

February 13, 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
Monte Gore, County Manager

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. Approve Agenda

Chairman Trujillo asked if the Commissioners had any changes. 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 Public Hearing Minutes for January 9, 2024, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2024, and February 6, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Chairman Trujillo stated he contacted the Clerk’s Office with corrections. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for January 9, 2024, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2024, and February 6, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, 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.

6. Recognize Visitors

Chairman Trujillo thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Others present: Amadeo Soto, Sara Torres, Joana Apodaca, Joseph Martinez, Tarin Giacomo, Tina Colangelo, Roger Smith, Todd Tatum, Tim Trujillo, John Rhea, Sandra Young, Shayne Young, Julie Martinez, Nolberto Dominguez, Carol Bridge, Danielle Avila, Ambrosia Trujillo, Alfonso Ortiz, Lydia Garcia, Leonard Baca, and via electronic device – Jun Roh and Mike Provine.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there were any comments from the audience. County Clerk Rayetta Trujillo thanked Sheriff Baca and the Deputies for their assistance in taking her mother to her final resting place.

8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

General Fund	\$1,230,196.55
General Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Hold Harmless GRT	\$0.00
Corrections Fund	\$70,260.77
County Property Valuation	\$10,709.73
Vermejo Debt Service	\$0.00
County Road Department	\$97,293.95
French Tract Fire Fund	\$1,362.72
Miami Fire Fund	\$2,842.22
Farley Fire Fund	\$7,052.29
Ute Park Fire Fund	\$398.43
Philmont Fire Fund	\$5,453.21
Moreno Valley Fire Fund	\$386,623.03

County Fire Marshal Fire Fund	\$28,387.96
Rapid Response Fire Fund	\$798.02
Vermejo Park Fire Fund	\$75,175.21
Moreno Valley Wildfire	\$0.00
Farley Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
French Tract Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Miami Wildfire Suppression	\$0.00
Philmont Wildfire Suppression	\$600.00
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	\$315.35
Law Enforcement Recruitment	\$334,119.91
Lodgers Tax	\$1,732.71
YES Program	\$14,087.04
YES, BHSD Prevention	\$5,675.55
Maternal/Child Healthcare	\$0.00
NM Transportation Grants	\$28,875.72
WIPP	\$0.00
Legislative Appropriations	\$0.00
Indigent Care Gross Receipts	\$0.00
Fire Protection – Fire Excise Tax	\$0.00
Community DWI – TSB	\$0.00
DWI Distribution	\$11,866.29
LDWI Grant	\$8,042.86
State Farm	\$0.00
DWI-ALC	\$0.00
Recording/Filing Fund	\$27,592.69
American Rescue Plan Act	\$229,670.13
Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	\$0.00
MCMC Hospital Fund	\$0.00
Capital Improvement	\$66,331.82
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	\$81,109.53
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	\$35,249.26
Colfax County Airport Operations	\$11,580.30
Total	\$2,475,403.25

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

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

Chairman Trujillo made a motion to Approve Expenditures 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.

10. Discuss/Action – Resolution 2024-11, Authorizing the County to Submit an Application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in The Local DWI Grant And Distribution Program

Ambrosia Trujillo, DWI Coordinator, advised Commission this is an annual document allowing the participation in the Local DWI Program. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11 Authorizing the County to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division to Participate in The Local DWI Grant And Distribution Program. 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.

11. Discuss/Action - Application Cover Sheet, FY25 Local DWI Program Distribution and Grant Funding, Local Government Division-DFA

Ambrosia Trujillo stated this is an annual document. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Application Cover Sheet, FY25 Local DWI Program Distribution and Grant Funding, Local Government Division-DFA. 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.

12. Discuss/Action – Memorandum of Understanding Between Colfax County DWI Program and The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division/Driving While Intoxicated Program

Ambrosia Trujillo stated this is an annual document. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Colfax County DWI Program and The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division/Driving While Intoxicated Program. 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 – Statement of Assurances, Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program, Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Ambrosia Trujillo stated this is an annual document. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Statement of Assurances, Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program, Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. 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 - Claim of Exemption #13, 32SII, LLC, Silas Jones Manager

Julie Martinez stated she has checked with all the departments and the taxes and solid waste are current. Julie stated the County Attorney reviewed and approved the Claim of Exemption #13. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Claim of Exemption #13, 32SII, LLC for Silas Jones, Manager. 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 – Statement of Receipts and Expenses Report, Colfax County Treasurer

County Treasurer Lydia Garcia presented the Statement of Receipts and Expenses Report. Lydia stated the report did not contain the beginning cash balances. Commissioner Wier questioned the permanent transfer that went to the airport and asked if there was not enough funding to cover the expenses. After further discussion, Commissioner Kern made a motion to accept the Statement of Receipts and Expenses Report presented by the 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.

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

Manager Gore presented the Fee Schedule to the Commissioners. Chairman Trujillo questioned why there was not an amount which will be charged for Road Vacations. Chairman Trujillo stated there were a couple of road vacations done last year and he would like to see a fee assessed for that. It was mentioned about the fee that will be charged for claim of exemption and Manager Gore stated it would depend on the amount

of time the Attorney would spend on checking the exemption. After further discussion Commissioner Wier made a motion to postpone Resolution 2024-06 the Fee Schedule for 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.

17. Discuss/Action – Resolution # 2024-10, Budget Adjustment, Various Funds

Joana Apodaca, Financial Specialist, presented the budget adjustments. Joana stated funds have and needed to be increased in the Legislative Appropriations Joana stated the revenue needed to be increased by \$940,000.00 and the Capital Outlay for the Capital Outlay County Projects needed to be increased by \$940,000.00 and the Yes Program increased their revenue by \$180,000.00 from a grant received therefore, the budget was increased by approximately \$180,000.00. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Resolution # 2024-10, Budget Adjustment, Various Funds. 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 – Lodgers Tax Non-Promotional Funding, Signs for Event Center, Harrelson Pavilion, Jim Young Arena

Tina Colangelo, Lodger's Tax Clerk stated this request was for two signs for the Harrelson Pavilion and the Jim Young Arena. Tina stated one of the signs has already been purchased and installed. Tina stated she forgot to get it on the agenda for approval, but the sign for the Pavilion has been put in place, but the sign for the arena has not. Commissioner Wier stated this would be an audit finding. Commissioner Kern stated she was in-favor of the signs. Commissioner Wier stated he too was in-favor of the signs. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Lodgers Tax Non-Promotional Funding, Signs for Event Center, Harrelson Pavilion, Jim Young Arena. 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 – Event Center Application Updates, Special Event Permit and Overnight Stay Permit

Tina Colangelo stated she retyped the Applications and presented the changes to the County Attorney. Chairman Trujillo asked that a correction be made on page 3 in the last sentence of the Insurance Requirements, removing everything after (TULIP). To include is available through: New Mexico Counties Appendix A, or on <https://lttulip.intactspecialty.com/e/tulip/apply.aspx> or [http://www.onebeaconentertainment.com/\(VenueID\)Code:OB31005](http://www.onebeaconentertainment.com/(VenueID)Code:OB31005)). Commissioner Kern recommended that maybe a list of vendors could be made available by the Manager's Office as someone may not know what TULIP is. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve amending the Event Center Application Updates, Special Event Permit and Overnight Stay Permit striking is available through: New Mexico Counties Appendix A, or on <https://lttulip.intactspecialty.com/e/tulip/apply.aspx> or [http://www.onebeaconentertainment.com/\(VenueID\)Code:OB31005](http://www.onebeaconentertainment.com/(VenueID)Code:OB31005).. 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 – Adopt Colfax County Financial Policy and Procedures

