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**Torrance County Board of Commissioners**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**February 24, 2016**

**Commissioners Present:**        **James Frost-Member, Vice-Chair**  
   **Julia DuCharme-Member**

**Others Present:**                    **Joy Ansley-County Manager**  
   **Annette Ortiz- Deputy County Manager**  
   **Dennis Wallin-County Attorney**  
   **Michelle Jones -Clerical**

**Commissioner Frost will chair today’s meeting in Chairman Candelaria’s absence.**

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Commissioner Frost calls the February 24, 2016 meeting to order at 9:04 am. He welcomes all those present to the meeting and leads us in the pledge. Mr. Mike Anaya, former Commissioner, gives the invocation.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Frost asks for a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda:**

Commissioner Frost asks for a motion to approve today’s agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve today’s Commission Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Frost asks for a motion to approve today's consent agenda.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve today's Consent Agenda. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**There are no indigent claims to be approved today.**

### **\*Action Items\***

#### ***Items to Be Considered and Acted Upon***

#### **Commission Matters:**

##### **1. Updates**

**Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk,** speaks. She presents the Commission with the 2016 Primary Election Information flyer that her office created. She thanks her employee, Yvonne Otero, for her work on the flyer. The flyer contains important dates to remember, polling places, County, State, and Federal offices that will be on the ballot, Early and Absentee voting information, alternate voting sites, contact information, etc. Ms. Jaramillo informs all that candidate filing day is March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Clerk's office from 9:00am to 5:00pm. She further states that voter registration for the Primary Election closes May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Municipalities agreed to place copies of the flyers in the utility bills that are being mailed out to their customers next week. Ms. Jaramillo thanks the Municipalities for their help in getting this information out to the voters. The flyers are available in the Clerk's office.

**Steve Guetschow, Planning and Zoning Director,** speaks. Mr. Guetschow is a member of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee and is on a committee to update the Interstate Stream Commission's plan. There is a draft of the plan on the EBWPC website which is available for public review and written comment. The instructions for written comment are attached to the draft. Written comments are due by March 4<sup>th</sup> to Cheri Lujan at the Estancia Water Conservation District Office. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Board is meeting again to review all the written

comments and pass those over to representatives from the Interstate Stream Commission. The Interstate Stream Commission will review the written comments and then draw up their final plan. Mr. Guetschow distributed copies of the draft plan to the libraries in Mountainair, Estancia, Moriarty, and Edgewood, and to the Town Halls in Willard and Encino.

Mr. Guetschow also comments about the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Members of the P&Z Board are interested: Ron Graham, Jose Torrez, and Gail Langell. Red Maxwell might also be interested. The Commission will need to keep the requirements of a Notice of Quorum in mind if they appoint all these P& Z Board members.

**Javier Sanchez, Emergency Manager**, submitted the following written update:

Torrance County Commission Update  
From Torrance County Emergency Management  
February 23, 2016

Current Ongoing Grants/Projects:

1. **FY13 Disaster Recovery Grant:** Project 54 is completed. Two additional projects are pending. The grant is valued at \$169,855.22.
2. **FY14 State Homeland Security Grant:** This grant is recently completed. Request for reimbursement will be turned in with the March quarterly report. The grant is valued at \$60,904.71
3. **Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant:** A draft of the plan is complete and a final draft will be submitted to NM DHSEM by the end of February.
4. **Torrance County EOC Exercise:** An exercise is being planned for late summer 2016.
5. **Torrance County Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Next quarterly meeting will take place in April and an exercise is being planned for late summer 2016. A grant application is being prepared by the Torrance County BM for submission to NM DHSEM's HMEP Grant Program, whereby funds are awarded to county LBPCs for exercise programs. The application is due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. **WIPP Grant:** Annual project is planned for this project and funds are expected to be expended by the end of March 2016.
7. **2016 CRI Program:** Torrance County BM will participate in this year's exercise and the MOU is signed and submitted to NM DOH.
8. **CERT Program:** A training class is planned and will be promoted for March 18-20<sup>th</sup> at the Moriarty Civic Center.

