

Tuesday October 22, 2024
County Commission Room
Roosevelt County Courthouse
Portales, New Mexico 88130

The Roosevelt County Commission met in regular business meeting on Tuesday October 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room with those present being: Commissioner Paul Grider, Commissioner Roy Lee Criswell, Commissioner Rodney Savage, Commissioner Tina Dixon, Commissioner Dennis Lopez by phone, County Attorney Randal Van Vleck, County Manager Annette Kirk, Clerk Mandi Park, Treasurer Layle Sanchez, Assessor Stevin Floyd, Special Programs Coordinator Carla Weems, Detention Administrator Shayla Ramsey, Human Resources Coordinator Gemma Martin, DWI Program Coordinator Darla Reed, Deputy Daniel Boan, Chief Deputy Bryan Holmes, Sheriff Javier Sanchez, IT Technician Brandon Brooks, presenter Jodi Diaz, and community members Malin Parker, Ursula Parker, Megan Lopez, Fabian Munoz, Alan Carter, Chesney Hatch, Patsy Runyon, Drew Runyon, Angie Smith, Teresa Pittman, DeWight Bell, and Chris Gay.

Call to Order – Commissioner Dixon at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – Commissioner Criswell

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 October 1, 2024 regular meeting 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.
- 3. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll:** A motion to approve the payables and payroll from September 1 - 30, 2024 was made by Commissioner Grider with a second from Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.
- 4. Informational Items:** Jodi Diaz, Executive Director of the Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation gave a bi-annual presentation on the activities of the RCCDC. She listed board members, executive committee and banquet donors. She stated the fundraising campaigns have been successful. Ms. Diaz stated the county had provided \$15,000.00 to fund the façade improvement grant program. She also stated there have been two LEDA grants awarded to local businesses including the Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative and Enchantment Vineyards. She stated the focus of RCCDC is to recruit and retain business as well as business expansion within Roosevelt County. Ms. Diaz stated they have hosted a few tours for Cannon families. She has attended an ICON Showcase and a civic leaders tour. They have participated in hiring events and hosted quick books training. Ms. Diaz stated the RCCDC has become a certified Economic Development Department. That EDD Certification is only held by about a dozen departments within the state, and comes with a \$40,000.00 award to be used as needed in the operating budget. Ms. Diaz stated there has been a site visit for a potential Gus Macker tournament in June of 2025. Gus Macker could bring 4000-5000 visitors to our community over a two-day tournament, providing gross receipts including hotel rooms, food and fuel purchases. Ms. Diaz also spoke about the Foote Family Meats reach in freezer located inside Creighton's Town & Country. She stated they have expanded their business into this community. Commissioner Savage stated Foote Family Meats has contributed to the community in many ways in addition to the reach-in store front at Creighton's.
- 5. Public Requests:** Alan Carter stated he wanted to set the record straight regarding the altercation with Commissioner Lopez at the fair. He stated he and Billy Stacy were having a conversation when Mr. Lopez approached them. Mr. Carter stated Mr. Lopez said he had messed with the wrong family. He stated a few weeks later he was physically attacked by Victor Lopez at a football game, resulting in the high school team being given a strike on the season and Mr. Carter and others being banned from high school activities. Megan Lopez stated her father, Commissioner Lopez, is an amazing man and has held his character, through differences of opinions.
- 6. Elected Officials and Department Heads Reports:**
 - Clerk:** Ms. Park stated early voting is underway in the Clerk's office and at the fairgrounds with over 1400 ballots already cast. She stated election day is November 5th 2024. Ms. Park referenced an article being circulated about election fraud in the 2022 general election, stating the evidence they author sites as proof of wrong doing is actually proof that she and others had done the job according to the timeline set in statute. She provided reports that the results approved by county canvass in both 2022 and 2023 are the same as the results that were made official following the state canvass in each of those years.
 - Court Compliance:** Ms. Jiminez was not in attendance. Ms. Kirk stated Ms. Jiminez would have a report at the next meeting.
 - Sheriff:** Sheriff Sanchez stated it has been a busy month. He thanked Ms. Reed for all of the work on the Community Engagement Night held on October 8, 2024. He stated there had been 5206 calls for service year-to-date with 519 of those requiring and incident report be taken. That is up 147 over last year. Sheriff Sanchez stated there have been 25 DWI arrests. He stated there is one deputy conducting high volume enforcement traffic stops. There have been 7 instances of aggravated fleeing, with most of those the deputy stopped the pursuit to maintain public safety. In one instance, the driver slowed down and ran out of fuel, resulting in arrest for DWI as well as aggravated fleeing.
 - Manager:** Ms. Kirk also thanked Ms. Reed for her work on the community engagement night and asked Ms. Reed to report on the success of that event. Ms. Reed stated it was similar to the National Night Out held in August by many municipalities annually. She stated multiple agencies were represented. There were 17 vendors