Manager Gore stated he and Tarin have been working on this Financial Policy and Procedures. Manager Gore stated he received a letter from DFA stating if the County were to adopt this policy, the County would be able to continue as a fiscal agent for the grants. Manager Gore stated the reason DFA was not allowing the County to be its own fiscal agent due to the findings in the in the 2022 audit and financial statements. Commissioner Kern asked if the Financial Specialist was included in this because it affects her job description as well as the Treasurer's Office and other departments that have a cash drawer and what is described in here is not being practiced. Checks and balances are not being done currently. Commissioner Kern stated that there are a lot of redundancies between this document and the purchasing policy. Commissioner Kern asked if the Purchasing Officer was involved in preparing this Policy. Manager Gore stated that he did discuss it with the Financial Specialist and found about 6 things that needed to be worked on. Manager Gore stated this is required from Colfax County and went on to report the County has received several grants. Commissioner Kern stated she did not have a problem with the policy and understands the urgency, but Manager Gore is blaming her, but she stated she heard he and the County Attorney failed to respond to a letter from DFA to you and the Attorney that came in last year and this is the reason why this is being brought to the Commission. Commissioner Kern stated if the policy needs to be done, it needs to be done, but get information for the Departments it affects. Commissioner Kern asked the Manager if he brought this to the Department heads last week at his meeting. Commissioner Kern stated shoving this down everyone's throat with requirements that they are being accounted for without their buy-in, is not right. Manager Gore stated it is minor changes and at least this puts the County on the radar for what needs to be addressed by the Commission. Manager Gore stated that he could work with the people that this affects and bring it back to the Commission at their Special Meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Wier stated there was nothing in the policy that is not standard procedure for the finance department. Commissioner Wier stated he did not disagree with Commissioner Kern that it needs to be taken to

Department Heads, but since it is in Resolution rather than Ordinance it can be changed. Commissioner Wier stated it could be sent off to DFA to accommodate their needs and if changes need to be made it could be brought back next week to make the changes. Commissioner Kern stated she is not opposed to the policy, but it could be incorporated to the purchasing policy, because there is a tremendous amount of redundancy and she stated she understands the urgency and feels there needs to be by-ins from the Department. Commissioner Wier stated since it is a policy it makes it easier to make changes. Commissioner Wier stated there were a couple of things he felt needed to be changed, such as transfer of receipts from the building to the bank. He stated that there is room for improvement. Commissioner Wier stated he felt this is a good set of basic rules to follow for the finance department and does need to be tweaked and felt there was no impact but could be brought back to Commission on Thursday and stated it needs to be pushed forward. County Clerk Trujillo stated she had not had time to read the whole policy, but it does affect her office and would like to have input on the policy. Clerk Trujillo stated if the individual that takes in cash needs their own cash drawer, she will need 6 drawers with at least \$200.00 start up cash. Commissioner Kern stated if the policy is put in place that the employees are not able to do, it refers to a financial policy that the County does not have, so automatically the employees are going to be in violation, and she stated she did not think the County Commission should be setting them up for failure. Commissioner Kern recommended the Manager contact DFA to advise them the County is working on it and will have it on the Agenda for Thursday, but she feels it should be taken back to the Department heads and make it reasonable with what they can do at this time. Commissioner Kern stated that she is not opposed to the policy, but everyone needs to have their buy-in. Chairman Trujillo stated he did not like doing anything in haste, but he did not have a problem making changes and corrections and bring it back to the Commission on Thursday. Chairman Trujillo asked about the investment policy, and Treasurer Garcia stated there is a policy and she sent it to Commission a few months back. Chairman Trujillo stated on the Debt Management on page 7 he would like to strike Maintenance Expenditures from the policy, because if the County needs to go into debt the County Could use it for Maintenance Expenditures, that could include new HVAC systems. Chairman Trujillo also requested to strike 6.2 Project Life on page 7, because it is only limiting debt to Capital assets. County Attorney Roh stated it is ok to have it. Chairman Trujillo stated he would like to postpone until Thursday, and he did not feel a couple of days is going to make that big of a difference. Tarin stated she is there in support of a policy. Tarin stated with the Event Center Grant she has a small-time frame, and it would be difficult dealing with a Fiscal Agent, and they could collect up to 3% of the grant funds that cannot come out of the grant. Commissioner Kern asked if there is going to be a meeting with the Department Heads that the CPO and Financial Specialist be involved with that meeting as well. After further discussion, Commissioner Wier made a motion to approve this policy with the understanding it will be taken to the Department Heads in the coming week and any changes made by the Department Heads will be incorporated and be presented to the Commission in the following meeting. 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.