9. **FY13 (Special) EMPG Grant Program:** This project is complete.
10. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan:** This project is ready to commence in coordination with the Claunch/Pluto Soil and Water Conservation District.
11. **Disaster Recovery Winter Storm "Goliath":** Actual costs for the County are being prepared and project summaries compiled by Torrance County OEM for submission to NM DHSEM's Recovery Unit by the end of March.
12. **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:** Notices of Interest are being prepared by Torrance County OEM in conjunction with FEMA representatives. An application is intended for submission to NM DHSEM as soon as NOIs are approved and application guidance released.
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**Commissioner Frost** speaks. He takes this opportunity to wish Ms. Joy Ansley a very Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Joy!

**Madam Commissioner DuCharme** speaks. She states that she received an invitation to the Torrance County Firefighters Banquet; she is very happy that this banquet is going to happen. There is a picture on the invitation of volunteer firefighters from Torrance County, Moriarty, Mountainair, and Estancia and it is really well done. Madam Commissioner DuCharme thanks everyone who was involved in organizing this event. The banquet will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Request Approval of LDWI Grant Application of the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, Special Programs Bureau for FY2017- Tracey Master, DWI Prevention Coordinator** Ms. Master speaks. Up for approval is the grant distribution funding application between Torrance County and the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, Special Programs Bureau for FY2017. She states that this is an annual application and it enables us to continue our DWI prevention efforts in Torrance County. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the LDWI Grant Application of the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, Special Programs Bureau for FY2017. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Master to explain the application coversheet. There are three columns on the coversheet. Ms. Master explains that

the first column is the grant column; it details what we are requesting from the competitive grant. The second column is the distribution amount and is formulaic in nature; it takes into consideration GRT, crash data, DWI arrests, etc. The third column is the component total; the sum of the other two columns. The total grant request amount is \$110,027.00, the total Distribution request amount is \$92,673.00, and the total Program request amount is \$202,700.00. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Request Out-of-State Travel to Anaheim, California for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference- Tracey Master, DWI Prevention Coordinator** Ms. Master speaks. She is requesting approval of out-of-state travel to Anaheim California to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference. The conference is held every year; Ms. Master tries to attend every other year. She will be driving and her budget can support the expense. She is requesting actuals. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the Request for Out-of-State Travel to Anaheim, California for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks what the approximate total cost for this travel will be. Ms. Master estimates the total cost at approximately \$1,500.00. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Request Approval of 2015 City of Moriarty Shelter Operations After-Action Report/Improvement Plan- Javier Sanchez, Emergency Manager** Mr. Sanchez speaks. He is requesting approval of the 2015 City of Moriarty Shelter Operations After-Action Report/Improvement Plan. The plan includes a series of recommendations that were developed as a result of an after-action meeting that was conducted on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The plan/report was reviewed and approved by all the stake holders involved and has been finalized and sent to the Mayor of Moriarty. It is now ready for approval by the Commission, and then by the City of Moriarty. Once approved, action can begin to be taken on the recommendations which need to be completed before next winter. All documentation attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the 2015 City of Moriarty Shelter Operations After-Action Report/Improvement Plan. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments about how Mr. Sanchez conducted this process. He communicated very

well to all involved and was very open to everyone's input. She thanks Mr. Sanchez for his efforts. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Waste Management Contract Renewal- Danette Huckins, Animal Shelter Supervisor** Ms. Huckins speaks. She is requesting Commission approval for the Shelter's Waste Management Contract renewal. It has been a year since they signed the last one and in order to receive the same rate, they must renew now. There is one change; the indemnity clause has been taken out. It has been reviewed by the County attorney. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the Waste Management Contract Renewal. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if Ms. Huckins is pleased with the contract. She is. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Resolution 2016-10 Line Item Transfer(s)- Amanda Tenorio, Finance Director** Ms. Tenorio speaks. She is requesting approval of Resolution 2016-10 Line Item Transfers. These requested line item transfers are within the County's budgeted funds for the FY15/16 budget. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve 2016-10 Line Item Transfer(s). Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**\*Commission Matters:**

