

OFFICIAL MINUTES

VILLAGE OF MELROSE

P.O. Box 235

Melrose, New Mexico 88124

The Village Council met in regular session on, October 27, 2025 at 5:00pm at Melrose Village Hall.

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

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

Guests: Michael Brockett- Curry County Sherriff's Department

Absent: None

Prayer by Ronald Moore

Melrose Fire Department Report

William Frazier reports that touch the truck event went well. William states that the ice machine at Fire Station 1 needs to be replaced.

Approval of October 15, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Alan Daugherty

Second: William Frazier

Roll Call

Alan Daugherty- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

William Frazier- Aye

Motion carried: 4-0

Approval/Discussion of appointing the Judge

Mayor Forget states that Lacey Field sent in a letter of interest and would like to appoint her before the term starts since she is running unopposed.

Motion to appoint Lacey Field as Judge: Ronald Moore

Second: William Frazier

Alan Daugherty- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

William Frazier- Aye

Motion carried: 4-0

Sherrif Brockett- LEPF funds/Drone/Speed Traylor

Sherrif Brockett states that regarding the drone, it needs a base station in Melrose and Curry County dispatch would launch the drone and the drone would hover over the situation and gets real time information and it great technology. Sherrif Brockett states that it is \$64,000.00 a year for one drone and one docking station and that the cost verses benefit may not be there yet. Sherrif Brocket advises that the technology may be cheaper down the road. Sherrif Brockett states regarding the speed trailer; FLOCK has one and it is \$7000.00 a year, it detects

speed and will message the driver and you can also use it as a message board and license plate reader but it will be owned by FLOCK and does not write tickets. Sherrif Brocket states that there is a 90 day free trial but if you miss the deadline, you will be locked in for 3 years. Sherrif Brocket states that when you are done with it, it has to be returned to FLOCK. Sherriff Brockett states that next year he would like to upgrade dispatch consoles for Curry County.

Committee Meeting Reports

Alan Daugherty reports that he held one Nuisance committee meeting that 10 people attended and one Health and Safety committee meeting that 8 people attended. Alan states that he received input on concerns and have been looking at other ordinances from other town and would like for the council to sit down and look and see what they would like to implement. Alan states that some of the issues that came up were the use of the Jake Break on Brownhorn and the houses in Melrose that do not have water or sewer. Alan states that we need to find out how many homes in Melrose have a well. Alan states that regarding go-carts and golf carts they are not as big of an issue. Alan states that NM game reported that birds and quail are low due to feral cats. Alan states that there was a suggestion to prioritize what buildings in town are a major hazard or safety issue and should identify. Alan states that there was discussion regarding the Melrose Housing Board and there will be an issue soon with those buildings. Alan states that he would like a special session to discuss ordinance changes with the council.

Public Comment: None

Employee Reports

Brian Fulkrod reports he attended a water initiative workshop that is collecting water data for the state. Brian states that by the end of the week he should have the application completed for the discharge permit and that will go to NMDOT and will make suggestions on it. Brian states that one thing they are looking for are our old ponds nitrate levels are slightly high and they are concerned on how they were decommissioned. Brian states that in the old minutes we found information where NMED came and spoke with the council and that will come in handy. Brian states that we will have to have NMED come to a council meeting to work some of this out. Brian states that he is waiting on one more LEF blinking stop sign to come in and will get a message board to let the public know about a new 4-way stop and that we want to avoid any accidents.

Jamie Stagner reports that she attended the NM Clerks Certification Institute and there was a lot of good classes and training and was 34.5 hours. Jamie states that while speaking with a fellow clerk she found out they use an attorney out of Albuquerque Adam & Crow. Jamie states that she spoke with Laura Vega with the in-house council with the NMML and we can use the league and they can assign an attorney until we received one and they will bill us at the end of the year. Jamie states that she will draft the changed ordinances and send them in. Jamie states that we need to implement Rules of Procedures via resolution on how to handle our meeting, public comment, attendance, etc. Jamie states that we can pass this in January with our OMA Resolution.

Council Reports

Councilman Alan Daugherty reports that we are at the end of Volleyball and Football season and that there is a tournament this weekend. Alan states that he would suggest a special session in the next week or two regarding ordinance changes.

Councilman James Mitchell: None

Councilman Ronald Moore: None

Councilman William Frazier: None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Meadow Forget reports she attended the chamber breakfast and looked at the new building at the fairgrounds. Mayor Forget states that she went to the SERPO meeting in Carlsbad. Mayor Forget advises that the date of the Christmas Parade has changed to Saturday December 13th.