21. Discussion – Colfax County in House Attorney

Chairman Trujillo stated Commissioner Kern requested this be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Kern stated she asked for discussion and stated she felt what the County is spending for legal fees, she felt maybe the County could explore the idea of hiring an inhouse attorney that would be accessible to all staff 24/7 to see what the opinions were from the other Commissioners. Commissioner Kern stated she would like for the County to look into this during the budget cycle. Chairman Trujillo stated he likes the idea but feels the County should still need to keep an Attorney but would like to see about possibly hiring a paralegal. Commissioner Wier stated he knows it would be expensive hiring a paralegal, but their rate is 1/3 to 1/2 of what an attorney would charge. Commissioner Kern stated that it is a good idea for the paralegal, and requests the Manager check with other Counties that use that platform. Commissioner Wier stated it is wise to use the County Attorney, because some mistakes that have been made are and can be very costly to the County.

22. Discuss/Action – Tiger IX Grant

Joana Apodaca stated that she was asked to do a synopsis on the Tiger Grant. Joana stated the following: Colfax County entered a collaborative project to upgrade the infrastructure along the Southwest Chief route in effort to provide critical passenger transportation needed for rural communities in Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. Colfax County acts as the fiscal agent in the federal award of \$25,189,000.00. Total Federal funds amount is \$16,000,000.00, non-federal match is \$9,189,000.00. Matching funds have been provided from various Counties and towns throughout Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas, as well various agencies. Please see attached spreadsheet to review all provided matching funds and dates received. In 2017 Colfax County begin to work with Rick Klein (La Junta City Manager). Mr. Klein was experienced in managing the project as City of La Junta was the fiscal agent of TIGERVIII. Due to a change in management of AMTRAK, the TIGER project was put on hold. AMTRAK did not want to proceed with the project, due to lack of maintenance on the BNSF maintained track as well as the amount of train activity in the area. It was later determined that

because federal funding had already been used to upgrade the line the project would continue. When the decision was made to move forward with the project, we learned Mr. Klein had retired and would no longer be able to offer his assistance. Colfax County was unfamiliar with various requirements and provided little to no guidance. Fast forward to 2020, Colfax County started to issue payments for services and submitted for reimburse for Federal Funds with no issue. In 2022 Colfax County became delinquent in reporting requirement resulting in suspension of Federal Reimbursement. As a result of the suspension, a transfer of \$7,394,024.61 was from the General Fund to cover the expenditures due. I worked with Rich Reiss (FRA) and Bill Craven (NMDOT) to submit all delinquent reporting. In September a reimbursement was received in the amount of \$4,399,117.86, leaving a balance of \$3,016,906.75 due to general fund. The total balance of Federal Funds remaining is \$3,913,608.95. All Federal funds due have been reimbursed to date. Because several Counties, cities, and other entities provided matching funds, I researched all transactions to ensure all matching funds were provided. I have not received matching funds from AMTRAK to date. The pledge letter addressed to Colfax County from AMTRAK offers \$3,000,000.00 match. Currently all reports have been submitted, there is not much activity as far as the construction, due to a delay in power installation. A request to extend the project to March 31, 2025, has been submitted to FRA for approval due to construction delays. Chairman Trujillo stated that he asked for this to be put on the agenda to bring this to the attention of the Commission and stated that the county is owed money and what kind of action they should be taking. Chairman Trujillo asked if this is mostly owed by Amtrak. Joana stated that in her review that is where she believes they have not been able to collect the money and she has no record of any matching funds being awarded to Colfax County from Amtrak. Chairman Trujillo asked if a demand letter can be sent to Amtrak requesting, they pay the funds. Commissioner Wier suggested that they speak with our Federal Representatives on this, but he does agree with a letter. Chairman Trujillo stated that he will meet with the manager to get a letter established and bring to the Commission.

