

21st March 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; Doug Decker - County Attorney; Shawna Garnenez - Executive Assistant; Sara Keeler - Finance; Human Resources - Dezirie Gomez; County Clerk - Jacqueline K. Sloan; Rodney Skersick - Roads; Gerald W. Jochem - Citizen; Martin O'Malley - Gallup Land Partners; James Maiorano III - Sheriff's Office; Kristi Weeks - Finance Analyst; Rhonda Ray - RMCHCS; Lynca Thompson - Roads; Jody Sowers - HR; Pablo Martinez - County Chair of Republican Party; Marlene Dallago - Treasurer; Edward Becenti - Assessor Office; Georgene Dimas - MCMPPA; Dana Martinez - Gallup Independent; Kameel Bennett - Monitor.

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. and called to order by Commissioner Baca. Roll call was taken.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Commissioner Baca.

CONSENT AGENDA: This item is 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 March 7, 2023.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE:

- a. Purchase Order Payment Batch for 03/01/2022 - 03/14/2023 in the amount of \$691,529.46.

Commissioner Notah made a motion to approve items 1 - 2 on the consent agenda. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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

PRESENTATIONS 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*.

3. Legislative update for McKinley County.

- a. Senator Munoz (Invited)
- b. Senator Pinto (Invited)
- c. Representative Johnson (Invited)
- d. Representative Lundstrom (Attending)

Senator Lundstrom announced the updates from the Legislative session involving 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.

Pablo Martinez (Republican Chair) thanked Representative.

ACTION ITEMS:

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVE:** Resolution No. MAR-23-033 to increase budgeted transfers and decrease budgeted salaries and benefits expenses paid by ARPA funds. Sara Keeler, Finance Director.

Commissioner Notah made a motion to approve Resolution No. MAR-23-033. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Executive Session: To discuss items under NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act⁷

1. One (1) item §(H)(7) of the Open Meeting Act - threatened or pending litigation:

a. Opioid/Legal action update.

2. One (1) item §(H)(8) of the Open Meeting Act - the acquisition or distribution of Real property:

b. Hospital Area.

3. 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 @ 9:35 am. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Notah made a motion to come out of executive session @ 10:10 am. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Doug Decker stated the only items discussed in the executive session were one item under §(H)(7) threatened or pending litigation. A) opioid/legal action

update and 2. One item of the Open Meetings Act - the acquisition or distribution of real Property: b) Hospital Area.

Commissioner Eddy made a motion to approve and participate in the Allergan And Teva opioid cases settlement proposals and authorize the county manager or the county attorney to sign the needed documents as they are prepared and ready to go, and to authorize the electronic signing of the same. Commissioner Notah seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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

Commissioner Baca stated there is no action on executive session item 2. Commissioner Eddy stated for the record he thinks it is a good idea for the county manager to bring back the new proposal to be reviewed with the changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Commission Meeting:

- Regular Meeting APR 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm
- Regular Meeting APR 18, 2023 at 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. on March 21, 2023.