

May 9, 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  
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 Wier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Commissioner Kern led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

Chairman Trujillo asked that Item #15 be stricken from the agenda. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as amended striking Item #15. 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 April 25, 2023, and Budget Workshop Minutes for May 4, 2023

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any comments or corrections on the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2023, and the Budget Workshop Minutes for May 4, 2023. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2023, and the Budget Workshop Minutes for May 4, 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

Others present: Sara Torres, Joana Apodaca, Roger Smith, Tina Colangelo, Amadeo Soto, Leonard Baca, Virginia Strohm, Glen Stevens, Tabitha Avitia, Nick Cardenas, Ali Sanchez, Tabitha Avitia, Geral Smith, Rob Morper, Tom Vigil, Brandy Dietz, Todd Tatum and via electronic device – Heather Lucero and Jun Roh.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any requests or responses from the audience on anything that was not on the agenda. Tom Vigil, Emergency Manager, reported on the Las Cocas Fire in Mora County. Tom stated the fire started yesterday at about 5:15 p.m. and it is between 75 – 100 acres and there is a Hot Shot Crew from Santa Fe on the fire as well as several local fire departments and equipment. Tom stated the fire is about twelve miles from the County and is burning in the Martinez Canyon and feels it will burn itself out. Commissioner Wier asked how big the fire needs to be in order for the Sheriff to set the Ready, Set, Go. Tom stated it needs to be less than 50% contained and does not feel this needs to happen. Tom reported there are two fires in Socorro County. Tom also mentioned the Las Cocas fire is currently under investigation.

8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

General Fund	\$595,887.96
General Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Corrections Fund	\$62,009.53
County Property Valuation	\$4,616.37
Vermejo Debt Service	\$0.00
County Road Department	\$75,010.66
French Tract Fire Fund	\$6,191.42
Miami Fire Fund	\$8,030.88

Farley Fire Fund	\$19,714.16
Ute Park Fire Fund	\$7,231.25
Philmont Fire Fund	\$8,239.45
Moreno Valley Fire Fund	\$11,062.16
County Fire Marshal Fire Fund	\$1,043.44
Rapid Response Fire Fund	\$6,880.22
Vermejo Park Fire Fund	\$5,600.29
Moreno Valley Wildfire	\$0.00
Farley Wildfire Suppression	\$2,363.89
French Tract Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Miami Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Philmont Wildfire Suppression	\$314.91
Ute Park Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Vermejo Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
CC Rapid Response Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Fire Marshal Wildfire Suppression	\$324.00
Law Enforcement Protection	\$1,559.29
Law Enforcement Recruitment	\$30,284.24
Lodgers Tax	\$1,124.71
YES Program	\$15,764.87
YES, BHSD Prevention	\$7,707.57
Maternal/Child Healthcare	\$0.00
NM Transportation Grants	\$0.00
WIPP	\$7,000.00
Legislative Appropriations	\$0.00
Indigent Care Gross Receipts	\$0.00
Fire Protection – Fire Excise Tax	\$28,707.19
Community DWI – TSB	\$0.00
DWI Distribution	\$11,761.93
LDWI Grant	\$4,475.30
State Farm	\$0.00
DWI-ALC	\$0.00
Recording/Filing Fund	\$0.00
American Rescue Plan Act	\$0.00
Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	\$0.00
MCMC Hospital Fund	\$32,000.00
Capital Improvement	\$77,450.38
CAP IMP HHGRT/2015	\$0.00
Angel Fire Airport Improvements	\$24,324.00
Angel Fire Airport FFA	\$0.00
Tiger Grant IX	\$8,944,252.14
Revenue Bonds Debt Service	\$0.00
Bond Series Jud Ctr	\$0.00
French Tract Debt Service	\$0.00
Miami Fire Debt Service	\$0.00
Philmont Debt Service	\$0.00
Moreno Fire Debt Service	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$54,628.08
Colfax County Airport Operations	\$14,770.75
Total	\$10,070,331.04

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any questions or comments regarding the expenditures. Commissioner Wier stated not at this time. Commissioner Kern stated she had non, Chairman Trujillo



entertained a motion and seeing none made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

#### 9. Presentation – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Audit

Heather Lucero of Pattillo, Brown, Hill, LLP, presented the audit. Heather stated the County did receive an Unmodified Opinion – “Clean Opinion.” Heather stated they had no difficulties encountered performing the Audit other than issues related to the special audit. Heather stated the Matters to be Communicated - Significant Audit Adjustments and Unadjusted Differences Considered by Management to be Immaterial.

