

Tuesday September 10, 2024
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Rodney Savage, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Roy Lee Criswell, Commissioner Dennis Lopez, County Attorney Michael Garcia, County Manager Annette Kirk, Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Chief Deputy Assessor George Beggs, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Cour Compliance Officer Johanna Jiminez, Road Superintendent Juan Dominguez, GIS Technician Johnny Montiel, Sheriff Javier Sanchez, Chief Bryan Holmes, presenters Julie Surina, James Boredegaray, Eric Nelson, Melissa Armijo, Raymond Mondragon, and community members Lawrence Thompson, Brandon Brooks, Malin Parker and Alan Carter.

Call to Order – Commissioner Dixon at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation – Commissioner Savage

Pledge – Commissioner Dixon

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Savage with a second from Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2024 special meeting was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 regular meeting with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- 3. Public Requests:** Lawrence Thompson spoke about a hard-working dedicated woman's journey to earn her MBA and seek to better her life. He talked about how she stepped out of her comfort zone and applied for a position with the County and how she was terminated without cause. She returned to her prior employer and was welcomed to return to the position she had held for 11 years. He posed the question, "was her termination, legal, moral or ethical?"
- 4. Informational Items:** There were no informational presentations.
- 5. Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:**
 - Clerk:** Ms. Park stated test voting will take place on September 24, 25 and 26. Early voting will begin on October 8, 2024 in the Clerk's Office and October 19, 2024 at the Jake Lopez Community Center. She stated election day is November 5, followed by the canvass at the November 12, 2024 regular meeting.
 - Court Compliance:** Compliance Officer Johanna Jiminez stated many probationers abscond from their court appointed probation without completing the terms of their sentence. She introduced an "attempt to serve form" to be sent to the last known address of an absconder so that they do not get away with just a slap on the wrist. She stated the attempt to serve is necessary in order to prevent the absconder from being released from their probation without actually completing their probation. Commissioner Lopez asked who would serve the warrant, Ms. Jiminez stated local law enforcement will serve the warrant if the absconder is local. The attempt to serve form will be used when the absconding probationer has left the county. No action was necessary.
 - Detention:** Administrator Ramsey stated the facility count is 51 with 13 female detainees and 38 male detainees, one male was released. Two detainees are from out-of-county. She reported billing in the amount of \$500 to Curry County, \$3,875 to CAFB. She stated there are currently 12 participants in the MAT Program with all 12 receiving group and individual counseling and 6 receiving medications. There are 3 participants in the GED program. The anger management class just ended and the parenting classes will resume soon. All 12 participate in yoga and assist with the garden. She stated 9 detainees participated in the first offering of money management. Ms. Ramsey stated since January 1, 2014 there have been 525 bookings and 548 releases. She stated based on those numbers housing at another facility just for the intake and release days, would cost the county over \$130,000.00 add to that the cost of \$125/day/detainee for an average stay of 40 days housing elsewhere would not be feasible. Ms. Ramsey expressed urgency in filling the human resources coordinator position. She stated she has reduced the month-long hiring process down to about 3-5 days to get people in the door, as there is a constant need for staff on-boarding and training at the detention center. She stated there are currently 3 open positions and 6 cadets in the academy and 3 recently completed the academy. Ms. Ramsey stated she had reached out to Dexter Schools as they have portable buildings available. She stated several detainees entered artwork and jewelry in the county fair, many earring ribbons. She shared photos. She stated the chickens are laying eggs, which are being used in the kitchen as well as some being incubated to hatch additional chicks for the program. Commissioner Savage asked commended Ms. Ramsey for the quick hiring time in the short period while she has been handling HR and onboarding staff herself. He also asked about the officer academy. Ms. Ramsey stated the academy is a complete in-house, intensive training program. Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. Ramsey about transporting sentenced detainees to DOC. She responded by saying most detainees are sent to DOC within days of sentencing by either her staff of the Sheriff's Office staff. Commissioners Criswell and Dixon commended Ms. Ramsey for an outstanding job.
 - Healthcare:** Ms. Weems stated there would be a healthcare report on the October 1, 2024 agenda.
 - Road:** Mr. Dominguez stated they had finished hauling caliche to the 2 miles of SRRF. They will move to SRR34 between SRRY and SRRZ. He stated there are about 4½ miles remaining to complete current LGRF projects. He

gave a quick review of recently completed projects. He stated his crews are working their assigned blade routes and shredding in the Elida district. Commissioner Criswell reported a rough patch on SRR35 about 2 miles east of NM 206, stating he had been contacted by the Dora school bus driver. Mr. Dominguez stated he would get out there to evaluate it and take care of it.

