

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 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 Sheriff Curtis Skaggs
Road Superintendent Gary Wright Road Admin Rachel Farnum

GUESTS:

Tammie Stump – CEO, Union County General Hospital
Melissa Prante – CFO, Union County General Hospital
Amanda Boggs – CNO, Union County General Hospital
Kathy Elliott – Civility Government Relations
Bob Williams

At 9:00 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: Commissioner Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the agenda and the regular meeting minutes of November 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 November. Before the meeting, the "County Commissioner Monthly Hospital Report, Union County General Hospital, Tammie Stump, CEO, December 12, 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.**

Melissa Prante, CFO, reported on financials for October. Before the meeting, the "Clayton Health Systems, Inc. Union County General Consolidated Executive Financial Summary, 4th month FYE 2024", and, the "Clayton

Health Systems November 22, 2023 MOR Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Period ending October 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; Trauma.**

CITIZENS FORUM

No one was present for Citizens Forum.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2024-20 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

A proposed resolution designating holiday observance for Union County offices for 2024.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve resolution 2024-20, Union County Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Resolution signed.

At 9:52 a.m., the meeting recessed for attendance of the Joint Communications meeting.

At 10:55 a.m., the meeting resumed.

APPOINTMENT OF ROAD VIEWERS FOR ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION – SKILES

Mgr. Thompson provided the board with a list of potential road viewers to examine the roads that Mr. Skiles has requested the county to permanently close.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to appoint Russel Kear, Sheila Gilbert, and Boyd Burchard as Road Viewers. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

MET TOWER APPLICATIONS

MET tower applications for various locations in Union County were presented by NextEra Energy.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the five applications presented by NextEra Energy. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills in the amount of \$219,594.87 were presented for review.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve bills in the amount of \$219,594.87, and directed Mgr. Thompson to also disburse funds to Clayton Chamber of Commerce and Malloy Chevrolet. Commissioner Miller 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

No claims were presented for approval.

COUNTY TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mgr. Thompson will attend a NMCI meeting in Las Cruces, multiple elected officials and staff will attend Winter Conference in January. All travel approved.

ARPA FUNDING

Mgr. Thompson provided the board with an updated spreadsheet showing the current status of ARPA funds. After some discussion, the board directed Mgr. Thompson to get another quote for a generator for the Admin building, and authorized purchase of doors for the road barn, and a wire feed welder and replacement oil heater for the road department.

At 11:34 a.m., Commissioner Kiesling 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 Miller – YES, Commissioner Kiesling – Yes. Motion carried.

At 11:56 a.m., Commissioner Kiesling 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 Kiesling – YES, Commissioner Miller – YES. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Kiesling moved to direct Mgr. Thompson to work on a contract to purchase real property. Commissioner Miller seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL AYE. Motion carried.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

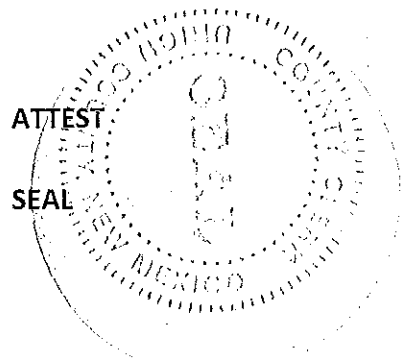
Mgr. Thompson gave an update on the funding for courthouse renovations.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Prior to the meeting, Road Superintendent Wright provided a written report to the board. Items covered included the following (but not limited to the following): Seneca Valley 2024 project has been completed; Crusher is back in operation; Work will resume on the Boggs Road 2023 project the week of December 11.

ADJOURN: At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Kiesling 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, January 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communication meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



Brenda L. Green
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