

**EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2022**

Be it remembered that the Eddy County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting in the Eddy County Administration Complex-Room 211 on June 21, 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. Cordova gave the invocation.

PRESENT:

STEVE MCCUTCHEON
FRED BEARD
ERNEST CARLSON
JON HENRY
SARAH CORDOVA
ALLEN DAVIS
WES HOOPER
CAS TABOR
DARLENE ROSPRIM
CARA COOKE
MARK CAGE
KIMBERLY BALLARD
GEMMA FERGUSON
MELISSA WASHBURN
RHONDA HATCH
CAROLYN STROBLE
ROBERTA SMITH
ANISIA CERNA
BILLY MASSINGILL
ADRIENNE JONES
ROXANN BRANNON
CAROL HENNINGTON
JASON FLOREZ
ANDREW MEDRANO
JERI STRONG
JASON BURNS
JOSHUA MACK
JAROD ZUNIGA
VERONICA PARRAS
BRIAN STEPHENS
CYNTHIA SHARIF
STEPHANIE YBABEN
JAMES WATERS

CHAIR, DISTRICT 4
VICE-CHAIR, DISTRICT 3
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5
COUNTY MANAGER
COMMUNITY/ADMIN SRVCS DIR
COUNTY ATTORNEY
EDDY COUNTY CLERK
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK
SHERIFF
ADMIN ASSISTANT SHERIFF
COUNTY ASSESSOR
CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSOR
ASSESSORS OFFICE MANAGER
CHIEF DEUPTY TREASURER
FINANCE DIRECTOR
PROCUREMENT MANAGER
DETENTION WARDEN
EXEC ADMIN ASSISTANT
HR DIRECTOR
IT DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT IT DIRECTOR
IT SPECIALIST I
PUBLIC INFO COORDINATOR
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
FIRE SERVICE DIRECTOR/MARSHAL
DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL/FIRE SV DIR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATOR
M&O SUPERVISOR
DWI COORDINATOR
RED ROCKET MEDIA
CARLSBAD DEPT OF DEVELOPMENT

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).** None.
2. **SERVICE AWARDS.**
 - a. **ANNA RAMIREZ, DEPUTY ASSESSOR II – 30 YEARS.**
 - b. **TERESA YBABEN, LANDFILL GATEKEEPER – 15 YEARS.**
 - c. **ALAN R. GRIFFITH, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF – 16 YEARS 2 MONTHS, RETIRED 4-30-2022.**

Service Awards were presented to County employees for their years of service.

SHORT BREAK FOR PICTURES.

3. **IFB/RFP/BID AWARDS:**
 - a. ***RFP 22-04 ON-CALL GENERAL ARCHITECTURE SERVICES – ANISIA CERNA:** Carlson moved, seconded by Cordova, to approve RFP 22-04, awarding to Huitt-Zollars, Molzen Corbin, Studio Southwest and MRWM Landscape Architects. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. RFP 22-04 was recorded as Timed Agenda Exhibit 3.a.
 - b. ***RFP 22-06 ON-CALL ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, TESTING, AND/OR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – ANISIA CERNA:** Beard moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve RFP 22-06, awarding to Stantec and Smith Engineering. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. RFP 22-06 was recorded as Timed Agenda Exhibit 3.b.

TRAILING AGENDA:

1. **APPROVE:**
 - a. ***COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 7, 2022.** Carlson moved, seconded by Henry, to approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2022. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.
 - b. ***COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 2022.** Cordova moved, seconded by Beard, to approve the Special Commission Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022. Voting yes: Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Abstain: McCutcheon. Passed 4-0.

- c. ***EXPENSE APPROVAL REPORT FOR MAY 2022.** Henry moved, seconded by Cordova, to approve the Expense Approval Report for May 2022. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The Expense Approval Report for May 2022 was recorded as Exhibit 1.c.
 - d. ***PURCHASE CARD APPROVAL REPORT FOR MAY 2022.** Henry moved, seconded by Beard, to approve the Purchase Card Approval Report for May 2022. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The Purchase Card Approval Report for May 2022 was recorded as Exhibit 1.d.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2022 – LAURIE PRUITT:** FYI only. The May 2022 Treasurer's Report was recorded as Exhibit 2.
3. ***MAY 2022 REVENUE REPORT – ROBERTA SMITH.** Smith stated GRT collected was \$4.6M and Oil and Gas collected was \$6,700,152. Carlson moved, seconded by Cordova, to approve the May 2022 Revenue Report. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The May 2022 Revenue Report was recorded as Exhibit 3.
4. ***BUDGET VS ACTUAL – MAY REVENUE EXPENSES – ROBERTA SMITH.** Smith presented the Expenditures Report noting that the County would finish the fiscal year 15% under budget. Beard moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the May Revenue Expenses, Budget v. Actual Report. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The Budget v. Actual May Revenue Expenses Report was recorded as Exhibit 4.
5. ***AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING APPROVAL – ROBERTA SMITH.** Smith handed out a correction to the Revenue Replacement page of the American Rescue Plan Act in the original agenda. Davis explained the County had taken the automatic election on the revenue replacement with a \$10M cap. The correction would show the overage amount of \$2,389.10 moving out of Government Services and going in to PPE. The total of \$11,355,170 would remain unchanged. Cordova moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Report, as amended. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The Amended American Rescue Plan Act Funding Report was recorded as Exhibit 5.
6. ***AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS – ROBERTA SMITH.** Jim Waters, Carlsbad Department Of Development, had been solicited to do the administrative work of collecting the application information. Smith stated 37 applications had been received for the grant. Waters stated advertisements had been issued on radio and newspapers. He stated that each request was

capped at \$40K with the total of the grant being \$1.3M. Each of the 37 applications were responsive and had been approved. Henry moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Award Recommendations. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.

7. ***EDDY COUNTY LODGERS TAX REQUEST FOR REFUND BY INCIDENT CATERING SERVICES LLC – WESLEY HOOPER.** Hooper stated this was a refund of the vendor’s overpayment. Carlson moved, seconded by Beard, to approve the Eddy County Lodgers Tax request for refund by Incident Catering Services LLC. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.
8. ***APPROVE SAFETY NET CARE POOL CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR FY 2021/2022 – 4TH QUARTER – VERONICA PARRAS.** Beard moved, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Safety Net Care Pool Certification of Public Funds for FY 2021/2022 – 4th Quarter. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. The Safety Net Care Pool Certification of Public Funds for FY 2021/2022 – 4th Quarter was recorded as Exhibit 8.
9. ***APPROVE/DISAPPROVE – TWO (2) INDIGENT BURIALS – VERONICA PARRAS.** Henry moved, seconded by Cordova, to approve the two (2) indigent burials. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.
10. ***DIGITAL RECORDS SPECIALIST NEW HIRE – MARK CAGE.** Cage explained the huge volume of IPRA requests recently received had overburdened the attorney’s office, which had been tasked for searching for specific items, viewing, redacting and cataloging the data from body cameras and digital cameras. Huge volumes of recordings were generated at each Law Enforcement interaction with the public. The requests had a time limit for responding and providing the requested information and data. The new position would be a separate entity from the current records department and additional positions could be necessary in the future. Cage added that the requestors were charged the maximum fee available with the fees going to the General Fund. Davis noted that all departments were affected by the IPRA requests. He felt in the future, a staff IPRA Coordinator may be needed, as his admin staff were the incoming points of contact for the IPRA’s. He stated a computer program had been helpful but other help was needed. Carlson moved, seconded by Beard, to approve the new hire of Digital Records Specialist. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.
11. ***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-22-52; G22SN0017A GRANT AWARD REGION VI DRUG TASK FORCE ADMIN & PECOS VALLEY DTF – WM. ROBERT SULLIVAN.
- ii. R-22-53; POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS AND ELECTRONIC CHECKS – LAURIE PRUITT.
- iii. R-22-57; INDIGENT MEDICAL/HOSPITAL CLAIMS REPORT – VERONICA PARRAS.
- iv. R-22-58; DONATION OF A LIGHT TOWER TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE – CYNTHIA G. SHARIF.
- v. R-22-59; DISPOSAL, REMOVAL, OR REVISE ITEMS IN THE EDDY COUNTY INVENTORY/ASSETS – JESSICA STYGAR.

b. AGREEMENTS:

