

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