

**FINAL COPY
TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: RYAN SCHWEBACH -CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL –DISTRICT 1
JAVIER SANCHEZ –DISTRICT 3

OTHERS PRESENT: WAYNE JOHNSON-COUNTY MANAGER
DENNIS WALLIN- COUNTY ATTORNEY
BELINDA GARLAND-ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR
YVONNE OTERO-ADMIN. ASST.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Schwebach calls the March 13th, 2019 Commission Meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

2.) PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Pledge lead by Wayne Johnson

Invocation lead by Chairman Schwebach

3.) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Wayne Johnson states that agenda item number 10-A, the Pacific Wind Development, LLC modification of their special use permit, needs to be deferred until the next Commission meeting on March 27th, 2019. They have more business that day thus making it more convenient for them to do both things on that day.

Mr. Johnson also states that there are some issues in regards to resolution numbers that will need to be straightened out and handled when we get to them.

4.) PROCLAMATIONS

Nothing was presented for this item

5.) CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Nothing was presented for this item.

6.) BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

A.) PLANNING & ZONING: Commission Review & interview of applicants for position on the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Steve Guetschow, Planning & Zoning, states that in response to the ads that were placed in the newspaper, radio, & online, they received 3 letters of interest to be placed on this board. One letter was from Mr. Guetschow to continue serving on the board and the other two letters were from the agricultural representatives Mr. Bill Larson and Mr. Pete Romero. If it pleases the Commission Mr. Guetschow will read the letters into the record.

Chairman Schwebach asks if the individuals that sent in the letters are present.

Steve Guetschow states that Mr. Larson is not present as he was not able to attend because of travel concerns but will be available by phone if you would like to speak with him. Mr. Pete Romero is present.

Chairman Schwebach asks Mr. Guetschow to read Mr. Larson's letter and if Mr. Romero could please come up and read his after.

Steve Guetschow reads Mr. Larson's letter into record. Mr. Larson's letter states that he is willing to serve on the board. Is involved with and has dealt with lots of water rights topics and states some of his qualifications and experiences.

Pete Romero reads his letter into record. Mr. Romero's letter states that he is interested in becoming a member on this board. He has many concerns about the water issues and would like to be part of a committee that would help make better decisions when it comes to the issues of water. He feels that he would be a great asset to this board and asks for the Commission's consideration to appoint him to this board.

Chairman Schwebach asks how many positions they are looking at appointing.

Steve Guetschow states that there will be 3 positions, 1 government position and 2 agricultural positions. They each serve 3 years terms that are renewable.

Commissioner Sanchez asks Mr. Guetschow if the Commission is approving all the applicants at this time.

Steve Guetschow replies, yes, that is correct.

ACTION TAKEN: **Commissioner Sanchez** makes a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Guetschow as the government representative, and Bill Larson, and Peter Romero as the agricultural representatives to the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

7.) PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS

a.) **Albert Beckwith** states that this is his 3rd appearance here and has followed the direction of the Commission from the last meeting about speeding. He was told to get license numbers from the offending vehicles that are speeding down his road. They are throwing trash out, a cat of his was killed and thrown back into his yard. He said he came out here to live in peace and not be harassed. Mr. Beckwith states that he was told to get pictures or license plate numbers, and has gotten pictures of the vehicles. Mr. Beckwith states he is on his way to Santa Fe to find out why his area is not signed for ambulances to find crippled people's homes. He was told by the Commissioner to follow the chain of command & has done so since day one. He states that he spoke with the offender, was told it would clear up, and two years later it has not. There needs to be better signage for the ambulances to locate people and also speed limit signs. Not all homes in the area can be found by GPS. He is proof of this, he had to go to the McIntosh post office to meet the oxygen delivery person because he could not find his house. Proper street signs would alleviate this problem as well as speed limit signs for those that feel they can drive at any speed they wish.

b.) **Michael Godey** asks what the speed limits is in the state of New Mexico or Torrance County on dirt roads that does not have a sign.

Leonard Lujan states that the speed limit is 35 mph.

