

BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Justin K. Bennett Commissioner Clayton F. Kiesling Commissioner Walter C. Hall

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clerk Brenda Green Manager Brandy Thompson Treasurer Shea Arnett
Sheriff James Lobb Sheriff Sergeant Curtis Skaggs Road Superintendent Russell Kear

GUESTS:

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital
Shawn Nethery – CCO, Union County General Hospital
Senator Pat Woods Representative Jack Chatfield Kathy Elliot – Clint Harden & Asso.
Debbie Snyder – UC Leader

At 9:02 a.m., Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers located in the Union County Administration Building. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2022, and the special meeting minutes of June 9, 2022. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were signed.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Due to the scheduled Canvass of 2022 Primary Election, Tammie Stump, CEO, did not report on statistics for April. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, June 14, 2022", was distributed to the board. Items covered included the following (but not limited to the following): **Provider Recruitment Update; Financial Assistance/Compliance Update; Business Office/Revenue Cycle Update; Compliance; Radiology; Plant Services; Therapy Services; Union County/Des Moines Health Centers; IT; HVAC/Vestibule/Cryogenic Tank 3000 gallon/Grade Survey.** CEO Stump informed the Board that due to recent changes to the HAP and TAP programs, which reimburses hospitals for Medicaid and uncompensated care, our hospital could be facing a huge loss of payments from these programs. She noted that Union County is one of the few counties in New Mexico that does not have a Medicaid office, making it extremely difficult for patients to sign up for Medicaid benefits.

Due to the scheduled Canvass of 2022 Primary Election, Shawn Nethery, CCO, did not report on statistics for April. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Shawn Nethery, CCO, June 14, 2022", was distributed to the board. Items covered included the

following (but not limited to the following): **Social Work; Home Health Care Report; Laboratory Services; Pharmacy; Clinical/Quality Updates.**

Due to the scheduled Canvass of 2022 Primary Election, Melissa Prante, CFO, did not report on financials for April. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 10th Month FYE 2022", and, the "Clayton Health Systems May 25, 2022 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending April 30, 2022", was distributed to the board. Items covered included the following (but not limited to the following): **Key Statistics; Statement of Revenue and Expenses – YTD; Balance Sheet.**

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

The meeting attendees moved to the Clerk's Office vault to conduct the Canvass of the 2022 Primary Election.

CANVASS OF 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

Clerk Green gave an overview of the canvass reports. There were 856 ballots cast, 279 Democrat, 574 Republican, and 3 Libertarian, 39.5% turnout for Union County. Certificates of Canvass were signed by the board.

Meeting attendees returned to the Council Chambers to continue the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2022-44 COOP AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION 2022-45 CAP AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION 2022-46 SCHOOL BUS AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION 2022-47 CAP PROJECT MATCH WAIVER

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund hardship match waiver program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION 2022-48 SCHOOL BUS MATCH WAIVER

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund hardship match waiver program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Mgr. Thompson gave a brief overview of the proposed resolutions #2022-45 through #2022-48. These funding projects are presented and approved annually for the following fiscal year.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolutions #2022-44 through #2022-48 as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolutions signed.

ASSESSOR SOFTWARE CONVERSION TO TYLER TECHNOLOGY

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mgr. Thompson to make FY 23 budget adjustments for the cost associated with conversion, and place this item on next month's agenda as an action item.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Final list of outstanding invoices for the month was not yet available for review. This item was tabled until after the Joint Communications meeting.

ROAD CROSSING PERMITS

Permit #466 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Feeder Road, located in Sec. 8, T26N, R37E.

Permit #467 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Boggs Road, located in Sec. 22, T23N, R36E.

Permit #468 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Boggs Road, located in Sec. 21, T23N, R36E.

Permit #469 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across and parallel to Cowen Road, located in Sec. 22 & 23, T23N, R36E.

Permit #470 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Mockingbird Road, located in Sec. 12, T26N, R36E.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Road Crossing Permits #466 through #470. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

INVENTORY ITEMS DISPOSITION – ROAD DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK

There were no items presented for disposition

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

There were no claims presented for approval.

COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

Commissioners Bennett, Kiesling, and Hall, Mgr. Thompson and Asst. Mgr. Garcia, Assessor Sandoval and Deputy Assessor Newton, and Clerk Green will be attending the NMC Conference in Albuquerque.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mgr. Thompson reported that NM Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) has granted approval of the Union County proposed FY23 budget. Final approval will be certified no later than the first Monday of September, 2022.

At 9:53 a.m., the meeting recessed for attendance of the Joint Communications meeting.

At 11:46 a.m., the meeting resumed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$213,762.43 were presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve bills in the amount of \$213,762.43, and to authorize Mgr. Thompson to pay bills presented through month end. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion.

VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Road Superintendent Kear reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Blading and shaping continues on county roads; Dry conditions are making road maintenance difficult; Current work being done on Rinker Road; Will work with Amistad Land and Cattle to address blowing sand on adjacent county roads.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There was no one present for Citizen's Forum.

FIRE COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT

Fire Coordinator Jim O'Bryant was unable to attend. Mgr. Thompson gave an overview of recent and ongoing fires in and around the county, and reported that O'Bryant is continuing training for county fire personnel.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported on the following (but not limited to the following): County Attorney Steven Ross is researching how existing Herd Law Districts affect Union County.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Sheriff Lobb thanked his staff for doing an awesome job during the Fishing Derby, and reported that a recent sale of ATVs on GovDeals netted proceeds of \$6246.00.

Treasurer Arnett reported that the recent Delinquent Tax Sale of properties resulted in 13 properties being sold, all that were up for auction. Another auction is being planned in the near future.

Clerk Green reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Final accounting of election expenses has been submitted to the SOS, \$3,134.45 of unused funds will be returned to the SOS; Due to a conflict with

General Election dates, Clerk Green asked that the October and November commission meeting dates be changed.

Commissioner Hall stressed the need for clarification on the existing Herd Law Districts in the county.

Commissioner Kiesling reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Lynette Keeth has been hired as the new Economic Development Director; Overview of recent NERTPO meeting; Overview of recent EPCOG meeting; Requested that the July commission meeting be moved to the 19th, due to a conflict in schedules.

Chairman Bennett reported on the renaming of the federal 30 x 30 Land program to the "America the Beautiful" program.

ADJOURN: At 12:28 p.m., Commissioner Kiesling moved to adjourn after lunch. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting Announcements: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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