**7. Proposed Contract between Torrance County and Ambitions Technology Group for IT Services** Ms. Ansley speaks. After some discussion at the last few Commission meetings, it was decided that it would be best to try to outsource our IT services. Ms. Ansley states that the County has been doing some contracting with Ambitions during the County's switch to fiber optic and has been doing some other IT work with us now on a time and materials basis. The Commission has asked to see a proposal from Ambitions for the total care of our IT services. This proposal can be discussed today and possibly approved at a later date. In the proposal, the County will receive the following services:

- 24/7 Systems monitoring, analysis & escalation
- Initial Problem Assessment
- Anti-Virus/Spyware licensing and management
- LogMeln Pro secure remote access licensing
- Centralized Patch Management of Microsoft and Standard Third Party Software (Java, Flash, etc)
- Preventative Maintenance & Upkeep of servers, workstations and network Infrastructure (switches, routers, firewall, wireless) excluding cable plant
- Domain and Website hosting
- ATG Cloud Security, which includes email spam/virus filtering, email encryption, email continuity, and OpenDNS Umbrella web security
- 25GB Basic cloud backup (1 free agent)
- Optional email archiving (additional cost)
- Hosted Exchange (additional cost)

Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks who is providing all these services for us now. Ms. Ansley answers that Ambitions is currently providing services on an as needed basis for time and materials. Lobo Net currently handles domain and website hosting. The County does not have a contract with Lobo Net. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that currently, in the County budget for FY15/16, we are paying \$72,030.00 for maintenance contracts. What are we paying for? Ms. Ansley replies that some of that is for Lobo Net for certain services that they provide, and some of it goes to Triadic for certain services that they provide. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if we can wait till the new fiscal year to take action on this proposed contract. Ms. Ansley replies that from the County's perspective, we can. She is not sure about Ambitions perspective; she will have to talk with them. Commissioner Frost asks Mr. Wallin if he has any concerns about this contract. Mr. Wallin replies that the only issue he has with the contract is under paragraph 11) Jurisdiction. The State court jurisdiction for claims should remain in Torrance County. The way it is written currently, it would indicate that it would be in Albuquerque, which would not be acceptable. Commissioner Frost suggests having the appropriate change made before the contract is approved. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to table this item. There is no second. **MOTION DIES**

**8. Request Torrance County Commission Create a Veteran's Advisory Board- Fred Sanchez, American Legion Post 22** Mr. Sanchez speaks. He begins by saying that he is very passionate about Veteran issues; he has lived through it

and it's not pretty. He states that he is very compassionate to other Veterans and is here on behalf of the Torrance County Veterans to propose a Torrance County Veterans Advisory Board for the Commission's consideration. He reads the following proposal:

**Torrance County Veterans Advisory Board**  
Proposal presented February 24, 2016 to the Torrance County Commission.

The board will advise the County Commission on veterans issues. It will consist of five members, which will be made up of veterans of the following Torrance County organizations, including The American Legion Post 22, Estancia NM, The VFW Post 3370 McIntosh NM, American Legion Post 74 Morlarty NM. Further, a veteran employee of Torrance County and one veteran at large, both appointed by the Torrance County Commission.

The organizations will appoint one representative each to be approved by the county commission. The board will choose its own chairman, secretary and conduct its mission of advising the county commission at its own discretion.

Upon adoption by the Torrance County Commission, the five members recommended as representative for the veterans advisory board shall be presented within the next two months at a county commission meeting for approval.

