

**Final Copy
Torrance County Commission
Special Meeting
July 24, 2017**

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

Others Present: **Belinda Garland, County Manager
Annette Ortiz, Deputy Cnty Manager
Dennis Wallin, County Attorney
Sylvia Chavez, Admin Asst II**

Call to Order:

Chairman Sanchez calls the meeting to order at 9:05am, Mayor Bobby Chavez, Village of Willard leads the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Sylvia Chavez, Town of Estancia (myself) does in the Invocation.

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Chairman Sanchez asks for a motion to approve today's Special Meeting Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Frost makes a motion to approve the July 24, 2017 Special Meeting Agenda. Chairman Sanchez seconds the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*** COMMISSION MATTERS:**

1. 9:00 am – 9:15 am, Estancia Valley Economic Development Association Presentation

Ms. Myra Pancrazio addresses the Commission and those present, she goes over the Ordinance the County passed in 2003. The Ordinance is relating to Economic Development Planning, Ms. Pancrazio explains that the state of New Mexico is an anti-donation state, therefore the creation of the Economic Development Assoc.

was implemented to allow government entities a way to be able to help Economic Development within their area. Ms. Pancrazio goes over different sections in the Ordinance, Section 4- Definitions as used in the Economic Development Plan Ordinance, Section 6-Estancia Valley Economic Development Assoc., Section 8-Applicable Review Criteria, Section 9-Public Safeguards and Section 13-Joint Regional Projects. Chairman Sanchez asks how the Commission will be able to determine which projects are considered Economic Development. Myra states that the Ordinance does help outline and guide the Commission on making those decisions. Chairman Sanchez states that the Commission will make the determination today on what projects will be a priority and be given to the Investment Committee and then sent to DFA for approval. Chairman Sanchez thanks Ms. Myra Pancrazio for her presentation today. Ordinance #2003-1 hereto attached.

2. 9:15 am – 9:45 am, Town of Estancia-Mayor Sylvia Chavez

a. Pool

Mayor Chavez (myself) explains to the Commission that when the Town of Estancia began construction on the pool, the initial thought was to enclose the pool, so that it could be utilized year round and therefore employ staff all year long. But once the project got under way the funding source for the pool only allowed for an outdoor pool. The amount being requested is \$506,000.00 which would come from the 641 funding source for the County. Chairman Sanchez asks Mayor Chavez if there is another funding source the Town is looking at to fund this particular project? Mayor Chavez states that yes the Town has looked at other funding sources but is limited on what they can commit to as far as matching funds. The Town of Estancia realizes what a valuable asset we have in having the only public pool in Torrance County because we are in a rural Community and the importance of our youth learning to swim is very important. We have adults in our Communities that never had the opportunity to learn how to swim and here we have a pool that can change that for generations to come. Commissioner Frost asks if the pool is open year round, are the kids going to be the targeted employees at the pool. Mayor Chavez explains that yes we would like to employ the youth but obviously during the school year we would not be able to employ them till after school hours. Therefore the Town would need to hire adults for the day hours and the youth for after school hours. Commissioner Frost asks how many people would need to be hired for a year round pool? Mayor Chavez mentions that in order to have a good and complete rotation she believes

that 5 full time employees and more part time employees would need to be hired. Commissioner Frost asks who would be the employer of these employees? Mayor Chavez said it would be the Town of Estancia.

Chairman Sanchez asks if the Town has it in their budget to have the pool open year round? Mayor Chavez explains that the pool is not a money maker for the Town but if we had the opportunity to have a year round pool we would work it into our budget.

Michael Godey asks Mayor Chavez if the Town has thought of having someone local that is a lifeguard instructor that could certify lifeguards here and not have to go into to Albuquerque to have the lifeguards certified. Mr. Godey also asks Mayor Chavez if the County is willing to help fund projects for the Town if the Town is willing to help with the County Fairgrounds, since the Town owns the property where the fairgrounds are located? Mayor Chavez answers that the Town has had a certified instructor in the area that was able to certify lifeguards but he has since moved from the area and we have not been able to find anyone else locally that is interested in becoming a certified instructor. The Town has looked into having instructors come out here to certify lifeguards but it all comes down to timing issues, we have to have all our lifeguards hired by end of April and we usually don't have enough applications to hire until the 1st week in May. The Town is willing to help with the Fairgrounds, we have had the improvements to the Fairgrounds on our ICIP for many years. The improvements at the fairgrounds will benefit everyone not just the County and the Town is willing to help.

