

29th March 2023

The Emergency Meeting of the Board was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers observing all COVID-19 protocols currently issued by the State of New Mexico, with the following present: Robert Baca - Commissioner; Walt Eddy - Commissioner; Danielle Notah - Commissioner; Anthony Dimas, Jr., - County Manager; Brian Money - Deputy County Manager; Doug Decker - County Attorney; Shawna Garnenez - Executive Assistant; Sara Keeler - Finance Director; Human Resources - Dezirie Gomez; County Clerk - Jacqueline K. Sloan; Kimberly Collins - MD RMCH; Linda Gonzales - Clinic; Cecilia Perez - Gallup Chamber; Lori Parra - Gallup Chamber; Elaine Gomez - Account Finance Director; Gerald Robertson - Physician; Rodney Skersickll - Roads; Wilfred Noble Jr. - Project Manager; J Sowers - Human Resources; Robert Whitaker - RMCH; Craig Sims - CHC; Gerold Joch - Citizen; Adam Berg - MCVEM; Martin O'Murray; Marlene Dallago - Treasurer Office; Saralynn Piano - Citizen; Georgene Dimas - MCMPPA; Caleb Lauber - Legacy Family Medicine; Patty Lundstrom - Executive Director GGEDC; Bruce Armstrong - Economic Dev Manager GGEDC; Edward Becenti - Assessor Office; Danielle Martinez - Gallup Independent; Candace Watchman - Monitor.

The meeting was convened at 4: 00 P.M. and called to order by Commissioner Baca. Roll call was taken.

Commissioner Notah- present, Commissioner Baca - present, Commissioner Eddy - Present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Commissioner Baca.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Finding to Emergency Circumstances: RMCHCS may take action that could require that the County take immediate action to maintain operation of the local Hospital and the Hospital Entity which could, if immediate action is not taken, have imminent impact on the level of continued provision of Hospital Services to the people of McKinley County. This finding is made to satisfy the conditions of NMSA 1978 10-15-1(F) of the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve items 1 on the action items. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "Said Yes", Commissioner Notah "Said Yes", Commissioner Baca "Said Yes". None Opposed.

Time for public comments regarding any item on the agenda. Comment time may be limited to three (3) minutes as directed by the Chair.

Call for comments or questions was made by the Chair. Comments were made by several health care workers: Doctor Connie Lou, Doctor Kimberly Collins, Physician Gerald Robertson and the public. All comments were in support of the needed aid to RMCHCS to have them keep the doors to the hospital open and desired a plan for the near future to make sure the doors can remain open. There are several vendors that need immediate payment or RMCHCS will have to close the hospital.

2. Discuss and Possibly take Action or Actions to ameliorate the impact of actions by RMCHCS by immediately Closing on the Purchase Agreement between RMCHCS and McKinley County for the real property commonly known as Red Rock Clinic and College Clinic without any further negotiations; or adopt other Resolutions to maintain continuity of operation of RMCHCS as an entity providing hospital services.

Possible Executive Session IF NEEDED: To discuss items and consider other negotiations under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act that deal with the acquisition or disposition of real property.

1. The acquisition or disposition of Real Property terms to be negotiated if needed.

a. Hospital Area; and possibly east campus area.

Any Action if discussion is held in executive session shall be taken in Open Session in dealing with Action Item #2 on this agenda.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to go into executive session at 4:12 pm.

Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "Said Yes", Commissioner Notah "Said Yes", Commissioner Baca "Said Yes". None - Opposed.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to come out of executive session @ 6:07 pm.

Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "Said Yes", Commissioner Notah "Said Yes", Commissioner Baca "Said Yes". None - Opposed.

Doug Decker stated the only items that were discussed in the executive session were the acquisition or disposition of Real Property terms to be negotiated in the Hospital Area and the east campus area.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve the purchase of the three clinics owned by RMCH and authorize the chairman Robert Baca and McKinley County Manager Anthony Dimas, Jr., to finalize the purchase agreement and also authorize making a down payment to RMCHS of up to 2 million and proceeds to the closing of the balance of the purchase price of 6.7 million plus other valuable considerations of approximately 1.9 million.

Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "Said Yes", Commissioner Notah "Said Yes", Commissioner Baca "Said Yes". None - Opposed.

Commissioner Baca commented on the involvement of the City of Gallup to do some adjustments or forgiveness of the utilities costs of the hospital and asked that Bill Lee Chairman of RMCHS approach the City of Gallup as well. Commissioner Baca stated that he would attend the next council meeting for support and asked for community members to approach the City of Gallup. Legislators were asked to step up with the community such as Representative Lundstrom, Representative Jackson and Senator Munoz.

Chairman Bill Lee, the Board of RMCHS commented he will follow through with initiating help from the City of Gallup and form a community advisory group which the Board of Directors were notified of.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Baca made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Notah "Said Yes", Commissioner Eddy "Said Yes". Commissioner Baca "Said Yes". None - Opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. on March 29th, 2023.

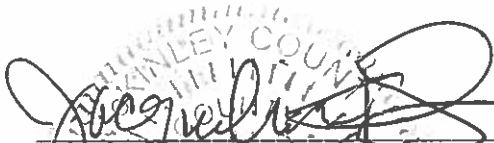


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