

**BOARD OF UNION COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 26, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Justin K. Bennett Commissioner W. Carr Vincent Commissioner Clayton F. Kiesling

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clerk Mary Lou Harkins Admin. Assistant Cheryl Garcia Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda Green
Deputy Clerk Devian Taylor

GUESTS:

Jacqueline Fishman, AICP, Principal - Consensus Planning, Inc.
Charlene Johnson, Planner - Consensus Planning, Inc.
Sue Richardson, Reporter - Union County Leader
Stephanie Osborn, Council Member - Village of Des Moines
Nan Whelan, Secretary - Folsom Museum Board
Abbie Reaves, President - Folsom Museum Board
Tammie Stogsdill Paul Briesh Jody & Jennifer Roark
Tom Pryor

At 6:03 p.m., Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order in the Des Moines Municipal School multipurpose room.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the special meeting agenda and the regular meeting minutes of September 10, 2019. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: All YES. Motion carried. The minutes were signed.

DISCUSSION /POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION #2020-12 CERTIFICATION OF TAX RATES

Pursuant to NMSA 1878 Section 7-38-34, a proposed resolution together with a copy of the Certificate of Property Tax Rates in Mills for Union County's Tax Year 2019 was reviewed and discussed. The Board is required within five (5) days of receipt of the property tax rate-setting order from the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), to issue a written order imposing the tax at the rates set on the net taxable value of property allocated to the approximate governmental units. Upon approval, a copy of the resolution which is accompanied by the Certificate of Tax Rates shall be delivered immediately to the Assessor.

Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution #2020-12 Certification of Tax Rates. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. Discussion: Chairman Bennett explained the certification process to visitors. Vote: All YES. Motion carried. Resolution signed.

OCTOBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

The October regular meeting date was discussed.

Commissioner Vincent moved change the October meeting date from October 8th to October 10th. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: All YES. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-16 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

A proposed resolution approving the creation of the 2020-16 Union County Complete Count Committee was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Kiesling reported that approval of this proposed resolution will be used to assist in securing funding for the County's 2020 Census Count.

Commissioner Kiesling moved to approve Resolution #2020-16 Creation of the Union County Complete County Committee. Commissioner Vincent seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Vincent offered a friendly amendment by changing the language in the 1st "WHEREAS" paragraph from "...of the nation's **population** every ten years, and" to "of the nation's **citizens** every ten years". Discussion followed: Commissioner Vincent cited language from the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2 supporting his motion to amend. Commissioner Kiesling agreed and accepted the motion to amend. Vote: All YES. Motion carried. Resolution signed.

ABBEY REEVES FOLSOM MUSEUM RESTORATION/ICIP

Chairman Bennett reported of a suggestion made by Tim Hagaman (New Mexico Economic Development), that the Folsom Museum has an opportunity to be involved with the MainStreet Project. Chairman Bennett introduced Nan Whelan, Secretary of the Folsom Museum Board and Abbie Reeves, President of the Folsom Museum Board. Whelan provided attendees copies of an application which is intended to assist New Mexico MainStreet in understanding the museum's project goals and local capacity to meet those goals, as well as identifying the best resources NMMS can provide to their task group to successfully implement their project.

Whelan reported that the Folsom Museum does not qualify for New Mexico MainStreet because of size, but has submitted the application to the New Mexico MainStreet Frontier Communities Initiatives. Whelan proceeded to explain the process for application and what they wished to economically accomplish. Specifically, the most important project that the museum would like assistance with is to fix the museum's west walls stone foundation which is sinking. Minor repairs to the museum have been/will be done through local fundraising and volunteer work. In October, the museum will find out if they will be admitted to the Frontier Communities Program. Whelan advised that in order to be a candidate in this program, the museum has to be listed as part of the County's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Whelan requested that the Board consider placing the museum on the County's ICIP next year so that the museum can proceed with the application process.

Chairman Bennett explained to Whelan that the ICIP deadline was September 1st. However, Chairman Bennett offered assistance by reaching out to our State Senator and State Representative and utilizing assistance from the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG). Chairman Bennett advised Whelan to determine an estimate for the wall repair. Whelan thanked the Board for their consideration.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Vincent moved to adjourn after the Comprehensive Plan Workshop. Commissioner Kiesling seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote: All YES. Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP

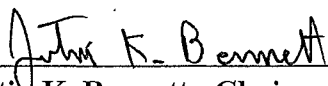
Chairman Bennett explained the workshop process to visitors and then introduced **Jacqueline Fishman, AICP and Principal of Consensus Planning**. Fishman reported that both the Town of Clayton and Union County have retained the services of Consensus Planning for their Comprehensive Plan development. Fishman introduced Charlene Johnson who is an assistant planner. Fishman spoke at length about the development and planning process, the goals and objectives, as well as, alternative future land use scenarios. Fishman handed out copies of two interactive exercises which included "Scenario Highlights", which was used to rank various scenarios for land use and a "Goals and Objectives Prioritization Exercise". Attendees participated in both exercises.

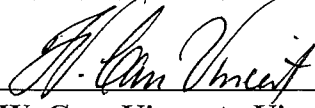
Fishman spoke about the preparation of strategies; the plans draft of the comprehensive plan and the scheduling of the third round of public meetings. In the months to follow, the draft plan will be published for review prior to the next round of meetings where comments will be received. Lastly, the final draft plan will be presented to the Board for adoption. Meeting dates will be announced.

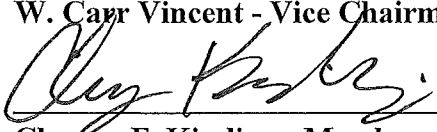
Fishman reported that Christy Tafoya, Director of the New Mexico State Parks was present during the Town of Clayton's Comprehensive Plan Workshop the night before. Tafoya, together with staff, gave a presentation on the idea of changing the name of the Clayton Lake State Park by incorporating "dinosaur" into the parks name, so that the park's tourism is recognized and promoted for outdoor recreation; and, the Oklahoma State Park Director from Black Mesa was also in attendance. Each director was present to make the connection for the area's hub of outdoor recreation/tourism for both New Mexico and Oklahoma. It was suggested to Fishman to incorporate and promote Capulin Volcano formerly known as Capulin Mountain into the Clayton Lake Park's tourism.


Meeting Announcements: The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The next Joint Communications meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. At 7:22 p.m., the Comprehensive Plan Workshop ended. Meeting adjourned.

Board of Union County Commissioners Union County, New Mexico


Justin K. Bennett - Chairman


W. Carr Vincent - Vice Chairman


Clayton F. Kiesling - Member


ATTEST
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Mary Lou Harkins - Clerk