The Board should be informed of all significant audit adjustments arising from the audit. Consideration should be given to whether an adjustment is indicative of a significant deficiency or a material weakness in the County’s internal control over financial reporting, or in its process for reporting interim financial information, which could cause future financial statements to be materially misstated. The Board should also be informed of uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Cash to accrual adjustments – No Corrected Misstatements.

Commissioner Wier asked if the work done in relation to Road Runner was external Communication and Heather told him it was not.

Heather went over the findings:

- 2022-001 Exceed Contract Maximum Payment (Special Report)
  - County overpaid the contract with Roadrunner Health Services
    - 2019 - approximately \$50,000
    - 2020 – approximately \$258,000
    - 2021 – approximately \$297,000
- 2022-002 Payment for Unrelated Expense (Special Report)
  - The County paid an invoice from Roadrunner for another County.
- 2022-003 Roadrunner Invoices Lack Detail (Special Report)
  - The invoices from Roadrunner did not include hours and rates so the County, to ensure the amounts charged, agreed to the contract and were reasonable.
- 2022-004 Personnel Files
  - Seven of twenty-six personnel files did not have a current personnel action form with the current pay rates.
- 2022-005 Cash Disbursements
  - One out of forty-two disbursements for \$633 was missing a purchase order.
- 2022-006 Management Override
  - County Manager was circumventing internal controls.
- 2022-007 Payment Made for Unallowable Costs
  - County paid Roadrunner’s Insurance premium in violation of the agreement
    - 2019 – approximately \$35,000
    - 2020 - approximately \$50,000
    - 2021 – approximately \$38,000
    - 2022 – approximately \$59,000
- 2022-008 Internal Control over Payroll
  - Forty of Forty premium payments paid did not have evidence that the County identified eligible employees and that the premium payments paid were within the amount allowed.
- 2022-009 Procurement
  - Paid over \$150,000 for Airport Fuel without going through procurement.
- 2022-010 Form I-9 Compliance
  - Three of nine I-9’s were not signed by both the employee and the County.
- 2022-011 PERA Exemption
  - Four of nine PERA exemption forms were not properly completed.
- 2022-012 Anti Donation
  - Payments were made to former employees, former Commissioners, and non-County employees.
- 2022-013 Exceeding Elected Official Pay
  - Elected officials were given additional pay which is a violation of state law.
- 2022-014 Failure to get OSA Approval for Special Audit
  - The County engaged IPA to complete a special audit without the proper approval of the NM State Auditor in accordance with the State Audit Rule
- 2022-015 Late Audit
  - Audit was submitted after the State Auditor deadline.
- 2022-016 Conflict of Interest (Special Report)
  - Former County Manager was listed as an employee of Roadrunner while still employed at the County.



Commissioner Kern stated she was not an employee of the County when she was working for Roadrunner and that is a false statement as she started working for them after she was not employed by Colfax County. Chairman Trujillo asked about Finding 2022-13 Exceeding Elected Official Pay and Monte stated the County is in the process of collecting the funds and for the individuals that have not been in contact with the County regarding the additional pay, the County will file a Lawsuit against them. Commissioner Wier asked if all the money had been collected and was told the County is collecting the money.

#### 10. Presentation – YES Program and Health Council Fact Sheet Update, Ashley Vigil

Ali Sanchez of the CCYES Program stated the program offers Home Visiting, Prenatal to 5 years Educational Services, Information on Breastfeeding, Parenting Classes, Development Screenings, CBPIR, and ROAMS.

Ali stated the Home Visiting – ECECD - Provides educational services, working with families prenatal through age 5 throughout Colfax and Union Counties. Home Visiting helps families connect with resources in their community to discover ways to support parent's relationships with their baby and their development. Ali stated they help with parenting classes and stated screenings are administered routinely for parent and child referrals are made to appropriate programs and agencies when there are risks based on the results of the screening tools.

Ali stated CBPIR works closely with CYFD to provide support for families who have substantiated and unsubstantiated cases with CRYD throughout Colfax and Union Counties. CYFD will recommend goals the family will benefit from. ROAMS provides breastfeeding education and support. A Family navigator works closely with prenatal and new mothers who are patients at MCMC OB/Gyn Clinic and Union County General Hospital Clinic. The Family Navigator will refer clients who are interested in breastfeeding or new mothers who have questions or concerns about nursing their babies. Commissioner Wier asked if anyone could get information on any of the services available if they are not registered with the CCYES Program. Ali stated she was new to the program but did not see a problem with anyone getting information.

