

November 14, 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:

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

Chairman Trujillo called the hearing to order at 8:45 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss Colfax County Ordinance #2023-02 An Ordinance Regulating the Siting and Permitting of Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.

Also present were Regina Slade, Sara Torres, Chris Schear, Julie Martinez, Joana Apodaca, Virginia Strohm, Roger Smith, Todd Tatum, Carol Bridge, Tarin Giacomo, Tammy Brandfas, Kayvan Khaalatbari, Hugh Floyd, and via electronic device – Jun Roh, Mike Provine and Lisa Spangler.

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commission still wanted to discuss the Ordinance and continue with the hearing. Commissioner Kern asked if Tom Vigil, Emergency Manager, had a chance to review the Ordinance. Tom stated page 5 under the Permit Application process and other requirements, the Optional Pre-Application Conference refers to zoning and the County does not have Planning and Zoning so that section is meaningless. On Page 8 number 9 it refers to identification of the general contractor(s) with proof of current Colfax County licensure as required by the State of New Mexico. Tom stated the County does not check licensures. Tom stated the Communication of Wheels was not reasonable. Tom stated he felt the general tone is very restrictive and sets up quite a bit of bureaucracy. Tom stated he felt this was going to create a lot of extra work for whoever is taking it on. Commissioner Wier questioned who was going to administer the process and who brought this ordinance up. Virginia Strohm stated she did not have the time to work on this project and advised the Commission this was going to be added to Tina's responsibilities. Virginia stated Monte met with these individuals at the NMC Conference in Santa Fe. Dean Williamson stated they will be administering the program and will try to do all the background work to include reviewing the applications. Mr. Williamson advised the Commission without an ordinance the County has no oversight on the workload on the County and the ordinance is needed to regulate what carriers can do. Tom stated he did not feel a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company should be writing the Ordinance for the County. Commissioner Wier questioned if there were issues with the towers and was told by Tom not really, but there are dead spots in the County. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to have a discussion with some of the larger ranches on their communication needs and should be brought into the discussion.

Chairman Trujillo adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:11 a.m., as there was no further discussion.

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

Si Trujillo  
Chairman  
Mary Lou Kern  
Vice-Chairman  
Bret Wier  
Member

Rayetta M. Trujillo  
Clerk of the Board