would be climate control. We have to leave this building to go check our machines. Why not in the new building, we would have a storage here that would keep our records in a climate-controlled area.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Why does it need to be climate-controlled?

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: They age with different temperatures. Our vault isn't climate-controlled but it is sealed every night. Our books have held up. I don't know why we have to keep the County Commission meetings and hard copies from day one. I don't know why we can't scan them. I've talked to my fellow Clerks about why we have to keep the hard copies, in this modern time.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: There's also a lifetime retention on some of these records. The public does have the expectation or should expect that at any given time, they're able to inspect these records. Part of having it climate-controlled is ensuring that we've maintained the integrity of the records throughout the years. It does include archival storage cabinets, that's something that's going to be important because as we move into the new building, we aren't creating vaults like what we have in currently in this building. That's going to be an integral part of storage for the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I'm good with the buying of cabinets that will move. I don't think we can build the climate-control building back here for \$50,000. I don't want to get ahead of the design of the new County Administration Building, because I haven't seen the plans. I've seen sketches, but it's not approved yet. In that building, there might be what you're asking for and there may not be.

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: We have five searchers in our office right now who are looking through the books.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Let's have that discussion in the design of the new building.

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: In the design of the new building right now, it's still with the Capital Outlay Committee. We're slowly working on pulling in the different departments to have these types of discussions.

Action Taken:

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24- 13190 to plan, design, construct, and upgrade the offices of the Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor, including archival storage cabinets, climate control, and fire suppression systems, in Estancia in Torrance County for \$50,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

12G. GRANTS: Request approval of Agreement for Capital Appropriation Project 24-13189 to plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip improvements to the Fairgrounds in Torrance County for a total of \$2,910,000 with a reversion date of June 30, 2028.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to a motion for approval.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

K. ANIMAL SERVICES: Request approval of Contract for Professional Services with pharmacist Kathleen West.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: This is a yearly contract that we have with our pharmacists to inspect our drug labs, to make sure that we have appropriate temperatures. It's the same contract we have always had.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Does the contract look good?

Michael I. Garcia-County Attorney: Yes.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Contract for Professional Services with pharmacist Kathleen West.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

L. ANIMAL SERVICES: Request approval to move forward with presenting the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Town of Estancia, the City of Moriarty, the Town of Mountainair, and the Town of Willard.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: We've had these in place with the entities for years as well. It's an agreement that they will hold their animals for a period, and then should they not be able to find placement for them, they can ask us if we can accept them and possibly bring them to us. We have signed an MOU with all of the entities except for the Village of Willard. I don't think that they expire unless there's a written notification. I wanted to get everybody on the same schedule.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Town of Estancia, the City of Moriarty, the Town of Mountainair, and the Town of Willard.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

M. FINANCE/PURCHASING: Request approval of the resulting contract from RFP # 24-25-001 Teen Court Coordinator; Evaluation Committee's recommendation for award is Adrian Ortiz.

Kristin Saavedra- Chief Procurement Officer: This is a request for a proposal to renew the contract for the Teen Court Coordinator Prevention Specialists for the County of Torrance. The evaluation committee did select a proposer Adrian Ortiz and recommended him for award and we're looking to get the contract approved by the Commission.

Action Taken:

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve of the resulting contract from RFP # 24- 25-001 Teen Court Coordinator; Evaluation Committee's recommendation for award is Adrian Ortiz.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

N. FINANCE: Request approval of Cooperative Service Agreement between Torrance County and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal, and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services to conduct wildlife damage management activities to control damage and conflicts caused by wildlife in Torrance County; total request of \$45,750 was approved by Commission and was included in the FY25 Interim Budget.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: As the agenda says this was part of the contract and expenses that were approved for USDA with both the interim and final budget process. We need to get that contract signed today.

Action Taken:

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Motion to approve Cooperative Service Agreement between Torrance County and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal, and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services to

conduct wildlife damage management activities to control damage and conflicts caused by wildlife in Torrance County; total request of \$45,750 was approved by Commission and was included in the FY25 Interim Budget.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

O. FIRE: Request approval to submit the FY25 FPG (Fire Protection Grant) applications for Fire Admin and Districts 1-6 Volunteer Fire Departments, and authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign applications electronically.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve and submit the FY25 FPG (Fire Protection Grant) applications for Fire Admin and Districts 1-6 Volunteer Fire Departments, and authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign applications electronically.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