#### 11. Discuss/Action – Resolution 2023-15, A Resolution to Order Vacating Portion of County Road A-17, Gerald Smith

Tabitha Avitia stated the Resolution is the final step in the Vacation of the portion of County Road A-17. Tabatha stated all the steps in the vacation were followed and approved by the County Attorney. Commissioner Wier asked if there was any opposition. Tabitha stated there was not. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15, A Resolution to Order Vacating Portion of County Road A-17. 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.

#### 12. Discuss/Action – NCNMEDD, Appointment of Colfax County Community Representative, Brandy C Dietz

Brandy Dietz introduced herself stating Anita Valdez is no longer with GrowRaton and she was appointed as a community representative from Colfax County for the NCNMEDD. Ms. Dietz stated she would like to be appointed as the Representative of the NCNMEDD. Commissioner Wier stated he wanted to make it clear that GrowRaton represented all Colfax County and was a great resource. Commissioner Wier made a motion to nominate Brandy C. Dietz as the NCNMEDD Colfax County Community Representative. Commissioner Kern 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.

#### 13. Discuss/Action – Property Use and Liability Agreement with Colfax County and Raton Mainstreet, International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally

Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to have the area cleaned up and the fence fixed to make the area look presentable to the Community. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Property Use and Liability Agreement with Colfax County and Raton Mainstreet for the International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally. 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.

#### 14. Discuss/Action – Real Property Transfer Agreement Between Colfax County and The City of Raton

Chairman Trujillo stated this agreement is for the ten acres the City of Raton needs to maintain the solar photovoltaic facility to benefit the RPS ratepayers. Chairman Trujillo went on to state a potential conflict with him sitting on the RPS Board as their Treasurer. Chairman Trujillo stated he has been in contact with



County Attorney Roh and he believes there was no conflict of interest and it would be best to be stated to the whole Commission. Chairman Trujillo also requested all Commissioners be listed on the document as signatory. Commissioner Kern asked if a Claim of Exemption would be needed since ten acres would be split out of the property. Manager Gore stated an exemption would be needed. Commissioner Wier stated the City of Raton would need to pay the fees for the exemption. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Real Property Transfer Agreement Between Colfax County and The City of Raton. 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.

15. Discuss/Action – Joint Powers Agreement Between Colfax County and The Town of Springer to Provide Animal Shelter Facility Within the Boundaries of The Town of Springer

This item was tabled under approval of agenda.

16. Discuss/Action – Disbursements to Special Districts, State, and County

Joana Apodaca stated it was reported by the County Manager's Office last meeting that a check was issued in the amount of \$64,571.57 to Mark and Annette McCloy based on documentation submitted to the Manager from the Treasurer, however it was brought to the attention to the manager's office the check had already been paid by the Treasurer's Office back in January to satisfy court order. In working with the Treasurer's Office in an attempt to reissue a check it was determined the Manager's office did not have sufficient back up necessary to reissue payment. After reviewing the minutes Commission approved payment to be issued to Springer Highschool \$20,063.45, Hospital District \$9,534.53, and Luna \$6,749.31 for a total of \$36,347.29. However, the Treasurer requested the Manager's Office issue a check for \$67,325.11. In discussion with the Deputy Treasurer \$67,325.12 was needed to correct all agencies affected. The corrected totals were Springer Schools - \$20,063.45, Raton Schools - \$340.79. Maxwell Schools - \$9.79, South Central Hospital - \$9,551.13, LUNA Voc Tech - \$6,761.06, State Levy - \$3,807.48 and County Levy - \$26,791.42 for a total of \$67,325.12. Joana stated when the motion was made it did not include Raton, Maxwell, The County and State. Commissioner Wier stated he did not want to make the State whole. Lydia Garcia, County Treasurer stated to have a correct paper trail, everyone needs to be paid. Chairman Trujillo asked the Attorney if there would be a problem if the State was not paid and was told the State should be paid. After further discussion, Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Disbursements to the Special Districts, State and County to make all the entities whole. 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.

17. Discuss/Action – Cancellation, RFB 2023-01, Lease One (1) Tandem Grader, Road Department

Virginia Strohm stated the individuals that submitted a bid did not meet specs due to the campaign contribution form not being included in the bid. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Cancellation, RFB 2023-01, Lease One (1) Tandem Grader for the Road Department. 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.

18. Discuss/Action – RFB 2023-01R, Lease One (1) Tandem Grader, Road Department

Virginia Strohm stated this RFB would replace the previous one that was cancelled. County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo requested the letter be dropped from the RFB as her recording system did not accept letters attached to the numbers. Chairman Trujillo asked County attorney if the number could be amended and was told the number could be amended. Commissioner Wier made a motion to amend RFB 2023-01R to RFB 2023-03. Commissioner Kern 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. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the 2023-04, Lease One (1) Tandem Grader for the Road Department. 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.

19. Discuss/Action – Cancellation, RFB 2023-02, Lease Two (2) New Wheel Loaders, Road Department

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Cancellation, RFB 2023-02, Lease Two (2) New Wheel Loaders for the Road Department. 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.



20. Discuss/Action – RFB 2023-02R, Lease Two (2) New Wheel Loaders, Road Department

Commissioner Wier made a motion to amend RFB 2023-02R to RFB 2023-04. Commissioner Kern 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. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve RFB 2023-04, Lease Two (2) New Wheel Loaders for the Road Department. 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.

21. Discuss/Action – Task Order #6, Molzen-Corbin, Engineering Services, Bartlett Subdivision Paving

Virginia Strohm stated that this is for the start of the paving project for Bartlett Subdivision. Chairman Trujillo stated that it is his understanding that the funding is coming from a NMDOT grant and it is in his district and the roads that are being paved are North Mesa Road, South Mesa Road, and Pond Road. Commissioner Wier asked if this was just for the engineering services. Virginia stated that yes it was for engineering services. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Task Order #6, Molzen-Corbin, Engineering Services, Bartlett Subdivision Paving. 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.

22. Discuss/Action – ARPA Funds, Generator, County Repeater

County Sheriff Baca stated that there are quotes in the Commissioners packets and updated quote for the generator on Green Mountain. Sheriff Baca stated that the cost is \$166,383.06 for that site. Sheriff Baca stated this will help with safety for the Fire and Sheriff Departments. Sheriff Baca stated there were two other quotes one is for a repeater at the Detention Center and the other is for a repeater at the Springer location to replace a repeater that is seven years old. Sheriff Baca stated that the total cost would be \$187,301.76 but they did receive Capital Outlay funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 so the cost would be \$137,301.76 after the grant. Commissioner Wier stated that he thought we were getting \$100,000.00 and a vehicle for the Sheriff's department in Capital Outlay per his discussions with Representative Sanchez. Sheriff Baca stated that he talked to Representative Sanchez a couple of weeks ago and Representative Sanchez said he was going to check into this, but he has not received a call back from him. Commissioner Wier asked Fire Marshal Nick Cardenas if this would solve the issue of a repeater for the Fire Departments. Fire Marshal Cardenas stated that this is going to benefit all the departments. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve ARPA Funds to purchase the Generator for the County Repeater. 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.

23. Discuss- Quarterly Department Updates

Sheriff Baca stated that he has been working with IDEMA which is the fingerprinting company we will be using for background checks for the County and can be utilized by the public and other counties and this is the only site currently in the Northeast. Sheriff Baca stated that they will receive the equipment and installation on May 16, 2023 and training will take place from May 16 – 18, 2023 and will go live with the system on May 22, 2023. Sheriff Baca stated the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and IDEMA will handle all the scheduling and with every person that is fingerprinted \$4.00 will be coming to the County. Sheriff Baca stated that Undersheriff Montoya will be added to the Fallen Officer Memorial in Santa Fe on May 23, 2023 and he has already been added to the National Law Enforcement Wall in Washington. Sheriff Baca stated that he will have two deputies graduating from the academy on May 25, 2023, and two still in training and by summer there will be fourteen officers including himself. Sheriff Baca stated that they have been having issues with the air conditioner at the Judicial Center and are working with the maintenance department to resolve the issue. Sheriff Baca stated that they responded to 86- 911 calls, had 416 document service attempts, 443 completed services, issued 462 citations, 1048 traffic stops, and 10,506 transport mileage. Commissioner Wier asked Sheriff Baca if the Commission could get copies of his reports. Sheriff Baca stated yes, he can provide those reports. Commissioner Trujillo asked if the south gate had been fixed at the Judicial Center. Sheriff Baca stated that it was fixed. Commissioner Trujillo asked if the fingerprinting service could be used to register children's fingerprints. Sheriff Baca stated that the fingerprinting system is digital and cannot be used for that, but they can assist with fingerprinting children with books or cards which is what is usually used to register children.

