

Regular Meeting
August 24, 2020

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

Bobby LeDoux, Chairman
Landon Newton, Vice-Chairman
Roy Fernandez, Member
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Mary Lou Kern, County Manager

1. Call to Order

Chairman LeDoux called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Commissioner Newton led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

4. Approve Agenda

Chairman LeDoux asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. County Manager Kern requested the Board table Item #9 Presentation – Merit SI Potential Wapiti Energy Solar Project. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended tabling Item #9. Commissioner Newton seconded the motion. Chairman LeDoux asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Fernandez – aye, Commissioner Newton – aye, and Chairman LeDoux – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2020

Chairman LeDoux stated the Commission received the Minutes prior. He asked the Board if they had any comments, but none were raised. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. Chairman LeDoux asked for a roll call vote, the Clerk polled the Commissioners. Commissioner Fernandez – aye, Commissioner Newton – aye, and Chairman LeDoux – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recognize Visitors

Others present: Sara Torres, Amanda Segura, Danielle Martinez, Scott Berry, Ellie Hooper, Jessica Barfield, Geoff Peterson, James Dingwall, Karen Stearns, Tom Vigil, Linda Gallegos, Kristi Graham, Rose Bernal, Nick Cardenas, Glen Stevens, Roger Smith, Ambrosia Trujillo, Victoria Gonzales, Sharon Gonzales, Brenda Samora, Kathy M. Trujillo, Lydia M. Garcia, Sharon Niederman, and Joana Apodaca.

7. Public Comment

Chairman LeDoux asked if anyone would like to speak about anything which was not on the Agenda. Chief Deputy Assessor Linda Gallegos stated she addressed the Commission on August 10th and Sharon Niederman from the World Journal published an article on August 13th to recap what was spoke about at the August 10th meeting. She stated she wanted to provide clarification of the information which was publicized in the World Journal. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos stated she brought information to the public and requested the Board reconsider the funding of the vacated position in the Assessor's Office, she requested the Board fact check their determination when making decisions, recognize the impact the County will endure, she reported the negative aspects due to the unfunded position, and the Assessor's Office requested minimal budget increases. She stated the salary increase requested was due to longevity pay, cost of living, and a raise for employees except for Elected Officials. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos requested the Board reconsider funding the vacated position which brings the County approximately \$523,000.00 of revenue. Chairman LeDoux thanked Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos for her presentation. There was no further discussion.