Victoria Sedillo tells the Commission that the pool has indeed been missed this summer, but the pool is used by everyone throughout the County it's not just Town residents that go swimming. Ms. Sedillo explains that her kids have both learned to swim at this pool, it's a good resource for our youth to not only be employed there but our children learn how to swim. Ms. Sedillo explains that she is afraid of the water because she never had the opportunity to learn how to swim. She feels that having a covered pool that would be available year round would benefit the entire County not just Estancia residents.

b. Street Lights

Chairman Sanchez asks for a little bit of explanation on the lighting for Main Street. The funding request for this project is \$300,000.00 which would replace the old lighting with new energy efficient solar or LED lighting. Mayor Chavez explains that this will help enhance the main street in Town and hopefully bring

new businesses to the Town. We would like to make the Town inviting to potential Companies wanting to relocate or just expand their current business. The recommendation is to look for funding from Main Street or EVEDA.

c. Water Lines

This project is intended to provide water and sewer lines to Commercial lots off of Highway 41 which is approximately 1200 feet. This will enhance and promote the business district in Estancia. The recommendation from the investment Committee is applying for CDBG funding or maybe guidance from MRCOG.

d. Punkin Chunkin

The requested amount for this project is \$124,000.00, this will enable the Town to put in covered bleachers and also chip seal the area where the vendors serve food to help eliminate dust in that area.

Commissioner Frost asks if the Town will be able to come up with a match for these proposed projects? Mayor Chavez stated that it would depend on which project was funded, but yes the Town could. Mayor Chavez mentioned that she realizes that not all the requests will be funded, there would be no way the Town could meet the match for all four projects, if the Town had that kind of funding they could do one of these projects on their own. Commissioner Frost asks which one of the projects will create jobs? Mayor Chavez answered that the Pool will create new full time jobs.

Chairman Sanchez, asks Mr. Wallin what he thinks about funding of these projects? Dennis states that each one of these projects has different parts to it and each one will need to be analyzed individually. Then it will be up to the Commission to prioritize each project in order to fund those that are top priority. Applications hereto attached.

3. 9:45 am – 10:15 am, Village of Willard- Mayor Bobby Chavez

a. Well

Mayor Chavez from the Village of Willard thanks the Commission for allowing the Village to apply for these funds. Mayor Chavez gives a brief history on the wells for the Village of Willard and his service as Mayor for the Village. He mentions that he was Mayor in 1971 and had to have a new well drilled at that time and that well has had some issues and lost about 20 feet. In Mayor Chavez's latest

term as Mayor he worked really hard with Representative Rhonda King and Senator Griego to get funding for a new well for the Village of Willard. At this point the Village is asking for funding from the County to have a backup well drilled for the Village. The Village of Willard does have a preliminary study done by an engineer for the backup well, Mayor Chavez introduces his Village Clerk, Angelina Halbert.

Chairman Sanchez states that this project does have an ICIP number from the Village of Willard and the possible funding source would be the 641 line item through the County. The investment committee made recommendations of a possible CDBG project and interstate stream commission funding. Chairman Sanchez asks if the Village provides water to the Town of Mountainair? Ms. Halbert states that the Village does not provide water to Mountainair but that the Town of Mountainair's well is in close proximity to the Village of Willard. Chairman Sanchez asks what kind of funding has been looked at for this project? Ms. Halbert explains that the Village has received monies from Capital Outlay, in 2015 they received \$60,000.00 and in 2016 they got an additional \$65,000.00. Some of that funding has been used to the preliminary study on the water for a new well. The study goes over the best placement for the well as well as pricing for a new well, the report is estimating \$160,000.00 to \$180,000.00 to drill the well and an additional \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for the well house and everything else that goes along with a new well. Chairman Sanchez asks if the current well is functioning correctly? Ms. Halbert answers yes, the well is working but the Village currently has no back up well for the Village. The Village has had an incident where lightning has stuck the pump station and the Village had no water until the pump station was repaired.

