

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2018 at 9:00 A. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 11, 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, County Manager
Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk
Priscilla Maxwell, Dispatch Supervisor
Tracy Chavez, HCSO
Hector Maese, USBP

Dave Carbine, Glis
Joseph Guillian, Road Dept.
Ron Orozco, NMPA, AOPA
David Whipple, EMS/Fire
Beth Cox, SWCHI

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 Darr R. Shannon, Present
Commissioner Marianne Stewart, Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the minutes for
Regular Meeting, May 9, 2018
Special Meeting, May 16, 2018
Special Meeting, May 22, 2018
Regular Meeting, June 8, 2018
Commissioner Mora seconded the motion, motion passed.
Special Meeting, June 28, 2018 were tabled.

GUESTS

AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer-Ron Orozco

Request for support to keep the Lordsburg Municipal Airport open discussion/action

Ron Orozco, representing the New Mexico Pilots Association, discussed the concern of the Lordsburg Municipal Airport proposed closure. Mr. Orozco discussed three points conducted in the survey presented. First, the value on the books of the airport is over \$14 million. Secondly, the grant agreements have a non-closure clause. If a city administration accepts grant funding, all terms of the contract must be agreed upon. If the airport were closed at any time, all of the funds become due and payable back to the state, federal government. Thirdly, the airport operate in the red. 95% of airports in New Mexico operate this way. Closing the airports seems ill conceived. Commissioner Shannon stated that she has gone to the City, the mayor and the

airport is not being closed. Expenses have to be cut. The airport may become an unmanned airport to cut costs, but an airplane may stop and refuel at any time. A number is provided to call for an assistance. Mr. Orozco was unaware of this new status update and asked the Board for a letter of support for continued operation if needed. Commissioner Mora recommended for Mr. Orozco to visit with the mayor and City and see what the status is. No action taken.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Operation Stonegarden Subgrant EMW-2017-SS-00105-SO-discussion/action

Tracy Chavez stated this is the same agreement done every year. This amount of \$740,000 to be expended over a three-year period, amongst the three entities. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the Operation Stonegarden Subgrant EMW-2017-SS-00105-SO as stated on the agenda. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

USDA-APHIS-WS Agreement No. 18-73-35-2333-RA-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated this is the annual agreement-which is a work and financial plan between Hidalgo County and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The County contributes \$30,000 annually and this is for rodent control, which provides 36% of the services. The overall cost is \$82,440.12 the remaining 64% is a match by federal appropriations. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the USDA-APHIS grant as presented. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed. Commissioner Shannon clarified that this is the money that comes out of the Farm and Range budget.

FEMA-DR-4148-2-Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement Amendment-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated this is a request for an extension on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. An extension is needed in order to make changes to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A draft has been submitted. A tele meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow to make the changes the state is requiring. Commissioner Shannon asked if this ever gives the county an opportunity to have an emergency manager. County Manager Green there stated there is grant funds available and a portion of the salary would be paid for but the position would have to be a salaried employee not a contract employee. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve FEMA-DR-4148-2-Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement as presented. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment Regarding the Exercise of Joint Powers for the Operation of the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated this has been reviewed by legal it is just to add a clause in reference to the insurance for the Coalition. Commissioner Shannon stated Hidalgo County has been a member of the Arizona/New Mexico Association of Counties since 1989. The County is very proactive in protecting the property rights and defending public land issues regarding endangered species and all kinds of things. The County has to have insurance and has had difficulty in finding one that covers decisions made by the coalition in case someone were to come back, which would affect the County. This is nothing more than an amendment to add to the Intergovernmental Agreement that Mr. Martinez was involved helping create the joint powers agreement. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment Regarding the Exercise of Joint Powers for the Operation of the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth regarding the insurance of the entity. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assessor's Annual Report-Jody Hatch-no one present-tabled until next meeting.

Request to use recycling funds to replace the lighting at the Transfer Station-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated there is a request, which has also been submitted to the City. Tommy Dimas with the transfer station obtained quotes to replace lighting. One was for the amount of \$7,527.37 and then he found a local vendor willing to complete the project for \$3,400. County Manager Tisha Green is requesting permission to expend money out of the recycling fund. Commissioner Shannon stated the sales tax is not the correct amount. Commissioner Stewart noticed that the quote for Lynco has eight fixtures and the Animas Valley shows five fixtures with two emergency packs. Commissioner Mora stated this is a discrepancy and both bids need to read the same due to procurement code. These need to be revisited and have the company do a walk through again. Commissioner Shannon also pointed out the voltage was also different on the bid quotes. No action taken.

Solid Waste Management for the disposal and cleanup of tires-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated the County has a few sites throughout that are problematic that have tires laying around that are not properly being disposed. Manager is requesting direction from the Board to proceed. The County has an ordinance that allows the County to give a ten to thirty day notice to property owners to clean up the property. At that time, a fine may be issued. These areas are not going to be cleaned up without the help of the County road department and transfer station. A grant was awarded to the County for a \$54,000 tire cutter. Transporting the tires is a hassle, so other alternatives. County Manager Green proposed for the Board to go ahead and notify the property owners or offer the County's services. The environmental department is not pleased. Commissioner Shannon discussed the illegal dumping south of town. She understands the County is shorthanded at the moment but if the deputies were to sometimes drive out there and catch these people and issue a citation, perhaps the word would spread and people would stop illegal dumping. County Manager Green stated that she would like to start this process by educating the public on issues such as illegal dumping and property cleanup. If the public becomes aware then give a thirty-day notice on properties to get those areas cleaned up and charging for the County's assistance. Commissioner Stewart asked how the fees would be assessed and once a lien is placed what is the responsibility of the County. County Manager Green said the fees would be based on tonnage of tires, use of equipment and labor. The lien would be the last step, County Manager Green would have to research further, and decisions would be needed once it gets to that point. Chairman Mora stated it is time to start enforcing ordinances and have the other commissioners to give permission to the County Manager follow through with the ordinance up to that point. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve Solid Waste Management for the disposal and cleanup tires regarding the ordinance that is presented and allow the County Manager to move forward. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

Round Table

David Whipple-stated the Gila River is rising in Virden and should be bridge level by tonight.

Commissioner Shannon-stated right now the scoping process is going on regarding the NM CAP entity and the Gila diversions that are trying to get accomplished. Once that scoping period is over, she would like to request the BOCC send some kind of comments regarding the scoping process.

Commissioner Mora-stated whatever law enforcement the County has to start looking at the issues such as illegal dumping and hold them accountable. A game plan is needed.

The other thing is the issue with the continental divide trail and the use of horses; he would like to make sure that the PLAC is engaged on that issue.

Commissioner Shannon-stated that about three months ago she was in desperate need of a sheriff's deputy and there was no one available. She was on her own. This has happened twice to her and this is not a good thing. There needs to be a way where there is coverage in the upper part of the County. All the deputies were down south. This makes her very uneasy.

Hector Maese stated the border patrol has six or seven BLM rangers working with them and if their presence is needed at the PLAC meeting to let him know.

Beth Cox-stated perhaps start a watch program to catch illegal dumpers with a reward.

CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL- Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the Certification of Payroll. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Shannon moved to adjourn. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

ATTEST:

HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melissa K. De La Garza, County Clerk

Anthony J. Mora, Chairman

APPROVED:

Darr R. Shannon, Member

Marianne Stewart, Member