

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**March 14, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 14, 2018, 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, Manager	Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Clerk
David Carbine, GIS	Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch
Edward Mesa, Road Dept.	Emily Shilling, SWNMCOG
Christine Logan, NM Economic Development	Michael Thomas, Self
Jennifer Medina, Animas Foundation Diamond A Ranch	Kim Kvamme, BITS
Tracy Chavez, HCSO	Carmen Acosta, Probate Judge
Alice Webb, Library	Hector Maese, USBP
Maria Sanchez, HCSO	David Whipple, EMS/ Fire
Joel Edwards, Self	Stefanie Dominguez, Road Dept.
Hector Molina, Road Dept.	

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

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Anthony J. Mora, Present  
Commissioner Darr Shannon, Present  
Commissioner Marianne Stewart, Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Shannon motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of Section III, item A and B. Chairperson Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of February 14, 2018 and Special Meeting of February 20, 2018. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Guests**

**Presentation of retirement plaque to Clarence Rudiger**

Chairperson Mora presented a plaque for Clarence Rudiger for all his years of service. Chairperson Mora stated that he is thankful for all the years of service Mr. Rudiger did for the County. Commissioner Stewart stated that Chairperson Mora never mention retirement. Commissioner Shannon stated thank you Clarence for all that you have done.

**Opportunity Zone- Christine Logan and Emily Gojkovich**

Christine Logan presented the Opportunity Zone, is federal tax bill that can reinvested capital gains into the opportunity zone. Mrs. Logan mentioned that the investments do not have to pay the capital gains tax right away and if they keep these gains for 10 years, they do not have to pay it at all. Mrs. Logan mentioned that each governor has until April 20 to nominate up to 25%

of their states qualified low-income census tracts as Opportunity Zones. Mrs. Logan mentioned that the deadline is March 21 to submit data for the priority tracts. Mrs. Logan mentioned that Hidalgo County has one eligible tract: it is mostly in the City of Lordsburg. Mrs. Logan asked the Board of County Commissioners if they would like to nominate the Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Shannon mentioned about 25/30 years ago Hidalgo County hired a company out of Los Angeles, California to do an assessment for local economic development and they came up with a brilliant plan that was going to make this County succeed was roses, wine, and salsa. Commissioner Shannon explained, "That not even a year later after the rose garden collapsed the winery shutdown, and the people stop growing chile to grow hay." Commissioner Shannon mentioned, "She was sick and tired of relying on government to get us economic development, this is another program of taxpayers money, whoever pays federal taxes this is coming out of your pocket, she is not for this at all." Commissioner Stewart asked if the County Manager submits the data or her designee to submit for the Opportunity Zone. Mrs. Logan mentioned that the County Manager could designate anybody to do it; different areas asked the COG to do it. Chairperson Mora mention eligible tract is in the majority of it is within the City of Lordsburg, has this been presented to the City of Lordsburg. Mrs. Logan mentioned no it was not presented to the City of Lordsburg, because the County has been designated but the City can give their input. Chairperson Mora sees Commissioner Shannon's frustration, but he is going to support the Opportunity Zone.

**i. Opportunity Zone Designation- discussion/ action**

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the Opportunity Zone to have the County Manager or her designee submit the paper work. Chairperson Mora seconded the motion. Commissioner Shannon opposed the motion due to using taxpayer dollars.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**I-BAR request- Hidalgo Fire**

Tracy Chavez is requesting to move \$2,500 from Capital Purchases to Building Maintenance. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the Hidalgo Fire I-Bar request of \$2,500 from Capital and putting it into Maintenance. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2018 Auditor Recommendations**

Tisha Green recommends continuing with the same auditor as years before. Commissioner Stewart moved to continue with our present auditor Beasley, Mitchell and Company. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Request to install speed bumps and signage on county roads- discussion/ action**

Joseph Guilliam requested to install speed bumps and signage on Blessed Acres. Mr. Guilliam mentioned that the state standard for unposted county roads is 55 miles per hour, and this road is close to homes. Mr. Guilliam mentioned the state did not have a standard for speed bumps; the City of Silver has a policy in place for speed bumps. Commissioner Stewart mentioned if the County put speed humps, we are liable if they wreck. Chairperson Mora asked Mr. Guilliam to identify the roads that need speed bumps and look into the cost. Commissioner Shannon asked if the County could reduce the speed, and put a speed sign. Mr. Guilliam stated the County could attempt to reduce the speed. Commissioner Shannon mentioned to see what the correct speed for that road is, and put a sign up. Maria Sanchez stated that the County could not put a speed sign only State Highway Department can. Clearance Rudiger stated that the County could put a yellow sign without the permission of the State Highway. Commissioner Shannon moved forward to move with the yellow speed sign and further investigation regarding the speed bumps. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Request to abandon Hog Farm Road**

Jim Victor requested to abandon Hog Farm Road. Mr. Victor mentioned that he is the only property owner that lives on Hog Farm Road and he will be giving the right of way for Rudiger

family and the Carbine family to use that road. Commissioner Shannon asked Mr. Carbine of Hog Farm Road would not affect any access to any other area by closing this road down. Mr. Carbine said that is correct. Commissioner Shannon mentioned if Mr. Victor is the owner on both sides and that road does not affect anyone, do we still need to appoint viewers. Commissioner Shannon explained that there is no need to appoint and waste people's time if Mr. Victor is the owner and pays taxes for both sides. Commissioner Stewart asked Mr. Maese if the Border Patrol used these two roads. Mr. Victor answered no they do not use these roads; they only use Goat Camp Road. Commissioner Stewart stated that she would like to appoint viewers for both Hog Farm and Bosque Seco Road.