8.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.) **Motion to Approve:** Minutes for the February 13th, 2019 Workshop

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2019 workshop. **ACTION TAKEN:** **Commissioner McCall** makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2019 workshop. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

B.) **Motion to Approve:** Minutes for the February 25, 2019 Special Meeting

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25th, 2019 special meeting. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.) **Motion to Approve:** Minutes from the February 27th, 2019 Administrative Meeting

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27th, 2019 Administrative Meeting. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Sanchez seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor.
MOTION CARRIED

10.) PUBLIC HEARING

A.) PLANNING & ZONING: Pacific Wind Development, LLC-Modification of special use permit-El Cabo project

This item is deferred until the March 27th, 2019 Commission Meeting

11.) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE

Nothing was presented for this item

12.) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

A.) COMMISSION: Resolution No. 2019-15 Motion to Approve the Torrance County Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedures

Wayne Johnson states that the Commission has before them a policy that was created that is based on the operation of the Commission in Bernalillo County and other Commissions around the state. We did not have in place a consistency of operation for the Commission, clear delineation of authority, what you can & cannot do in meetings, how the public is supposed to act with the Commission itself, and guaranteeing public interaction with the Commission while allowing the Commission to move forward with business. The majority authority and discretion rests with the chair, but it attempts to make sure the public and the Commission understand their roles. These rules will allow for consistency in the now and in the future when new boards or management come in, and would urge the Commission to pass this.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-15 Torrance County Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedures. Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. Chairman Schwebach asks if there is any discussion. Commissioner Sanchez asks if Section 6 of the rules and procedures can be read so that they can be clarified for the public.

Wayne Johnson states that the public comment will be a part of every meeting. There will be certain things that the public will not be authorized to speak on, but there will be certain parts that will require the public to speak. When a public hearing is held that will require public comment. When approvals are made, there is no public comment needed, unless otherwise stated by the Commission Chair. It is entirely up to the Commission Chair to allow the public to speak. Public comment is in every meeting and the public will be allowed to speak on any issue no matter what it is and will be given 2 minutes to speak.

Commissioner Sanchez reads sections 6 & 7 of the Rules & Procedures which are Public Comment & Addressing the Commission.

Wayne Johnson states that this is what the Commissioners are currently doing. The whole idea is for the body to be able to get its job done and allow the public to be involved as well. These rules do work for both parties.

Commissioner Sanchez asks if public comment will be allowed for each agenda item or just during the public comment section.

Wayne Johnson, replies, as a general rule, no. Although the chair does have the discretion of opening up the floor at any time and each Commissioner can invite someone up to speak on a certain topic, should they wish to do so. No time limits will be enforced that are associated with the public comment.

Chairman Schwebach asks if there is any further discussion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

B.) FINANCE: Resolution No. 2019-16 Budget Increase

Belinda Garland is requesting the Commissioner approval for a budget increase for the Sheriff's LEPF fund and the DWI's supplies fund. Ms. Garland states that the LEPF is the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. This is a grant that is given to the Sheriff's department to help with purchasing their equipment.

Chairman Schwebach asks why they are increasing the funds.

Belinda Garland states that it is in the General Fund, but the budget needs to be increased, and has to go to DFA for approval.

Chairman Schwebach asks, we are increasing the budget because we have budget money coming in, correct?

Belinda Garland replies, yes, that is correct. It is in the general fund but we need to increase the budget for the fund.

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16 Budget Increase. **ACTION TAKEN:** Commissioner Sanchez makes a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16 Budget Increase. Chairman Schwebach seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.) FINANCE/TREASURER: Resolution No. 2019-19 Budget Fund Balance Policy

Wayne Johnson states that this is something he and the Treasurer have looked at. This changes the authority to sign off on periodic cash transfers from the Finance Director to the Manager. Mr. Johnson felt that it was more of a management & Treasurer's function to verify that there will be money available, and to makes sure that the cash transfers were coming up to

a management level before the transfer takes place. This repeals a previous resolution that authorized the Finance Director and the Treasurer and shifts it to the Manager and the Treasurer.

Commissioner McCall asks if there are limits to this.

Wayne Johnson states that it is limited to the budget itself.

Tracy Sedillo states that this resolution changes two things, the item Mr. Johnson just explained and it also will remove the every Commission meeting reporting. The transfers are on the Treasurer's report and at any given time you can look at the report to see these transfers. These transfers are part of the operating budget, at no time will they ever exceed what the Commission has already approved. If at any point we have to transfer more money than what was approved, we would need to come back to the Commission with another resolution to do a budget increase, and then be approved by DFA.