23. Discuss/Action – Ratify Task Order NO. 7, Revise Chicorica Creek Crossing Alignment and Easement Description

Chairman Trujillo stated that this was approved at the Special Meeting on February 6, 2024, but the task order was not on the agenda for approval and that is why it is being brought back. Commissioner Kern made a motion to Ratify Task Order NO. 7, Revise Chicorica Creek Crossing Alignment and Easement Description. 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 – Agreement Colfax County and Rocky Road Gravel and Well Drilling Services, LLC

Manager Gore asked Danielle Avila if the County Attorney instructed her to change the contract. Danielle stated yes and he sent over language to be changed in the insurance section. Danielle reviewed the changes. Chairman Trujillo stated that we are waiving the contractor's builder risk, but the contractor is providing a bond. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Agreement Colfax County and Rocky Road Gravel and Well Drilling Services, LLC. 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.

25. Discuss/Action - Professional Service Contract Between County of Colfax and Arthur Rolloff Inc.

Chairman Trujillo stated that this was brought back because at the Special Meeting on February 6, 2024, he didn't include the amendment that Commissioner Wier requested in the motion. Manager Gore asked County Attorney Roh if the amendment that Commissioner Wier requested was added to the contract. County Attorney Roh stated that it was added. Chairman Trujillo made a motion to approve the Professional Service Contract Between County of Colfax and Arthur Rolloff Inc. with amendments. 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.

26. Discuss/Action – Task Order No. 8, Professional Services for Event Center Restroom Building Addition @ The Colfax County Event Center

Tarin Giacomo stated that there was a meeting with Molzen Corbin on January 30, 2024, to discuss the priority improvements to be made at the Event Center and stated the grant funds must be obligated by June 1, 2024, and expended by June 30, 2024. Tarin stated that they are hoping for an extension through HB2 which would extend the date through June 2027. Tarin stated that three task orders have been brought to

the Commission for consideration. Mike Provine discussed all three task orders. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Task Order No. 8, Professional Services for Event Center Restroom Building Addition @ The Colfax County Event Center. 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.

27. Discuss/Action – Task Order No. 9, Professional Services for Event Center Upgrades

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Task Order No. 9, Professional Services for Event Center Upgrades. 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.

28. Discuss/Action – Task Order No. 10 Professional Services for Event Center Civil Upgrades

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Task Order No. 10, Professional Services for Event Center Civil Upgrades. 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.

29. Discuss- Quarterly Updates, Angel Fire Airport, Maintenance Dept., Lodgers Tax Advisory, and Safety Committee

Manager Gore stated that Scott Matthews from the airport was on snow removal duty and Maintenance Supervisor Fred Martinez had a family situation so they would not be reporting.

Tina Colangelo, Lodgers Tax Clerk stated that in their Commission packet there is a report. Tina stated that they lost four vendors but got five new vendors. Tina stated that they need a new Board Member since Kari Jaramillo resigned and per the guidelines it must be a County Lodgers Taxpayer. Tina stated that Michael Brown from Raton Pass Motor Inn was accepted as a member to represent the public. Commissioner Kern stated that in the past the Commission always approved the appointment of the board. Tina stated that she did not realize that was the process and she will submit the letters of interest to the Commission and put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Kern asked if KRTN has asked for Lodgers Tax funding. Tina stated no they have not asked for funding, but she will reach out to KRTN.