**i. Appoint Viewers- discussion/ action**

Commissioner Stewart moved to appoint viewers for Hog Farm Road. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Request to abandon Bosque Seco Road**

Jim Victor requested to abandon Bosque Seco. Mr. Victor explained it is the same situation as Hog Farm Road. Commissioner Shannon stated that she sees the difference in the two roads; Bosque Seco does affect other people then Hog Farm Road. Tisha Green explained by state statute when someone makes a request, it is up to the County Commissioners to appoint viewers. Chairperson Mora asked the Road Supervisor to document his concerns and his opinion, so the appointed viewers can take in to consideration. Commissioner Stewart asked Mr. Victor to have in writing what he would like to see abandon for our viewers.

**i. Appoint Viewers- discussion/ action**

Commissioner Stewart move to appoint viewers for Bosque Seco Road. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Set Budget Workshop dates**

Tisha Green mentioned that June 1st is submission date for primarily budget. Ms. Green requested to meet with department heads or anyone that deals with the budget before the Workshop date. Chairperson Mora requested to have the Budget Workshops on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Chairperson Mora asked if April 5th will work out for everyone. Commissioner Shannon moved to have the first Budget Workshop meeting on April 5 at 3 p.m. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed

**Round Table**

Kim Kvamme asked if the County could take over and maintain Sky Ranch Road. Mr. Kvamme explained that his family has maintained this road for a long time now but it is a burden to one family. Chairperson Mora mentioned that there is a process, and will be looking into the policy.

Commissioner Shannon asked the Manager Tisha Green to make a correction to our local journalist and owner of the paper Brenda Hood that she incorrectly stated "in her questions to the candidates that Hidalgo County cut senior citizens funding; the County never cut the funding for senior citizens, which will be the last thing that we think to cut." Commissioner Shannon will like a correction from Mrs. Hood in a spot that recognizable in the paper.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- TO DISCUSS:**

- i. Threatened or pending litigation as authorizes pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Dispatch FLSA Claims**
- ii. Limited Personnel Matters as authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(2)- Detention**
- iii. Limited Personnel Matters as authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(2)- Transfer Station**

Commissioner Shannon moved to go into executive session at 10:13 A.M. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Mora: Aye  
Commissioner Darr: Aye  
Commissioner Stewart: Aye

### **RECONVENE**

Commissioner Shannon moved to return to open session at 11:12 A.M. and affirmatively stated that only those matters of which the meeting closed were discussed in executive session. Commissioner Stewart seconded that motion.

Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Mora: Aye  
Commissioner Shannon: Aye  
Commissioner Stewart: Aye

### **ACTION TAKEN/ NOT TAKEN- EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- i. No action
- ii. Commissioner Shannon moved to increase pay for Administrative Clerk for the Detention Center because she became a certified officer before budget year last year we do go back and prorate her salary \$1.50 an hour through yesterday. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chairperson Mora abstained from the motion.  
Commissioner Shannon moved to make the Administrative Clerk the new Administrative Assistant for the Detention Center because the additional training and more duties. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed. Commissioner Stewart asked for her job description to be looked by the County Manager. Chairperson Mora abstained from the motion.  
Commissioner Shannon moved to give the New Administrative assistant of the Detention Center an increase of \$1.50 due to the additional duties, and will be effective as of today. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Chairperson Mora abstained from the motion.
- iii. No action

### **Resolution 2018-14- Budget/ Fund Increases- Detention, Bureau of Elections, Grant, Road, Dispatch, General Fund- Discussion/action**

Tisha Green stated that the County received two grants one from step grant and the other was OBD grant; these two grants combined are for \$13,179 and would like to increase the revenue and expenditures budget to \$13,179. Ms. Green stated FLSA Dispatch claims in the amount of \$21,000 and be put in general fund in Dispatch. Ms. Green stated that she would like to budget an additional \$1,500 in salaries within the Road Department for additional 100 hours for the County mower. Ms. Green stated in Bureau of Elections there is enough money within that department to let it go into the red. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve Resolution 2018-14 Grant in the amount of \$13,179, in the Road Department in the amount of \$1,500, and Dispatch in the amount of \$21,000. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve Certification of Payroll. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

### **CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the Certification of Accounts Payable. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Stewart moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:18A.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Alyssa Esquivel, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Anthony J. Mora, Chairman

APPROVED:

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Marianne Stewart, Member

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Darr R. Shannon, Member