

February 15, 2024
Special Meeting

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

Si Trujillo, Chairman
Mary Lou Kern, Vice-Chairman - Via Electronic Device
Bret Wier, Member - Via Electronic Device
Rayetta M. Trujillo, County Clerk
Monte Gore, County Manager

Others present: Sara Torres, Tim Martinez, and Tina Colangelo.

1. Call to Order

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

2. 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.

3. Discuss/Action – Colfax County Partner Letter of Commitment for U.S. Department of Transportation Thriving Communities Program

Tarin Giacomo, Grant Writer, stated at the November meeting, the commission agreed to participate in a letter of interest to the Department of Transportation for their Thriving Communities Program. The City of Raton applied as the lead applicant and Colfax and Las Animas counties joined as community partners.

Tarin stated on Friday, the County was notified the letter of interest was selected as a finalist. Tarin stated the County is to submit a letter of commitment by today to the DOT.

Tarin stated the commitment letter format she is following requires that the County describe its anticipated role and the nature of the relationship between Colfax County and the City of Raton, including a brief description of past partnerships, and to describe the nature of the county's relationship with the identified disadvantaged community and the experience with engaging meaningfully with the community.

Tarin stated Colfax County's commitment would consist of working with the team to co-design a scope of work, helping with implementation activities and community engagement, assisting in providing technical assistance and planning support, including potentially receiving and administering sub-grants, and participating in annual convenings. Tarin stated there is no financial commitment required to take part in this program.

Tarin stated this is not a direct grant program but is for communities to receive support from DOT selected Capacity Builders and to assist in helping scope, fund, and develop transportation infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Partner Letter of Commitment for U.S. Department of Transportation Thriving Communities 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.

4. 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 9:04 a.m.



COLFAX COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS

Si Trujillo

Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

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Clerk of the Board