Joe Martinez stated that he is the Chairman for the Safety and Loss Prevention committee, and Alfonso Ortiz is the Vice Chairman, Tina Colangelo is the Secretary, and the two members are Clerk Trujillo and Fred Douglas of VMDC. Joe stated that they had their first meeting on November 26, 2023. Joe stated that they are working on a policy to present to the Commission. Joe stated that they have had a couple of issues that have been addressed one was lighting in the front on the north side of the parking lot and there is a new light now, the fire alarm on the third floor, and the metal detector at the front entrance. Joe stated there is still a hole in the wall in the Assessor's office but that will need to be addressed by maintenance. Joe stated that they are asking for representatives from each department to come to every meeting. Joe stated that during their last meeting the Road Department stated that they have some issues with lifting some heavy equipment and asked the Commission to consider getting a skidsteer for their department and he feels it would make it safer for the employees.

30. Manager's Docket

Manager Gore stated that he was asked to look at buildings the county owns to possibly sell them. Manager Gore presented a slide show of four buildings. The buildings included the Citizens for the DD, Teambuilders, Youth Heart Line, and Mora Head Start. Manager Gore addressed the allegation made by Roger Rael from the last meeting with a slide show of his credentials, education, and work history. Manager Gore stated that they had a department head meeting and the main issue discussed was that we need to work together as departments in a more positive way. Manager Gore stated that he got a letter from John Hronich thanking the county for working diligently to get a low water crossing and working on replacement of the bridge. Manager Gore thanked the Commission for approving the financial policy and he will work with other department heads to get any issues resolved.

31. Commissioners' Docket

Commissioner Kern stated that the financial policy is imperative and suggested there be a comparison made with like size counties and not from the two biggest counties in the state. Commissioner Kern stated that she is trying to set up a meeting with a representative from AT&T to see why they backed out of putting up a tower in Maxwell. Commissioner Kern requested that Manager Gore notify the Commissioners of any new lawsuits. Commissioner Kern asked why there is a special meeting on Thursday since this has already been addressed. Chairman Trujillo stated that he asked for the special meeting because we were chosen as a finalist for this grant, and they wanted a letter of intent for it.

Commissioner Wier stated he hopes that as a County we can come together and work for the betterment of the constituents. Commissioner Wier stated that it seems like somebody is always attacking somebody and sides change and its counterproductive. Commissioner Wier stated that they need to work together as a team for the County. Commissioner Wier stated that employees need to figure out how to work together and not go after each other. Commissioner Wier stated that Roger Rael was asked to come here by people who are involved with the county to attack Manager Gore and got Roger excited to come in and tell lies. Commissioner Wier stated that most of what Roger posts on Facebook is lies and stuff he makes up. Commissioner Wier stated that if we want to continue to serve our constituents, we have got to quit attacking each other. Commissioner Kern stated that Roger has come after herself, County Clerk Trujillo, Joe Martinez, and Sheriff Baca, and if you're in public office you must expect that to a degree, and we have all been there and it is unfortunate.

Chairman Trujillo stated that he asked Manager Gore to find out who could be a fiscal agent for Colfax County and stated that North Central was one and he asked the County Manager to talk with the City of Raton to see if they could be a fiscal agent for this one project if necessary. Chairman Trujillo stated that he went to the Roundhouse and met with most of our representatives. Chairman Trujillo stated that Representative Sanchez was going to give \$ 100,000.00 to Colfax County. Chairman Trujillo stated that he talked to Representative Chatfield, and he is going to allocate \$550,000.00 to the Sheriff's Office for new vehicles. Chairman Trujillo stated that he met with Senator Campos and pushed for the RISE grant funding and for the HB2 grant funding extension. Chairman Trujillo stated that he spoke briefly with the Governor and thanked her for everything she is doing for Colfax County. Chairman Trujillo stated that last week himself and Manager Gore went on This That and The Other and gave a yearly review on the County. Chairman Trujillo stated that Tarin submitted our broad band grant.

32. 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 11:04 a.m.



ATTEST:

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Si Trujillo

Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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