

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Clayton F. Kiesling Commissioner W. Carr Vincent

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Lloyd "Red" Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clerk Brenda Green Manager Brandy Thompson Treasurer Shea Arnett
Sheriff Curtis Skaggs Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence
Road Superintendent Gary Wright

GUESTS:

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital
Amanda Boggs – CNO, Union County General Hospital

At 9:02 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 Commissioner Vincent moved to suspend Roberts Rules of Order, due to the absence of Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2023. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were 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, July 18, 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; Home Health; Union County/Des Moines Health Centers; IT; HVAC/Vestibule/Cryogenic Tank 3000 gallon/Grade Survey.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on financials for May. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 11th month FY 2023", and, the "Clayton Health Systems June 28, 2023 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending May 31, 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.**

Amanda Boggs, CNO, reported on the following (but not limited to the following): **Nursing; Swing Bed; Social Work Consults.**

At 9:50 a.m., the meeting recessed for a short break.

At 9:58 a.m., the meeting resumed.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2024-01 COOP AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

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

RESOLUTION 2024-02 CAP AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

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

RESOLUTION 2024-03 SCHOOL BUS AGREEMENT WITH NMDOT

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

RESOLUTION 2024-04 CAP PROJECT MATCH WAIVER

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

RESOLUTION 2024-05 SCHOOL BUS PROJECT MATCH WAIVER

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

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolutions #2024-01, #2024-02, #2024-03, #2024-04, and #2024-05 as presented. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolutions signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-06 NMFA LOAN APPLICATION FOR RESTRUCTURING OF HOSPITAL LOANS

A proposed resolution authorizing and approving submission of a completed application for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution #2024-06, NMFA Loan Application for Restructuring of Hospital Loans. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-07 BAR CAPULIN FIRE FEES

A proposed resolution authorizing Capulin Fire Fund (407) (DFA # 20900) budget increase.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution #2024-07, BAR Capulin Fire Fees. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GATES ON COUNTY ROADS

Road Superintendent Gary Wright led a discussion regarding gates on county roads. At issue is locked gates that restrict passage on county roads versus restricting access to private property and government land. The Board requested this item be put on next month's agenda for possible action.

MET TOWER APPLICATIONS

There were no applications presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$122,721.91 were presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve bills in the amount of \$122,721.91, and any bills presented for payment thru the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Kiesling 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

Clerk Green and staff will attend Election school August 14 – 16 in Albuquerque, Commissioner Kiesling and Mgr. Thompson will attend a mental health meeting in Clovis on August 2nd. All travel approved.

BUDGET HEARING

Mgr. Thompson presented the Board with the approval from DFA for the interim budget, and final adjustments to the FY24 budget.

ICIP HEARING

Mgr. Thompson reviewed the current ICIP list for Union County with the Board. The final list will be approved at the August meeting.

RESOLUTION 2024-08 FY 2023 4TH QUARTER REPORT APPROVAL

A proposed resolution approving the 2023 final quarter financial report year ending June 30, 2023, for Union County.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution #2024-08, FY2023 4th Quarter Report Approval. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-09 FY2024 BUDGET APPROVAL

A proposed resolution adopting the 2023-2024 budget for Union County.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution #2024-09, FY2024 Budget Approval. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Possible uses of the remaining ARPA funds; Update on the request to lease county property in Capulin; IPRA request regarding the operating agreement with UCGH; Informed the Board that additional opioid litigation agreements will be signed and returned to the state.

FIRE COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT

Emergency Mgr. Lawrence reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Fire Protection Grant is now open for applications; Pump testing unit is in Kansas being repaired; Are volunteer firefighters considered county employees.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

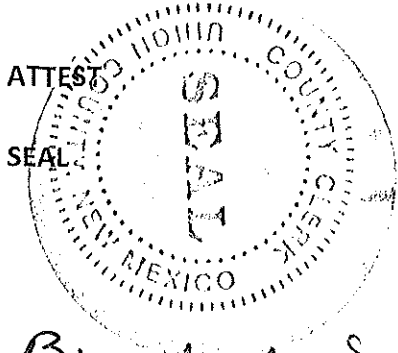
Treasurer Arnett reported on changes at both local banks, and along with Mgr. Thompson discussed possible options for investing county reserves.

Clerk Green reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Clerks retreat was a success; Update on priorities being considered for support by NMC.

Sheriff Skaggs reported on issues with Clayton PD and complaints his office has been receiving, and ongoing issues with State Police not providing necessary services at the prison. The Board was asked to consider placing road closure signs on certain county highways, to be used during bad weather.

ADJOURN: At 12:13 p.m., Commissioner Kiesling moved to adjourn after lunch. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting Announcements: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.



Brenda L. Green
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