P. SHERIFF/FINANCE: Request approval to pay Gall invoice # 024775538 dated 06/13/2023 for \$52.76; Purchase Order # 23-00092 was in place at the time of purchase and was partially paid and closed out before issuing payment for this invoice.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: This is an invoice for the Sheriff's Department back in June of 2023. Prior fiscal year, that's why it's coming before you now. There was a PO in place. We received a partial shipment they paid for that you always closed at the end process, and then the rest of the order came in and was never paid for.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to pay Gall invoice # 024775538 dated 06/13/2023 for \$52.76; Purchase Order # 23-00092 was in place at the time of purchase and was partially paid and closed out before issuing payment for this invoice.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

Q. FINANCE: Request approval to pay Lobo Internet invoices N10715-1 dated 01/01/2020 for \$156.78, N10715-5 dated 05/01/2020 for \$166.92, N10715-7 dated 05/22/2020 for \$1,230.32, and N10715-17 dated 02/01/2021 for \$155.00.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: These invoices were brought to light during the year-end process. We reached out to the local internet to make sure there were no outstanding invoices for FY 24. They sent us a statement with all of these from 2020 and 2021, saying they were still outstanding. We did research within the Finance Office to verify that none of these were paid, we do not have a record of any of these payments. Lobo Internet did provide the invoices, just no payments. We would like to get those cleaned up. I want to share with the Commission, the public, and other departments that we have been working on a different way to structure our purchase orders and requisitions to better track each month of service and to easily point out the ones that are missing, so we don't have these for years and years. I think what happened is on requisitions of POs, they would put an open PO for the year with a big amount to cover the whole year. We're doing line items for each month, so when we pay it the line items closed, and you can easily see when items open. I think they got missed just because they were trying to take them out of one big lump-sum bucket with no way to track which month.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Could the vendor call us and bring up some of these past invoices?

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: The first time we saw these from Lobo Internet was when we reached out for the FY25 close to ensure we had all invoices paid.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: That's just very strange to me that they are not asking for payment.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: The matters could have gone to prior employees' email addresses. I do know that both County Managers and myself have been working diligently with vendors to get email addresses updated for current employees.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: At the end of the day, these are all legitimate. Could we have paid a bill and forgotten to document it?

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: I think it's unlikely because it would have shown up in the bank record process.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: At what point do we say we're not going to pay it?

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I find it strange that they haven't been sending us notices that you're behind. I'm glad you have procedures and policies in place.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to pay Lobo Internet invoices N10715-1 dated 01/01/2020 for \$156.78, N10715-5 dated 05/01/2020 for \$166.92, N10715-7 dated 05/22/2020 for \$1,230.32, and N10715-17 dated 02/01/2021 for \$155.00.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – No: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

R. FIRE/EMS: Request approval to pay Toby's Mid-Valley Doors invoice # 20147 dated 6/17/2024 in the amount of \$810.00; the Purchase Order was not in place before repair.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: This request for Toby's doors is for \$810. This was initially an emergency call to repair a door that would not open. It was stuck. When they arrived at the station, they got the door open, the ambulance out, and then requested a panel be replaced on the door. This \$810 is for that panel. They never followed through and put the purchase order in for the door panel. It's before you because it didn't follow the procedure.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to pay Toby's Mid-Valley Doors invoice # 20147 dated 6/17/2024 in the amount of \$810.00; the Purchase Order was not in place before repair.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – stepped out: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

S. FINANCE/FACILITIES: Request approval to pay AKC Plumbing invoice # 00503 for \$604.45 for HVAC work at the Judicial Complex; the Purchase Order was not in place before repair.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: I have our new Facilities Director Richard Lesperance, who can answer specific questions concerning this purchase. AKC Plumbing was for HVAC work at Judicial College. There was not an order before the repairs were done. I think it might have just been a learning curve on the accounting process other than what's required for purchases as to why there was not a PO.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This was an emergency repair.

Action Taken:

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve to pay AKC Plumbing invoice # 00503 for \$604.45 for HVAC work at Judicial Complex; Purchase Order was not in place before repair.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Absent: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

T. FINANCE/FACILITIES: Request approval to pay for purchases at Estancia Valley Feed and Supply for \$46.88, \$29.86, \$42.79, and \$23.12 for Fairgrounds repairs and Mountainair Senior Center Repairs; Purchase Orders were not in place before purchases.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: These purchases were made by going down to Estancia Valley Feed to buy different supplies or parts as needed for these repairs. There was not a PO in place.