Commissioner Frost comments that he agrees that we owe a lot to our Veterans and thinks this advisory board is a very good idea. He asks Mr. Sanchez what the advisory board will do. Mr. Sanchez replies that they will have meetings and come up with recommendations on different issues that will come up. Possibly in the future, they could work on creating a Veterans Memorial for Torrance County. They could work on getting transportation in place to and from the Veterans Hospital. The possibilities would be endless.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she supports this idea and asks where the meetings will be held. Mr. Sanchez replies that meetings could be held at the American Legion Post 22 or at the VFW. Finding a place would not be a problem. Participating on the board would be on a volunteer basis and would cost nothing to the County.

Commissioner Frost asks if there are any legal stipulations that we need to follow. Mr. Wallin replies no; this would be an advisory board that the Commission can establish. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the request for the Torrance County Commission to create a Veteran's Advisory Board. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds



the motion. Commissioner Frost states that we should ask for volunteers to sit on this board and we should place an item on a future agenda to allow us to appoint members. We have several County employees who are Veterans who may be interested in volunteering.

Mr. Gerald Chavez, resident, Veteran, and member of Post 22 in Estancia, speaks. He thanks the Commission for considering this proposal; he thinks it is a very good idea. In his opinion, it will develop a partnership between Torrance County, the Commission, and its Veterans. This will be a way to inform and educate the Commission on the issues and items that are important to its Veterans.

Mr. Nathan Dial from Post 22, speaks. He states that he has spoken to the Commander of Post 74 in Moriarty and the Commander of Post 3370 and they are both in support of this idea.

Mr. Robert Ludwig, Vice-Commander of Post 72, speaks. He is also in support of this idea; there are a lot of Veterans out there that cannot get to a Veterans Hospital. He states that whatever support the Commission can give will be appreciated. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Commissioner Frost states that he knows that Chairman Candelaria, a Veteran, will be very supportive of this idea as well. He thinks it would be a very good thing to somehow let people know that positions on this board are open and encourage people to apply.

**9. Request Road Maintenance of Mi Ranchitos Road- Chad Hamilton, Resident** Mr. Hamilton speaks. He states that he has been a resident of Torrance County for approximately 8 years. He is asking the Commission to consider taking on approximately ½ mile of Mi Ranchitos road as a County maintained road. He has spoken to the Commission about this road several times. He states that it is tearing people's cars up, it's impossible for fire engines or paramedic units to get through there, etc. At the last Commission meeting, he presented the Commission with a letter from a State Trooper stating that the road was impassable. He asks what it is going to take to get the road fixed. He is told again by the Commission that the road is not a County road and in order for the County to begin to maintain it, it must be brought up to County specs. Mr. Wallin states that the County has established a Road Policy that needs to be followed. The policy can be found on the Torrance County website. After discussion, it is decided that Mr. Hamilton will need to figure out exactly who owns the road. He needs to do research on the

subdivision where the road is located. He can research this in the Clerk's office. Ms. Jaramillo, County Clerk, offers to guide Mr. Hamilton through the research process. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

**10. Petition to Vacate County Road B039** Ms. Ansley speaks. She received a letter of request to vacate a County Road in District 3; County Road B096 starts on Hwy 41 and runs through to Hwy 60 at Willard. The request was received from Karl Barner to close part of this road; the part from the Headquarters to Hwy 41. There is a policy in place concerning the vacation of County roads, and the first step is to appoint three freeholders to go view the road and report back their recommendation to the Commission. Mr. Leonard Lujan, Road Foreman, comments that this road is also known as 777 Ranch Road. The road passes through Karl Barner's ranch. He wants to close this portion of the road because people are going out there and drinking and two of his cows have been killed and left on the road. There is no reason for any traffic to be on the road. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Ansley why Mr. Barner is not here today. Ms. Ansley replies that he is not required to be here; he just needed to submit a letter of request for vacation to start the process. Mr. Wallin comments that this item will be discussed again when the freeholders give their report; Mr. Barner can be invited to that meeting. After some discussion, Commissioner Frost suggests moving forward with the viewing. Ms. Ansley will get a list of possible viewers that can be appointed at the next meeting. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Ansley to please invite Mr. Barner to attend the next Commission meeting and be available for questions. Ms. Ansley states that she will do this. All documentation hereto attached. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

