

6<sup>th</sup>, June 2023

**The Regular Meeting of the Board was held at 9:00 a.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; Shawna Garnenez - Executive Assistant; Sara Keeler - Finance Director; Dezirie Gomez - Human Resources; Jacqueline K. Sloan - County Clerk; Rodney Skersick - Roads; Aaron Garcia - NMSFMO; Marlene Custer - Bureau of Elections Manager; Cionazi Nakai - FNN; Tim Berry - MCFEMS; Martha Berry - MCFEMS; Vivian Smith - MCFEMS; Dezirac Esquibel; Tarile Hoop - MCFD; Danniford Deschine- MCFD; Andrew Wood - MCFD; Tyron Thomas - MCFD; Sebastian Lee - MCFD; Ezekiel Roy - MCFD; Charles Leekity - MCFD; Adam Berry - MCOEM-EM; Robert Whitaker - RMCH; Curry Graham - RMCH; Rebecca Martell - RMCH; Blaise Bondi - RMCH; Rhonda Ray - RMCHS; Brent Detsoi - Magistrate Judge; Elaine Gomez - Finance; Billy Moore; Verlynn Herrera - Fire/EMS; Jody Sowers - Human Resources; JoAnn Benenati - Constituent; Wilfred Noble Jr. - Project Manager; Kristi Weeks - Finance Analyst; Georgene Dimas - MCMMDA; Evan Williams - NNNMCOG; Dana Martinez - Gallup Independent; James Maiorano III- Sheriff; Tracy Benally - Monitor.

**The meeting was convened at 9:00 AM and called to order by Commissioner Baca.**

Commissioner Baca presented and welcomed Past Commissioner Billy Moore, Magistrate Judge Brent Detsoi, and New District Judge Doug Decker.

**Roll Call was taken by County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Billy Moore.

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. announced change will be made today after the Consent Agenda and Discussion items are presented and discussed, we will go into Executive Session.

**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 item(s) 1-2 on the consent agenda.

1. APPROVAL of minutes:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE:

a. Purchase Order Payment Batch for 5/17/23-6/01/23 in the amount of \$727,473.81.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1-2. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Notah said "Yes", 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 informational only and require no action.

3. Swearing in McKinley County Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya.

District Court Judge Doug Decker did the swear in formal oath, for McKinley County Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya with family and friends attending the Ceremony.

Commissioner Baca presented Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya, and thanked District Court Judge Doug Decker.

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. introduced and thanked New Mexico State Treasurer Laura Montoya and Former NM State Auditor Brian Colon.

Commissioner Baca also thanked them for attending today's Meeting.

4. Update on drought conditions within McKinley County. Lorenzo Montoya, Fire Chief; Tim Berry, Fire.

McKinley County Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya spoke on 11% effected by drought in northeastern part of the McKinley County. Any information will be in the Packets, questions?

Commissioner Eddy asked a question on updates for the Fourth of July and Firework Bans?

Tim Berry answered at this point too late to register a ban in place, no drought as of thus far in McKinley County.

Commissioner Baca noted we are in better shape than last year.  
Tim Berry agreed with Commissioner Baca.

Commissioner Notah congratulated McKinley County Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya.

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

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. asked if there were any comments on Agenda Items?

Laura Montoya spoke regarding the oath swearing in Ceremony. She loved and helped out McKinley County during the worst time COVID-19 Pandemic delivering food, water, other items etc. We are giving you a precious gift, Fire Chief Montoya, take care and protect him, please embrace new Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya to do his very best to serve McKinley County.

Retired Fire Chief Adolf Zubia from Las Cruces Fire Service Member Congratulated Commissioners on a great hire, newly appointed Fire Chief Montoya has passion and above all great character. McKinley County is blessed to have him here in the Fire department and other jurisdictions.

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

1. Two (2) items under (H)(8) of the Open Meeting Act- the acquisition or disposition of Real Property:
  - a.) RMCH Lease
  - b.) Red Rock Park
2. Action to be taken in Open Session on items discussed in Executive Session if needed.

Commissioner Notah made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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

Commissioner Baca and Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:08AM.

Commissioner Notah made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:53AM. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. stated no motion or action was taken in the Executive Session for Items 1 and 2.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**5. REVIEW AND APPROVE:** Second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-MAY-009 McKinley County Personnel Policies. Anthony Dimas, Jr., County Manager; Jody Sowers, Assistant HR Director.