Chairman Sanchez asks if its common practice for municipalities to have more than one well? Mayor Pro-tem Bobby Ortiz, City of Moriarty states that it is common practice for a municipality to have more than one well. It helps with fire suppression as well as public consumption. Chairman Sanchez asks how much of a match can the Village come up with? Ms. Halbert states that the Village cannot do more than a 15% match. The Village is trying to get close to being fully funded for this project because the Village's budget does not allow for much of a match. Chairman Sanchez asks legal if there is a precedence for helping with water projects? Mr. Wallin said he is not sure what the answer is for helping with water projects but he can look into it. Study and Application hereto attached.

Michael Godey asks if the Village of Willard was to get \$50,000.00 from the County, if the County can request that the Village does \$50,000.00 in work towards the project instead of holding on to the monies until they are fully funded for the project?

Ms. Halbert answers that the Village has received capital appropriations for this project however it is not enough money to drill the well but the Village is continuously looking for funding sources for this project. The Village would not start a project if it is not fully funded to complete a project. Ms. Halbert mentions that if the Village is to get funding from the County a JPA would need to be drawn up and if that is stipulated in the JPA the Village will follow it.

b. Basketball Court

Ms. Halbert explains to the Commission that the youth in the Village have nothing to do, there is currently a basketball court but it is in bad shape. The Village is asking for \$15,000.00, which will cover the demolishing of the current court and design and construct a new court that would be 65x35 with a 4' concrete base. Because the Village has been focusing on getting funded for the Water project other projects get push to the side. The Village would have a match for this particular project. Ms. Halbert states that the youth in the Village need some kind of outlet within the Village that is constructive. Application hereto attached.

4. 10:15 am – 10:35, City of Moriarty- Mayor Ted Hart

a. Civic Center

Mayor Ted Hart gives the Commission a handout which includes pictures of the roof at the Moriarty City Hall, this building houses the Police Department, Fire Department, Planning and Zoning, Motor Vehicle, Municipal Court, Animal Control and the Finance and Administration offices. The roof on this building is in dire need of replacement. Mayor Hart states that the City has done some repair on it, they have even done an insurance claim to get repairs done but at this point it really needs to be replaced. Chairman Sanchez asks if there are roofing repairs that need to be done at the Civic Center, Mayor Hart states that there are but does not think the County will have the capability to help with both projects. Chairman Sanchez asks if the City would be able to come up with a match. Mayor Hart answers yes, don't know what that amount will be but the City would be able to have a match.

Mayor Pro-tem Bobby Ortiz, asks the Commission if there is a scoring criteria on these projects? Chairman Sanchez states that currently there is no scoring matrix in place. But in the future they will implement some kind of process that will help in scoring projects to help spread out the monies for the different applications the County receives. Mr. Ortiz thanks the Commission for the opportunity that has been given to the different entities in applying for funding for all these different projects. Commissioner Frost asks if the City would be able to receive monies over several years instead of receiving all the monies at once? Mayor Pro-tem Ortiz states that for this particular project it would need to be funded all at once. Application and Handout hereto attached.

Break at 10:40 am

Back from break at 10:55 am

5. 10:55 am, EMWT-Ronnie Reynolds

Mr. Ronnie Reynolds addresses the Commission and explains how EMWT was established. The Association is owned by Estancia, Moriarty, Willard and Torrance County. The purpose of this association is to provide safe drinking water for residents in Estancia, Moriarty, Willard and Torrance County. The first phase of this project will be to purchase land and water rights, so that a bulk water station can be built and established in the McIntosh area. The plan is to be able to have a transmission line from Moriarty to Willard and up to the mountain towns if and when they may need another water source. Chairman Sanchez asks about the amount for operational expenses, Mr. Reynolds explains that EMW Gas Assoc. which is owned by Estancia, Moriarty and Willard was able to help fund with some of the operational costs. Mr. Art Swenka came before the Commission last year to ask for money to help with those operational costs. Chairman Sanchez asks what the \$35,000.00 will cover, Mr. Reynolds explains that the \$35,000.00 will help with match funding if EMWT were to apply for USDA grant funding. So any additional funding past the \$35,000.00 will help with the purchase of land and the water rights. The cost for water rights will be approximately \$90,000.00 and it will cost about \$10,000.00 an acre and we would need a minimum of 10,000 acres for the distribution station in McIntosh. Commissioner Frost asks if the bulk water station will have an employee? Mr. Reynolds states that the bulk water station will be accessible the same way you have a gas card that you use at the pumps. So no attendant would need to be there. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks

who will own the station? Mr. Reynolds answered that Estancia, Moriarty, Willard and Torrance County will.

Commissioner Frost ask how soon can this water line between Willard and Moriarty be operational? Mr. Reynolds said that once the Assoc. can get fully funded the project will be a go. Chairman Sanchez states that there are two different funding sources the County can use for this project, if the County chose to help with the \$804,000.00 it would come from the 641 funding source or if the County wanted to help with the operational cost it would come from the 401 fund.

Bobby Ortiz, Chairman for EMWT comes up to the podium to help clarify the request for the \$35,000.00. Mr. Ortiz explains that the \$35,000.00 will help EMWT with the match for a possible USDA grant. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Mr. Ortiz to explain the distribution station. Mr. Ortiz explains that the City of Moriarty is currently selling bulk water to people who have lost their wells. This is the only way those households can get water for their household needs. EMWT had a study done and the study showed that around 200 residents in the McIntosh area have lost their wells. This is why McIntosh was chosen for the bulk water station site. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks how residents will receive the water to their homes from this station? Mr. Ortiz explained that once the distribution line is installed the water can then be hooked up to individual homes for water service. Mr. Ortiz explains that with the 1st phase of this project it will only be to purchase land and water rights, then build the bulk water station. The distribution line will be another phase. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks who will pay for the connection to resident's homes? Mr. Ortiz explains that EMWT will use utility easements to run the water lines and the home owner will need to pay for the plumbing from their homes to the water line meter in the easement.

Commissioner Frost asks if EMWT is considered a governmental agency, because there may be an issue of Anti-donation? Mr. Ortiz explains that EMWT is considered a Quasi-municipal agency therefor there would be no issue of anti-donation. Mr. Wallin agrees with Mr. Ortiz and states there would be no anti-donation issue with this project. Application hereto attached.

6. 11:15 am, Abo Water Project- Richard Medina

No one attended the meeting to present this project to the Commission.

7. 11:35 am, Solar Project-Pablito Herrera

Mr. Herrera comes to the podium to give a brief explanation for this project. He states that he would like to make Torrance County more energy efficient/go green. He is calling this project Milagro Solar, this is an economic project that can help Senior Citizens, Veterans and people with disabilities. With this solar project the County can benefit almost \$50,000.00 a year while helping those County residents that get the solar panels on their homes and whatever access monies are left from the use of the solar panel will go back to the County.

Chairman Sanchez asks Mr. Wallin if this may be an anti-donation issue? Mr. Wallin believes it may be an issue and thinks the best thing to do is to send Mr. Herrera to EVEDA. Ms. Annette Ortiz mentions that the Veterans Affairs board may also be another resource Mr. Herrera can utilize for this project. Application hereto attached.

Lunch break given at 11:45am

Back from lunch at 1:15pm

8. 1:00 pm, Fair Board-Marcie Wallin

Ms. Marcie Wallin presents the Commission with an application for a multi-purpose building for the Torrance County Fairgrounds. The County Fair is in dire need of a building, for the past several years the fair board has rented tents during the fair. The rental of the tents for the entire week of the fair has become a costly event, it is costing the County about \$8,000.00 each for the rental.

Chairman Sanchez asks Ms. Wallin who she envisions owning the property? Ms. Wallin states that currently the Town of Estancia owns the property but wonders if the County has ever asked the Town if they would be willing to sell the property to the County. Ms. Wallin states that it doesn't matter who owns the property, the Fair benefits everyone in the County.