Richard Lesperance-County Facilities Director: They were also emergencies.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Could a P card be used being it's an emergency?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: We have a process in place for emergency purchases. The individual department heads and elected officials if they have an emergency purchase that they need to make, need to communicate with our Chief Procurement Officer or our Finance Director to get approval, and they can make the purchase. That's not an issue. The issue is not getting that approval in advance and then the follow-through afterward that's required once the purchase is made, to go in and create the requisition and go through the purchase order process. There's communication at the front end to get that approval for that purchase. Then afterward, we have the follow-up paperwork. We want to maintain that because it provides the internal controls, especially with our purchasing, that they don't purchase without our Chief Procurement Officer knowing that it meets the requirements of the state statutes in our policies.

Action Taken:

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve to pay for purchases at Estancia Valley Feed and Supply for \$46.88, \$29.86, \$42.79, and \$23.12 for Fairgrounds repairs and Mountainair Senior Center repairs; Purchase Orders were not in place before purchases.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Absent: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

U. FINANCE/FACILITIES: Request approval to pay for a purchase at Hart's Hardware for \$25.37 for Fairgrounds repairs; the Purchase Order was not in place before purchase.

Misty Witt-County Finance Director: This is a similar situation to item T, where we went down to Hart's and made the purchase for Fairgrounds repairs.

Richard Lesperance-County Facilities Director: This was also an emergency.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to pay for a purchase at Hart's Hardware for \$25.37 for Fairgrounds repairs; Purchase Order was not in place before purchase.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Absents: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

V. FIRE: Request approval to pay purchase for District 3 Fire Station at Hart's Hardware in the amount of \$131.12 for the date 6/05/2024; Purchase Order was not in place before purchase.

Jim Winham - County Fire Chief: This was for various plumbing supplies. We were trying to get a new sink. It's not an emergency purchase. It was the fault of the Fire Chief and will now follow the procedure which he now knows.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to pay purchase for District 3 Fire Station at Hart's Hardware in the amount of \$131.12 for the date 6/05/2024; Purchase Order was not in place before purchase.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

W. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Health for Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) in the amount of \$10,500, and authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign via DocuSign. (Approved by Grant Committee)

Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager: This is the Cities Readiness Initiative agreement we enter into every year with the Department of Health. This one is for \$10,500. There's a list of deliverables and when we meet those deliverables, then we can invoice for those payments. There's no match or reimbursement.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Health for Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) in the amount of \$10,500, and authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign via DocuSign.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

13. DISCUSSION

A. FINANCE: Budget Hearing about the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. **Public Hearing.**

***Moved to after agenda item 11B**

B. GRANTS: Review and prioritize the 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. **Public Hearing**

***Moved to after agenda item 11C**

C. GRANTS: Presentation and recognition of Summer Enrichment Interns for summer 2024.

***Moved to after agenda item 10**

D. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I'd like to let the public know that I did submit my letter of resignation. My last day with the County will be August 16th. I was appointed by the State Treasurer, Laura Montoya, to be her Deputy at the State. This was a very tough decision. My heart is torn. I have an amazing Commission that I've been working for the entire time that I've been in this position. Thank you Commissioners for the opportunity to have this public service. A lot of things were accomplished during the time that I've been here that I'm very proud of. The work that this Commission has done and allowed me to be a part of. We have a great staff; I know that things will continue and be great. This is just a very hard thing for me to talk about leaving. I'm excited for the opportunity. I'll certainly miss everybody in the work that I do here.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I want everybody to know that this was based on Ms. Barela's integrity, hard work, and service here in Torrance County. She's been asked to take this position by a Democratic treasurer in a Democrat

Administration, which speaks a lot about her talents and hard work. Congratulations.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Ms. Barela has honestly made it easy for this Commission. I told her on the phone when she approached me with it. I will not deny anyone, especially the ones that have earned it, the opportunity to better themselves. I fully support her. I don't like it, but that's okay. At the end of the day, she has done her job very well. This Commission's job is to make sure we have a competent individual. Congratulations.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I guess the pinky promise has been broken. We had a pinky promise that she would stay as long as I was Commissioner.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I didn't seek this out for anybody that's wondering. I did not have this anywhere on my radar. I was approached by the State Treasurer for this.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I am disappointed but I'm proud of you. I think your time as Manager has allowed you to grow into the person you are. I think you were capable before this, but I think you will serve the Treasurer better knowing what you know and how county government at the top level works. I ask that you represent Torrance County well, then I know you will. Wish you well.

E. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

1) Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman, District 1

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We need to look for a new County Manager. I spent the weekend in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. As we were talking about ICIP, I was driving up and down Main Street and saw the urgent care in Pagosa Springs in a strip mall. I'm glad we moved that urgent care 24-hour coverage to the top of our list. It can be in a strip mall, it can be little, but if it's 24/7, and it's urgent care, I think it fulfills the needs of our citizens. You're right about what was said about the comments at the prison and the medical needs. You're spot on, our citizens aren't even getting the right health care.

3) Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner, District 3

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: As everybody knows, roads are bad due to recent weather. I've been riding around on them on my motorcycle and wound up sliding off in the ditch and multiple places. I've been telling the constituents who call me who are reasonable and do not just want to scream at me after supper, our Road Department is going as hard as they can go. The priority is to make the roads passable for emergency vehicles. With the frequency of the storms, they very often go right back to the same place next time because they don't have the time resources, and equipment to fix the roads. They have to move on to the next place so that people can get in and out of their homes.

On another note. Dusty Wrye and the Wrye Ranch asked me to take a look at their county road running into their ranch. I rode my 460-pound motorcycle through four miles of sand wash, which thoroughly wore me out. There is a doctrine of fundamental fairness. I want everybody in my district to know, Dusty Wrye holds no more sway over me than anyone else. He needs his road fixed. I don't want to hear any complaints about fixing the rich guys' road and the rest of the roads out here being crappy. He's a businessman, he employs people. He had a branding where they branded 135 calves and if someone had gotten hurt, our equipment couldn't get to them. Fundamental fairness. He needs his road fixed to run his business and get his family in and out of there just the same as anybody in the mountain communities, the south part of the county. We are working for everyone in the third district. Thank you.

2) Ryan Schwebach - County Chairman, District 2

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Fair enough. We're looking for a County Manager. The fact that we do have a Democrat-led administration in the state, for them to seek it out, is a good sign for our county. We will be posting for that position shortly. School starts soon, be aware of that, and pay attention to your kids and what's going on in the schools. For all of the parents, get involved, and pay attention to what's happening. There's good and bad. If parents aren't in the middle of it, there's going to be more bad than good. That's just how it works. The county fair is coming up. I encourage everybody to check it out. Enjoy it.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: The Fair Board had asked about a little groundbreaking and proclamation about building the new building. I remember this Commission hoping that we could start breaking ground and have the building ready for the next fair. Does that still look like a realistic timeline?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: In talking with Bohannon-Houston, who has a subcontractor as the one that's in charge right now of the programming and has given us a proposal that we'll be looking at for the architectural services. I was told that we would not be ready for groundbreaking right after the fair, but that the timeline does look like it will be completed before the next fair.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I'll speak this honestly, if so, is it moving forward. I'm ready to look for new contractors. This is stalled out too long.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: With the agreement of the Commission, that's the message I'll take back to the next Fair Board meeting, that this is a moving project and we're watching it closely to ensure that the contractor will remain on time this time around.

11D. GRANTS: Request approval of Resolution 2024-25, Resolution for Torrance County 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Through the public hearing, there was only discussion presented where we changed it around. We need a little more detail in 2029, item two water wells with tanks specifically for fire. Is that the intent?

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: Yes.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: That needs to be added to say Fire Suppression or Fire Department.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Item number 6, 2029. Mr. Goen had been out to look at the dam, we had a brief conversation about it. All of the dirt tanks in my district are now full of these rains and overflowing. Is this dam a danger to the citizens out there?

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: The issue with that is, because of it being about 75-acre feet potential retention, that puts it into a jurisdictional status. A

quick synopsis of the current state of this project. I became the project lead by default. Last August, I and several staff members, a private engineer that we had hired, and the Manager of the Dam Safety Bureau from the Office of the State Engineer met on site. We discussed options and what was decided on was a total breach was what was in order. It was the recommendation of the Manager of the Dam Safety Bureau. One of the things that was cited on this was the nature of how we were looking at addressing this project. Instead of having to hire outside contractors, to accomplish this, we would be able to utilize our own Road Department to have a big cost savings to the County. As it stands right now the plans for the breach have been submitted and accepted by the OSE. There were some discrepancies in numbers and those have been addressed. We're currently looking at getting a professional presentation package for them, in both hardcopy and, flash drives. After it has been reviewed by one of their people it will be sent back with the different figures that they wanted, resolved, and addressed. That has been done. Since there was additional work by the engineer, I received one estimate from him. I spoke to the Manager of the Dam Safety Bureau, James Head to clarify exactly what was going on here and what it was that they were looking for. Since then I've gotten another estimate from the engineer that was reduced by 10 grand, down to about 15 thousand.

