New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Thomas F. Stewart, Chair Lynn Willard, Vice Chair Elaine Allen, Member Jon Crunk, Member Todd Proctor, Member

Minutes Thursday June 2, 2022

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 8:30 AM on Thursday June 2, 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

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

Others present included Ira Pearson, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Shannan Hemphill, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Invocation

Invocation was presented by Chair Stewart.

- Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Pledge U.S.A. Flag
 - b. Salute N.M. 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. Approval of Budget Adjustment FY 21/22 by Resolution 2021-66

Motion: Approve Resolution 2021-66, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Allen, Seconded by Commissioner Willard.

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

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

SEE EXIBIT A: Copy of Resolution 2021-66 is attached hereto in reference thereto made apart hereof.

7. Approval of Local Government Road Fund Program funding for the 2023 fiscal year

Jeff Honeycutt, Road Superintendent, explained this funding is a part of the Lower Eagle Creek Project in which the county was able to request additional funding with a 25% match as well. Mr. Honeycutt stated its a 2.2-mile road, however they only had funding for about ¾ mile.

There was a brief discussion about which end of the road to start the project on.

Motion: Approve the Road Fund Program, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Allen, Seconded by Commissioner Willard.

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

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

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) Program

a. Approval to Fund the 25% Match at an Estimated Amount of \$150,000.00 with County General Funds and In-Kind Services

Manager Pearson stated he had been working directly with the NRCS to identify about eight projects which were mainly on private land and were meant to help with the flooding. Manager Pearson explained in-kind services and work done by EcoServants would count towards the match.

Commissioner Willard questioned the projects that were a part of the Village of Ruidoso. Manager Pearson stated there were about 3 projects in the Village of Ruidoso so there would be an agreement created with the Village of Ruidoso to reimburse the County for the 25% match for those specific projects.

Motion: Approve up to \$150,000, 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.

 Approval to Sign NRCS Recovery Project Agreements for McBride and Nogal Fire and Wind Event Emergencies

Motion: Allow the County Manager to sign NRCS Recovery Project Agreements, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Willard, **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.

 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with South Central Mountain Resource & Development Council for the Management of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/ Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

Laura Doth, South Central Mountain RC&D, informed they had been working closely with NRCS and they all understood the expedient nature of these projects. Ms. Doth stated they were working on the agreements with the property owners which would include all documents necessary including authorization to go on the property to complete the work.

- 9. Projects in The County of Lincoln On-Call Engineers, Wilson & Co.
 - a. Funding
 - b. Planning

Eric Hamilton, Wilson & Co, gave a presentation on the funding and planning of various projects in the County.

- c. Design
- d. Pre-Construction

Jimmie Craig, project architect for Wilson & Co, gave a presentation on the design and preconstruction of projects in the County to include the Fairgrounds.

Robert Shepperd, Fair Board Member, voiced some concern over safety issues in the layout of the Fairground Plans.

 e. Discussion & Consideration to Approve Professional Design Service Task Order for the Fairgrounds Phase 1 Site Improvements

Mr. Hamilton explained the Task Order for the Fairgrounds Phase 1 Site Improvements in the amount of \$266,908.43.

Motion: Approve the Task Order for the Fairgrounds Phase 1, 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.

f. Discussion & Consideration to Approve Professional Design Service Task Order for the Palo Verde Slopes/Stetson Avenue Drainage Study and Design Improvements

Mr. Hamilton explained the Task Order for the Palo Verde Slopes in the amount of \$51,759.21.

Motion: Approve the Task Order as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Allen, Seconded by Commissioner Willard.

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

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

g. Discussion & Consideration to Approve Professional Design Service Task Order for the Lower Eagle Creek Road Phase 1 Roadway Reconstruction Improvements

Chair Stewart stated the Task Order for the Lower Eagle Creek Road phase 1 roadway reconstruction project was for \$146,005.75.

Motion: Approve the Task Order as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Willard, 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.

 h. Discussion & Consideration to Approve Professional Design Service Task Order for the Perry Springs Roadway Concrete Low Water Crossing

Item was not ready for discussion and will be brought back at a later meeting.

 Discussion & Consideration to Approve Professional Design Service Task Order for the new ADA Compliant Men's and Women's Bathrooms located at the Carrizozo County Complex.

Mr. Craig explained the Task Order for the ADA Compliant bathrooms in the amount of \$37,015.02.

Motion: Approve the Task Order as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Willard, 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.

10. Signing of Official Documents

Commissioner Crunk authorized the use of his signature stamp.

11. Next meeting:

June 14, 2022 - Regular Commission Meeting and Canvassing of Votes

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

County of Lincoln Board of Commissioners

Thomas F. Stewart, Chair

F Lynn Willard, Vice Chair

Elaine Allen, Member

Jon Crunk, Member

Todd Proctor, Member

ATTEST:

Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk

July 19, 2022 Date Approved