- i. A-22-29; WATCHGUARD VIDEO / MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS SUITE CONTRACT AGREEMENT REQUEST – MARK CAGE.
- ii. A-22-48; AMBITIONS TECHNOLOGY GROUP HYBRID BACKUP, DISASTER RECOVERY, AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY – CAROL HENNINGTON.
- iii. A-22-83; TRANS AERO MEDEVAC LAND AND HELIPAD LEASE – JOSHUA MACK.
- iv. A-22-102; AGREEMENT WITH POINT & PAY, LLC – E-PAYMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT – LAURIE PRUITT.
- v. A-22-103; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO LAKEVIEW CHRISTIAN HOME OF THE SOUTHWEST, INC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
- vi. A-22-104; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO BMB FINANCIAL LLC (THE TRINITY HOTEL) – ROBERTA SMITH.
- vii. A-22-105; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CGS SUPPRESSORS, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- viii. A-22-106; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO BLUE HOUSE BAKERY AND CAFÉ, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.

- ix. A-22-107; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO PAVE PRINCE LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- x. A-22-108; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO AOK RV GETAWAY – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xi. A-22-109; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO ADVANCED PEST AND WEED MANAGEMENT, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xii. A-22-110; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO BEAUTY COLLEGE OF EDDY COUNTY, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xiii. A-22-111; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO NEW ENTERPRISES, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xiv. A-22-112; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO L & J SERVICES INCORPORATED – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xv. A-22-113; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CARLSBAD – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xvi. A-22-114; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CREEK FARMS PISTACHIOS – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xvii. A-22-115; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CALVANI PECAN COMPANY, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xviii. A-22-116; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO P & R ENTERPRISES, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xix. A-22-117; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO EREGANTO SAVON – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xx. A-22-118; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CALVANI FARMS, LLC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxi. A-22-119; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO NICHOLS PRINTING, INC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxii. A-22-120; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CARLSBAD CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER – ROBERTA SMITH.

- xxiii. A-22-121; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD MY DADDY'S BAR B Q II LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxiv. A-22-122; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO VARSITY ACADEMY MIXED MARTIAL ARTS – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxv. A-22-123; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO SHREEBAPAGANESH II, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxvi. A-22-124; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO O & P TRANSPORT, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxvii. A-22-125; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO DÉCOR FURNITURE – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxviii. A-22-126; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO B SITARAM INVESTMENTS, INC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxix. A-22-127; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONALS, INC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxx. A-22-128; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO RIO PECOS CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS & WELLNESS – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxi. A-22-129; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO PODIATRY ASSOCIATES – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxii. A-22-130; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO AYA CHIHUAHUA, LLC DBA BOBCAT AUTO SERVICES, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxiii. A-22-131; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO YUM YUM, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxiv. A-22-132; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO ARNOLD'S PAINT AND BODY SHOP – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxv. A-22-133; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO TRUCKING AND CONTRACTING, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxvi. A-22-134; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO KEVIN'S PRO CLEAN, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.

- xxxvii. A-22-135; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO BOBCAT COLLISION CENTER – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxviii. A-22-136; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO R. FLOREZ WELDING CORPORATION – ROBERTA SMITH.
- xxxix. A-22-137; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO CARLSBAD LIFEHOUSE, INC. – ROBERTA SMITH.
 - xl. A-22-138; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO DOPORTO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – ROBERTA SMITH.
 - xli. A-22-139; AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AWARD TO VALLEY NEWSPAPER, LLC – ROBERTA SMITH.
 - xlii. A-22-140; SOFTWARE/MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDDY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER/MEDICAL DIVISION AND CORRECTEK – BILLY MASSINGILL, WARDEN.
 - xliii. A-22-141; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC) AND THE COUNTY OF EDDY – BILLY MASSINGILL.
 - xliv. A-22-142; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN EDDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE – MARK CAGE.
 - xliv. A-22-143; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN EDDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE – MARK CAGE.

Cordova moved, seconded by Henry, to approve the Resolution and Agreement Consent Agenda. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0. R-22-52, R-22-53, R-22-57 through R-22-59 were recorded as Exhibits 11.a.i through 11.a.v, respectively. A-22-29, A-22-48, A-22-83, A-22-102 through A-22-143 were recorded as Exhibits 11.b.i. through 11.b.xlv., respectively.

12. ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT UPDATES. Burns stated the department was finishing up road projects with work progressing on the West Loop. The dozer for the Landfill would arrive tomorrow. He stated the team of five department employees had competed in the NMC Conference equipment rodeo had placed in the top 10 of each category. Hooper stated Phase II of the SE Loop was out for bids and construction would begin in July. The work on the intersection of NM200, 62/180 and SE Loop was moving forward and would bid in October. There had been a few accidents in the area so

message boards had been placed informing motorists of the intersections. He had contacted NMDOT for possible use of temporary traffic signals but costs were prohibitive at \$150K - \$175K. The infrastructure was in place for their possible use in the future. Phase III, planning was at 95%. Once the GPF funding was awarded, it would be scaled to be fully paid for using grant monies. Beard inquired about the 285/31 intersection. Hooper stated early 2023 was the timeframe it was scheduled to go out to bid. Hooper liked the design and the R/Ws the State would acquire would allow for a possible overpass in the future. Cordova suggested looking in to the cost of the County purchasing temporary traffic signals for use in the County. Davis added the County could regulate traffic on County Roads and would have to coordinate with the State NMDOT on others. Smith wanted to thank all the departments for help in finishing the inventory. She complimented Stygar on her hard work with inventory throughout the year. She thanked IT and Ken Kemp for their efficient work, the Road Department employees, Albert and Chilo, were very helpful and efficient and she thanked them for their knowledge of their inventory. She thanked Chris Chavarria from Fire Services for escorting them and for his knowledge of his equipment. Davis appreciated the Finance Department for excellent accounting for the inventory balances before the fiscal year closed. He felt their system was efficient and ran smoothly. Smith reiterated the Special Commission on July 29 at 8:30 for year-end approvals. Brannon congratulated NMC President-elect Mark Cage. Eddy County had received an award for the RAP Program. Auto claims were lowered by 23% with law enforcement claims lowered by 55%. Next year's NMC conference would be in San Juan County. Cage stated Eddy County had three graduates. Cage reported on the work of the SENM Community College Board. He was pleased with the recent town hall meeting concerning active shooters and school violence. He was confident law enforcement was prepared to respond. A plan was in the works for Carlsbad, Loving and Artesia schools. He congratulated the high school Culinary Arts student who recently won the Green Chile Cheeseburger cook-off. Cage warned of the possibility of future legislation that would take the power of election certification from the Commissioners. Cordova stated the election was open, transparent, checked and balanced multiple times, and expressed her confidence in the recent election certification. Rosprim added the voter rolls were worked on daily and added that written proof from the voter was required to remove them from the rolls. She added that Eddy County voter rolls were very clean. She thanked the Commission for certifying the election and thanked all the departments for their contributions during the election. Mack stated 20 applicants would soon test for open positions. The volunteers had been realigned into three battalion chiefs. Sixteen trucks would be out of service and sent to donation. He thanked the oil and gas industry partners for the donations. Permian Basin Road Safety Coalition would soon present \$3M to first responders in this area. He invited the Commissioners to attend ISO training on July 12.

13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES. Davis stated standing committees were still meeting each month. He had conversations recently with local legislators.

14. *TRAVEL REQUEST 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 Travel Request Consent Agenda if separate discussion is desired. Any item so removed shall be placed on the Trailing Agenda immediately following this Travel Request Consent Agenda or later, at a specific time or place on the Trailing Agenda.

PRIOR: None.

FUTURE:

- a. **MARK CAGE AND MATT HUTCHINSON ATTENDING NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY, MO FROM JUNE 27 THRU JULY 1, 2022.**
- b. **AMY DUGAS AND ERIC THRELKELD ATTENDING IAPRO COLORADO TRAINING SYMPOSIUM IN DENVER, CO FROM JUNE 26 THRU JUNE 30, 2022.**
- c. **ALICE RHODES ATTENDING NASRO (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS) CONFERENCE IN AURORA, CO FROM JULY 3 THRU JULY 8, 2022.**
- d. **WESLEY HOOPER ATTENDING NRPA (NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION) CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX, AZ FROM SEPTEMBER 19 THRU SEPTEMBER 22, 2022.**
- e. **JERI STRONG ATTENDING 3CMA (CITY-COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING ASSOCIATION) CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OR FROM SEPTEMBER 6 THRU SEPTEMBER 9, 2022.**

Cordova moved, seconded by Beard, to approve the Travel Request Consent Agenda. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.

15. EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

16. LEGISLATORS & ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES. None.

17. COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES. Davis echoed the Sheriff's plans for response to school situations. He appreciated Cage working with Artesia schools and Artesia PD. He felt reunification was an important aspect of a situation, but felt the process must be very well planned. He felt Cage's plans were important and must be robust

and evergreen. It was critical for Eddy County law enforcement to be involved and understanding their roles in that plan. He relayed that the County and municipalities were participating in a community message board, RAVE. The County would take that umbrella with the municipalities and schools under it for communications, notifications, messaging and information for reunification during possible events. Armendariz was coordinating the platform with REDA, City of Carlsbad dispatch and law enforcement members. He stated the County would finish this fiscal year in a strong position, adding that next year's plans were robust as well. He thanked the departments and individuals in the County for helping the County continue to be successful.

18. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES.

Cordova had attended the Town Hall that Cage spoke of and felt it was good information. She was happy to see the collaboration in this complicated situation. She stated the children were our most precious commodity and deserved our best effort. She commended the Clerk's Office for their good work year after year. She felt the election audits were a compliment, finding all to be fine. She wished all a happy and safe Fourth of July celebration. Henry was glad to see that all entities and the public were taking seriously the plans for any school situation. He felt playing games and putting on a show during the election certification process weakened the faith in the voting system. He was proud of the way Eddy County conducted business with professionalism. He felt local control was crucial. He encouraged those with questions to call to understand how the system worked. The public was always invited to watch certification of the machines. He asked elected officials to quit putting on shows. Carlson reiterated what was said and had no doubt in his mind as to the integrity of the voting process in Eddy County. He cautioned folks to travel safely and carry extra water on summer trips. Beard, having been very active in politics, said there had never been a problem with Eddy County elections. He gave Smith accolades for the successful inventory and also having "No Findings" on the audit. He felt what happened in Uvalde would not happen here, with citizens needing to go in to the situation. He was pleased to see the roads in the best shape ever adding the West Loop would soon come to completion after 18 years. McCutcheon had done some research on school shootings and related that 1994 was the peak of school shootings and after that was in the 20's. Recently-reported school shootings of 27 included other incidents that involved after-school and accidental shootings. He felt the facts were that our children are so safe in school that, even if your child was at Uvalde, there was a 98.5% chance your child came home, and there is a 0.002 chance of it happening at any other school in the US. The media is driving the thoughts and processes so much that we lose out on the facts. The facts are that your child is safer now than in 1994. Even with the looming recession, when the energy sector is high, the local economy boomed but it was difficult for individual consumers. He encouraged all to remember those facts when you went to vote in the Fall. Local elections mattered so much and when voting, remember fuel is almost \$6 a gallon, the

stock market losses and how you feel about the economy. He had the most confidence in Rosprim and her crew. He added that if you did not want voter ID, you wanted to do something nefarious.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board may go into Executive Session in accordance with the State of New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1-H(7), which authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to go into Executive Session to discuss:

a. THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION.

i. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

At 10:25 a.m., Henry moved, seconded by Beard, to close the meeting and open the Executive Session, returning at 10:45 a.m. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.

20. RE-OPEN MEETING. At 10:50 a.m., Carlson moved, seconded by Cordova, to close the Executive Session and re-open the Regular Session and certify that the only items discussed were Threatening or Pending Litigation – Personnel Matters. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.

21. TAKE ACTION, IF ANY, ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

a. *THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION.

i. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Carlson moved, seconded by Beard, to authorize County Manager Al Davis to make decisions in the best interest of the County pertaining to threatened litigation. Voting yes: McCutcheon, Beard, Carlson, Cordova and Henry. Passed 5-0.

Meeting closed at 10:51 a.m.

~Asterisk denotes vote is required~

Steven McCutcheon, Chairman

Eddy County Clerk, Darlene Rosprim

Date