**11. Request to Make a Change in Torrance County Maintained Road Policy** Madam Commissioner DuCharme speaks. She put this item on the agenda because her constituents contact her and tell her that they don't think that our current Road Policy is working to benefit them. She states that she has been a Commissioner for over a year and the Road Policy was adopted several months ago, and still they have not adopted any roads. She hears from people that they cannot afford to bring their roads up to the County standards needed for adoption. If they can't do it, we can't make any improvements. This policy should work for the County and also for our residents. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she understands that if the Commission eliminates the standards, they will be flooded with requests to adopt roads. She states that perhaps each Commission district can add 5 miles of road per year and maybe this can be done on a first come, first served basis or maybe the Commission can come up with another way that will be fair, but we

need to do something. She has heard many times that our County is one of the poorest in the nation; 40% of the children that live in our County are living below the poverty line. We need to provide people with some sort of option so that little by little, year after year, we can make improvements. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to add an option to the Torrance County maintained road policy under subdivision roads that will allow the County to adopt roads without bringing them up to standard. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Wallin to help her state this. Mr. Wallin advises that this could become an anti-donation issue and he advises that the Commission not make a motion like this until he has had time to research what Madam Commissioner DuCharme is proposing. He understands what Madam Commissioner DuCharme's intent is, but he thinks more thought needs to be put into this. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if we can look at this as a safety/ hazard issue. Mr. Wallin replies yes; he asks for time to investigate this item. He also points out that the County has an opportunity to pass a GO bond; those bonds can be used for roads. Mr. Leonard Lujan, Road Foreman, comments that we have to maintain and fix the roads we already have before we can take on new roads. Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that this policy is not set in stone and if it doesn't work for our residents, we need to make changes or additions. She does not want to drop any roads to improve other roads. Madam Commissioner DuCharme comments that the County has its own gravel pit now, which should be saving us money. Mr. Lujan, Road Foreman, comments that yes the gravel pit has saved money, but there are many other costs that must also be considered. Our costs have increased, but our revenue has not. Commissioner Frost suggests letting Mr. Wallin investigate and see what he finds out. There is no second. **MOTION DIES**

**12. GO Bond Issue** Ms. Ansley speaks. For the past several Commission meetings, the GO Bond issue has been discussed. Ms. Ansley states that no decisions have to be made today, but we have to keep moving forward on this issue and try to get closer to a decision about whether we want to have the GO bond election or not and if we do- what projects to we want to propose. If we decide to have the Bond election, do we want to have a Special Election in August, or do we want to include the question with the General Election in November? Ms. Ansley also states that she can invite Bond Counsel back to another Commission meeting, if the Commission has more questions for him. There is also the option to not extend the bond. Commissioner Frost asks Ms. Jaramillo, County Clerk, about the time frame. Ms. Jaramillo comments that she can do whatever the Commission decides; whether to have the election in August or November. However, she cautions the Commission that if they decide to have the election in August, they

need to decide quickly. The Commission is not obligated to hold Public Hearings on this issue. The Commission has held one already, but if they want to have more, they must be held very soon. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks again about the cost of holding a Special Election. Ms. Jaramillo replies that the cost for her to conduct a Special Election will be approximately \$28,000.00. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks again if it is really worth it to spend \$28,000.00 on a Special Election just to continue the bond. She states that she thinks we need to treat our residents as adults and just explain what will happen and let them make that decision. If the projects the Commission picks are worth supporting, then the residents will support them and if they don't, they don't. We are already having a Primary Election in June, then a Special Election in August, and then the General Election in November. Isn't this too many elections in one year? It will confuse people. Ms. Jaramillo just reported at the last meeting that Mountainair held GO Bond election and only 1.8% of people participated in that election. Do we want people to participate or not? Commissioner Frost comments that if we held the election in August and we could insure that it would pass, it would be money well spent. He agrees that a good project in August will still be a good project in November.

