

February 28, 2023  
Public Hearing

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

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

Chairman Wier called the hearing to order at 8:51 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss and consider the adoption of an ordinance for a partial property tax rebate for low-income taxpayers in accordance to State Statute 7-2-14.3, N.M.S.A. 1978.

Also present were: Sara Torres, Joana Apodaca, Roger Smith, Tina Colangelo, Amadeo Soto, Regina Slade, Leonard Baca, Anita Valdez, Tim Martinez, Boe Lopez, Alfonso Ortiz, Nathaniel Sandoval, Nick Cardenas, Rob Morper, Roy Fernandez, Glen Stevens, Tabitha Avitia, Todd Tatum, Danae Rigoni, Gary Allison, and Zita Rae Lopez.

Manager Gore explained this is a Statutory Duty of the Assessor and the Manager is handling this Public Hearing requirement at this point. Manager Gore stated every other year by law, the commission is to review the possibility of adopting an ordinance which would provide a tax rebate for low-income property owners and noted the county has opted in the past not to adopt an ordinance authorizing the partial property tax rebate for low income taxpayers. Manager Gore stated the County could not afford to adopt an ordinance of this nature and was not sure if the General Fund could afford the cut. Manager Gore also stated there was no way of knowing how many property owners would take advantage of the rebate.

Manager Gore stated there were two New Mexico counties that have adopted a Partial Property Ordinance, which were Santa Fe and Los Alamos.

Chairman Wier asked the Commission if they had any questions or comments. Commissioners Trujillo and Kern did not have any questions or comments.

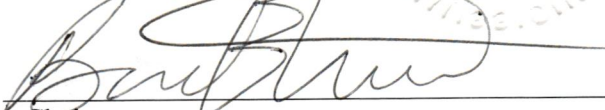
Roy Fernandez asked why the County would not consider adopting the Ordinance which would help a lot of property owners in Colfax County and he is speaking on their behalf. Mr. Fernandez requested that research be done by the Assessor, the Treasurer and the Clerk to give a report on how many individuals this would affect.

Commissioner Trujillo stated there are certain guidelines that must be followed and the County would have burden the taxes due to the State.

Chairman Wier stated the Commission is not taking this issue lightly, but adopting an ordinance as of such could impede the progress of the County, such as being able to offer a compatible wage to retain and hire employees and not to mention individuals from the whole County would qualify for the rebate.

Chairman Wier adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:12 a.m., as there was no further discussion.

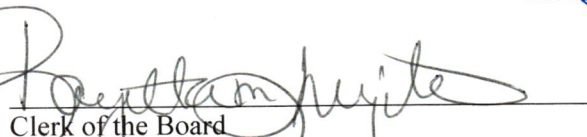
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