Commissioner Wier asked if it was a requirement for the Elected Officials to give a report quarterly. County Clerk Trujillo stated that it is a request, and the Elected Officials are not required to give a report quarterly.

County Clerk Trujillo stated that they have recorded 1,089 documents and they have been busy with Probates, Recordings, Commission Meetings, and preparing Minutes. County Clerk Trujillo stated that they



are conducting two all-mail in ballot elections, one is for the Maxwell School District and the other is for the South-Central Colfax County Special Hospital District. County Clerk Trujillo stated that they have filled the vacancy in their office. County Clerk Trujillo stated that herself, Sara, and her staff have been checking the books to see if there is anything that can be cut out from scanning to save from the ARPA funds and stated that the land records are solid from 2012 forward and are hoping they can just upload those documents to the system and they are currently working on the marriage license books.

Chairman Trujillo stated that he would like to hear from the Assessor and the Treasurer for the quarterly reports. Chairman Trujillo requested to see the appraisal plan from the Assessor's office and the extra funds requested for their appraisers.

Fire Marshal Nick Cardenas stated that he is working with Moreno Valley and the insurance company to get a vehicle replaced that had an accident in the canyon during the winter when the roads were icy, and they hit a culvert. Nick stated he worked with the departments on a grant for the volunteers for recruitment and retention and has received \$25,000.00 and it will be split between approximately one hundred volunteers. Nick stated he is helping the departments with their budgets and getting applications submitted for the State Fire Funding. Nick stated that all departments are currently doing their annual Pump, Hose, and Ladder testing. Nick stated that he is working on the Wildlife Coordinator Grant with Joanna, Suzie, and Manager Gore and a job description for the position. Nick stated that they received a donation of a Class A pumper from Eddy County and are waiting for DFA approval. Nick stated that he is working with the local architect on the training and admin building by the Event Center and is also working with the architect on the airport fire station and trying to get final FFA approval to move forward with that. Nick stated that the Black Lake fire station is on hold pending a land swap deal. Nick stated that they currently have several fire trucks out on order, a Class A Pumper for Moreno Valley, Class A Pumper for Rapid Response, 3,000-gallon Water tender for Farley, and a Class A Pumper for Miami. Nick stated that two Wildland trucks for Farley are 95% complete. Nick stated that there are four new Wildland trucks on order, one for Vermejo, two for Moreno Valley and one more for Farley. Commissioner Wier asked if they had a team at the fire in Guadalupita. Nick stated that they did not have a team there at this time. Commissioner Kern asked where the funds came from for the Training and Admin building. Nick stated that the funds came from the State Fire Funds. Commissioner Wier asked if the training center will impact the motor cross and rodeo ground areas. Nick said no and this will be located at the far North corner.

Emergency Manager Tom Vigil stated that the Las Cocas fire has local units on scene as well as Las Vegas Engines and Santa Fe Hot Shots. Tom stated that the last update is at one hundred acres burned and 30% containment, so it is looking good. Tom stated he has been out of town at conferences, and one was the Southwest Coordination Center and stated he got a lot of useful information and stated that he has two more conferences to attend. Tom stated that there has been a lot of turn over with the New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico Homeland Security and he is working on creating new relationships with the new staff. Tom stated that wildfire season is here and as far as shelter preparedness we have two hundred Federal beds and the evacuation center for Colfax County is the Convention Center in Raton which has three hundred beds which are owned by the City of Raton and there are two dozen Red Cross beds in Eagle Nest. Commissioner Wier stated that last year people evacuated to Taos because they wanted to be close to their homes. Tom stated they have agreements in place with Taos.

Road Department Superintendent Glen Stevens stated that the Bartlett Mesa paving project cost is \$899,953.60 and the State is paying 95% of the cost and the County is paying 5% of the cost which is going to be \$ 44,997.68 and stated that the allocated funds need to be used by June 30, 2025. Glen stated that the Blosser Gap Bridge project update from first part of February was that they were at 65% design on multiplex they are going to put in and they were projected to start construction in late April, but he has not had any recent updates. Glen stated they have three grave projects which are in Maxwell, Farley, and Kiowa. Glen stated that the crew has been fixing cattle guards and blading roads. Glen stated that he has an opening in his department for an operator and they are waiting on the fingerprinting for his Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Kern asked if there was an expiration on the funds for the Blosser Gap Bridge project. Glen stated that the funds must be used by June 30, 2025.