Chairman Sanchez asks if there is any potential for a match? Ms. Wallin states no, there is no funding from the Fair board for a match. Chairman Sanchez asks if the County has ever applied for any kind of grant funding to help with this project? Ms. Annette Ortiz answered no, the County has never applied for a grant, and Ms.

Wallin stated that she has looked into grant funding but has not been able to find one. Chairman Sanchez asks if there could possibly be a collaboration between the County and Town of Estancia on funding for this project? Mayor Chavez (myself) comes to the podium and states that the Town would be willing to help, the Town would need to look at their budget and see what or how much we could help with. Mayor Chavez mentions that the Town of Estancia is willing to have a meeting with the Fair board and the County Commission to see what we can come up with for this project.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks Ms. Wallin if the fair board would be willing to entertain the idea of building the new building on County owned property. Ms. Wallin states yes they would but the property now already has building there and the current lease is for 99 years at a \$1.00 a year.

Commissioner Frost mentions that he recently attend the clean-up weekend, he said that it was very endearing to his heart to see the generations there cleaning up the facility. Everyone was working together, which teaches these kids hard work and dedication and giving back to their community. He thanks Ms. Wallin for the invite and for the hamburgers and watermelon.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that this project was on the ballot last year and the voters turned it down, should we ignore that. Ms. Wallin replies that there was a lot of miscommunication on the amount that taxes would go up. This was the reason why voters turned it down. Commissioner Frost makes a comment "if at first you don't succeed, try and try again till you do succeed." He said just because it was voted down once doesn't mean we cannot try again. Ms. Wallin states that a lot of these kids go home without any winnings but they still do it every year trying to compete to win. This project benefits the kids in this Torrance County.

Chairman Sanchez said that this project came in as an external request but could be handled as an internal request, Ms. Annette Ortiz said that the Managers office can reach out to Santa Fe County and ask how they were able to build their multi-purpose building, they may know of some funding sources the Torrance County is unaware of. Ms. Ortiz said that we can look at the County's budget and see if we can fund the design. Application hereto attached.

There were some audio malfunction, some of the discussions on the remaining agenda items may not have all the details that were discussed at the meeting.

9. 1:20 pm, Mountainair Public Schools, Dawn Apodaca

Ms. Dawn Apodaca, Superintendent for the Mountainair Public Schools comes before the Commission to present the School Districts application for a security system for the elementary school. Ms. Apodaca informs the Commission that last year there was an armed robbery in Mountainair and the elementary school was right in the middle of it. The front doors to the school are wide open and anyone can access them with no security in place. Ms. Apodaca explains that the School District would like to have a limited access system, the system will include a wide angle camera so that the receptionist and secretary can see who is at the door and buzz them into the building.

Chairman Sanchez states that the amount for this project is \$8,751.01 which can be used through the 641 funding source. Commissioner Frost asks if the school district has a match? Ms. Apodaca said no, the full amount of the system would be the \$8,751.01 and this would be a one-time request. Ms. Apodaca explains that PED cut the Mountainair Public School District budget by almost \$200,000.00 so the district has had to be a little more strategic with their budget. The School District could do fundraising but they are waiting for a new Principal to be hired to put that into play. Also the District is currently bonded out with the building of the new High School and Mid-School, so that is not an option for the School District. Madam Commissioner DuCharme asks if the school could apply for a grant or maybe a fundraiser to help with a match? Ms. Apodaca states she has looked for grant funding but has been unsuccessful. Application hereto attached.

Jason Quintana resident of the Mountainair School District believes that \$8,000.00 is nothing when it comes to the safety of children. Mr. Quintana states that maybe the County can fund the project upfront and the School District could pay it back later.

10. 1:40 pm, First Choice-Krista Kelly

Mayor John Bassett, Town of Edgewood is here on behalf of the 1st Choice regional health facility. The application is for funding for medical equipment in the

amount of \$150,000.00. Chairman Sanchez asks if this project would be an anti-donation issue? Mr. Dennis Wallin asks who will own the facility, Mr. Bassett states that Santa Fe County will own the facility and 1st Choice will lease it.

