

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 8, 2018 at 9:15 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 8, 2018, at the hour of 9:15 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	Alice Webb, Library
Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk	Collista Jensen, Library
Priscilla Maxwell, Central Dispatch	Robert Barrera, City of Lordsburg
Matthew T. Mazar, USBP	Joel Edwards, County Commission Candidate
Philip Gaylord, USBP	

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Mora called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 Stewart motioned to approve the agenda with the removal item C. Approval of Minutes for i. Special Meeting, April 25, 2018-No meeting and item iv. Special Meeting, May 22, 2018. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shannon moved to not approve any of the minutes. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

CANVASS OF VOTES

County Clerk Melissa K. De La Garza presented the official results of the 2018 Hidalgo County Primary Election to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the canvass of votes as presented for the 2018 Hidalgo County Primary Election. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS and AGREEMENTS

DWI Grant Agreement Project No. 19-D-G-13

County Manager Tisha Green stated that this is the grant that Patricia Saucedo discussed at the last meeting. The amount is \$30,000 for the local grant and seeks approval for the official document. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the DWI Grant Agreement Project No. 19-D-G-13 for the amount of \$30,000. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Liquor License Renewals

County Clerk Melissa K. De La Garza stated this is the annual renewal for the two liquor licenses in the County. Leaping Lizard Brewery has submitted payment but Bootheel Grocery has not. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the one liquor license that has been

submitted for payment for the Leaping Lizard Brewery. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

Intergovernmental Services Agreement between Hidalgo County and the City of Lordsburg

County Manager Tisha Green stated that she and the City of Lordsburg Mayor Robert Barrera have had discussion in reference to the Intergovernmental Services Agreement. Mayor Barrera discussed the changes that were proposed before the City Council were the one-half of a quarter gross receipts tax that was put in place. Simultaneously, another gross receipts tax was put in motion, which included Hidalgo County, the City of Lordsburg all business and this one brought in more money than was anticipated-approximately \$400,000. The gross receipts that brings in about \$60,000 is the one that the Mayor is trying to remove in order to help the City budget. The new GRT has brought in more revenue. Tisha Green stated that the former mayor enacted a GRT for general purposes but it was to go to emergency services. The former mayor and council would enact the GRT and give the County half to offset the continuing cost at the detention center, dispatch and EMS. The former mayor promised a 5% annual increase and this in addition to the agreement amount. Commissioner Stewart stated that she has seen several transports by EMS and the ambulance in Cotton City and that these outlying areas need help from the County. These EMS operate on a grant of \$7,000. The County has an obligation to help these areas. Equipment is getting older and may need new one shortly. Commissioner Shannon stated that if anyone could ever really see the amount of loss through the ambulance transports from the City of Lordsburg. This was the reason the City agreed to help because the losses were breaking the County. Commissioner Shannon does not know if this elevates the whole burden of what the County is incurring from so many services provided.

Mayor Barrera stated that he understands all the costs but is only asking to remove that one-half of a quarter percent, which is generating a lot less than the new GRT, so that it can be put back into the city general fund. Commissioner Shannon asked the County Manager how this will hurt Hidalgo County to be depleted of \$73,000, which is the portion, received from the City. County Manager Tisha Green stated that it is hard to see monies taken away but she understands where the City is coming from because it is a general purpose GRT where it can be used to support their general fund. As far as the County, there are some costs that offset because of the new GRT, which is anticipated about \$400,000 annually. This will take some of the burden off the County general fund. If detention continues to remain at capacity, the County will be ok. Tisha Green's recommendation is that the County allow the City to remove that from the contract and revisit the issue again next year. As long as the City does not do away with the 5% annual increase. Commissioner Shannon moved to take the recommendation of the County Manager and continue on with the 5% annual increase and alleviate the half of a quarter percent and this agreement be readdressed in a year and wants to say that the City of Lordsburg be more than fair to understand the burdens that the County may have-- if they have increased at that time. Chairperson Mora seconded the motion-opened for discussion.

Commissioner Stewart asked if that the \$73,000 talked about is the half percent. Tisha Green stated that yes it is about half of what the City receives. Commissioner Stewart asked if the GRT that the County has--does it have any past revenues. County Manager Tisha Green stated that no there is no build of revenue or reserves. Commissioner Stewart asked if the budget that was just finished, has this money been put into each department's budget. Tisha green stated just the \$166,000 was budgeted. Commissioner Mora stated the motion on the table is to give back the one-half of a quarter percent back and in that same motion, Commissioner Shannon mentioned that in good faith that the City would be willing to work with the County down the road. Mayor Barrera said that is correct and there is a contract in place. Both the County and City have the right to negotiate this agreement. Mayor Barrera stated there was negotiation with the County Manager, if things do not work out the City is willing to renegotiate. Commissioner Shannon stated there is a lot that can happen over the next year, the City of Lordsburg might say they do not want an intergovernmental agreement anymore and they have to find their own

services and may cut the County completely off what is contributed now. Chairman Mora stated yes at the same time the County's cost would go down. Mayor Barrera stated a dispatch center and detention officers would still be needed and if this contract were eliminated, it would hurt both parties. Chairman Mora stated there is a motion and a second on the table all those in favor:

Commissioner Shannon: Aye
Commissioner Mora: Aye
Commissioner Stewart: Nay

Motion passed.

Mayor Barrera stated that the City is willing to negotiate, he knows the problems with finances, but like he told the County Manager and some of the Commissioners, the county and municipality are too small, so this needs to be done, in order to survive.

MISCELLANEOUS

Roundtable Discussion

Alice Webb-former Library director, introduced Collista Jensen as the new director of the Library. Collista has been the children's librarian since November, and now is director. Alice Webb thanked the Board for all the support with the funding of the Library and stated the Library has a bright future with Mrs. Jensen as new director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- TO DISCUSS:

i. Limited Personnel Matters as authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H)(2)- Manager's Office

Commissioner Shannon moved to go into executive session at 9:45 A.M. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

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

RECONVENE

Commissioner Shannon moved to return to open session at 10:05 A.M. and affirmatively stated that only those matters of which the meeting closed were discussed in executive session. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion.

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

Action Taken/Not taken- Executive Session

Chairperson Mora stated no action taken.

County Manager Contract-Tisha Green stated that the current contract is in the packets. The one thing Green would like to request is four weeks of annual leave as opposed to two weeks. That and the dates would be the only items changing. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the County Manager's contract for the upcoming year, which would begin July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with the requested change of adding two weeks annual leave to the county manager's contract and adding the word annual leave on page two, section A. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve certification of payroll. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

CERTIFICATION ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve certification of accounts payable. Commissioner Shannon 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 10:06 A.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melissa K. De La Garza County Clerk

Anthony J. Mora, Chairman

APPROVED:

Marianne Stewart, Member

Darr R. Shannon, Member