

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

New Mexico Emergency Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Thomas F Stewart, Chair
Lynn Willard, Vice Chair

Elaine Allen, Member
Jon Crunk, Member
Todd Proctor, Member

Minutes Monday April 26, 2021

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 6:00 PM on April 26, 2021 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

1. Call to Order

Chair Stewart called the Emergency Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Stewart (Via Zoom), Commissioner Allen (Via Zoom), Commissioner Willard (Via Zoom), Commissioner Crunk (Via Zoom), Commissioner Proctor (Via Zoom).

Others present included Ira Pearson (Via Zoom), County Manager; Alan Morel (Via Zoom), County Attorney; and Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk.

3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Stewart.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – USA Flag
- b. Salute – NM Flag

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Proctor, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

6. Discussion / possible action: Resolution No. 2020-39 Declaring an Emergency to Expedite Property Management of the Rapidly Growing Forest Fire in the Loma Grande, Lincoln County, New Mexico region.

Chair Stewart informed the purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to declare Lincoln County an Emergency to Expedite Property Management of the Rapidly Growing Forest Fire in the Loma Grande, Lincoln County, New Mexico region which started on April 26, 2021.

Roby Hall, Assistant Chief Bonito Volunteer Fire Department stated a wildfire was reported on the morning of Monday, April 26, 2021. Assistant Chief Hall stated the Three Rivers Fire is located 1/2 a mile above Three Rivers Campground on the backside of the White Mountains of the Smokey Bear Ranger District. Assistant Chief Hall stated a Type 1 fire crew was expected to take charge of the fire Tuesday evening.

Assistant Chief Hall informed the smoke was highly visible from Highway 54 and the fire was currently 30 acres. Assistant Chief Hall stated fire personnel would use a combination of tactics from the air and ground to fully suppress the fire.

Michael Wood, Sheriff stated evacuations were in effect for portions of Lincoln County and informed Ski Apache Ski Run Road was closed. Sheriff Wood stated if people needed a place to go the Nazarene Church Camp, the Capitan Senior Center, and the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center were set up to take in evacuees. Sheriff Wood asked people to avoid the region where the evacuations were taking place to prevent an influx within the area. Manager Pearson informed evacuees with livestock can take their animals to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ways to obtain informational updates.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 2020-39, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Allen, **Seconded by** Commissioner Proctor.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

7. Next meetings:

- a. May 4, 2021 Special Commission Meeting
- b. May 18, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting

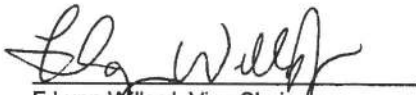
8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM.

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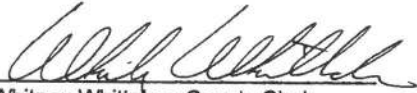


Jon Crunk, Member



Todd Proctor, Member

ATTEST:



Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk

May 18, 2021
Date Approved

