

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 19, 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                                      Fire Coordinator Jim O'Bryant                                      Road Superintendent Russell Kear

**GUESTS:**

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital  
Chris Dale – Interim TOC Police Chief  
Ray Maestas – CMS Superintendent  
Kim Leal – CMS School Board President  
John Trujillo – CMS School Board member  
Joe Reeser – Sedan Fire Chief

At 9:00 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 Kiesling moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of June 14, 2022. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were signed.

**HOSPITAL REPORT**

Tammie Stump, CEO, reported on statistics for May. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, July 12, 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.**

Shawn Nethery, CCO, was not present for the meeting. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Shawn Nethery, CCO, July 12, 2022", was distributed to the board. Items covered included the following (but not limited to the following): **Social Work; Grievances/Complaints; Home Health Care Report; Laboratory Services; Pharmacy; Clinical/Quality Updates.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, was not present for the meeting. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 11th Month FYE 2022", and, the "Clayton Health Systems June 22, 2022 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending May 31, 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**

### **RESOLUTION 2023-01 MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

A proposed resolution governing mileage and per diem compensation pursuant to Sec 10-8-4, et seq. NMSA 1978.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution 2023-01, Mileage and Per Diem Compensation Pursuant to Sec 10-8-4, et seq. NMSA 1978. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-02 BUDGET INCREASE SPECIAL HOSPITAL**

A proposed resolution authorizing Special Hospital GRT Fund (502) (DFA #22100) budget increase.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution 2023-02, Authorization of Special Hospital GRT Fund (502) (DFA #22100) budget increase. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

### **MET TOWER APPLICATION BLUEARTH**

A MET tower application submitted by Capulin Wind LLC, a subsidiary of Bluearth Renewables US LLC, to be placed on property owned by King Family Land Company LLC, in Sec 14, T27R, R28E, was reviewed.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the MET Tower application submitted by Capulin Wind LLC. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

### **CLAIM OF EXEMPTION SUBDIVISION**

Two subdivision ordinance claims of exemption submitted by Donna Myatt, P.O.A. for Bob Podzemny, in Sec 17, T26N, R36E, were reviewed.

Commissioner Bennet stepped down as Chairman and moved to approve two Subdivision Ordinance Claims of Exemption submitted by Bob Podzemny. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

### **OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING DATES**

Due to a conflict with the dates of the General Election, the October Commission meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and the November meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bills were presented to the board for review.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

## **ROAD CROSSING PERMITS**

There were no road crossing permits presented for review.

## **INVENTORY ITEMS DISPOSITION –ROAD DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK**

There were no inventory items presented for disposition.

## **HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

There were no healthcare assistance claims presented for review.

## **COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mgr. Thompson and Commissioner Hall will attend a NERTPO meeting in Tucumcari, Clerk Green and staff will attend Election School in Albuquerque, Sheriff Lobb will attend a Sheriff's Affiliate meeting. Commissioner Hall will attend a State Department of Transportation meeting in Las Vegas, New Mexico. All travel approved.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The final proposed FY23 budget was reviewed. Mgr. Thompson answered questions and explained final adjustments.

At 10:20 a.m., the meeting recessed for a short break.

At 10:28 a.m., the meeting resumed.

## **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Kim Leal, CMS Board President, John Trujillo, CMS Board Member, and Ray Maestas, CMS Superintendent, spoke about the need for local youth programs, and asked for support and participation from the county in forming a committee to discuss and develop programs. Participation from the Town of Clayton and CMS is also being requested. Anybody wanting to be a part of the group can contact Ms. Leal or Mr. Trujillo.

Lynette Keeth introduced herself as the new Economic Development director for Clayton/Union County and gave a brief overview of her responsibilities and goals for moving forward with economic development in Union County and the Town of Clayton. Her office is currently located in the Union County Administration building.

## ICIP WORKSHOP

The ICIP list for Union County was presented for review and discussion. A final list will be presented at the August meeting for approval.

## RESOLUTION 2023-03 FY2022 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT APPROVAL

A proposed resolution to approve the 2022 final quarter financial report year ending June 30, 2022.

## RESOLUTION 2023-04 FY2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

A proposed resolution adopting the State of New Mexico, County of Union, 2022-2023 Budget.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution 2023-03, and 2022-04, as presented. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolutions signed.

## ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD UPDATE

Road Superintendent Kear reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Maintenance on county roads is ongoing, recent rains have been beneficial; Mountain View road project is nearing completion.

## FIRE COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT

Fire Coordinator O'Bryant reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Recent phone calls from the State Forestry Service asking status of Union County's fire restrictions, which remain in effect; Working with insurance companies assessing damage from recent fires in the county; New state Fire Marshall is Randy Valero.

## COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported on the following (but not limited to the following): LEPC meeting will be this Thursday in the Community Training room; Feasibility study on the Courthouse has been completed; The LEDA (Local Economic Development Act) ordinance for Union County needs to be updated, Mgr. Thompson was directed to advertise for the ordinance public hearing and place on the September meeting agenda; BIPO (Better Informed Public Officials) training will be December 6-8 location TBD; Mgr. Thompson was directed to start the process of acquiring refrigerated air for the portable building.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

**Sheriff Lobb** reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Thanked the Commissioners for approving pay increases for his staff; June and July have seen increase in calls; Working with both school districts to schedule active shooter incident trainings; Reviewing applications for two open positions.

**Treasurer Arnett** reported that her office is working on compiling information for the upcoming audit.

**Clerk Green** reported that clerk's office staff will attend election school in Albuquerque August 1-3.

**Commissioner Hall** reported that with the passing of Ervin Shields, he hopes the issue of blowing sand in Amistad will not be forgotten, and he is working with the Daughters of the American Revolution to restore the monument at McNees Crossing.

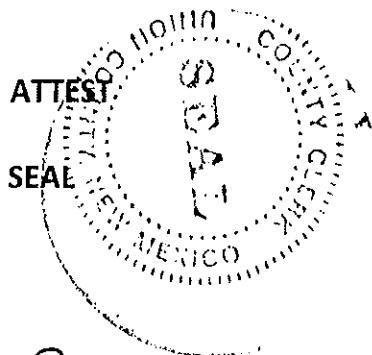
Commissioner Kiesling reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Overview of recent NERTPO meeting; Recent attendance of NEEDO and Invenergy meetings.

Chairman Bennett reported that Invenergy will be holding meeting in Guadalupe and San Miguel counties later this week.

**ADJOURN:** At 12:30 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, August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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Union County, New Mexico



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