

OFFICIAL MINUTES

VILLAGE OF MELROSE

P.O. Box 235

Melrose, New Mexico 88124

The Village Council met in regular session on, September 28, 2026 at 5:30pm at Melrose Village Hall.

Mayor Alan Daugherty called the meeting to order.

Village Council members present: Ronald Moore, Richard Swopes and Jeremy Burnett

Absent: James Mitchell

Staff Present: Jennifer Swopes – Clerk/Treasurer/CPO, Brian Fulkrod – Public Works Director, Amanda Vineyard – Asst. Clerk/Deputy Water Clerk

Opening Prayer by Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Alan Daugherty

Guests: Regina Garcia, Joe Garrett, Kaoma Burnett, Viki Lee and Virginia Wood

Melrose Fire Department Report: Jeremy Burnett reports that #102 is going to be sent to Nebraska for refurbish. Estimated to cost \$600k. A new truck is estimated at \$800k. Truck will be rebuilt to original specs. Kaoma Burnett reports that the Fire Department has an upcoming event, “Touch the Truck”. Scheduled for October 29th from 3pm-6pm. This event will take place in the parking lot on the west side of the football field. This is a community safety awareness event. Hopes to have participation from Curry County Sheriff’s Department as well as Aerocare. She is hoping they can land their helicopter in the football field. They are hoping for a bigger and better event than last year. With this event right before Halloween, she hopes that exhibitors will share safety items for area youth to utilize on Halloween. No Food Trucks because there will be a game. They hope to have runner to bring food to those interested from the concession stand in the gym. She hopes for Village participation. Mayor Daugherty added they might be able to have a demonstration of the schools painting machine.

Approval of September 14, 2026 Minutes

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore

Second: Councilman Richard Swopes

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Jeremy Burnett - Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore- Aye

Councilman Richard Swopes – Aye

Motion carried: 3-0

Discussion and Approval of Curry County Animal Control Ordinance. Mayor Daugherty explained that Curry County has urged us to adopt their ordinance. This will allow them to easily assist with any animal control issues we have in the village, until such time we have an animal control officer of our own. Their ordinance limits the number of animals a single resident can have. Any more than 4 dogs and 4 cats will require a kennel license. Brian of public works urged that certain verbiage be modified to cover the Village of Melrose. He also urged that any ordinance undergo legal review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore made a motion that the Curry County ordinance be modified to cover the Village of Melrose and adopted.

Second: Councilman Richard Swopes

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Jeremy Burnett - Aye

including the match waiver. The final HMAP planning meeting with H2O partners is tomorrow. Brian and she will be attending virtually.

We have a meeting Wednesday with Gordian. This meeting is in regards to the City Hall bathrooms remodel. We have a meeting scheduled with Bob of Sites Southwest on Friday (10am) to talk about removing the tree at Baxter Park. Next week I start Finance II classes with NM Edge.

Council Reports

Councilman James Mitchell – Absent

Councilman Jeremy Burnett – Asked if the intersection of 5th and Denby could be looked at. Repair/grind down and smooth it out. Very rough intersection as you enter the highway.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore asked if a date had been set for the Christmas parade. Amanda believes that it is to be held the second Saturday in December.

Councilman Richard Swopes – Nothing to report

Mayors Report

Mayor Daugherty is glad that fall is here and thankful for all the recent rain. The heavy rain is something to consider in future planning so we don't have a situation like Clovis. School is deep into football and volleyball seasons. Several tournaments coming. Season passes are still available via the school. There have been more complaints about petty thefts. Residents are urged to continue calling Curry County to get help. No word on the COPs grant and he has no new information to share on a public safety officer. Added that the quiet is good.

