

May 28, 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 9:10 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 to strike item #19 - Discuss/Action – Approval of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 from the agenda. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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.

5. Approve Public Input Forum and Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2024

Chairman Trujillo asked if anyone had any corrections or changes to the minutes. Chairman Trujillo stated he emailed the Clerk regarding one change on the Regular Meeting Minutes, and he asked Deo to be changed to Mr. Soto on the ICIP Public Input Forum. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Public Input Forum and Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2024, 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: Sara Torres, Tim Martinez, Tarin Giacomo, Tina Colangelo, Todd Tatum, Danielle Avila, Nate Sandoval, Lenore Barfield, Aaron Fluhman, Kristi Graham, Debbie Ortiz, Craig Sime, Steven McConnell, Roger Smith, Julie Martinez, Leonard Baca, and via electronic device –Mike Provine, Amadeo Soto, Regina Slade, and Jun Roh.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Trujillo asked if there was anyone that would like to make a public comment regarding anything that is not on the agenda and asked that the comment be limited to three minutes. Todd Tatum asked if the Budget was going to be made available to the public and Chairman Trujillo stated it would be available on the Portal.

8. Discuss/Approve-Indigent Care Claim

There were no indigent Care Claims – No Action Taken.

9. Discuss/Action – Claim of Exemption #13, Nancy Burch Western Center, LLC

Julie Martinez presented the Claim of Exemption #13 for Nancy Burch Western Center, LLC. Ms. Martinez stated the Burch Claim of Exemption #13 meets all requirements and was approved by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Claim of Exemption #13 for Nancy Burch Western Center, LLC. 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.

10. Discuss/Action - Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for fiscal year 2026-2030.

Tarin Giacomo presented the ICIP for Fiscal years 2026-2030. Commissioner Wier stated he was concerned the amount requested as item 2 for the New Main Fire Station for Moreno Valley Fire District was not enough and asked Fire Chief Craig Sime to speak on behalf of what was paid to build the Val Verde Fire Station. Mr. Sime stated it would cost about \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to build a new station. Mr. Sime stated he does not have the numbers yet or the land where the station would be located. Commissioner Wier requested the amount be increased to \$3,000,000.00. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for fiscal year 2026-2030, as amended increasing the amount for the New Main Fire Station for Moreno Valley Fire District to \$3,000,000.00. 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 – RFB 2024-03, Colfax County Angel Fire Airport Runway Lighting Rehabilitation

Mike Provine stated this RFB was for the runway lighting system rehabilitation at the Colfax County Airport at Angel Fire. Mr. Provine stated bids would be opened on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the RFP would be awarded at the July 9, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve RFB 2024-03, Colfax County Angel Fire Airport Runway Lighting Rehabilitation. 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 – Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and City of Raton

Danielle Avila presented the Vector Control Services Agreement between Colfax County and the City of Raton. Chairman Trujillo stated the Raton City Manager's name needed to be changed. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and City of Raton as amended. 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 – Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Raton Country Club

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Raton Country Club. 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 – Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Town of Springer

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Town of Springer. 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 – Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Village of Cimarron

Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Village of Cimarron. 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 – Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Village of Maxwell

Commissioner Kern advised Kay Pinkston is not the Mayor of Maxwell and her name should be changed to Mark Cruz. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve the Colfax County Vector Control Services Agreement Between Colfax County and Village of Maxwell. 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.

17. Discuss/Action – Letters in Support of Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, Ben Lujan, Martin Heinrich, and Teresa Leger Fernandez

Chairman Trujillo stated that this was brought to him, and he is bringing it to the Commission. Chairman Trujillo stated that NM Counties supports this. Commissioner Kern made a motion to approve Letters in Support of Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, Ben Lujan, Martin Heinrich and Teresa Leger Fernandez. 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. Discussion – Introduction to Ordinance 2024-04, An Ordinance Establishing an Affordable Housing Program Pursuant to The Colfax County Affordable Housing Plan; Defining Terms; Establishing Application Requirements and Review Criteria; And Establishing Procedures to Administer an Affordable Housing Program

Commissioner Wier stated that this was brought to us from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority to develop workforce housing throughout Colfax County. Commissioner Wier stated that this ordinance is required to avoid anti donation clauses in the development of workforce housing and would allow county and municipal governments to contribute to the development of workforce housing. Commissioner Wier stated that if we are going forward with this ordinance, we will need to have public hearings on this, but this is just to start the process.

