

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 9, 2019 at 9:00 A. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 9, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Hidalgo County Chambers at 305 Pyramid Street, Lordsburg, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting any and all business to come properly before the Board.

The following elected officials, staff, and public were present:

Tisha Green, County Manager	Martin Neave, County Assessor
Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk	Hector Maese, USBP
Tracy Chavez, HCSO	Meira Gault, Self
Mitchel Meyers, HCSO	Mark D. Thomas, Self
Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch	Judy Keeler, self
Carmen Acosta, Probate Judge	Tommy E. Chavez, HCFD, D1
Scott Richins, Rural Addressor	Stephen Gault, self
Tyler Massey, County Treasurer	

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mora called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Anthony J. Mora Present
Commissioner Joel Edwards, Present
Commissioner John Hatch, Present

Selection of 2019 Commission Chairperson

Commissioner Edwards nominated Commissioner Mora to serve as the 2019 Commission Chairman. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Hatch moved to approve the agenda with items IV Miscellaneous E and F removed. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. **Regular Meeting, December 12, 2018**
- ii. **Special Meeting, December 20, 2018**

Commissioner Hatch moved to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, December 12, 2018. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed. Special Meeting, December 20, 2018 minutes were tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING

County Treasurer Tyler Massey stated there is two counties that have this low-income property tax rebate. Taxpayers whose gross net income is below \$24,000 may apply for this and there is a sliding scale. The County has to pay for their property taxes. Massey advises the County to not consider this ordinance. County Manager Tisha Green stated the gross net income has

been lowered to \$16,000. If anyone does claim the rebate, the state will charge the County for the property tax.

Darr Shannon stated she opposed the low-income property tax rebate.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Ordinance 2019-01-Low Income Property Tax Rebate-discussion/action

Chairman Mora asked for a motion to take part. Commissioner Hatch moved not take part in this Ordinance. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed to NOT adopt this ordinance unanimously.

Resolution 2019-01 Notice of Public Meetings-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to change Resolution 2019-01 Notice of the County Meeting time to 5:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-02 Open Meetings Act discussion/action

Commissioner Hatch moved to approve Resolution 2019-02 Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-03 Bank Designation-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-03 Bank Designation as Western Bank of Lordsburg for Hidalgo County. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-04 Recording Fee-discussion/action

Commissioner Hatch moved to approve Resolution 2019-04 Recording Fee to stay the same. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-05 Mileage and Per diem-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to change Resolution 2019-05 Mileage reimbursement to \$.40 per mile the per diem will stay the same. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-06 Liquor License Fee-discussion/action

Commissioner Hatch moved to approve Resolution 2019-06 Liquor License Fee. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-07 Holidays January 10, 2019-January 1, 2020-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-07 Holidays as a replica of last year's holiday schedule. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-08 Hidalgo County Fees-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-08 Hidalgo County Fees. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-09 Budget Increase-Grants, Indigent, Lodger's Tax, Road-discussion/action

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Resolution 2019-09 Budget increase resulting in the following increases: Grants Fund- Expenditure/Revenue -\$90,000

Lodger's Tax-\$1,000

Road Fund-\$15,000

Indigent-\$50,055

Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolution 2019-10 NIMS (National Incident Management System) Regulations-discussion/action

Commissioner Hatch moved to approve Resolution 2019-10 to adopt the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) as the basis for Incident Management, coordination, and support activities in the County of Hidalgo. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Mexico Cap Entity-Darr Shannon gave a brief description of the NMCE, which include four Counties, three municipalities, three soil & water districts and four irrigation associations. The deadline for this decision is December of this year. All of the diversions and actions are in place.

- i. **New alternate selection-discussion/action**
Mr. Lee is the member. Commissioner Edwards volunteered to be the alternate. Commissioner Hatch moved to approve Mr. Edwards, Commissioner Mora seconded the motion, motion passed.
- ii. **Second Amended Joint Powers Agreement-discussion/action**
Commissioner Hatch moved to approve the Second Amended Joint Powers to help local water projects. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed

Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties-Darr Shannon

- i. **New member selection-discussion/action** Darr Shannon stated the County has been a member since 1990. The dues are \$2,600 annually. Public land issues are fought for the surrounding areas. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve Commissioner Hatch as the representative for the Coalition of AZ/NM Counties. Commissioner Mora seconded the motion, motion passed.
- ii.

Board of Registration Selection-County Clerk, Melissa De La Garza-discussion/action

County Clerk Melissa De La Garza stated that in the odd numbered years the Commission must appoint a Board of Registration for the County. This Board will help with the purge process if the Secretary of State decides to conduct this. Each Commissioner is requested to announce two people from different political parties to make up the Board. Commissioner Edwards stated he was ready to provide two individuals to nominate- Buddy Jensen and Luz Marquez. The other two Commissioners will provide nominations at the February meeting.

Road Policy Committee-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated the County needs to put together a road policy committee. The County needs to revise the existing road policy that will supersede anything that is out there. County Manager Tisha Green recommended a four-member committee and is asking for appointment. The recommendations are Supervisor-Joe Guillian, Rural addressor-Scott Richins, County Manager-Tisha Green, and if a County Commissioner will volunteer to be on this as well. Commissioner Hatch volunteered. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve this committee. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

February Mix & Mingle-discussion/action-Commissioner Mora stated the County will provide the place for the Mix & Mingle, but he will provide the refreshments. This event will take place on February 6, 2019 from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. Commissioner Hatch so moved to approve this event. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

Round Table

Darr Shannon-stated that a 680-page bill was being introduced. No one could find the whole entire bill. There were things in this bill being hidden that no one wanted anyone to know about. Had it not been for Senator Lee out of Utah it would have been passed. Senator Heinrich is responsible to designate 130 million acres of new wilderness to create parks, wildlife refuges, wild life scenic rivers and heritages. Cattle growers were able to get the entire bill and it was not passed.

Darr Shannon- the incident of where Congress went to the border patrol station after the little girl's death stated that County officials should have been informed of this event. The County Manager should be informed and perhaps a letter needs to be written to tell them.

Miera Gault-asked if the road committee will get any input from the public and if there is a place for comments. Commissioner Mora stated he would like to have a public hearing for transparency and to discuss issues. She just wants to be involved.

Bill Fralie-asked if there was any reason why there could not be a civilian on this road committee for transparency. The roads in this County are horrible and this is very urgent. GPS contacted on a person's phone directs them to Animas Road and someone is going to get hurt due to these road conditions.

Hector Maese- addressed the Board that forty new trainees have come into the Lordsburg sector. In addition, large influx of immigrants have surrendered in the area. Challenges have arose but the border patrol has adjusted accordingly. Surrounding health facilities have been alerted for care of these immigrants. However, the border is not being abandoned.

CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL-Commissioner Hatch moved to approve the certification of payroll. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the certification of accounts payable. Commissioner Hatch seconded the motion, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Hatch moved to adjourn. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk

Anthony J. Mora, Chairman

APPROVED:

Joel Edwards, Member

John Hatch, Member