

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIDALGO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 10, 2018 at 9:00 A. M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 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
Joseph Hill, NCFC
Kim Kvamme, BITS
Martin Neave, Chief Assessor

Dave Carbine, GIS
Joseph Guillian, Road Dept.
Joel Edwards, Self
Mark Thomas, Magistrate Court
Mike Thomas, Self

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 Shannon moved to approve the agenda with the word *Indigent* removed from item III. a. Resolution. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, September 12, 2018 and Special Meeting, September 17, 2018. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Guests

Pyramid Coalition Presentation-Joseph Hill

Joseph Hill presented to the Board a comprehensive strategic plan to address substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and after care in Hidalgo County. Mr. Hill discussed local problems and gave statistics for the County. The solution of the Pyramid Coalition is a plan to assign specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time measured goals to invested community members and staff to achieve our end goal of providing community change.

RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Resolution 2018-28-Detention, General Fund, Indigent budget increases-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated that in March of last fiscal year she requested that \$75,000 be transferred from the general fund to the detention fund to purchase a new bus. The transfer was not made then because the purchase was going to take place this fiscal year. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve Resolution 2018-28 transferring \$75,000 from the

general fund into the detention fund for a new transport vehicle. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request permission to solicit bids for a road grader-Road Department-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated the fully executed grant agreement was received for the legislative appropriation for the amount of \$250,000. The road supervisor and manager searched the general services division state purchasing contract and found a vendor that is approved for state purchasing, but have not found the item. At this time, the County Manager would like to solicit bids so that all procurement laws are followed. Commissioner Stewart moved to give the manager's office permission to solicit bids for a road grader. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Request for cattle guards or permission to install gates on Bosque Seco Rd-Rudiger-discussion/action

Joe Guilliam stated that as far as he is concerned this is a dead issue and is not going to pursue conflicts due to liability issues. Commissioner Shannon asked if the County had the right-of way for this road. Mr. Guilliam stated under the state law they left public RS 2477 was repealed in 1976 in that law they left protections for roads and public highways established before that. Up until then, it stated documentation was not needed for a road to be an actual highway. Commissioner Stewart requested that the County's legal counsel look over this matter and act accordingly. Commissioner Mora stated that an SOP needs to be developed on what the procedures are for these kinds of issues with legal counsel. The County needs consistency for every landowner. No action taken.

Request permission to close Manager's Office for training November 15-16, 2018-discussion action

County Manager Tisha Green requested permission for the closure of the manager's office November 15-16, 2018 so that all three can attend a training in Albuquerque. Gross receipts, mileage and per diem, budget items are going to be discussed and are vital to all three employees. Commissioner Mora stated this can be possible if there is a plan such as an out of office email. Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the closure of the manager's office for training on November 15, 2018 and November 16, 2018 so that all three employees can attend and a way is found for the office to operate as best as it can. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

RFP 2018-01-Inmate Medical Services Proposal recommendation-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated the County did receive bids in reference to the inmate medical services from two different vendors. There is such a variation in prices. One is for the amount of \$331,000; the other was for the amount of \$879,551 with an escalating clause every year. In comparison, one bid was for a population of 120 inmates, the other was for 170 inmates. County Manager Green recommends CorrValues for \$331,000, since they are currently in the facility. The services are very similar. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the RFP for CorrValues in the amount of \$331,000. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Lodger's Tax recommendations for funding-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated that historically the County has had a board that was appointed by the Commission chair as per ordinance. It is a five-member board. Little response from the current members, which is down to two members. County Manager Green stated it is time for recommendation and has received seven lodger's tax requests. Comments from the advisory committee members are they do not care to sit on the board due to the way it was conducted in the past. Time and effort was put into making a recommendation

and the recommendations are not followed, so what is the point of having an advisory committee. Count Manager Green needs direction on this matter. Currently, two committee members are willing to sit and review the requests for funding. One of the members actually submitted a request for funding so they would have to abstain from voting. Requesting the Board make a recommendation for this year and the next item would be to go ahead and appoint a new advisory committee. \$6,000 can be allotted for Lodger's tax this time. The Board agreed on the requests below- Commissioner Shannon moved to approve the following amounts for Lodger's tax disbursement:

HYRA-\$1,000
BOOTHEEL CLASSIC PROSPECT SHOW-\$500
HIDALGO COUNTY ROYALTY-\$500
RODEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION-\$1,000
RUSTY'S RV RANCH-\$3,000

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

Lodger's Tax Advisory Committee Members-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green requested permission to solicit for members. County Manager Green stated she has reached out to a few people. County Manager Green stated she will bring a list back to the board once the members agree and say yes. This committee requires two members of lodging establishments, two people that own businesses and a County resident. No action taken.

Indigent Burial-discussion/action

County Manager Tisha Green stated this request came from the office of the medical investigator. The death occurred in Hidalgo County and it is the County's responsibility since all the criteria has been met. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the indigent burial for the amount of \$600. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion, motion passed.

Round Table

Commissioner Mora-*thanked everybody that is present.*

Commissioner Shannon-*stated she would like to ask Mr. Otero from Hidalgo Medical Services-that over two years ago, the Board asked him about an Urgency Care Center-he stated they were working on it and would be more than happy to come back and say what was decided and we have never seen, or heard from him again. Commissioner Shannon would like to know where this issue stands, why they cannot create an urgency care center here.*

County Manager Tisha Green-*stated a good phone call was received from one of the ranchers-which the road department came out and helped with a truck that was stuck in a collapsed cattle guard. The rancher really wanted to thank the road crew for stepping up as they did.*

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 stated the Board has not been receiving the weekly reports from the bill payer. County Manager Tisha Green stated she will make sure the reports are sent out. Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the certification of accounts payable they have already been paid. 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 11:24 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