19. Discuss/Action – Approval of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

This item was stricken under item #4.

20. Manager's Docket

Manager Gore stated that Warden Slade and the Detention Center are moving forward with accreditation. Manager Gore stated that there was a total of six thousand E-911 errors and there are only forty left that must be fixed. Manager Gore stated that the solid waste letters went out last week. Manager Gore asked Fire Marshal Sandoval to come up to the podium and asked him to talk about the Vector Control position. Fire Marshall Sandoval stated that they had one applicant, and they are ready to go, and he is getting classes lined up for himself and the new Vector Control person so that they can get their certifications. Manager Gore stated that Mike Provine, himself, Allison Brook, and Scott Mathews worked on the ICIP for the airport. Commissioner Kern asked what the processes was to notify landowners with new E-911 addresses. Manager Gore stated that they have already been notified of the changes. Commissioner Wier asked if there was any progress with the Road Department hiring a person for Moreno Valley. Manager Gore stated that there was an individual hired and he resides in Cimarron. Commissioner Wier asked if the fifteen mile per hour signs that were purchased last year could be put up before the 4th of July holiday. Manager Gore stated that they ordered signs for the Chicorica Low Water Crossing for public safety and they have been put up. Commissioner Kern asked what the status was on filling the financial specialist position. Manager Gore stated that they are in the process of getting applications and the focus is to work with Tia on the budget and then focus on replacing the position after the budget process. Commissioner Kern stated that it was her understanding that the budget was due on Friday and the meeting is set for Saturday. Commissioner Wier stated that state statue says it is due on June 1<sup>st</sup> and stated that he looked it up and talked to DFA. Commissioner Kern stated that we need to be sure of the date. County Attorney Jun Roh stated that the statue says it must be submitted on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Chairman Trujillo asked if they needed to have a meeting on Friday if 5:30 p.m. would work for everyone. They would all be available on Friday if a meeting was needed. Commissioner Wier stated that they could meet and discuss the budget and approve the budget in one meeting.

21. Commissioners' Docket

Commissioner Kern did not have a report.

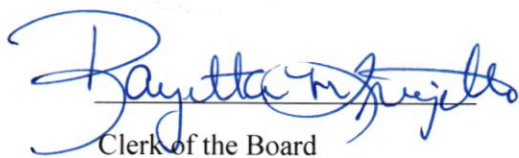
Commissioner Wier stated that he has been doing some research on the fire station at the airport and found out that if it is going to be built outside of the airport there must be an egress into the airport which is going to be a long process with the FAA to get approval. Commissioner Wier stated that it makes no sense to get property donated outside of the airport and suggested to work with the FAA for acquiring property on the airport. Commissioner Wier stated that he monitored the solid waste in the Valley over the weekend and everything looked good.

Chairman Trujillo asked Manager Gore what the date was for the Raton clean-up day. Manager Gore stated that it is on June 1, 2024, and the county is working with the city and the county is putting out three roll offs. Chairman Trujillo stated that they received a thank you from Representative Sanchez and Senator Campos for their letters of appreciation. Chairman Trujillo stated that he met with Triadic last week to better understand their system. Chairman Trujillo stated that this Thursday Representative Fernandez will be here at the Kearney school to present them with a check for three million dollars for the film school. Chairman Trujillo stated that he will be attending the next meeting remotely and asked Commissioner Kern to conduct the next meeting. Chairman Trujillo asked if any of the Commissioners were going to attend the NM Counties Annual Conference in Las Vegas and stated that he was not going to attend. Commissioner Wier stated that he was going to attend the conference. Commissioner Kern stated that she was not sure if she was going to attend. Chairman Trujillo stated that there will be a special meeting on Saturday June 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

22. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



  
Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

Bret E. Wier – via Electronic Device

Member