

**EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2022**

Be it remembered that the Eddy County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting in the Eddy County Administration Complex-Room 211 on January 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Davis called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the New Mexico State flag. Beard gave the invocation.

PRESENT:

STEVE MCCUTCHEON	CHAIR, DISTRICT 4
FRED BEARD	VICE-CHAIR, DISTRICT 3
ERNEST CARLSON	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1
JON HENRY	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2
SARAH CORDOVA	COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5
ALLEN DAVIS	COUNTY MANAGER
WES HOOPER	COMMUNITY/ADMIN SRVCS DIR
CAS TABOR	COUNTY ATTORNEY
DARLENE ROSPRIM	COUNTY CLERK
LAURIE PRUITT	COUNTY TREASURER
ROBERTA SMITH	FINANCE DIRECTOR
ANISIA CERNA	PROCUREMENT MANAGER
BILLY MASSINGILL	DETENTION WARDEN
TERRA DOUGAN	EXEC ADMIN ASSISTANT
ROXANN BRANNON	HR DIRECTOR
ROLAND RODRIGUEZ	INFO SYSTEMS
ROSIE MUNOZ	INFO SYSTEMS
JERI STRONG	PUBLIC INFO COORDINATOR
JASON BURNS	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
JOSHUA MACK	FIRE SERVICE DIRECTOR/MARSHAL
JAROD ZUNIGA	FIRE SVC CHIEF DEPUTY ADMIN
JENNIFER ARMENDARIZ	EMERGENCY MANAGER
STEPHANIE YBABEN	RED ROCKET MEDIA

TIMED AGENDA

8:30 A.M.:

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS. (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON) (WE REQUEST ALL COMMENTS BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS IN NATURE):** Johnny Chandler introduced himself as the new owner of KCCC Radio adding he was new to the area and was ready to get involved in the Community.

2. IFB/RFP/BID AWARDS:

- a. ***IFB 21-17 FIRE HYDRANT TESTING – ANISIA CERNA:** Staff stated three bids were received with Waterway of NM LLC being the low bidder. Beard moved, seconded by Carlson, to award IFB 21-17 Fire Hydrant Testing to Waterway of NM LLC. Voting yes: Cordova, Henry, McCutcheon, Beard and Carlson. Passed 5-0. IFB 21-17 was recorded as Timed Agenda Exhibit 2.a.

TRAILING AGENDA:

1. APPROVE:

- a. ***COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2021:** Carlson moved, seconded by Henry, to approve the Commission Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021. Voting yes: Henry, McCutcheon, Beard and Carlson. Abstain: Cordova. Passed 4-0.

- 2. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2021 – LAURIE PRUITT:** This was FYI only. The November 2021 Treasurer’s Report was recorded as Exhibit 2.

- 3. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON ORDINANCE O-22-122; EDDY COUNTY LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE – ALLEN DAVIS:** Davis stated the proposed ordinance was similar to ordinances passed in other counties in New Mexico. He stated it would be brought back to the Commission following the public hearing if it followed the intentions and purposes that the Commissioners had asked for. Tabor stated a couple of definitions needed to be adjusted. The Commissioners discussed their concerns. McCutcheon noted the goal of the ordinance was to put a mechanism in place to stop illegal dumping in the County. Hooper would set a public hearing, publish the notice and bring any feedback to the Commission at the first meeting in February. Carlson moved, seconded by Beard, to authorize the publication of the notice of this ordinance with minor modifications, and set the public hearing for the second meeting in February. Carlson and Beard amended the motion and second to address the ordinance at the first meeting in February. Voting yes: Cordova, Henry, McCutcheon, Beard and Carlson. Passed 5-0.

- 4. *RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT CONSENT AGENDA:** Since all of the items listed below have been distributed to the Commissioners in advance for review and are of a routine and non-controversial nature, they will be enacted by a single motion. Any Commissioner or the County Manager may remove an item from this Resolution and Agreement Consent Agenda if separate discussion is desired. Any item so removed shall be placed on the Trailing Agenda immediately following the approval of this Resolution and Agreement Consent Agenda or later, at a specific time or place on the Trailing Agenda.

a. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- i. **R-22-06; AMENDING R-22-01; 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – ROXANN BRANNON.**

b. **AGREEMENTS:**

- i. **A-22-01; CIVIC PLUS RENEWAL AGREEMENT – ROXANN BRANNON.**

Davis requested item 5.a., R-22-06, be pulled for correction and presentation at the next meeting. Cordova moved, seconded by Henry, approve the Resolution/Agreement Consent Agenda, pulling R-22-06. Voting yes: Cordova, Henry, McCutcheon, Beard and Carlson. Passed 5-0. A-22-01 was recorded as Exhibit 5.b.i.

5. **ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT UPDATES.** Mack stated Loving had adopted the same fire code as Eddy County. The inspections and hydro flow tests were being conducted there. He stated EMT Levi had been in place since November 19. Carlson felt it would be great if the EMT would work toward paramedic status. The Fire Academy would begin this week.
6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES.** The Legislative Session would begin January 18. Davis was working to keep up with the legislation and to arrange a meeting for the BOCC with legislators to be scheduled for the second week of the session.
7. ***TRAVEL REQUEST CONSENT AGENDA:** None.
8. **EMERGENCY BUSINESS.** None.
9. **LEGISLATORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES.** Davis stated a meeting had been held with the County's Legislators. Carlson requested that copies of the Arrowhead Study be available to pass out to legislators.
10. **COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES.** Davis reminded all that the County continued to sponsor weekly vaccinations and NMDOH had agreed to continue every Monday. He noted the average had been close to 300 participants each day. He voiced concerns about possible future mandates and added that the County at some point may be forced into putting in place a mandatory vaccination program. He expressed kudos to Charlie Powell for being the administrator of the program for County employees. Midway through the fiscal year, the County was in a good position with revenues above projections and expenses below expectations; County projects continued to move forward.
11. **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES.** Cordova was grateful for the work the County was doing with coordinating vaccines, testing, quarantining and stated it was a ton of work. She was proud

the County had distributed thousands of vaccines, adding those were lives that were saved and that it was purposeful work that was being done. She added it was not too late to get a vaccine. She felt there would never be an end to COVID, that it would be endemic and here forever but we could suppress it. The hospitals in Eddy County were at maximum, doctors and nurses were sick. Henry wished all a happy new year and to stay safe. Carlson wished all a happy and prosperous new year. He felt the County had improved infrastructure and had been working in the right direction. Beard wished all a happy new year and agreed that infrastructure was a big deal. He added a comment to the Ordinance discussion, wanting the County to make a concerted effort to send some people to see the judge. McCutcheon had received complaints of the Assessor not being able to close a lot of transactions at the end of the year with the holiday closures. He would like to see that changed. He acknowledged the Governor had made efforts getting the federal infrastructure monies for New Mexico. He felt the Governor and Secretary Sandoval had done a lot of good, reaching out and appreciated them correctly allocating and spending that money throughout the state and cutting some of the red tape for contractors. Carlson agreed that Secretary Sandoval had been a real friend to Eddy County.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

13. *ADJOURN. At 9:16 a.m., Beard moved, seconded by Cordova, to adjourn. Voting yes: Cordova, Henry, McCutcheon, Beard and Carlson. Passed 5-0.

~ASTERISKS DENOTE VOTE IS REQUIRED~

EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk

DATE: _____