Commissioner McCall asks if the items are still staying within their own line item within the department.

Tracey Sedillo replies, yes. The reason there are cash transfers in the budget is because we are required in certain things such as grant matching that is required by the terms of the grant, there is fiscal assistant that we give to other funds, the mandatory to the reappraisal fund, and several other things that have transfers. These are cash transfers between the funds. This isn't adjusting the expenditures or revenues, it is just a transfer and are set by the operating budget. We are trying not have all the transfers occur at one time so that we won't drain the general fund. We wanted to make the transfers periodically as they were needed, instead of making the transfer then having to reverse it because it was not needed.

Chairman Schwebach states that just to be clear, we are referring to Resolution 2019-18 or 2019-19? Or the Line item transfers or Budget Fund Balance Policy?

Tracy Sedillo states that this is the Budget Fund Balance Policy.

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-19 Budget Fund Balance Policy. **ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Sanchez** makes a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-19 Budget Fund Balance Policy. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

D.) FINANCE: Resolution No. 2019-18 Line Item Transfers

Belinda Garland states what was just approved by the Commission will eliminate these requests in the future. These are line item transfer requests made by department heads to be able to move money around within their budgets from one line item to another. For example, if they are short money from one fund they can move money from another fund in to that fund to cover the expense. Ms. Garland is requesting the approval of the Commission for Resolution No. 2019-18.

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18 Line Item Transfers. **ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner McCall** makes a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18 Line Item Transfers. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

E.) COMMISSION: Resolution 2019-07 Support the EMWT Regional Water Associations Request for Capital Outlay in the 2019 Legislative Session (Commission Schwebach)

Chairman Schwebach states that he brought this up two meetings ago and there were several individuals that were wanting a better understanding of this. Chairman Schwebach asks if there is representation from EMWT to speak. What came out of the last meeting was the bi-laws and what guarantee does this entity have in not transferring water out of the basin. Chairman Schwebach asks if Mr. Swenka could speak on this and then Chairman Schwebach will open the floor for questions.

Art Swenka, EMWT, states that the Articles of Incorporation & Articles of Association both state that we cannot transfer water out of the Estancia basin. The EMWT works on the basin not on the county. There is some confusion that we would be transferring water out of the county, on some cases it is true. Mr. Swenka states that he submitted maps of the basin and there are parts that are outside of the county.

Chairman Schwebach asks where the water would be transferred to.

Art Swenka states that it would still remain in the basin.

Chairman Schwebach asks Mr. Swenka to define the “basin.” Mr. Swenka hands out a map of the basin. Chairman Schwebach states that if he is viewing the map correctly the basin goes up north of Stanley right up to the Galisteo Basin, correct? Where is the cut off to the west?

Art Swenka states, yes, it goes right up next to the Galisteo Basin. In the upper corner the county line blots out about an inch of the border of the basin. There is some concern in the Edgewood area, but Edgewood is in the basin.

Chairman Schwebach asks Mr. Swenka to give a brief description on the concept of EMWT, why it came about, and what its mission statement is.

Art Swenka states that the mission statement is that they would create a trunk line between Willard and Moriarty to move water back and forth as needed by the different communities along the way. If requested, in the future, there would be lines built up into the mountain areas.

Johnny Romero thanks the Commission for giving the people a chance to speak and not just voting for this during the previous meeting this was presented at. The main concern is when the pipeline is set, what will happen when a rich person comes in to bring in huge subdivision and the water is being pumped to feed the northern area of the county, and it drains the southern areas, what control will EMWT have to stop the flow when another district is in danger. Why should the public have to pay to put in a pipeline if it is going to destroy another area? Let those rich people pay the \$100 million to put in the pipeline not the public. Something needs to

be put in place to control the flow of water or stop it if an area is in danger. Another concern is with the communities along the mountains. They feel they are not being represented enough by the representative that sit on the EMWT board. Mr. Romero suggests placing a representative from each of the mountain towns on that board. The land grants do not support this. If we include this people and give them a voice things would move along smoother.

Art Swenka states that as far as the people that sit on the board, the towns appoint those representatives, EMWT has no control over who is appointed. The county appointed 2 members, Estancia appoints 2 members, as well as Moriarty & Willard. EMW Gas Company also has a representative because we use their office and for administrative purposes. Mr. Swenka states that he has visited with all the Land Grants. