

January 9, 2024  
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

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. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Trujillo asked the Commissioners if either one of them would like to serve as Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Wier made a motion to appoint Si Trujillo as the Chairman of the Commission. 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. Chairman Trujillo asked who would like to serve as Vice-Chairman for the Commission. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kern as the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – abstained, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried.

5. Approve Agenda

Chairman Trujillo asked that Items 16, 32 and 34 be postponed. Chairman stated he would like to have a 10-minute break following item #29. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as amended postponing items #16, 32 and 34. 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. Approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023

Chairman Trujillo stated he had corrections on the December 12, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes and asked Clerk Trujillo to advise the Commission what corrections had been made. Clerk Trujillo stated item 23 was amended to reflect the funds for the raises for the Detention Center would come from revenues from housing prisoners. Clerk Trujillo also stated corrections were made on items 14-16 changing Commissioner Wier's vote from abstaining to voting aye. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes for December 12, 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.

7. Recognize Visitors

Chairman Trujillo thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Others present: Amadeo Soto, Sara Torres, Joana Apodaca, Leslie Fernandez, Richard D. Mestas, Joseph Martinez, Tarin Giacomo, Tina Colangelo, Roger Smith, Todd Tatum, Tom Vigil, Jay Michelle, and via electronic device – Jun Roh, Gretchen Geary and Tamara Rosenberg.

8. Public Comment

County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo reported that she had been at the hospital last week and had asked about the possibility of airlifting her mother and was told the lights at the airport were not working so the flight for life planes could not land as the lights were out on the long runway. Clerk Trujillo stated she asked about having her mother transported by ambulance and was told there was no one available to transport patients

as the EMS services were short on paramedics and did not transport. Clerk Trujillo stated she was told a baby had died due to not being able to be transported. Chairman Trujillo stated he too was concerned about the pediatric care at the hospital. City Manager Richard Mestas stated they had a meeting at the airport that afternoon regarding the lighting situation.

Thomas Vigil, Emergency Manager reported on the Rayado bridge on highway 21 and stated it was supposed to be completed in December but was told it would not be completed until the summer of 2024. Thomas stated he is concerned with the deadlines as visitors would be in Philmont through the summer and ranchers would be shipping cattle and need access to the bridge. Thomas stated not to mention the hardship it was putting on the residents from Miami and Springer who worked in Cimarron and Philmont. Tom stated residents are using Miami Lane and the route is shorter, but it takes longer since the road is rough, and the individuals need to drive slower using that route. Tom stated if residents travel through Springer, it is 46 miles from Miami to Cimarron through that route. Tom stated the Road Department is doing a very good job keeping up with the grading of the Miami Lane and stated the last time there was a gravel project was about 11 years ago. Commissioner Wier stated this is creating a health and safety issue. Chairman Trujillo asked Commission if they felt a letter should be sent to the NMDOT indicating how important it is to complete the bridge. They were in agreement a letter should be sent and a meeting should be set up to discuss the issue.

9. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

General Fund	\$849,692.63
General Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Corrections Fund	\$84,981.20
County Property Valuation	\$11,878.88
Vermejo Debt Service	\$0.00
County Road Department	\$100,827.93
French Tract Fire Fund	\$828.33
Miami Fire Fund	\$1,780.85
Farley Fire Fund	\$5,692.10
Ute Park Fire Fund	\$22,960.81
Philmont Fire Fund	\$30,417.07
Moreno Valley Fire Fund	\$6,253.78
County Fire Marshal Fire Fund	\$391.92
Rapid Response Fire Fund	\$817.25
Vermejo Park Fire Fund	\$223.21
Moreno Valley Wildfire	\$0.00
Farley Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
French Tract Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Miami Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Philmont Wildfire Suppression	\$408.92
Ute Park Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Vermejo Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
CC Rapid Response Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Fire Marshal Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Law Enforcement Protection	\$20,137.57
Law Enforcement Recruitment	\$334.25
Lodgers Tax	\$2,812.71
YES Program	\$17,002.61
YES, BHSD Prevention	\$5,653.33
Maternal/Child Healthcare	\$0.00
NM Transportation Grants	\$58,860.00
WIPP	\$0.00
Legislative Appropriations	\$0.00
Indigent Care Gross Receipts	\$104,213.73
Fire Protection – Fire Excise Tax	\$12,500.00
Community DWI – TSB	\$0.00
DWI Distribution	\$10,782.28
LDWI Grant	\$900.00

State Farm	\$0.00
DWI-ALC	\$0.00
Recording/Filing Fund	\$0.00
American Rescue Plan Act	\$52,709.66
Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	\$0.00
MCMC Hospital Fund	\$0.00
Capital Improvement	\$0.00
CAP IMP HHGRT/2015	\$0.00
Angel Fire Airport Improvements	\$0.00
Angel Fire Airport FFA	\$0.00
Tiger Grant IX	\$0.00
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
VMDC/NMFA Loan	\$0.00
Dist. 8 Debt Service	\$0.00
Vermejo Debt Service	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$45,901.29
Colfax County Airport Operations	\$49,909.15
Total	\$1,434,479.52

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any questions or comments regarding the expenditures. There were no questions. Commissioner Wier made a motion to Approve the Expenditures as presented. Chairman Trujillo 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.

10. Discuss/Action - Approve Expenditures Pursuant to Resolution #2022-49

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to Approve Expenditures for December Pursuant to Resolution #2022-49. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – abstain, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried.

11. Presentation – Resound Networks, Broadband Buildout Plans for Colfax County, Tamara Rosenberg, and Pam Waggoner

Tamara Rosenberg of Resound Networks gave a presentation of the funding that has been received to bring Broadband to the areas in Colfax County that do not have Broadband service. Ms. Rosenberg explained a grant in the amount of \$2.8 Million has been obligated by the FCC to cover and build relationships, educate, and understand the needs of the state and to prepare the region for deployment. Ms. Rosenberg stated there is a lot of grant money available and they are looking for partnerships in the area and are open to meeting with the commission at a later time. After further discussion, Chairman Trujillo asked if they were looking to install fiber or wireless. Chairman Trujillo also asked if they have a time frame for the installation. Ms. Rosenberg stated it will be fixed wireless and added she was not sure of the timeframe, but it would be within 2024 and 40% would be deployed. Chairman Trujillo mentioned the County is working with the City of Raton and waiting on the Assessors Officer to get the GIS online.

12. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2024-01, Open Meetings Act

Manager Gore stated this is done annually. Chairman Trujillo questioned since there is no longer an Airport Advisory Board if that is needed in the Resolution and questioned if in Section 7 the amount the Manager could approve is \$2,500.00 and was told he could approve up to \$5,000.00. Chairman Trujillo stated the amount needed to be changed. Commissioner Kern also mentioned the Meeting Date needed to be changed from Monday to Tuesday. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-01, Open Meetings Act as amended. 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.

13. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2024-02, Adopt State Procurement Code

County Manager Gore stated this too is done annually. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-02, Adopt State Procurement Code. 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 – Resolution #2024-03, Set Liquor License Fee for 2024

Manager Gore stated this too is done annually. Commissioner Wier asked the Clerk if \$250.00 was the maximum that could be charged for each license and was told yes. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-03, Set Liquor License Fee for 2024. 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 – Resolution #2024-04, Working Hours for Colfax County Employees Calendar Year 2024

Manager Gore stated this Resolution is setting the working hours for all County Employees. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-04, Working Hours for Colfax County Employees Calendar Year 2024. 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.

16. Discuss/Action – Resolution #2024-05, Budget Adjustment, Various Funds

This item was postponed under approval of the agenda.

17. Discuss/Action – Appoint NERTPO Voting Member and Alternate

Chairman Trujillo recommended that Glen Stevens be the Voting Member and Manager Gore be the Alternate. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to have a report on what is happening at the NERTPO Meetings. Commissioner Kern made a motion to appoint Glen Stevens to be the Voting Member and Manager Gore be the Alternate. 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 – Appoint Voting Member and Alternate to the New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority Pool

Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to remain as the Voting Member for the NM Counties Insurance Authority Pool and asked the Commissioners if they would like to be the alternate. It was recommended Manager Gore be the Alternate. Commissioner Kern made a motion to appoint Chairman Trujillo as the Voting Member and Manager Gore as the Alternate to the New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority Pool. 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 – Appoint North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) Board of Director

Chairman Trujillo stated Commissioner Wier is the current Voting Member and Commissioner Kern is the Alternate. Commissioner Wier stated he would like to remain as the voting member. Commissioner Kern asked if this would be a conflict with his new position as Village Administrator. Commissioner Wier stated it would not be a conflict. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wier as the voting member and Commissioner Kern as the alternate to the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) Board of Directors. 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 – Appoint Workers Compensation Voting Member and Alternate

Chairman Trujillo stated his is currently the Voting Member and the group has not been meeting. Commissioner Wier made a motion to appoint Chairman Trujillo as the Voting Member and Commissioner Kern as the alternate. 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.

21. Discuss/Action – Appoint North-East Economic Development Organization Inc. Board Member and Alternate

Chairman Trujillo stated he is currently the Voting Member and Commissioner Wier is the alternate, but he is no longer interested in being the Voting Member. Chairman Trujillo stated this group is Defunct and he has not seen any results or benefits from the group. Commissioner Wier stated he would like to be the Voting Member. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wier as the Voting Member and Manager Gore as the Alternate to the North-East Economic Development Organization Inc. Board. 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.

22. Discuss/Action Appoint Enchanted Circle Council of Government (ECCoG) Member

Chairman Trujillo stated the bylaws of ECCoG state the commissioner from district 3 or the chairman of Colfax County must be the member holding the seat. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to remain on it. Commissioner Wier stated he supported that and he would have a board seat since he is now the Village Manager. Commissioner Kern had stated that there would be a potential quorum each time an ECCoG meeting was held. Chairman Trujillo had stated he would make sure a notice is placed and he would also make sure Commissioner Kern was invited to all ECCoG meetings if she would like to listen in. Commissioner Kern made a motion to appoint Chairman Trujillo as the Enchanted Circle Council of Government (ECCoG) Member. 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/Action – Request Statement of Receipts and Expenses from Colfax County Treasurer

Manager Gore stated this done annually and everything is in good shape. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve sending the Request Statement of Receipts and Expenses to the Colfax County Treasurer. 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.

24. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between The Village of Angel Fire and Colfax County

Commissioner Wier stated he was prepared to abstain from this vote due to his position with the Village of Angel Fire. Chairman Trujillo stated it was from the prior year it was decided to approve these MOU's is to give funds from the MCMC Fund to assist with Emergency Services. Chairman Trujillo stated it is a way to give back to the communities. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to know how much is in the MCMC fund. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to pull the interest earned as he does not want to deplete the fund. Commissioner Wier stated it was his understanding this trust was held for 20 years and was intended for the use of medical services within Colfax County. Commissioner Wier stated the funding helps with the cost burden from the EMS services that respond to the unincorporated areas of the county. Chairman Trujillo stated he agreed it is a good thing to do. The question was asked if the services have all followed the procurement when requesting their funds. Commissioner Kern stated she supports this if they all followed procurement and followed the expenditures as outlined in the previous agreement as required in the previous year, before they are funded again. Manager Gore stated they have all requested their funding and there's not been any issues with procurement and the County Attorney has reviewed the contracts and everything has gone fine. Chairman Trujillo asked if they have been complying and was told yes. Chairman Trujillo stated he had one question for the Treasurer's Office and would like to make it contingent on that because he does not know where the Treasurer has the money currently invested. Chairman Trujillo stated if this money is invested in a fund, he would like to pull it from the General Fund and when that investment comes due then reimburse General Fund. Chairman Trujillo stated he did not want to cash a CD in early because he did not want to forgo over six months of interest which the County would receive if CD was cashed early. Commissioner Wier stated the money was budgeted and the Treasurer should have been aware that it was going to be expended. Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners would have any opposition funding out of General Fund and was told no. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Angel Fire and Colfax County pending if the MCMC Investment Fund is currently invested it be paid out of General Fund and at the end of the investment term the General Fund be reimbursed from that account. Commissioner Kern seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – aye, Commissioner Wier – abstain, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried.

25. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between The Village of Cimarron and Colfax County

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Cimarron and Colfax County pending if the MCMC Investment Fund is currently invested it be paid out of

General Fund and at the end of the investment term the General Fund be reimbursed from that account. 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.

26. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between Eagle Nest Village and Colfax County

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Eagle Nest and Colfax County pending if the MCMC Investment Fund is currently invested it be paid out of General Fund and at the end of the investment term the General Fund be reimbursed from that account. 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.

27. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between City of Raton and Colfax County

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raton and Colfax County pending if the MCMC Investment Fund is currently invested it be paid out of General Fund and at the end of the investment term the General Fund be reimbursed from that account. 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.

28. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Springer and Colfax County

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Springer and Colfax County pending if the MCMC Investment Fund is currently invested it be paid out of General Fund and at the end of the investment term the General Fund be reimbursed from that account. 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.

29. Discuss/Action - Memorandum of Agreement Between Colfax County and The Greater Raton Economic Development Cooperation Doing Business as GrowRaton

Manager Gore stated the MOA was in the amount of \$25,000.00 and the funding was to come out LATCF but since it is not eligible to be paid from this fund it will be paid out of General Fund. Commissioner Wier stated that if the funds could not come out of the LATCF then it could come out of the General Fund. Commissioner Kern questioned if this was budgeted and was told it was not. Commissioner Kern stated that she supported the funding coming out of LATCF but not the General Fund. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between Colfax County and The Greater Raton Economic Development Cooperation Doing Business as GrowRaton. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Kern – nay, Commissioner Wier – aye, and Chairman Trujillo – aye. The motion carried 2-1.

30. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Agreement Between Colfax County and Raton Pickleball

Leslie Fernandez presented this item to the Commission. Leslie advised the Raton Pickleball is a 501C3, but they are not a private group. Leslie stated this event is always open to the public and they have had visitors from several states come to play. Leslie stated she did not feel this was anti-donation and could not understand why a MOA needed to be put in place. Leslie stated the group has installed LED lights to brighten the building at their own expense and have called the County when the pipes have been frozen. Commissioner Wier asked if this is open to the public and was told it was. Commissioner Kern asked when they played and was told 70% of the people play 7 days a week and some play at 5:30 pm on Fridays. It was asked why this MOA was even being brought to the Commission as this was not a private event and was open to the public. Manager Gore stated he had asked the County Attorney to look into this matter and was told Jun felt it would be considered anti-donation. After further discussion, the Commission did not take any action on this item.

31. Discuss/Action – Agreement Between Colfax County and Rocky Road Gravel and Well Drilling Services LLC

Manager Gore stated this company is out of Las Vegas and they are trying to work diligently and move forward and stated the agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Agreement Between Colfax County and Rocky Road Gravel and Well Drilling Services LLC. 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.

32. Discuss/Action – Resolution 2024-06, Fee Schedule for Colfax County

This item was postponed under approval of the agenda.

33. Discuss/Action – Introduction of the Amendment to Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance Adopting the Legislative Intent, Findings, and Purpose Relating to The Regulation of Cannabis

Chairman Trujillo stated this Ordinance amendment is to bring the ordinance more in line with the State. The language that is added is the indemnification clause. It was asked how many Cannabis Licenses have been issued by the County and if they would be grandfathered in. Manager Gore stated there was one and Commissioner Kern stated there are two licenses. It was mentioned the two would be grandfathered in. Commissioner Wier asked if this this was just for the introduction of the ordinance and was told yes. After further discussion Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Introduction of the Amendment to Ordinance 2021-03, An Ordinance Adopting the Legislative Intent, Findings, and Purpose Relating to The Regulation of Cannabis. 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.

34. Discuss/Action – Request for Promotional Funding, Renewal of Lamar Contract #4355660, Billboards

This item was postponed under approval of the agenda.

35. Discuss/Action – Aviation Grant Agreement, Project No. AXX-24-02, AXX-Angel Fire-Colfax County

Manager Gore stated this is for funding received from the NMDOT for the Fuel Truck Containment Pad. Commissioner Wier made a motion to approve the Aviation Grant Agreement, Project No. AXX-24-02, AXX-Angel Fire-Colfax County. 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.

