

April 25, 2023  
Regular Meeting

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

Si Trujillo, Chairman  
Mary Lou Kern, Vice-Chairman - Via Electronic Device  
Bret Wier, Member  
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk  
Monte Gore, County Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wier called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Chairman Wier led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Discuss/Action- Realignment of Chairmanship

Chairman Wier stated this item is going to be a challenging topic and thinks the commission should get through the rest of the agenda before addressing it. Chairman Wier made a motion to have this item be moved to follow item 18. The motion died due to the lack of a second. Commissioner Trujillo made a motion stating to promote the best interest of Colfax County that a change is looked at for in the Chairmanship that he nominated himself as the Chairman and Commissioner Kern as the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Kern seconded the motion. Chairman Wier asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – aye, Commissioner Trujillo – aye, and Chairman Wier – Nay. The motion carried 2-1.

5. Approve Agenda

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Manager Gore stated he would like to strike item 9. Presentation – YES Program and Health Council Fact Sheet Update, Item 11. Discuss/Action – Joint Powers Agreement Between Colfax County and The Town of Springer, Provide Animal Shelter Facility Within the Boundaries of The Town of Springer, and Item 17. Discuss- Quarterly Department Updates. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Chairman Trujillo seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – aye, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any comments or corrections on the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023, as presented. Chairman Trujillo seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – aye, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Recognize Visitors

Others present: Sara Torres, Amadeo Soto, Diane Dixon, Peter Freimanis, John Valdez, Mark Manley, Chris Schear, Jimmy Grant, Lydia Garcia, Alfonso Ortiz, Boe Lopez, Ambrosia Trujillo, Ferdinand Garcia, Virginia Strohm, Tabitha Avitia, Rob Morper, Nick Cardenas, and Todd Tatum.

8. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any requests or responses from the audience on anything that was not on the agenda. Lydia Garcia stated she sent an email to the Commissioners and is waiting for the check to be issued from the County Manager's Office so she can pay the entities that were affected by the tax issue. Manager Gore stated the check is already issued and it would be given to her later in the day.