McKinley County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. reviewed and stated 2 comments for second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-MAY-009 agreed with Jody Sowers. No action was taken.

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVE:** Resolution No's JUN-21-055, JUN-23-044, and JUN-23-045 Marlene Custer, BOE Manager.

- a. Amend Resolution No. JUN-21-055 designated location of Election Day Polling places for Elections in 2022 and 2023.
- b. Resolution No. JUN-23-044 Filling vacant seats on the Board of Registration and Appointing alternate members.
- c. Resolution No. JUN-23-045 Designation the location of Election Day Polling places for all Statewide Election conducted in 2024 and 2025.

Marlene Custer BOE Manager presented all three Resolutions, regarding amendment due to the Re-districting 2020. Precinct #3 will be moving Hill Top Christian to Old Path Baptist Church Indian Route 54, loop close to Ft. Defiance in the New Mexico area with ADA Compliance. Re-naming two Chapter Houses, Precinct #24 will no longer be Bread Springs Chapter, now called Baahaali Chapter. Also, Precinct #61 Dalton Pass will be Nahodishgish Chapter House. Board of Registration will be appointed by the Commissioners during the next purge every odd number of years, will be in March 2025 with five nominees. Republican Paublo Martinez, Democratic Party Chair Jerry Brown, will be in place June 30, 2025. Odd number of years designating the Election Poll, in place for Primary 2024 and regular local election in 2025. Any questions?

Commissioner Baca asked if Commissioners had any questions?

No questions from Commissioner Notah or Commissioner Eddy.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve all three Resolutions. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**7. REVIEW AND APPROVE:** Six (6) New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) grants for I-40 Planning work and Approval Intergovernmental Service Agreement. Anthony Dimas Jr., County Manager; Evan Williams, Director NMNWCOG

- a. NMDOT Agreement No. 6101710 to procure professional services to complete design and engineering for Commercial Truck Testing Technology complex in McKinley County.
- b. NMDOT Agreement No. 610720 to procure professional services to complete design and engineering for an Autonomous Commercial Truck & Mobility Complex in McKinley County.
- c. NMDOT Agreement No. 610730 to procure professional services to plan and redesign the Prewitt (Exit 63) interchange and the NM 122/County Road 19 BNSF Rail Crossing.
- d. NMDOT Agreement No. 6107340 to procure professional services to plan and re-design the Thoreau (Exit 53) interchange located at the Intersection of NM 371 and NM 612 to support future economic development.
- e. NMDOT Agreement No. 6101750 to procure professional services to establish formal partnership with seaports of Los Angeles with Long Beach and inland port of Gallup-McKinley County.
- f. NMDOT Agreement No. 610760 to procure professional services for sound and safety barrier to reduce noise, pollution, and increase safety for both residents of Williams Acres and travelers of I-40.
- g. Intergovernmental Service Agreement for the Interstate I-40 Planning Project Management Services.

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. spoke on funding behalf of Sara, and Evan internally and externally with State and DOT to be ready for each process. Informed Evan if he had any comments? No comment.

Commissioner Eddy had a question Are we ready to have the Inland seaport here or trying to get it?

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. answered we are trying to start the Planning Phase.

Commissioner Baca for these Agreements is trying to find services for this right now.

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. agreed with Commissioner Baca stating all the I-40 Agreements will be subcontracted to the COG and they will be the Project Manager, of course.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Manager Anthony Dimas Jr. verified with Commissioners to approve all six agreements with the DOT and the COG.

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

**Announcements:**

**Next Commission Meeting:**

- Regular Meeting JUN 20, 2023 at 9:00 am.
- Regular Meeting JUL 5, 2023 at 9:00 am.
- Regular Meeting JUL 18, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Commissioner Baca thanked everyone for attending today's meeting, with a warm welcome for New Fire Chief Lorenzo Montoya.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Notah made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.





ROBERT BACA  
COMMISSIONER



WALT EDDY  
COMMISSIONER



DANIELLE NOTAH  
COMMISSIONER



*Marlene Custer, Acting Chief Deputy*  
Jacqueline K. Sloan  
McKinley County Clerk  
T. Benally