36. Closed Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H (2), Limited Personnel Matters, Colfax County Manager Evaluation

Commissioner Wier made a motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1H (2), Limited Personnel Matters, Colfax County Manager Evaluation. Chairman Trujillo 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 Board went into Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. Present in Executive Session: Si Trujillo, Mary Lou Kern, Bret Wier, Monte Gore, and Jun Roh.

37. Discuss/Action - Open Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1H (2), Limited Personnel Matters, Colfax County Manager Evaluation

At 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Wier made a motion to return to Open Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1H (2), Limited Personnel Matters, Colfax County Manager Evaluation. Chairman Trujillo seconded the motion. Chairman Trujillo stated pursuant to Resolution Number 2022-49 that Commissioner Kern during the evaluation of County Manager Gore was present but did not have the ability to comment or take any action. Chairman Trujillo stated the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure or in the notice of the separate closed meeting. 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. Chairman Trujillo stated no action was taken.

38. Manager's Docket

Manager Gore stated that the E-911 project and the updating of the GIS data is moving forward, and he is working with Tyler Fossett who is the New Mexico 911 Program Manager. Manager Gore stated that this is going to create and update GIS data for address points and road centerlines for the County and the City of Raton, Villages of Angel Fire, Maxwell, and Springer to support the NM 911 Emergency Response Operations. Manager Gore stated this should be completed by the end of February and this is paid for by the State. Manager Gore thanked the First Responders, and the Road and Maintenance Departments for being out and working during the snowstorm. Manager Gore stated that Daniel Robert was hired at the Angel Fire airport. Manager Gore stated that he contacted Mike Provine about the Chicorica bridge, and he said they are waiting for an easement to be signed and they are also waiting on insurance and bonds from Rocky Road. Manager Gore stated that the Detention Center had a mock run through for accreditation and they are on track to get the Detention Center accredited by the end of February. Manager Gore stated that

the Road Department is shorthanded, and he is looking at a pay increase for them to help them keep employees.

39. Commissioners' Docket

Commissioner Wier stated that at the last meeting he requested a discussion about increasing the Commission from a 3 to 5-member board, and he would like this to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Kern requested that the Treasures report be put on the portal. Commissioner Kern stated that she talked to Mayor Lopez and no one has contacted him about the road in Springer and requested someone contact him. Commissioner Kern stated that the ICIP needs to be updated. Commissioner Kern asked if a new CPO has been hired. Manager Gore stated that they did hire an individual, and they will be starting on January 22, 2024.

Chairman Trujillo requested the ICIP be updated. Chairman Trujillo stated that the ICIP for the airport is almost complete from last year. Chairman Trujillo stated that he would like to see a safety policy in place. Chairman Trujillo stated that the Raton ETZ Zone board appointment was missing on this agenda and requested it be put on the next agenda. Chairman Trujillo asked if there was estimate as to when the new Chicorica bridge would be completed. Manager Gore stated no not at this time. Chairman Trujillo stated that he is working with Tarin and the Assessor's office on the broad band grant. Chairman Trujillo stated that he met with Baca Valley and NM Connect, and he will be meeting with Kit Carson next week. Chairman Trujillo asked Clerk Trujillo when they would be moving into the new building. Clerk Trujillo stated that the carpet and flooring should start to be replaced by the middle of January and last week she met with the company who does the security glass, and she is waiting on a quote from them. Chairman Trujillo suggested that the mapping and drafting offices be moved after the Clerk's office moves to the new building. Chairman Trujillo asked Manager Gore to go to the radio station after he returns from the Legislative Conference. Chairman Trujillo requested that the Event Center be re-keyed. Chairman Trujillo stated that the Event Center project needs to be completed by June and would like to see a time frame for this. Chairman Trujillo stated that he contacted North Central to help with updating the county roads and maps. Chairman Trujillo stated that the county will be closed on January 15, 2024, for the Federal Holiday. Chairman Trujillo thanked the Road Department and Sheriff's Department for their efforts with the recent storms.

Commissioner Kern stated that the Raton ETZ does not need to be reappointed until one of the Commissioners is replaced.

Chairman Trujillo requested Manager Gore set up a work session to set goals for the next budget cycle.

40. 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 12:49 p.m.

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS



Si Trujillo  
Chairman

Mani Lopez  
Vice-Chairman

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Member

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Clerk of the Board