

BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2024

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Deputy Clerk Devian Fields Manager Brandy Thompson Treasurer Shea Arnett
Assessor Hollie Sandoval Sheriff Curtis Skaggs HR Cheryl Garcia
Road Superintendent Gary Wright Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence Road Admin Rachel Farnum

GUESTS:

Amanda Archuleta – CNO, Union County General Hospital
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital
Kevin Kenney
Paige Tamplin

At 9:01 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 Vincent moved to approve the agenda and minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: ALL AYE. Minutes were signed.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on statistics for January. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, January 11, 2024", 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; Legislative Update.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on financials for December. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 6th month FYE 2024", and, the "Clayton Health Systems January 24, 2024 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending December 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 items covered included the following (but not limited to the following): **Nursing; Swing Bed; Social Work Consults; Trauma.**

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the request from UCGH Mill Levy/GRT in the amount of \$606,840.91. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2024-21 ROAD POLICY

Commissioner Vincent moved to table this item until the March meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Kevin Kenny, owner of Cedar Creek Ranch, spoke about issues of trespassing on his property. Mr. Kenny also had questions on Resolution 2024-21 Road Policy. Chairman Kiesling instructed Mr. Kenny to hold off on any action until the Road Policy was finalized.

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

At 10:30 a.m., the meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION 2024-31 NMDOT CAPITAL OUTLAY

A proposed resolution for Participation in Capital Outlay Program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-31, Participation in Capital Outlay Program administered by New Mexico Department of Transportation. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-32 2024 ROAD AUDIT

A proposed resolution designating 1,177.59 miles of county-maintained roads.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-32, 2024 Road Audit. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

RESOLUTION 2024-33 BAR CORRECTIONS

A proposed resolution establishing the Authorization of General Fund (401) (DFA #11000) transfer and Jail-Detention Fund (424) (DFA #22600) transfer and budget increase.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2024-33 BAR Corrections. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Vincent wanted to reiterate that Union County is a second amendment sanctuary, and the County does not support any of the gun control bills in this legislation session. Chairman Kiesling gave an update on the increase EMS funding, fire fighter recruitment funding and SJR16 constitutional amendment allowing County Commissioners to determine elected officials raises. Mgr. Thompson gave a brief overview and update on SB3 state run paid family medical leave.

At 11:32 a.m., Commissioner Vincent moved to go into Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) 2 Limited Personnel Matters. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – Yes, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

At 11:58 a.m., Commissioner Miller 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 Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: Commissioner Vincent – YES, Chairman Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

MET TOWER APPLICATIONS

No applications were presented for approval.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$301,469.67 were presented for review and approval.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve bills in the amount of \$301,469.67, and authorized the county manager to pay any additional bills for the month as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

INVENTORY ITEMS DISPOSITION – ROAD DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER TRUCK

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the Disposition of the 1960's used/incomplete 4BT Cummins box crate diesel engine model 3304. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE – APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

No claims were presented for approval.

COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

No county travel requests were presented.

ARPA FUNDING

A continuing discussion on usage of ARPA funding was had. No action items were proposed. This will be a continuing item on future agendas.

BUDGET HEARING

Mgr. Thompson gave a brief overview of upcoming Budget Hearing.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Mgr. Thompson reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Purchase agreement has been signed and submitted to the title company. AOC has funding to spend on minor renovations to the courthouse. Advertising for a DWI Coordinator has begun. Looking into property insurance policies for the hospital.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence reported on getting quotes to upgrade the Hayden substation with a bathroom, with the possibility of making it a main station.

Sheriff Skaggs reported that he is getting quotes for the purchase of a side by side and a snow cat. Transport companies are being a problem so the Deputies will start doing transports.

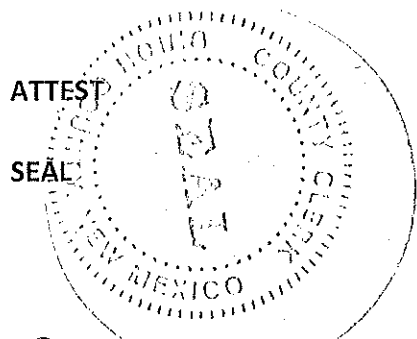
Treasurer Arnett had new signature cards. And is working with Bank of Clovis for proposals.

Chief Deputy Fields reported on the Clerks priority bill HB242, bills HB 182 and HB243. Declaration Day is March 12th from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.. Declaration Day for write in candidates is March 19th from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Commissioner Vincent requested that the April 9th meeting remain on that date for scheduling purposes.

ADJOURN: At 1:27 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, March 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.



Brenda L. Green
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