

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2023

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
Bret Wier, Member
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Monte Gore, County Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman Trujillo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Kern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Commissioner Wier led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commission had any changes. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wier 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.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any comments or corrections on the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Wier 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. Recognize Visitors

Chairman Trujillo thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Others present: Sara Torres, Leonard Baca, Timothy Martinez, Tina Colangelo, Joana Apodaca, Amadeo Soto, Virginia Strohm, Roger Smith, Jun Roh, Jayna Saiz, Bo Beames, Roy Fernandez, Fred Martinez, Julie Main, Tiana Romero, Todd Tatum and John Pate and Mike Provine via electronic device.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any requests or responses from the audience on anything that was not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

8. Presentation – Miners Colfax Medical Center Update, Beau Beams

Bo Beames, Chief Executive Officer, presented the updates that have been made to MCMC. Mr. Beames went over the External Environment Challenging Healthcare, which are Inflation, Reduction of Reimbursement from Medicaid, High Technology Costs, Regulatory Costs, Labor and Agency Costs including SNM Wage increase and declining population in rural communities. Mr. Beames stated the financial health (post-Covid) emerged as the biggest challenge for rural hospitals. Mr. Beames stated that the changes require MCMC Financial Goal be to break even – costs don't exceed revenue. Decreases to average daily costs by \$10,000 or \$3.65 mil per year – Decrease Agency and Position attrition. Mr. Beames stated Daily Net Patient Revenue needs to increase by \$15,000.00 (Medicaid Rate increase, VPB Supplemental Payments, OB Medicaid IGT and General Fund). Mr. Beames advised the Commission of the Mission of Miners' Colfax Medical. Mr. Beames went over the MCMC Vision – Partnering with other healthcare providers who share Medical Center's Values, and to be a leader in providing the region's healthcare services. The Medical Center has a responsibility to serve the miner beneficiaries and the public. The Medical Center also has a responsibility to itself to accept the challenges of its unique work situation. Mr. Beames went over the values that are desired behaviors needed to support the mission and vision of