- a. **Decision to Have Election ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to have an election in August on the GO Bond issue. There is no second. **MOTION DIES**
- b. **Identify Priorities**

**13. Fiscal Agent Agreement with MRCOG for 2015 Legislative Projects** Ms. Ansley speaks. She has two fiscal agent agreements with MRCOG for the 2015 Severance Tax Bond Projects that the County received through the Legislature. We received \$21,400.00 for the Sheriff's Department for a vehicle and we received \$70,000.00 for a CAD system for Dispatch and the Sheriff. Ms. Ansley clarifies that in 2014 the County received \$200,000.00 for the CAD system, but it was not enough money. Once these funds are combined, we will be able to RFP a new CAD system for Emergency Services in the County. All documentation hereto attached. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the Fiscal Agent Agreements with MRCOG for 2015 Legislative Projects. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **14. Update**

Ms. Ansley gives the following written update:

Manager's Report  
February 24, 2016

1. After the last Commission meeting, I did send out an email to the following individuals, regarding participation in the steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan update: Dee Tarr, Steve Guetschow, Gene Winn, Myra Pancrazio, Linda Jaramillo and Morrow Hall. Dee, Steve, Linda, Gene and Morrow have agreed to participate, and Myra has agreed on an as-needed basis. I also received another letter of interest from Daniel Antonio Herrera-Brummell, the President of the Manzano Land Grant. In addition, Steve mentioned that members from the P&Z Board (Ron Graham, Jose Torrez and Gail Langell) would like to participate. Does the Commission want me to put these additional appointments on an agenda for official action, or how shall I handle? *(The Commission asks Ms. Ansley to invite these individuals to the next Commission meeting and to put appointing individuals to the steering committee on the next agenda.)*
2. We did receive a letter of thanks from the Curry County staff for assistance with snow removal during the storm following Christmas. I'd like to read this letter into the record:

*Curry County  
New Mexico*

700 N. Main Street, Suite 10  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101  
Phone (575) 763-6016 • Fax (575) 763-3656



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Lance A. Pyle

February 10, 2016

Torrance County  
PO Box 48  
Estancia, NM 87016

Dear Chairman Candelaria and County Manager Ansley,

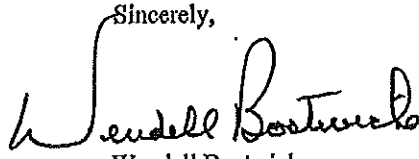
We would like to personally thank you for Torrance County's contributions and assistance with snow removal in Curry County. As the County began the enormous task of reaching our

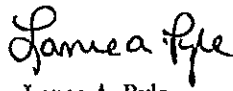
constituents as a result of this blizzard, it would not have been as successful without your involvement. Based on your assistance, we were able to open up many more County roads and serve the County residents.

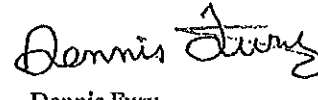
The County appreciates your willingness to assist and help. It was extremely helpful to have someone who has had experience with similar issues to offer guidance to our road team.

The Curry County Commission, Administration and Road Department appreciates your offer of the equipment, employees, energy and enthusiastic support:

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You!"

Sincerely,  
  
Wendell Bostwick  
Chairman

  
Lance A. Pyle  
County Manager

  
Dennis Fury  
Road Superintendent

3. I'd like to plan a work session to move forward with the solid waste ordinance, 94-12; when would the Commission like to schedule a work session? *(The Commission instructs Ms. Ansley to schedule the work session during the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Commission meeting.)*
4. The Ordinance Committee is meeting with EVSWA tomorrow morning to get updated budget numbers and develop some ideas for the Commission to hear at the work session.
5. Along with planning an appreciation banquet, we're also working on a new SOG for the volunteer fire departments, to discuss possible stipends for the volunteers. I hope to have it on the agenda for Commission consideration on March 9.
6. I have received a few calls from angry fair contestants that the Fair Board voted to charge the kids \$150 if they don't participate in the cleanup day. I just want the Commission to know, in case they receive angry calls as well.