Commissioner Frost asks a couple of questions, if payments can be made over the next several years instead of all at once? And why should Torrance County give our counties money to another County. Mayor Bassett stated that he regional medical center will be for all of the Estancia Valley Residents.

Mr. Bob De Felice comes to the podium, he is the CEO of 1st Choice and he has been working with the Town of Edgewood to get this facility going. 1st Choice will employ residents throughout the Valley. We are seeking small loans to get this center going, Santa Fe County was able to get a bond passed to get this project started, and the bond was in the amount of 3 million dollars. This Regional Medical Center will offer a wide array of medical services that the valley needs.

Commissioner Frost states that he is in favor of this project but there is one thing that concerns him, Torrance County has two small medical clinics that we need to consider. Are these two clinics in favor of this medical center? Mr. De Felice states that 1st Choice works with the medical clinics in Torrance County and they are in favor of the Regional Medical Center. The clinics can send patients that need x-rays or further medical attention that maybe the clinics cannot help with to our facility which is closer then driving into Albuquerque. 1st Choice has a contract with UNM to have their staff do their residency with 1st Choice facilities and this Regional Medical Center will be one of them. Application hereto attached.

Mr. Chuck Ring, Councilmember for the Town of Edgewood, thanks the Commission for their time and states he looks forward to working with Torrance County on this project.

Break at 2:05 pm

Back from Break at 2:15 pm

11. 2:00 pm, Manzano Land Grant- Orlando Lopez

Mr. George Ramirez, President of the Manzano Land Grant introduces himself and Gloria Lovato-Zamora, Vice President. Ms. Lovato-Zamora tells the Commission about the land grants application for funding. The Manzano Land grant is wanting

to purchase a building for the entire Community of Manzano to be able to use for various functions throughout the year. Ms. Lovato-Zamora teaches art in the Land Grant Communities, she is able to use facilities in the other Land Grant Communities but not in Manzano. When she teaches in Manzano they are outside because there is no building for them to use. There was an option for the Land Grant to purchase the Manzano Tiendita and if that is still available the land grant would be willing to purchase it. Ms. Lovato-Zamora states that this building would be used for a lot of different things such as GED classes, classes on the history of the Manzano Land Grant as well as the other surrounding land grants. They can have computers with internet access and have a library for the people of the Manzano Land Grant. Ms. Lovato-Zamora would also like to show her support for the security system at the Mountainair Elementary School.

Mr. Ramirez also explains the importance of having a Community Building in the Manzano Land Grant, this building could be used for a lot of different occasions. The request amount is \$200,000.00 for the purchase of a building or building a new one. Torrance County has been the fiscal agent for funding the Land grant got through capital outlay for the park in Manzano. Commissioner Frost asks who will own the building? Mr. Ramirez states that Manzano Land Grant will own the building, he also stated that the Land Grant does have a match funding for this project. Application hereto attached.

12. 2:20 pm, Punta de Agua-Norman Gonzales

Mr. Norman Gonzales comes before the Commission to explain and answer any questions the Commission may have in regards to the application for a multi-purpose building. The property will be owned by the Punta de Agua MDWCA, the monies will cover the following, the concrete slab, plumbing, electrical, a steel structure with bathrooms & kitchen. Currently they are having their MDWCA meeting at each other's homes and the new building will allow them to have a more business like atmosphere. Chairman Sanchez asks if this project could be phased out? Mr. Gonzales said, yes it can be. Chairman Sanchez asks if the land will need to be purchased? Mr. Gonzales stated that the land will be donated to the MDWCA. Mr. Gonzales states that the building can be used for a lot of different things, it could be used as a library with computers with internet access or a fitness center for the Community. Chairman Sanchez asks if the MDWCA has

money for a match? Mr. Gonzales states yes, they do but depends on the amount. Commissioner Frost asks how many homes use the water system in Punta de Agua? Mrs. Gonzales states that there are currently 16 water taps. Chairman Sanchez asks Mr. Wallin if this might be an anti-donation issue? Mr. Wallin states he will have to look into this. Application hereto attached.

