

**JOINT COMMUNICATIONS MEETING  
TOWN – COUNTY – CLAYTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

**UNION COUNTY COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**TOWN OF CLAYTON COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Trustee Deano Arrellano  
Trustee Judy Steen

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Clerk Brenda Green	County Mgr. Brandy Thompson	TOC Mgr. Ferron Lucero
TOC Treasurer Katherine Barnes	CMS Superintendent Ray Maestas	Mayor Ernest Sanchez
Assessor Hollie Sandoval	Sheriff Curtis Skaggs	TOC Attorney Judith Cooper
TOC Fire Chief Justin Drummm	TOC/Co. Lobbyist Clint Harden	Civility LLC Kathy Elliott
Fire Coordinator Jim O’Bryant	Emergency Mgr. Kris Lawrence	UCCDC Director Lynette Keeth
Senator Pat Woods	TOC Police Chief Al Nieves	EPCOG Vince Soules
CMS Board Pres. Kim Leal	CMS Claudia Montoya	UCCDC Megan Wood

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:07a.m. in the Community Training Room, located in the Union County Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Sanchez called for the approval of the agenda, with an amendment to add additional speakers. Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL YES. Agenda approved.

**VISITORS**

CMS Board President Kim Leal gave an overview of the Summer Rec program, and thanked the Commission for their support of the program. Going forward, funding for the program will be a challenge. Various solutions were discussed, such as grants, and continued financial support from the County. Senator Pat Woods asked Ms. Leal to send him the details of the program, as he could possibly seek funding thru the legislature.

Representatives from NextEra led a discussion on their long range plans and the impact on the community, and how NextEra will be involved.

Senator Woods reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Governor’s recent health orders, and their impact on the state; Impact of the wind energy industry on the county; Challenges facing the education and healthcare fields; Reminded all present that he is available to help with any concerns or issues.

Representative Chatfield was unable to attend the meeting.

Clint Harden and Kathy Elliott reported on the following (but not limited to the following): Impact of the recent health orders issued by the Governor; Asked the County and City to keep them in the loop about ICIP funding requests; Recent attendance of USDA grant funding training.

Vince Soules of EPCOG, spoke on the continuing challenges for the healthcare and education fields, and possible solutions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The presentation by Advanced Communications will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Sanchez expressed his gratitude for the NMDOT award to the Town of the Love's project. UCCDC Director Lynette Keeth reported that the organization's website is being developed, and community projects are being planned. Emergency Manager Kris Lawrence reported on various projects and training he is working on. TOC Police Chief Al Nieves stated that he is working with Sheriff Skaggs to make our communities and county safer, and he is looking forward to having a great working relationship between the departments.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

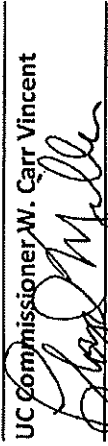
The next regular Joint Communications meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Chambers at the Union County Administration Building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:04 p.m., Commissioner Kiesling moved to adjourn. Commissioner Vincent seconded. There was no further discussion. VOTE: ALL YES. Motion carried.

**UNION COUNTY**

  
UC Chairman Clayton F. Kiesling

UC Commissioner W. Carr Vincent  
  
UC Commissioner Lloyd "Red" Miller

**TOWN OF CLAYTON**

  
TOC Trustee Deano Arellano


  
TOC Trustee Judy Steen

**ABSENT**

TOC Trustee Coby Beckner

**CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SEAL

  
Brenda L. Green, Clerk

Ray Maestas, Superintendent