Topics for next Agenda

Being no further business the mayor will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman James Mitchell

Second: Councilman Richard Swopes

Roll Call

Councilman James Mitchell- Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronald Moore - Aye

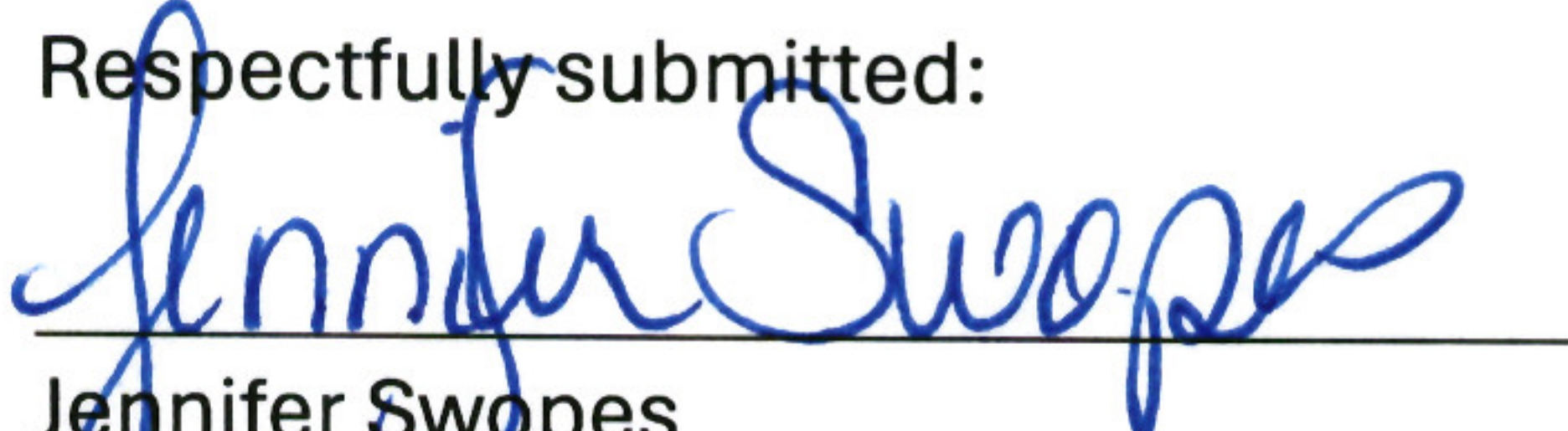
Councilman Richard Swopes- Aye

Councilman Jeremy Burnett - Aye

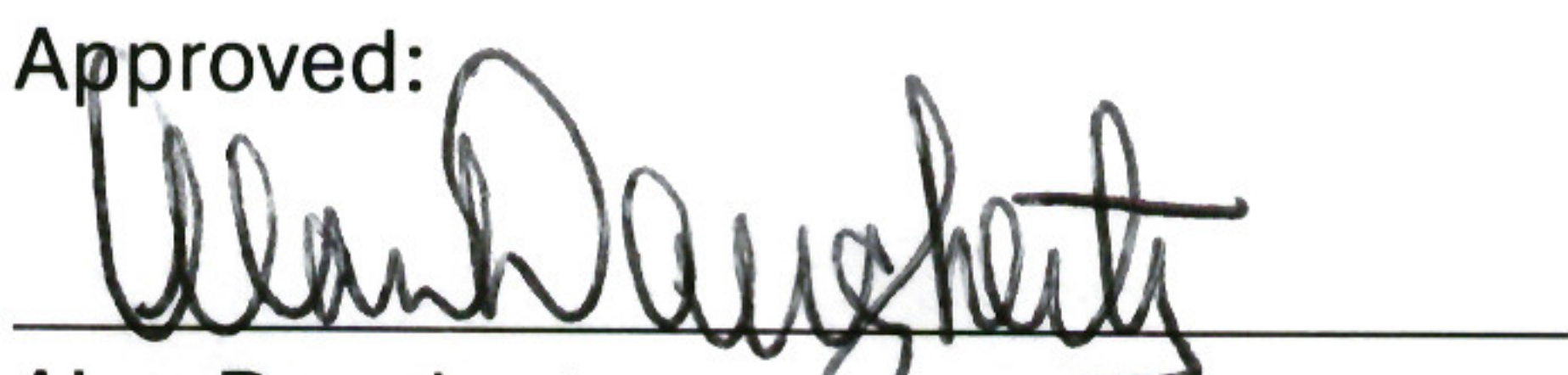
Motion Carried: 4-0

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

Respectfully submitted:


Jennifer Swopes
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:


Alan Daugherty
Mayor
Date: 10/15/26