13. 2:40 pm, Torreon Land Grant-Leo Chavez

Chairman Sanchez wants to make a correction on the requestor for this project, it is the Torreon MDWCA. Chairman Sanchez states the amount being requested is \$70,000.00 and the funding source would be the 641. Mr. Leo Chavez comes to the podium to go over the application from the Torreon MDWCA. They are asking for repairs for the Library, the kitchen in the Community Center, the acequias and plaster the outside of the Community Center. Chairman Sanchez asks if there could be any possible funding through USDA for the acequias? Ms. Cheri Lujan with East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation, informs the Commission that there is currently no funding for the acequias. Chairman Sanchez explains the importance of having the acequias repaired and in working order, which have been in place since 1841. Having the brush trimmed down helps prevent standing water and helps with irrigation. Chairman Sanchez asks who owns the Community Center in Torreon? Mr. Chavez states that the Torreon MDWCA owns the building. Application hereto attached.

14. 3:00 pm, other

Chairman Sanchez states that at this time the Commission is ready to make decisions on the projects that were presented today. Item #7 Solar Projects will be directed to EVEDA, #8 Fair board will go to the Managers office to seek funding as an internal request and the rest #1-5 and 9-13 will be sent back to the Investment Committee for further review.

Madam County Manager Belinda Garland would like to state for the record from the Investment Committee, that there were requests received from the Town of Mountainair for emergency repeaters that will be covered under the GO bond monies for the emergency repeater on Capella Peak. And the clean-up request for

the burned area on Main Street in Mountainair is on private property therefore the County cannot fund the clean-up.

Michael Godey made comment in reference to the clean up on the burned property in Mountainair, the deeds for the property is being looked at and may be transferred over to the Town of Mountainair.

Cheri Lujan stated that she brought information for those project that may not qualify for funding through the County but may qualify for funding through USDA rural development grant/loans.

Chairman Sanchez states that he has a few ideas that he would like to see implemented, the use of planning documents that could help with the Comprehensive plan, the Economic Development portion of the comprehensive plan as well as infrastructure projects. Also Chairman Sanchez wonders if the County could put in place a scholarship fund, Mr. Wallin said that there is a possibility the County could do this through the fair board but Mr. Wallin can look into this. Chairman Sanchez asks the Commission how they feel about the planning document.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme needs more clarification on the planning documents and what would they be used for. The County has a Comprehensive plan through MRCOG.

Ms. Annette Ortiz mentions that the Commission has appointed a Comprehensive Planning Committee and Belinda is moving forward with getting the Committee going.

Madam Commissioner DuCharme states that she would like to see the internal requests done first then move on the external request. Chairman Sanchez said that the internal requests have already been funded.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Sanchez makes a motion to send the following requests to the Investment Committee, item #'s 2-14 excluding #7 & 8. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion.

Norman Gonzales states that he agrees with Madam Commissioner DuCharme, the internal requests should be funded prior to the external requests. Mr. Gonzales asks what amount is available for funding all these projects?

Michael Godey asks if there will be funding available for the Fire Departments if funding is giving to any of these projects?

George Ramirez thanks the Commission for the outreach to all the Communities and giving them the opportunity to present today.

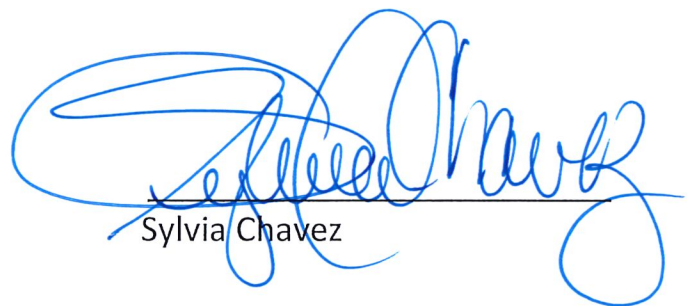
Commission votes, all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**


Adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Sanchez makes a motion to adjourn the July 24, 2017 Special Commission Meeting. Commissioner Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion, the Commission votes all in favor none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm


Chairman Javier Sanchez


Sylvia Chavez


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.