

3rd April 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board was held at 3:00 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; Brian Money - Deputy County Manager; Doug Decker - County Attorney; Shawna Garnenez - Executive Assistant; Sara Keeler - Finance Director; Dezirie Gomez - Human Resources; County Clerk - Jacqueline K. Sloan; Georgene Dimas - MCOMP; Edward Becenti - Assessor Office; Charles Becenti - Chief Deputy Assessor; Evan Williams - NWNMWG; Marianne Tenebaum - Once a Day Marketing; Jime Glover - Once a Day Marketing; Rodney Skersick - Roads Department; Kristi Weeks - Finance Analyst; James Maiorano III - Sheriff; Jody Sowers - Human Resources; Marci Clarke - County Health; Wilfred Noble Jr. - Project Manager; Danielle Martinez - Gallup Independent; Tracy Benally - Monitor.

The meeting was convened at 3:00 P.M. and called to order by Commissioner Baca. Roll call was taken by Deputy County Manager Money.

Commissioner Eddy - present, Commissioner Baca - Present, Commissioner Notah- Absent - excused for personal family matters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Commissioner Baca.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** These Items are placed on the agenda so that the Commission can designate by unanimous consent those routine items that they wish to be approved by one motion. If a commissioner or if a citizen so requests, it will be heard individually as a separate item. Motion to approve items(s) 1-4 on the Consent Agenda.

- 1.) APPROVAL of minutes:
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023.
  - b. Emergency Meeting minutes of March 29, 2023.
- 2.) REVIEW AND APPROVE:
  - a. Purchase Order Payment Batch for 3/15/23-3/28/23 in the amount of \$388,901.60.

- 3.) Review and approve the Hospital Patients Claims as follows:
  - a. RMCHS - Twenty (20) eligible claims (\$108,734.70) March 2023.
  - b. RMCHS - Forty (40) disapproved claims (\$182,686.32) - March 2023.
- 4.) Review and approve one (1) Indigent Burial \$600.00.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve Items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes". None-Opposed.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:** These items are placed on the Agenda so that staff can give Commissioners updates on any information or receiving reports that needs to be shared; and those items from other organizations that are informational only and require no action.

- 5.) Update on Sheriff's Office Operations over the last 90 days. James Maiorano III, Sheriff.

Commissioner Eddy thanked Sheriff James Maiorano III for their service and Office Operation over the last 90 days. Commissioner Baca commended and appreciated Deputies and Sheriff James Maiorano III.

Deputy County Manager Money announced and thanked Assessor Edward Becenti for attending the Meeting today.

- 6.) Branding positioning work contracted with NWNMCOG and Once-a-day Marketing for McKinley County. Anthony Dimas Jr., County Manager; Jim Glover, Once-a-day Marketing.

McKinley Deputy County Manager Money spoke on behalf of Evan Williams with NWNMCOG regarding McKinley County branding positioning. Jim and Evan have been working side by side regarding McKinley County's tourism and outdoor recreation adventures as economic development. Input from Commissioners, and conversations regarding Branding. Appreciated and thanked Evan, Jim and MaryAnne for their Presentation.

Commissioner Baca thanked Jim for the proposal and branding slogan and bringing people into McKinley County. Agreed with Commissioner Eddy on confusion for City and County. We are outdated and need to bring in something new for the County.

Commissioner Eddy spoke on numerous slogans for McKinley County but none achieved any success for the County of McKinley. Far behind on current events, etc. Looking forward to the branding work for Marketing McKinley County.

**Time for Public Comments regarding any item on the Agenda. Comment time may be limited to three (3) minutes as directed by the Chair.**

Commissioner Baca spoke on changing the time for Community of McKinley County to attend meetings, but only to see staff in afternoon meeting today again as usual. We do something different, and we still don't get the increased attendance response.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 7.) REVIEW AND APPROVE: Rio San Jose Flood District Certificate of Property Tax Assessment. Douglas W. Decker, County Attorney.

McKinley County Attorney Decker spoke on Rio San Jose Basin through Bluewater Lake through Grants, Acoma and Laguna into the East Puerco River into the Rio Grande and out to the Gulf of Mexico. Change document to McKinley County, not Cibola County. Approval needed to change, need corrections due now or in August. Irrigation and Flood Control for San Jose and Bluewater Lake, through valleys, Grants and Milan. Real Property tax for maintenance, etc.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve Rio San Jose Flood District Certificate of Property Tax Assessment, once the change from "Cibola" to "McKinley" is made and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes", None - Opposed.

**Executive Session:** To discuss items under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

1. One (1) item (H)(8) of the Open Meeting Act - the acquisition or disposition of Real Property:
  - a. San Mateo
2. Action to be taken in Open Session on items discussed in Executive Session if needed.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to go into Executive Session @ 4:13 PM. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes", None - Opposed.

Commissioner Baca made a motion to come out of Executive Session @ 4:22PM. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes", None - Opposed.

County Attorney Decker stated the only items that was discussed was the acquisition for disposition of Real Property in San Mateo; and, that staff recommends a motion be made to approve extending the current lease to a 40 year lease; and, authorize staff (County Manager or County Attorney) to sign the offer of extension and negotiate the Lease changes.

Commissioner Eddy made a "So Moved" motion to approve. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes", None - Opposed.

Announcements:

Next Commission Meeting:

**Regular Meeting APR 18, 2023 at 9:00AM**

**Regular Meeting MAY 2, 2023 at 9:00AM**

**Adjournment:**

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

Commissioner Eddy "said Yes", Commissioner Baca "said Yes". None - Opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

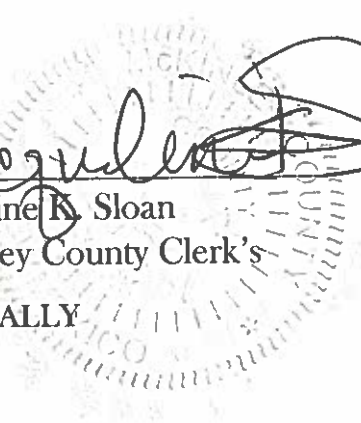
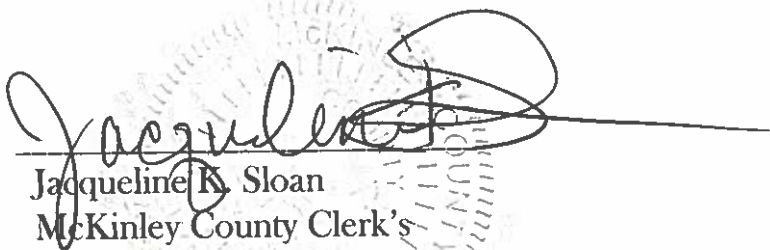


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