Where it's at right now is that they had requested an in-person meeting at their office in Albuquerque in the first two weeks of August. It would be our engineer, myself, and of course, the OSE personnel. Other particulars of the project are going to be involved as far as the concrete work riprap, to prevent scarring from erosion. One of the things that I had asked him to include in this was a diversion berm to give some protection to the solid waste station that's on the downhill side. Where the issue comes into play on this is in a 100-year flood scenario, there is the potential if we had that event happen, the sudden release of that 75-acre foot of water, that'd be a deluge for all the people downstream. By doing this, that will mitigate that, and it will also remove it from jurisdictional status. With the heavy rains that we've had, we've been out there to take a look and see if the water has been retained. We had three inches of rain in an hour. Some of the areas are green on the north side of the dam, and there hasn't been any water standing. There has been water standing around the Solid Waste Station. It has a lot to do with the topographical drainage of that area.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: After watching the water running across 542, and 41. I believe this is something we need to be monitoring. We don't want this known hazard to be affecting our citizens.

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: One of the things there is, that when they had provided the original figures on the breach of the dam. They had a 25-year flood and 50-year flood scenarios, and with a 100-year flood, in the case of that extreme event, the amount of water that would be flowing across the road there with that breach was 1365 cubic feet per second. I don't think there's much that mankind can do about that. I asked him, if the dam had never been built, what would it be if it was just natural drainage, and they said, 1366, so a difference of one cubic foot per second. Nature is going to do what it wants to do. Part of the discussion that we had there was, you know, as far as that water flowing across Lexco, because that dam was there before that road was ever built. They were talking about 36-inch box culverts and raising the road elevation. Several things were real high-ticket items, and even then, may not have addressed that kind of water flow. There are a couple of other points north of there, where water crosses at a higher rate than what it does at that location, just in normal events. Our main goal here is to get that removed from jurisdictional status. Depending on how things fall together, we might be able to get this taken care of this year, probably next year. It's been a known problem for over 20 years. I couldn't believe that that dam had been there since 1960. I'm interested in getting this taken care of. From the Emergency Management aspect is that if we don't, we will have to compose an emergency action plan. If we get this breach done and get this taken care of, then that goes away, too.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Recently in Nashville, Illinois a dam like this one overtopped, and 36 inches of water ran down through the town. We need to keep an eye on it.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Do we want to move it out in 2029 or take it off that \$133,000 amount?

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: At this point being that it is that far out to 2029, we have plenty of time to take it off. I don't want to start removing options until it's done.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We'll leave it there. Any other changes?
No response.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: On the resolution, that's before you it does state that it supersedes another resolution, but it doesn't give the name of the resolution. I do have that it's 2023-25.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-25 for Torrance County 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. COMMISSION: Discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8).

B. COMMISSION: Discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8).

C. COMMISSION: Discussion regarding limited personnel matters, closed under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2), Fire Chief.

D. MANAGER: Discussion regarding limited personnel matters, closed under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2), County Manager.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Executive Session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

12:40 PM

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into Regular Session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED

2:46 PM

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ABOVE

A. COMMISSION: Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session Item 14.A. regarding purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: In our Executive session, we only discussed the purchase and acquisition or disposal of real property as spelled out in item 14A and item 14B. The County Manager will move forward as directed with the real property and it may also be with a real property items 14A and 14B.

B. COMMISSION: Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session Item 14.B. regarding purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property.

See item 15A.

C. COMMISSION: Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session Item 14.C. regarding Fire Chief.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: There will be no action. For public record, our Chief has been doing a great job. He is no longer on employment probation. He is in good standing with the Commission.

D. MANAGER: Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session Item 14.D regarding County Manager.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: The County Manager is going to move forward and post an opening for the County Manager position as directed.

16. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting:
August 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM

17. Signing of Official Documents.

18. Adjourn.

Action Taken:


Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Motion to adjourn.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

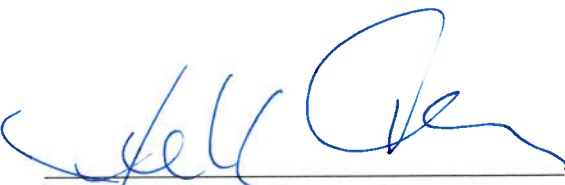
Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes:

MOTION CARRIED


The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.



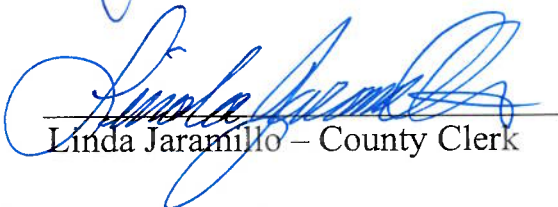
Ryan Schwebach - Chairman



Genell Morris – Admin Assistant



Date



Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk

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