including food trucks. There were lots of families with children, many that she did not know despite having lived her life in this community. The engagement night is focused on people getting to know each other and the resources available. They are planning to do similar events each year in the fall. Ms. Kirk stated they are gearing up for construction at the Bonem House to build out the EOC. She has been in talks with White Sands Construction regarding the project. She stated she, the sheriff's office, and emergency management have been meeting with city officials, Portales Fire Department and Portales Police Department to ensure good communication. Ms. Kirk stated she has met with officials with Orsted on the Blackwater Solar Project. They will be responsible for decommissioning the site after 30 years. The current offer is \$400,000.00 per year to be divided among the county school districts. Commissioner Criswell questioned how that will be divided? Is it a formula, based on district size, or would it be based on some other criteria, or would it be even? Ms. Park stated House and Melrose School districts are also partially within Roosevelt County boundaries. Would it include those districts as well? Commissioners would like to see the formal breakdown of the offer.

Commissioners: Commissioner Savage stated it had been a while since he asked that the potholes on SRR P between SRR3 and SRR4 be patched. He stated they are still just filled with caliche. Commissioner Dixon stated she had turned in a few roads and trees towards Elida and Boone Ranch Road. She stated some of the trees could be completely removed as they are in the right-of-way. She also reported signs missing, down or shot up that need to be replaced near SRR 21 and Boone Ranch Road. Commissioner Dixon stated she had attended a meeting at CAFB, where air force officials would like for the county to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement for affordable housing. She is not sure how signing such an IGA would benefit the county and is hesitant to support an IGA, though she is in support of working together to increase available housing. Commissioner Lopez stated he supports grassroots efforts not just party politics. He spoke about integrity and respect and the value of a handshake. Commissioner Lopez shared a short video regarding rail crossing safety. He stated Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) is willing to cooperate with the city and county in order to increase public safety and add crossing arms at the Boston Street crossing. He has passed on that information to the Mayor Pro-tem. He stated he has worked on this issue for years and wants to see the efforts continue. He stated BNSF is working on an analysis of the area and is interested in local input. There is money available from BNSF and the Department of Transportation for public safety. Commissioner Lopez also shared DOT contact information with Ms. Kirk. He stated Francisco Sanchez, the district engineer, is easy to work with. He stated Mr. Sanchez is busy with Chaves County issues related to flooding. Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. Kirk to stay on top of the Income Support Division issues with the state, as our residents deserve privacy when seeking assistance. Ms. Kirk stated the city is also seeking suitable office space for ISD. Commissioner Lopez stated he is proud of the work that has been done at the fairgrounds. He asked that the incoming commissioners continue the work and continue to collaborate with Cannon Air Force Base to receive GRT for all base activity, specifically activities at the Melrose Bombing Range. Commissioner Criswell stated we need to work with DOT to assist in Chaves County if we can, because we may need their help one day.