Topics For Next Agenda: Appoint Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Meadow Forget entertains a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: James Mitchell

Second: Ronald Moore

Roll Call

Alan Daugherty- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

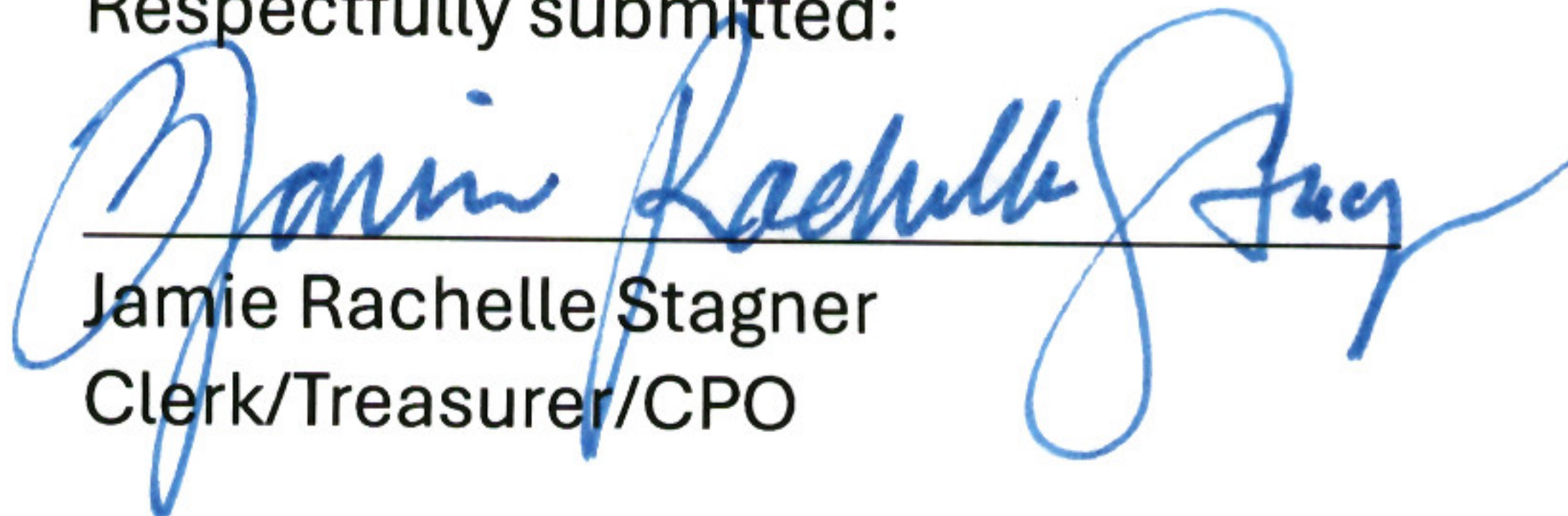
Ronald Moore- Aye

William Frazier- Aye

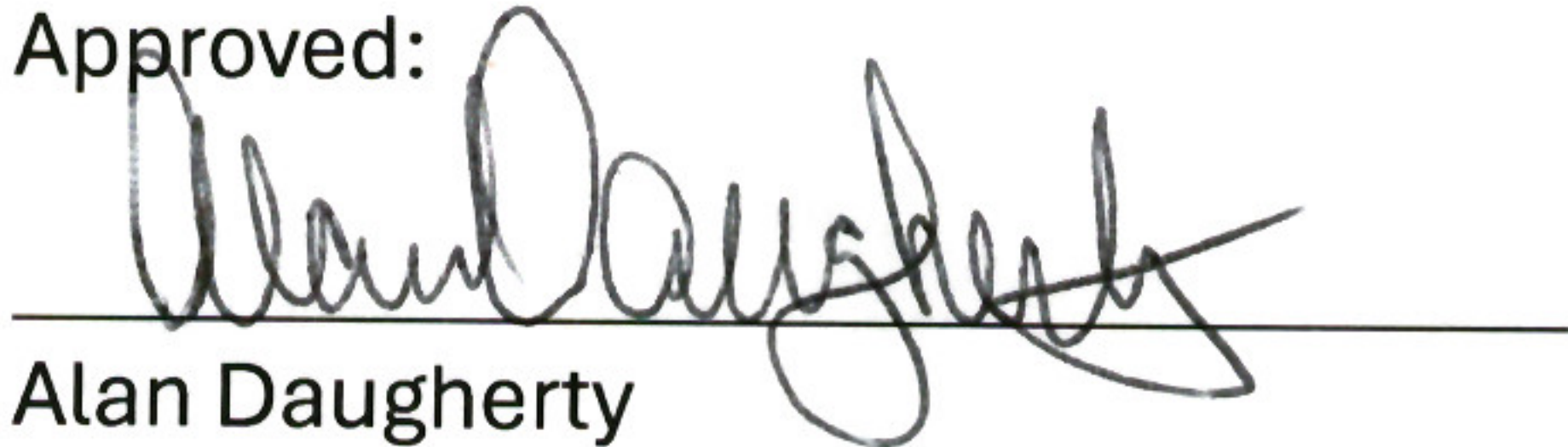
Motion carried: 4-0

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Jamie Rachelle Stagner
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:


Alan Daugherty

Mayor

Date: 11/10/25

