

Regular Meeting
August 10, 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 9:03 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 but none were made. Commissioner Fernandez made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. 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 and Budget Workshop Minutes for July 27, 2020, Special Meeting for July 30, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2020

Chairman LeDoux stated the Commission received the minutes prior. He asked the Board if they had any comments. The Commissioners stated they did not have any corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Newton made a motion to approve Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop Minutes for July 27, 2020, Special Meeting for July 30, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes for August 4, 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, Linda Gallegos, Danielle Martinez, Glen Stevens, Roger Smith, Nick Cardenas, Rose Bernal, Brenda Samora, and Sharon Niederman.

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 on July 31st the County Commissioners eliminated the Assessor's Office Business Personal Property Mobile Home Specialist position by the approval of the Plan #2 of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos stated County Assessor Kristi Graham protested the Board's approval of Plan #2 on July 27th, but she was not provided the opportunity on July 31st. She presented information on how eliminating the position could impact the County. Commissioner Fernandez stated the Commission did not eliminate the position. He stated the position is frozen with the recommendation of County Manager Kern. Commissioner Fernandez stated the Commission will wait until the 1st quarter to review for potential unfreezing of the position. He stated the Commission voted to place a freeze on County hiring's except for Safety Sensitive Positions. County Manager Kern stated Commissioner Fernandez is correct, the position is frozen and was not eliminated but was not funded at this time. There was discussion over the position not being funded and if it is frozen or eliminated. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos stated there are processes the position should be fulfilling and the Assessor's

Office is 10 days into the month with the duties halted. Chairman LeDoux stated specific Safety Sensitive Positions were not part of the hiring freeze when it was voted on and the hiring freeze was not lifted. He stated Safety Sensitive Positions were approved to hire if needed. Commissioner Newton stated his understanding was the Assessor's position and the Lodger's Tax Clerk position were eliminated when the funding wasn't granted for the positions under Plan #2 which he voted against it. Chairman LeDoux stated due to the unknown impact of COVID-19, all funding concerns will be cautiously approached. He thanked Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos for her presentation and stated the Commissioners would take the information under advisement. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos stated the County would see the effects of the position not being utilized. She questioned who would perform the duties of the eliminated position. Commissioner Fernandez questioned if she was taking the position with her statements that the Assessor's Office will not try or attempt to perform the duties so the taxes can be collected. She stated her office would try to complete the work, but her office will negatively be affected due to the attention it requires. Commissioner Fernandez thanked Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos for her presentation and stated there were concerns with the Assessor's Office position being filled due to a violation of the Personnel Policy and the specified mandates not being honored. Chief Deputy Assessor Gallegos requested the Commission give her their word stating the Commission did not eliminate the position and the funds would be granted to fill the position when the hiring freeze is lifted. Chairman LeDoux stated this was not an action item and decisions could not be made. Chairman LeDoux stated the Commission would be required to review the information provided and no decisions would be made at the present time, but a meeting will be scheduled to address the concerns. There was discussion over the Assessor's Office increased budget for 2020-2021. There was no further discussion.

8. Discuss/Action – Approve Expenditures

General Fund	\$ 471,854.32
General Hold Harmless GRT	0.00
Hold Harmless GRT	0.00
Corrections Fund	50,796.08
County Property Valuation	9,098.77
Vermejo Debt Service	0.00
County Road Department	91,534.25
French Tract Fire Fund	755.05
Miami Fire Fund	954.80
Farley Fire Fund	605.97
Ute Park Fire Fund	417.30
Philmont Fire Fund	913.83
Moreno Valley Fire Fund	1,039.89
County Fire Marshal Fire Fund	605.94
Rapid Response Fire Fund	822.91
Vermejo Park Fire Fund	166.67
Moreno Valley Wildfire	0.00
Farley Wildfire Suppression	308.49
French Tract Wildfire Suppression	0.00
Philmont Wildfire Suppression	621.34
Ute Park Wildfire Suppression	0.00
Vermejo Wildfire Suppression	1,568.24
CC Rapid Response Wildfire Suppression	0.00
Law Enforcement Protection	8,694.41
Lodgers Tax	0.00
YES Program	7,096.25
YES BHSD Prevention	5,925.62
Maternal/Child Healthcare	0.00
NM Transportation Grants	32,669.09
WIPP	0.00
Legislative Appropriations	0.00
Indigent Care Gross Receipts	53,863.48
Fire Protection – Fire Excise Tax	0.00
Community DWI – TSB	0.00
DWI Distribution	8,075.48
LDWI Grant	756.50
State Farm	0.00
DWI-ALC	0.00
Recording/Filing Fund	0.00
Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	0.00