Manager: Ms. Kirk stated she had met with Nixon Enterprises regarding the pavilion building bathroom modifications to the engineer's plan. She stated she had also met with individuals from Orsted regarding the solar panel project that was proposed at the last meeting. She stated Orsted representatives are interested in meeting with commissioners to provide additional information. Ms. Kirk stated she is meeting with department heads to identify projects that need immediate attention. She stated she has been in contact with RGH regarding the renewal of the agreement between the county and the hospital. She stated she has reached out to Chris Moyer, the new Portales City Manager and will be meeting with him to open lines of communication between their offices. Ms. Kirk stated she is working through the Human Resources process to fill open positions, including the positions within administration.

Commissioners: Commissioner Lopez stated the state Income Support Division has asked the County to house ISD for a short period of time until they can find a permanent location outside of CYFD, as the county commission and residents have raised concerns with the privacy of the current location. He asked Ms. Kirk to follow up with ISD. He also stated he will be doing a broadcast on the dangers of fentanyl and illicit drugs, while he is attending the Gathering of Counties Day at the state fair. He also asked Ms. Kirk to provide county staff with a link to that broadcast. Commissioner Criswell thanked department heads for their reports and requested a report from the Sheriff's office be placed on future agendas. Commissioner Dixon stated she would be taking items from local businesses and schools to represent Roosevelt County at the state fair. She stated she and Ms. Kirk had spent time with department heads and Ms. Kirk is doing a great job and working hard. She stated the fair was a success. She had heard complaints about the plan to take down the Quonset barns as some feel that they make our fair unique.

6. Old Business:

A. Discussion of State Land Office Rod Counts: Commissioners heard from State Land Office representatives James Boredegaray and Melissa Armijo, and Eric Nelson as well as Raymond Mondragon from EPCOG regarding easements through state land for county roads. Rods as a unit of measure was explained. Mr. Montiel asked for clarification on how rods were calculated. There is a discrepancy between the numbers calculated by the county GIS department and the State Land Office. Mr. Nelson said the State Land Office is required to get fair market value for all land including land used for roads. He stated county roads are currently used in essence in trespass, with no easement in place. He stated there is an amnesty program in place, that is deeply discounted from \$20-\$30 per rod to \$1.16 per rod, to bring counties and municipalities into compliance. Roosevelt County is currently not in compliance. Commissioner Grider asked what is needed to bring the county into compliance. First there needs to be an agreement on the total number of rods in the rod count for the roads on state land. Second there needs to be payment for the easement. Much discussion was focused on the stretch of NRRAV to the bombing range, which is only a small part of the total rod count in the county. No action was necessary.

7. New Business:

A. Consideration and Consideration of Order to Roosevelt County Assessor to Impose the Property Tax Rates Set by the Department of Finance and Administration for Year 2024: Mr. Floyd gave an overview of the rates, the statute and the timeframe and asked for approval. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the rates as presented, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Discussion and Consideration of Appropriation 24-Z15042-13 in the Amount of \$393,750.00 for Corrections Recruitment Fund: Ms. Ramsey stated this is a 3-year grant program. Commissioner Savage made a motion to approve participation in the grant program with a second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

8. Resolutions-Ordinances-Proclamations:

A. Request for Approval of the Resolution 2024-32 Participation in FY25 Corrections Recruitment Fund (CORF) Administered by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration: Ms. Ramsey stated the resolution is a requirement of participation in the grant program. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve participation in the grant program with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for the Approval of the Resolution 2024-33 to Replace Resolution 2023-38 Roosevelt County IAAO Certified Property Appraiser Compensation Incentive Program: Mr. Floyd stated there were errors in the previously approved resolutions, but wanted to continue to revise the resolutions and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to table the resolution as requested with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

9. Contracts/Agreements/Procurements:

A. Request for Approval of Contract between Roosevelt County and San Juan County for Housing of Juvenile Detainees: Ms. Ramsey stated there are only four agencies in the state who house juvenile detainees and the agreement with San Juan County is necessary in case the closer facilities are unavailable. Commissioner Criswell made a motion to approve the contract as presented, with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for Approval of the Curry-Roosevelt Contracts for Detainee Housing: Ms. Ramsey stated these are reciprocal housing agreements between Roosevelt and Curry Counties. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Request for Approval of the Roosevelt-Curry County Contracts for Detainee Housing: Ms. Ramsey asked for approval of the second contract for Roosevelt County to house detainees from Curry County. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

10. Executive Session: At 10:36 am Commissioner Lopez made a motion to go into executive session with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Dixon stated only those items on the agenda will be discussed in the closed session. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes. At 11:00 am Commissioner Lopez made a motion to come out of executive session with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tina Dixon
Commission Chair