7. Old Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration of Clean and Beautiful Grant Program Agreement: Ms. Kirk stated New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Program asked that we reconsider returning the approved funds. She stated we could redesign the scope of work. Ms. Weems stated we could not afford the turf project as originally proposed as we were not awarded a grant from a private funder that would have provided additional funding. Ms. Kirk stated another option would be to re-sod or re-seed the area and replace some sprinkler heads, to use minimal water to maintain the grass. No action was taken.

8. New Business: No new business was listed on the agenda.

9. Resolutions-Ordinances-Proclamations:

A. Request for the Approval of Joint Resolution 1-2024 Concerning Increasing Medical Care in New Mexico through Participation in a Multistate Compact: Commissioner Grider stated this joint resolution would express our support of the multistate compact allowing medical providers from other states to practice in New Mexico. Commissioner Grider stated other Counties and Municipalities are also considering the joint resolution. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution as presented with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

B. Request for the Approval of Joint Resolution 2-2024 Concerning Increasing Psychological and Behavioral Healthcare in New Mexico through Participation in a Multistate Compact: Commissioner Grider stated this joint resolution is very similar to the previously adopted joint resolution, but focuses on mental and behavioral healthcare. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the joint resolution with a second by Commissioner Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

C. Request for the Approval of A Resolution 2024-37 Opposing Compliance with the Amended 2021 International Energy Conservation Code adopted as the New Mexico Residential and Commercial Energy Conservation Codes by the New Mexico Construction Industries Commission: Commissioner Dixon stated other Counties are also considering similar resolutions. She is opposed to the idea of new construction and remodels to be required to install charging stations in homes. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner Grider. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

D. Request for Approval of Resolution 2024-38 Cost Sharing of the Preparation of Amicus Brief Supporting the State of Utah's Petition to the Federal Government Challenging the Retention of Unappropriated Lands: Commissioner Dixon stated the resolution is through the New Mexico Arizona Coalition and will not exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the resolution, with a second by Commissioner

Savage. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

E. Consideration of Revision of Proclamation Declaring November 16, 2024 as "Walk to End Alzheimer's Day" In Roosevelt County: Ms. Kirk stated the time of the event was revised by the organizers after it had been approved by this commission. The time for the event will be 10:00 am to noon. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the revised proclamation with a second by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

10. Contracts/Agreements/Procurements:

A. Request for Approval of the Contract for Economic Development Services with the Roosevelt County Community Development Corporation, Inc.: Ms. Kirk stated the contract is for the seats on the economic development board, at a cost of \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year. Commissioner Grider 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.

B. Request for Approval of New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Grant Program Agreement with State of New Mexico Tourism Department for \$12,025.10: Ms. Weems stated the proposed project for the NMB&B grant was dependent on receiving additional grant funding from another source. She stated the other grant application was not approved. She stated the scope of work will have to be changed to reduce the cost. She asked that the agreement be approved. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the agreement with a second by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

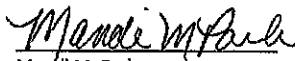
C. Request for Approval of Purchase of a Smiths Detention B-SCAN Body Scanner per a Sole Sourced Authorized Distributor, Command Sourcing, Inc.: Ms. Ramsey state the B-SCAN body scanner was the best option for the detention center. She stated they had posted the sole source purchase on the sunshine portal and there were no protests to the purchase. She stated the cost of the equipment is \$149,900.00. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the purchase with a second by Commissioner Criswell. Commissioner Grider-Yes, Commissioner Criswell-Yes, Commissioner Dixon-Yes, Commissioner Savage-Yes, Commissioner Lopez-Yes.

11. Media Communication: Mr. Gay stated he was in attendance on behalf of Future Media, LLC., but did not have any questions at this point.

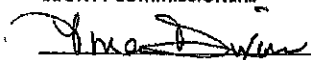
12. Executive Session: no executive session was necessary.

13. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mandi M. Park
County Clerk

BOARD OF ROOSEVELT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tina Dixon
Commission Chair