Ms. Ansley received an email from Mark Stacey from Iberdrola and Myra Pancrazio. Ms. Ansley reads it into the record:

Chairman Candelaria,

Congratulations on this outstanding project! Through your leadership and commitment, we have secured another project which will bring jobs and substantial monetary injection into our County and the Estancia Valley for the next

25 years. It is always a pleasure to work with you, the Commission, the Manager, and all the staff at Torrance County whom help make this project a success. Thank you.

Ms. Ansley reads the Press Release:

February 17, 2016

## **Iberdrola Renewables Secures Wind Power Deal with Southern California Utility**

### ***Clean, Competitively-priced Power to Come from El Cabo Wind Farm***

Portland, Ore. – Iberdrola Renewables today announced a 20-year contract to supply Southern California Edison (SCE), an Edison International company, with renewable energy from the El Cabo Wind Farm now under construction in Torrance County, New Mexico.

SCE submitted the contract for review by the California Public Utilities Commission earlier this month.

The 298 megawatt (MW) project will feature up to 149 wind turbines and is slated for commercial operation in the second half of 2017. Civil and road work is ongoing on the combined 56,000 acre project area comprised of state trust land managed by the New Mexico State Land Office and private property.

The El Cabo Wind Farm has already put a number of local businesses to work, and is expected to provide at least \$1.5 million in lease and PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments per year, for a total of at least \$37.5M over the 25-year life of the project. Iberdrola Renewables will make a PILOT payment of \$1.1 million to Torrance County this year.

About Iberdrola Renewables: Iberdrola Renewables, LLC is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. and the U.S. renewable energy division of parent company IBERDROLA, S.A., an energy pioneer with the largest renewable asset base of any company in the world. Iberdrola Renewables, LLC is headquartered in Portland, Ore., and has more than \$10 billion of operating assets totaling more than 6,000 MW of owned and controlled wind and solar generation in the U.S. [www.iberdrolaren.com](http://www.iberdrolaren.com)

About AVANGRID: AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE:AGR) is a diversified energy and utility company with \$30 billion in assets and operations in 25 states. The company operates regulated utilities, electricity generation, and natural gas storage through three primary lines of business. Iberdrola USA Networks includes eight electric and natural gas utilities serving 3.1 million customers in New York and New England. Iberdrola Renewables operates 6.3 gigawatts of electricity capacity, primarily through wind power, in states across the U.S. Iberdrola Energy Holdings operates 120 Bcf of owned or contracted natural gas storage and hub service facilities in the South and West. AVANGRID employs 7,000 people. The company was formed as a business combination between Iberdrola USA and UIL Holdings in 2015. AVANGRID remains an affiliate of the Iberdrola Group, a worldwide leader in the energy industry.

### **Public Requests:**

At the Discretion of the Commission Chair. For Information only (No Action Can be Taken). Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person on any subject.

**Michael Godey, resident**, speaks. He thanks Mr. Wallin, Madam Commissioner DuCharme and Commissioner Frost for having the discussion about roads. He

states that he does not thank Chairman Candelaria. He states that he is in favor of a bond election.

**Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk**, speaks. Mr. Wallin mentioned to her that some of the dates on the 2016 Primary Election Information flyer have already passed. She clarifies that she has already published the entire Primary Election Proclamation in the Mountain View Telegraph twice. The flyer is information she is providing to the voters in addition to her legal requirements. She takes this opportunity list the offices that will be up for election:

#### Federal Offices

- President of the United States
- Vice President of the United States

#### State Wide Offices

- United States Representative  
District 1

#### State District Offices

- Secretary of State
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- 42 Members of the State Senate Districts 1-42
- 70 Members of the State House of Representatives Districts 1-70
- Public Education Commission District 8
- District Attorney District 7

#### Torrance County Offices

- County Commissioner District 3
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer

District Judges Retention will be on General Ballot, Constitutional Amendments on General Ballot

Only Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote in the Primary.



