

April 26, 2022

Regular Meeting

The Colfax County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Regular Session in the Commission Chambers with the following members present:

Roy Fernandez, Chairman
Bret Wier, Vice-Chairman
Bobby LeDoux, Member
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chairman Fernandez 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 LeDoux led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

Commissioner LeDoux made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Fernandez stated he would like to move items #19 and #21 to follow Public Comment, as Nick Cardenas needed to get back to the fire. Commissioners Wier and LeDoux agreed. Chairman Fernandez asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Wier – aye, Commissioner LeDoux– aye, and Chairman Fernandez – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2022

Chairman Fernandez stated the Commissioners received the minutes from the April 12, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2022, and asked if anyone had any comments. Commissioner LeDoux made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Wier seconded the motion. Chairman Fernandez asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Wier – aye, Commissioner LeDoux– aye, and Chairman Fernandez – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Others present: Sara Torres, Robert Thompson, Roger Smith, Danielle Avila, Monte Gore, Amanda Segura, Sandra Salazar, Leonard Baca, Nick Cardenas, Joana Apodaca, Todd Tatum, Kristi Graham, and Amadeo Soto.

7. Public Comment

Aaron Baldrige advised the fire is 54, 021 acres and 18% contained. He also stated the State Police in Mora and Colfax are helping and making sure everything stays in sync. Mr. Baldrige also reported on the communities in Colfax County and the status in which each one was in. Commissioner Wier questioned about the issues that arise after the fire is out and the Post Fire issues. Mr. Baldrige state the Commission would need to ask the State and the NRCS about the post fire issues. Commissioner Fernandez questioned how many firefighters were on the fire. Mr. Baldrich stated there was a little over 600. Commissioner LeDoux thanked Mr. Baldrige and the rest of the firefighters for the job they are doing. Chairman Fernandez stated he had gone out to Ocate with Sheriff Baca and saw how the camp was setup and stated the firefighters sleep in tents and it was pretty cold and mentioned they must love what they do. Chairman Fernandez thanked Nick, Tom, Sheriff Baca and his crew for all the hours they are putting in.