

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Clayton F. Kiesling Commissioner W. Carr Vincent Commissioner Lloyd 'Red' Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clerk Brenda Green Manager Brandy Thompson 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
Amanda Boggs – CNO, Union County General Hospital
Mike Luther
Sharon Loera

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.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2023. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. The minutes were signed.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Tammie Stump, CEO, reported on statistics for September. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, October 10, 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/Financial Update; Compliance; Radiology; Plant Services; Therapy Services; Pharmacy; Laboratory; Union County/Des Moines Health Centers; IT; HVAC/Vestibule/Cryogenic Tank 3000 gallon/Grade Survey; PL/GL Insurance Coverage.**

Due to time constraints, Melissa Prante, CFO, did not report on financials for August. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 2nd month FYE 2024", and, the "Clayton Health Systems October 3, 2023 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending August 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.**

Due to time constraints, Amanda Boggs, CNO, did not report on Nursing. Before the meeting, the "Nursing Department Report, 10/5/23" was distributed to the board. Item covered were: **Nursing; Swing Bed; Social Work Consults (4).**

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT MORA COUNTY FISCAL AGENT

A proposed Intergovernmental service agreement between Mora County and Union County for fiscal agent.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the Interagency Agreement with Mora County, Union County as Fiscal Agent. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Vincent moved to go into Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) 2 Limited Personnel Matters, and Section 10-15-1 (H) 9 Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES, Chairman Kiesling – Yes. Motion carried.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Vincent moved to come out of Executive Session, and affirmed that matters discussed in the closed session were limited to only to those specified in the motion for closure. No action was taken during the closed session. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATE JUDGE

Two candidates expressed interest in fulfilling the remaining term of the Union County Probate Judge.

Commissioner Vincent moved to appoint candidate Sharon Loera as Probate Judge, to fill the position vacated by Judge Ali Sathoud. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – Abstain. Motion carried.

ONE TIME WAIVER OF POLICY FOR DONATION OF SICK TIME PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Vincent moved to Grant a One Time Waiver of Policy for Donation of Sick Time to a Probationary Employee. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Vincent moved to direct the County Manager to proceed with necessary steps to possibly acquire real property. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There was no one present for Citizen's Forum

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS cont.

MEDICAL FLIGHT INSURANCE AGREEMENT

Statistics on services provided by Apollo and Rico were reviewed by the board.

Commissioner Vincent moved to direct the County Manager to proceed with the contract process with Apollo as the flight membership provider for Union County residents. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-15 BAR EMS FUND ACT

A proposed resolution authorizing Capulin EMS Fund (412) (DFA # 20600) budget increase.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-15, BAR EMS Fund Act. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-16 REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY LAND PURCHASE

A proposed resolution supporting the commitment of a portion of capital outlay funds received for the purpose of establishing a regional behavioral health facility in eastern New Mexico with the purchase of land.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-16, Regional Behavioral Health Facility Land Purchase, with edits. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-17 EXTENSION NMDOT PROJECT L400590

A proposed resolution for participation in local government road fund program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation, request for extension L400590.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-17, Extension NMDOT Project L400590. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion, VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-18 SUPPORT OF NMC PRIORITIES

A proposed resolution supporting the New Mexico Counties 2024 Legislative Priorities.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve Resolution 2024-18, Support of NMC Priorities. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-19 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR DFA REQUIRED LGBMS REPORTING

A proposed resolution authorizing Law Enforcement Fund (605) (DFA #21200 and #21210) budget adjustments.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-19, Budget Adjustment for DFA Required LGBMS Reporting. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST SKILES

Multiple road closure requests were submitted by Clifford and Jody Skiles for the board to review. After a discussion, the board requested this item be on the November meeting agenda for further review.

SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION – HIGGINS-MACKEY

A proposed subdivision ordinance claim of exemption presented by Dawson Higgins, located in Sec 1, T22N, R36E, and, Sec 6, T22N, R37E.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Subdivision Exemption, Higgins-Mackey, as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$240,032.21 were presented for review.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve bills in the amount of \$240,032.21. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

INVENTORY ITEMS DISPOSITION – ROAD DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK

An inventory list of items for disposition was presented to the board for approval, including the following (but not limited to the following): 14 weapons storage racks; 3 Garrett metal detectors in bags with case; Remote Area Light System and case; Various single axle trailers; 1 pickup tool box.

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

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

One claim in the amount of \$1200.00 for indigent burial was presented for review.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Healthcare Assistance Claim in the amount of \$1200.00. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mgr. Thompson will attend a NMCIA board meeting and a County Managers retreat, Chairman Kiesling will attend a NERTPO meeting, Assessor Sandoval and Chief Deputy Newton will attend an Assessors retreat. All travel approved.

ARPA FUNDING

Possible uses of the ARPA funding received by the county was discussed. This item will continue to be an agenda item for future meetings.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson gave an overview of a recent conversation with Golden Spread regarding their request to have Union County act as fiscal agent for possible government funding of a proposed assisted living facility. Further research is needed as to the feasibility of such an agreement.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Mgr. Thompson reported on behalf of Road Superintendent Wright, and gave an update on various road projects.

FIRE COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT

Emergency manager Kris Lawrence reported he will be attending the New Mexico Fire Chiefs Academy next week.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Assessor Sandoval reported the tax rolls will be transferred to the Treasurer’s office tomorrow so they can begin preparing tax bills.

Clerk Green reported that early voting started today, and an election integrity advertising campaign that she participated in will start running on PBS and other outlets soon.

Sheriff Skaggs reported he will be attending the Grenville Village meeting tonight to discuss the possible donation of a vehicle to the Grenville EMS.

Chairman Kiesling shared his appreciation of the presentation on fentanyl at the NMC Board meeting in Socorro.

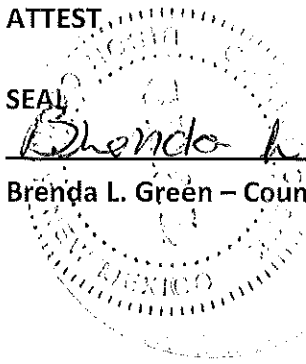
ADJOURN: At 12:55 p.m., Commissioner Vincent moved to adjourn after lunch. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting Announcements: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

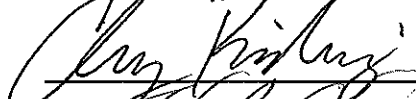
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Brenda L. Green – County Clerk



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Union County, New Mexico


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