

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **VILLAGE OF MELROSE**

**P.O. Box 235**

**Melrose, New Mexico 88124**

The Village Council met in regular session on, February 9, 2026 at 5:00pm at Melrose Village Hall.

Board members present: Alan Daugherty, Ronald Moore, William Frazier, Richard Swopes, and James Mitchell (via phone)

Staff Present: Amanda Vineyard- Water/Deputy Clerk, Brian Fulkrod- Public Works Director

Prayer by Ronald Moore

Pledge of Allegiance by Mark Latham Sr

Guests: Viki Lee, Mark Latham Sr

Absent: None

#### Melrose Fire Department Report

William Frazier reports that the contractor is done with the outside work for the training building and getting information together for the inside work. Fire brush truck is ready in Florida and will be picking it up in two weeks.

#### Approval of January 26, 2026 Minutes

Motion: Ronald Moore

Second: William Frazier

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Motion Carried: 4-0

#### Approval of January Bills & Financials

Motion: William Frazier

Second: Richard Swopes

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Motion Carried: 4-0

#### Public Comment

Mark Latham Sr states that the next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and the goal for that meeting will be to put the itinerary together. Mark states that there will be a quilt raffle color run, a bouncy house, ices, cotton candy, fireworks, water balloon wars, speakers, color guard, singer, hotdogs, pulled pork, cupcakes, water, chalk mural competition in the parking lot, hoping to get a 250 banner from the village for everyone to

sign and do a time capsule to be opened on the 300 anniversary. Mark states that FFA will be selling watermelon slices. Indigenous people's group will hopefully have some dancers. Mark advises that there will be corn hole, volleyball, will have a picker with antiques for a guess at a cost for a raffle. Mark states that they have \$1500.00 in the account and have a lot of pledges to come in. Mark advises that the senior center is donating 100 pounds of pork butts. Enviro says we need a health permit and inspection. Mayor Daugherty states that if it is cooked around the school facilities it will be covered. Mayor Daugherty stated that he spoke with Martin Zamora and he was not aware of coming to speak. Mark states that he will look for another speaker.

Viki Lee states that some people are concerned that if the trash is moved across the railroad tracks that golf carts will be allowed to cross.

#### Employee Reports

Brian Fulkrod reports that he is shopping for the ground penetrating radar right now and all prices have gone up but will still be within budget. Brian states that he has been in contact with a guy to come give us a demonstration. Brian advises that the backhoe is working out great. Brian states that he is still looking for prices for the feasibility study. Brian states that the TPF application is due March 15<sup>th</sup> and that there is a SERPO meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Brian advises that TPF requires a 5% match and LGR requires a 25% match. Brian advises that the resolution will be ready by the next meeting and will file for a hardship waiver for the 5%. Brian advises that we may need to hire someone part time for the summer.

Amanda Vineyard reports for Jamie Stagner that DFA quarter 2 report has been approved and MVD has been steady.

#### Council Reports

Councilman James Mitchell: None  
Councilman Richard Swopes: None  
Councilman Ronald Moore: None  
Councilman William Frazier: None

