

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 11, 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Clayton F. Kiesling                      Commissioner Lloyd 'Red' Miller

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner W. Carr Vincent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Clerk Brenda Green                                      Manager Brandy Thompson                                      Treasurer Shea Arnett  
Assessor Hollie Sandoval                                      Sheriff Curtis Skaggs                                      Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence

**GUESTS:**

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital  
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital  
Lynette Keeth – Director, CUCEDP  
Talisha Valdez – NMSU Extension Agent  
Justin Drumm – Chief, Clayton Fire and Rescue  
Kelly Ricks – Director, Des Moines Senior Center

At 9:06 a.m., Chairman Kiesling called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers located in the Union County Administration Building. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Kiesling stepped down as Chairman, and moved to suspend Roberts Rules of Order, due to the absence of Commissioner Vincent. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion, VOTE: ALL Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2023. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were signed.

**HOSPITAL REPORT**

Tammie Stump, CEO, reported on statistics for March. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, April 11, 2023", 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; Pharmacy; Laboratory; Nursing; Social Work Consults; Home Health; Swing Bed; Union County/Des Moines Health Centers; IT; HVAC/Vestibule/Cryogenic Tank 3000 gallon/Grade Survey.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on financials for February. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 8th month FYE 2023", and, the "Clayton Health Systems March 22, 2023 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending February 28, 2023", 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 2023-36 AMISTAD/HAYDEN FIRE NMFA LOAN APPLICATION**

A proposed resolution authorizing and approving submission of a completed application to New Mexico Finance Authority for financial assistance and project approval for the purchase of a fire fighting apparatus by Amistad/Hayden Fire Department.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution 2023-26, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

### **SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION – RAINBOW RANCH**

Two proposed subdivision ordinance claims of exemption submitted by Rainbow Ranch, located in Sec 4, 5, and 6, T30N, R28E, and Sec 31, T31N, R28E.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve both Subdivision Claims of Exemption presented by Rainbow Ranch. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW**

Mgr. Thompson gave an overview of the recent Strategic Planning retreat that was attended by county personnel, and a plan moving forward.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

This item was tabled until later in the meeting, to include last minute bills.

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

A sizeable list of items for disposition, including items from the Sheriff's office and the Road Department, were presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the Inventory Items for Disposition list as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

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

No healthcare assistance claims were presented for approval.

## COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

Clerk Green and Commissioner Kiesling will attend a NMC Board meeting in Angel Fire, and Clerk Green and staff, Treasurer Arnett and Deputy Treasurer Arellano, Mgr. Thompson, and Commissioner Kiesling will attend the Legislative Review meeting in Las Vegas, NM. All travel approved.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$191,706.36 were presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve bills in the amount of \$191,706.36. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

At 9:55 a.m., the meeting recessed for a short break.

At 10:03 a.m., the meeting resumed.

## CITIZEN'S FORUM

Lynette Keeth, CUCEDP Director, gave an overview of the organization's activities, and discussed her budget request for FY2024.

Talisha Valdez, NMSU County Extension Agent, gave an overview of the organization's activities, and discussed her budget request for FY2024.

Justin Drumm, Clayton Fire and Rescue Chief, gave an overview of the organization's activities, and discussed his budget request for FY2024.

Kelly Ricks, Des Moines Senior Center Director, gave an overview of the organization's activities, and discussed her budget request for FY2024.

## BUDGET HEARING

Prior to the meeting, Mgr. Thompson distributed a draft FY24 budget to elected officials and department heads. A lengthy discussion was had regarding various line item increases, and the overall budget and financial condition of the county. Budget discussion will continue at the May commission meeting.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Treasurer Arnett reported that property taxes are currently 70% collected.

Assessor Sandoval distributed her annual report to the commission for review, and gave a brief overview.

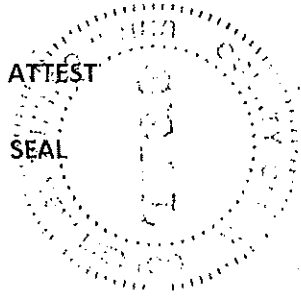
Clerk Green welcomed new Deputy Clerk Erica Garcia to her office, and Clerk Green announced her recent election to Chairman of the Clerks Affiliate.

Sheriff Skaggs stated he may have a possible candidate for undersheriff, and gave an update on recent drug related issues affecting our county.

Commissioner Kiesling reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Eastern Area Workforce Solutions offers a CDL course; He is following up on reports of rough roads around the county.

**ADJOURN:** At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner Miller moved to adjourn after lunch. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

**Meeting Announcements:** The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.



Brenda L. Green  
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