

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION  
EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE**

**March 24, 2020**

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**BOARD MEMBERS APPEARING REMOTELY:**

Chairman Justin K. Bennett                      Commissioner Clayton F. Kiesling

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner W. Carr Vincent

**OTHERS PRESENT IN THE UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AND APPEARING REMOTELY:**

Clerk Mary Lou Harkins                      Manager Brandy Thompson                      Admin. Assistant Cheryl Garcia

At 2:31 p.m., Chairman Bennett called the emergency meeting to order. Those appearing remotely announced their presence: Chairman Bennett and Commissioner Kiesling.

Chairman Bennett stepped down as Chair and moved to suspend the rules of order for the duration of this meeting due to Commissioner Vincent's absence so that the meeting could be conducted with the remaining quorum. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bennett – YES, Commissioner Kiesling – YES.

**RESOLUTION #2020-39 DECLARING UNION COUNTY TO BE AN EMERGENCY AREA AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

A proposed resolution declaring Union County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 was reviewed and discussed. Mgr. Thompson explained the particulars of the resolution.

The resolution would allow for the following:

- To exercise necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance and relief programs and funds available from the State
- County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions to respond and recover from the outbreak
- It is the responsibility of Union County (UC) officials to control County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of the spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health
- The County Manager, with the telephonic advice and consent of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and County Attorney, shall have authority to make emergency expenditures consistent with the emergency provision of the New Mexico Procurement Code not to exceed the sum of \$100,000 per expenditure, to sign emergency contracts not to exceed the amount of 100,000 per contract, sign routine or emergency warrants normally executed by the entire Board, to issue routine and emergency permits, and to take other routine and nonroutine emergency matters which would normally be taken up by the entire Board during the period on declared emergency so that public meetings and gatherings are avoided

- The County Manager with the advice and consent of the Chair of the Board shall have the authority to transfer necessary emergency funds as necessary to meet the needs of the County during the emergency; and
- The County Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for the flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for all employees during the period of this emergency

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-39 Declaring Union County to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19. (during the remote session, contact was temporarily lost Commissioner Kiesling. Kiesling rejoined the remote session and Commissioner Bennett restated his motion). Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bennett - YES, Commissioner Kiesling - YES. The resolution was signed by Manager Brandy Thompson on behalf of the commissioners.

**RESOLUTION #2020-40 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF NMFA APPLICATION ROAD CRUSHER**

A proposed resolution authorizing and approving the submission of a completed application for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority was reviewed and discussed. Mgr. Thompson reported that she communicates with Road Superintendent Kear regarding the status of the crusher. Mgr. Thompson reported that the crusher was previously budgeted for but there had not been a dedicated source of revenue. Funding options for the crusher and a truck were discussed. Harding County maybe interested in purchasing the old crusher. For various finance reasons, Union County is considered a “disadvantaged entity”.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution #2020-40 authorizing the submission of the application for financial assistance and project approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the purchase of a crusher. Commissioner Bennett seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bennett - YES, Commissioner Kiesling - YES. The resolution was signed by Mgr. Brandy Thompson on behalf of the commissioners.

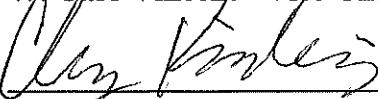
**This emergency meeting was recorded and may be made available to the public.**

ADJOURN: At 2:57 p.m., Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bennett – YES, Commissioner Kiesling - YES. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Union County, New Mexico**

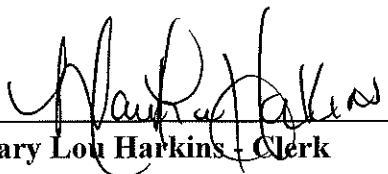
  
Justin K. Bennett - Chairman

**ABSENT**  
W. Carr Vincent - Vice Chairman

  
Clayton F. Kiesling - Member



**SEAL**

  
Mary Lou Harkins - Clerk