

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 Friday April 12, 2022

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 8:30 PM on April 12, 2022, in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

In accordance with the New Mexico Public Health Emergency Order, this meeting was conducted on a platform for video and audio.

1. Call to Order

Chair Stewart called the Emergency Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:30 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 County Manager (Via Zoom); Alan Morel County Attorney (Via Zoom); and Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk (Via Zoom).

3. 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 Crunk, Commissioner Proctor, Commissioner Willard.

Chair Stewart informed the County of Lincoln called this Emergency meeting in accordance with our Open Meetings Act Resolution 2021-30; unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety, and property of citizen of to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. Chair Stewart informed within ten days of acting on the emergency matter, the public body shall report to the attorney general's office the action taken and the circumstances creating the emergency; provided that the requirement to report to the attorney general is waived upon the declaration of a state or national emergency.

4. Resolution 2021-52 Lincoln County Disaster Declaration including but not limited to McBride Fire and Nogal Canyon Fire.

Joe Kenmore, Office of Emergency Services provided an update on the current fires within Lincoln County. Mr. Kenmore stated the McBride fire remains at 0% containment, about 150 structures and houses have been lost and 4,132 acres have burned.

Mr. Kenmore reported the Nogal fire Current Acreage was 400 with 0% Containment, 10 Structures Lost or Damaged at this time.

Mr. Kenmore stated the Village experienced power outages and no estimated time for the power to be restored.

Mr. Kenmore stated the following roads remain closed in the Village:
- Gavilan Canyon from Meander to Hull Road

- Warrior from Hull to Gavilan
- Roads East of Hull from Warrior to Gavilan Canyon like Snowcap, McBride, Timberline, etc.

Sheriff Wood stated law enforcement is working on evacuations, that is the main concern at the moment.

Mr. Kenmore stated mandatory evacuations are in place for the area around Moon Mountain, McBride/Snowcap/Timberline, Eagle Creek, Homestead Acres, Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Deer Valley, Deer Park, and Alto East of Flute Player. If you live in those areas, please evacuate to the Ruidoso Convention Center. More evacuations are possible.

Ira Pearson County Manager stated the Ruidoso Convention Center is open and the Red Cross is on site to assist those who have evacuated. Manager Pearson stated the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Roswell Animal Shelter and Otero Fairgrounds are open for those who need to evacuate with livestock.

Chair Stewart stated he was contacted by the New Mexico Governor, and they are aware of the current wildfire situation.

Commissioner Willard stated he had been evacuated.

Alan Morel, Attorney requested a change to Resolution with an insert of "not" into the first paragraph.

Attorney Morel reported after communication with PNM, they will start re-energizing of lines at 9 am to assess the damage.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 2021-52 **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 Crunk, Commissioner Proctor, Commissioner Willard.

SEE EXHIBIT A: Copy of Resolution 2021-52 is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

All Commissioners authorized permission to use electronic signature and or stamp.

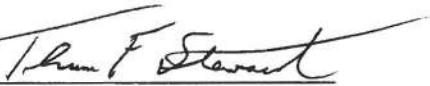
5. Next Meeting

- a. Regular Commission Meeting - April 19, 2022

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

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Todd Proctor

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ATTEST:

Whitney Whittaker

Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk

May 17, 2022
Date Approved