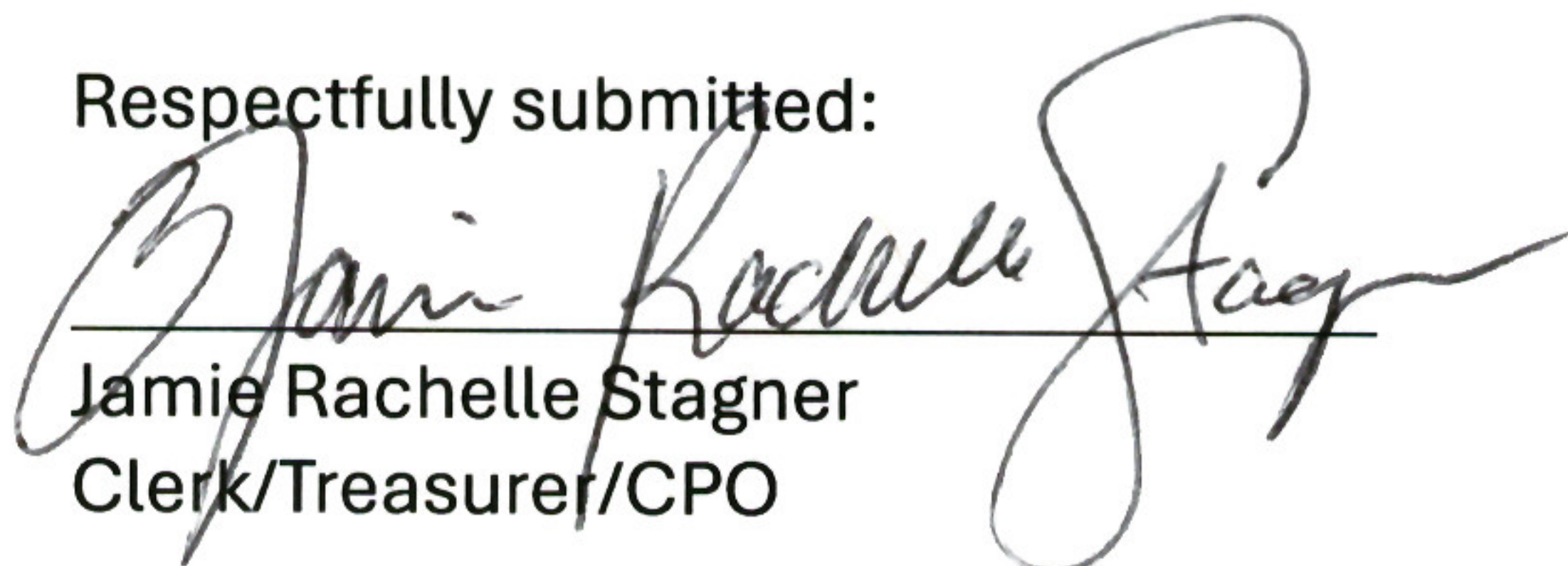
#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan Daugherty reports that on the park we should be starting on the dirt work by the end of February and should take between 60-90 days. Mayor Daugherty states that for the bulk water station they have come out and began the surveys for that. Mayor Daugherty advises that regarding the dogs running around town and cannot get a hold of the owner. Mayor Daugherty states that he spoke with Arenivar on the construction at the training building and making sure the POs are being done correctly. Mayor Daugherty advises that the department of defense has gotten back with him on the airplane. Mayor Daugherty states that he had a citizen get with him on them having a water leak and had a \$500.00 water bill and advises them of the provision we have for them to be able to make payment agreements. Mayor Daugherty advises that the circus is coming in to town Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> and maybe that morning we can do a community clean up that morning.

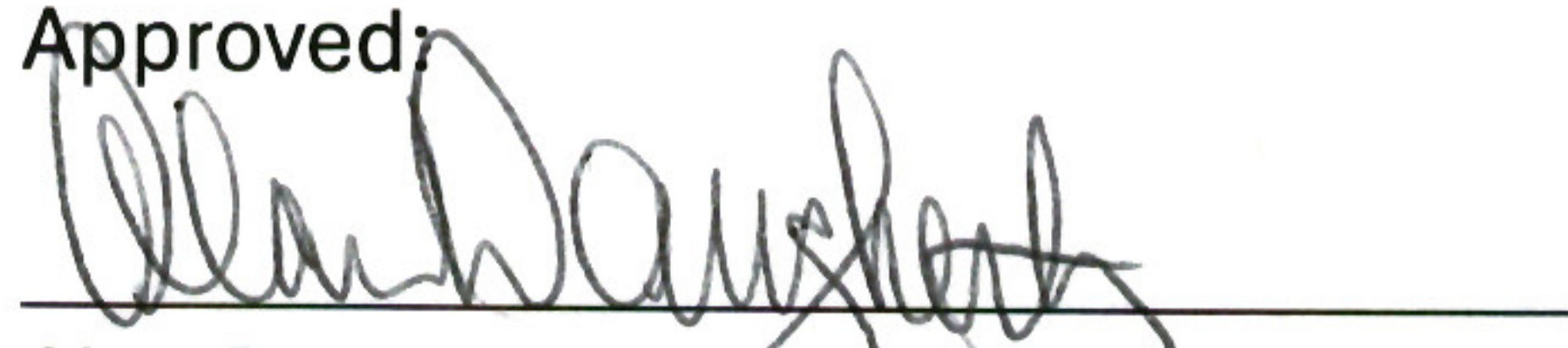
Topics For Next Agenda: TPF Resolution.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Jamie Rachelle Stagner  
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:

  
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Alan Daugherty  
Mayor  
Date: 2/23/26

