

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2022**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clerk Brenda Green Manager Brandy Thompson Assessor Hollie Sandoval
Sheriff James Lobb Road Superintendent Russell Kear Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence

GUESTS:

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital
Shawn Nethery – CCO, Union County General Hospital
Justin Drumm – TOC Fire Chief
Joe Reeser – Sedan Fire Chief
Cathy Daniels

At 9:03 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 July 19, 2022, with the addition of Commissioner Hall’s travel to a NMDOT meeting in Las Vegas, NM. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were amended and signed.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Tammie Stump, CEO, reported on statistics for June. Before the meeting, the “County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, August 9, 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, reported on statistics for June. Before the meeting, the “County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Shawn Nethery, CCO, August 9, 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.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on financials for June. There were no handouts 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

VILLAGE OF DES MOINES GRANT FISCAL AGENT REQUEST

This item was tabled until later in the meeting to allow time for Village of Des Moines members to arrive.

ICIP WORKSHOP

Mgr. Thompson provided a list of proposed Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) F2024-2028 items for Union County for review. After some discussion, the list was finalized for adoption.

RESOLUTION 2023-05 ICIP ACCEPTANCE

A proposed resolution adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution #2023-05, Adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE.
Resolution signed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$96,624.77 were presented for review.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve bills in the amount of \$96,624.77, and authorized Mgr. Thompson to pay any bills presented through the end of the month. Commissioner Hall seconded. Chairman Bennett stated that his wife is receiving reimbursement from the county for completed EMT classes. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

ROAD CROSSING PERMITS

Permit #471 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Rinker Road, located in Sec. 12, T26N, R36E.

Permit #472 submitted by Permittee Plateau, for the purpose of allowing Permittee to lay cable for the purpose of Fiber Optic Distribution Cable Installation across Furlow Road, located in Sec 10, T23N, R35E.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Road Crossing Permits #471 and #472. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

INVENTORY ITEMS DISPOSITION – ROAD DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK

There were no item presented for disposition.

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

There were no healthcare assistance claims presented for review.

COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

Commissioners Kiesling and Hall will attend the Ports-to-Plains conference in Big Spring, Texas, Chairman Bennett will attend the Gathering of Counties at the New Mexico State Fair, Commissioner Kiesling will attend an EPCOG meeting in Clovis, Sheriff Lobb will attend the Sheriff's affiliate meeting in Ruidoso, Treasurer Arnett and Deputy Treasurer Arellano will attend the Treasurer's affiliate retreat in Roswell, Mgr. Thompson will attend a NMCA meeting in Albuquerque. All travel approved.

At 10:25 a.m., the meeting recessed for a short break.

At 10:36 a.m., the meeting resumed.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Cathy Daniels was present to speak about her continued concern with the 30X30 federal land program. The program has been renamed, to the "America the Beautiful" program. To bring more awareness to the program, Ms. Daniels is considering writing an article to be published in the newspaper.

TOC Fire Chief Justin Drumm was present to speak about the fire department's need for additional space to store equipment, vehicles, etc. and expressed continued interest in the former Rabbit Ears Fire station building. At this time, the county has no plans to dispose of the building, but may be able to work out a temporary/shared space arrangement to help the TOC. Chief Drumm also gave a brief update on the CAD project.

VILLAGE OF DES MOINES GRANT FISCAL AGENT REQUEST

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting. Village of Des Moines officials were unable to attend. Upon request by Chairman Bennett, Mgr. Thompson gave an overview of the grant fiscal agent request by the Village.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the County Manager to pursue an agreement with the Village of Des Moines to act as their fiscal agent, with a 1% administration fee to be assessed for providing said service. 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): Due to recent rains, crews are very busy fixing washouts and other damage around the county; Blading of roads is a priority to take advantage of the moisture; Maintenance is being done to the crusher prior to moving it to Des Moines.

FIRE COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported that Fire Protection Fund grants are being worked on by all fire departments in the county. Kris Lawrence, Union County's new Emergency Manager, introduced himself to the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Recent attendance of a NERTPO meeting in Quay County; Brief overview of a proposed updated LEDA (Local Economic Development Act) ordinance, which will be advertised for the Commission meeting in September; Update on the Herd Law District project; Update on HVAC for the portable building; Received notification that the FY23 budget has been approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Sheriff Lobb reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Reviewing applications to fill deputy position; Will be lending a Conex container to the TOC Fire Department for storage of PPE.

Assessor Sandoval reported that property values were certified in July, and values are up. Her office will begin reappraisals in the north part of the county, to be completed by the end of the year. Preliminary work on the software conversion has begun.

Clerk Green reported that her office attended General election school August 1-3, no changes in election procedure for the General Election, and Clerk Green and Chief Deputy Harkins will attend a Legislative Priorities Affiliate meeting in Albuquerque, date TBD.

Commissioner Hall expressed his continued concern about the Herd Law District issue, and hopes a solution is found soon. Also, he reported on his attendance of a NMDOT meeting in Las Vegas, NM, at which DOT District Engineer Gallegos stated his desire to visit Union County to view the state roads Commissioner Hall reported needing repairs. Mgr. Thompson is coordinating his visit.

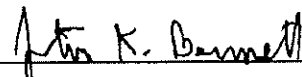
Commissioner Kiesling reported on his recent attendance of a NEEDO meeting via Zoom with Economic Development Director Lynette Keeth. Ms. Keeth plans to attend the quarterly Joint Communications meetings to report on her activities.

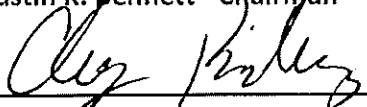
Chairman Bennett reported on NACo's involvement with the "Light Up Green for Veterans Week" program. NACo's website is a good source for details on the program.

ADJOURN: At 11:53 a.m., Commissioner Kiesling moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hall seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

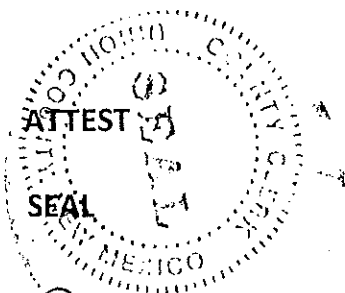
Meeting Announcements: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Union County Commissioners
Union County, New Mexico


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Clayton F. Kiesling - Vice Chairman

Walter C. Hall - Member




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