#### 24. Commissioners' Docket

Commissioner Wier stated that on Thursday May 11, 2023 there is a meeting with Connect New Mexico in Springer to talk about broadband usage and stated that when he looked at the registration last Wednesday, he did not see anyone from Colfax County registered to attend and suggested the Manager look into this.

Commissioner Kern asked if the audit company had provided hard copies of their report for the Commissioners and asked Joanna if she had received anything from them. Financial Specialist Joanna Apodaca stated that she has not received the copies yet and she will disburse them to the Commission when she receives them.



Chairman Trujillo stated that they are in the process of wrapping up the Tiger Grant. Chairman Trujillo stated that on the county website he would like to see County Supported Organizations such as the YES Program, Senior Companion etc. so constituents know what kind of support and assistance is out there for them if they need it and asked Manager Gore and IT to work on this. Chairman Trujillo stated that both of his requests for the Congressional Directed Spending left Senator Lujan's office and was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee and asked the Commissioners, Elected Officials and Constituents to reach out Martin Heinrich to support the Congressional Directed Spending for Colfax County. Chairman Trujillo stated that he met with Scott Berry and Manager Gore yesterday and they went out and check out some of the projects the City of Raton is doing. Chairman Trujillo asked for an update on the State Aviation Conference and the EV Chargers from Martin Chavez and stated the deadline is May 30, 2023, for that. Chairman Trujillo stated that the next budget meeting is next Tuesday. Chairman Trujillo suggested that the County put an Event Center in Moreno Valley that could be used for an evacuation center when there are fires so there would be a place for them to go in the Valley instead of having to come to Raton to the evacuation center here. Chairman Trujillo asked if the Lodgers Tax Board would consider funding a mural at the old Mesa Airfield he would like to show collaboration between Raton and Colfax County working together.

Commissioner Kern stated that she has been approached by individuals that asked if it would be possible to add a tab on the county website that would consist of the board packet for the meetings. Commissioner Kern stated she thinks this is a good idea and would make for good transparency. Commissioner Wier stated that he agrees with Commissioner Kern and would support this. Commissioner Kern stated that she also thinks it would be a good idea to have a tab for the county policies.

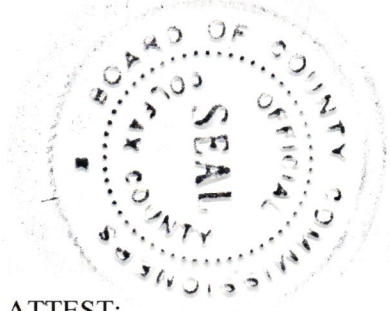
#### 25. Managers' Docket

Manager Gore stated that his office is now fully staffed, and Virginia and Tabitha are both certified in procurement and Virginia is the Chief Procurement Officer. Manager Gore stated that they have been busy working with IPRA requests. Manager Gore stated that the solid waste issues are getting better, and they are picking up on schedule now and Tri-State got a new truck. Manager Gore stated that there has been good progress at the airport and almost all of the issues that were on the 1050 report have been addressed and fixed but there are still some that are being worked on. Manager Gore stated that the Road Department needs a new building and would like the Commissioners to tour the area where the Road Department is located. Manager Gore stated that fire season is upon us, and he will be working with the Emergency Manager, Sherriff, Fire Marshal, and Fire Chief's for fire bands when necessary. Manager Gore stated that he met with Mike Provine to discuss the Event Center. Manager Gore said that he will reach out to the Assessor and Treasurer about the quarterly report. Manager Gore stated that he reached out to Donna Sport about the grant for the charging stations, but he has not heard back from her yet. Manager Gore stated that the Detention Center is bringing in good revenue which was about \$ 735,000.00. Manager Gore stated that the Detention Center is down about eight staff right now and they are making a brochure to promote working for the Detention Center. Commissioner Kern asked what the status was of the auction for the surplus items at the Road Department. Manager Gore stated that they must work with DFA to have an auction and he is working on it.

#### 26. Adjourn

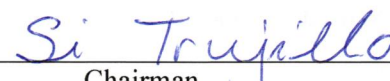
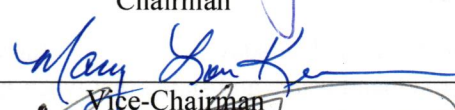
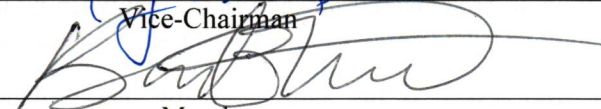
Commissioner Kern made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – aye, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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Chairman  
  
Vice-Chairman  
  
Member