

September 26, 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 9:02 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 any of the Commissioners had any changes to the agenda. 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 September 12, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any comments or corrections on the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023. Commissioner Kern made a motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023. 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, Todd Tatum, Leonard Baca, Timothy Martinez, Rob Morper, Joana Apodaca, Virginia Strohm, Regina Slade, Roger Smith, Kristie Medina, Kevin Nolin, Matt Billingsly, Tim Bertocci, Nick Cardenas, Richard Mestas, Scott Berry, Tiana Romero, Carol Bridge, and via an electronic device Jun Roh, Chris Garner, and Andrea Maloney.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any requests or responses from the audience on anything that was not on the agenda. City Manager Scott Berry advised the Commissioners he will be retiring as of the end of the week. Scott introduced Richard Mestas who will take his place starting Monday. Scott stated Richard is retired from the Federal Government with over 27 years of service. Scott thanked the Commission for working closely with him and the City of Raton and requested they do the same with Mr. Mestas. Mr. Mestas introduced himself and stated he looks forward to working with the Commission. The Commissioners thanked Scott for all his hard work and wished him well.

Kristie Medina from the Raton Public Schools reported to the Commission the School District has a Bond Question on the Ballot to build a new school, as the current schools were built in the 1930's. Ms. Medina stated if the Bond passed it will be for \$30 Million, they will be able to ask the State for a waiver for the State to kick in the remainder of the funding. Chairman Trujillo stated he is in support of the Bond. Commissioner Kern stated she also supports the Bond as Maxwell just passed one to rebuild the school. Commissioner Wier stated when he was on the Cimarron School Board, they were successful in passing bonds to remodel the schools and wished the school luck in the passage.