Candidate filing day is March 8, 2016. Persons wishing to run as write-in candidates can file after this date. Independent Candidates can file after the June Primary.

**Mike Anaya, resident of Galisteo,** speaks. He thanks Mr. Fred Sanchez for speaking to the Commission about starting a Veterans Advisor Board. Mr. Anaya states that he does not think this has ever been done at the County level. He thinks that once the Board is established, the NMAC should be told about it. He also takes this opportunity to invite all to sing Happy Birthday to Ms. Joy Ansley, County Manager. Happy 29<sup>th</sup>!

**Charlene Guffey, resident,** speaks. She reads the following statement:

It is time to move this along, it is a tough discussion to make explicitly when it involves money. Why destroy a service that has been working in this county for over 20 years with no problems.

Just because a few people have a personal vendetta or just trying to save money instead of thinking of the long term service, for the people who want this service.

What about the people who have been working there for 5 to 18 years.

The county budgets for other services. Where is solid waste service?

Every service that the county provides for the residents of this county is important, so is the solid waste.

It is time to start budgeting for a services that is missing on the list, Solid Waste.

This county has gotten away far to long not subsidize the solid waste.

Do you think a private hauler will be cheaper. The county will be paying more to run this service.

From short falls on billing, cost of living expenses, and any overhead that will be pass on to the county.

Plus the extra money that will be charged to customers and to the county for getting rid of the bulk items.

Besides money being spent on repairing the roads that are damaged by the private haulers trucks going up and down the roads weekly, all over the county from CIlnes Corners , Encino to Duran, through the east mountains, and through the rest of the 1000 plus roads in this county.

If you think taking a step backwards, just to save money, to find out a private hauler is not for rural areas. What a waste of money. There is no going back to the system of service that has been in place and running for 20 years. Leave the system alone, this is the best set up for rural areas for disposing solid waste, to billing, and keeping jobs that people have been there long term and are proud of the jobs they do.

This ordinance will have to change towards every one paying the same amount and the county subsidize it. This will create some revenue, that can be used towards, Trucks maintains or replacements, transfer station maintain, and some raises for time to time. Last year the PLIT{Payment in Lieu of Taxes} fund was short by 92%. This October the full 99.2% will be funded to Torrance County to do what every they want to spend this money on. Along with funding from the General Fund, Gross Recelpts, even from the Wind PLIT fund. This county can subsidized the services, along with removing the discounts and still keep with in budget.


Just remember a Private Enterprise has to make a PROFIT.  
Government has to provide SERVICES.

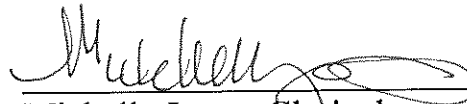
Think before action, there has been enough time for thinking now its time for action. I hope you commissioners have the ethics of what should be done and have the common sense to do it.

**Tracey Master, resident,** speaks. She reminds all that the Governor will be signing the budget bill, etc. in the next week or so. Included in the budget bill is \$200,000.00 for McKinley County for a detoxification program. McKinley County is the only county in the State that has a special excise tax to fund their program. So in addition to nearly 1.0 million dollars of LDWI Grant and Distribution dollars, they have the excise tax. If the \$200,000.00 distribution to McKinley County is signed and not red-lined out, it will impact the other 32 county programs. As it is, because of bill 311, the LDWI fund is being swept of a great deal of money. If our Torrance County residents want to keep this funding locally, Ms. Master suggest they contact the Governor's office, (there is a link online) and request she red-line the portion of the budget that allots \$200,000.00 to McKinley County.

**\*Adjourn**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Frost makes a motion to adjourn the February 24, 2016 Commission Meeting. Madam Commissioner DuCharme seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote. All in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

  
Chairman Candelaria  
Commissioner  
Frost

  
Michelle Jones, Clerical

3/9/16  
Date

**The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM Website. Audio discs of this meeting can be purchased in the Torrance County Clerk's Office and the audio of this meeting will be aired on our local radio station KXNM.**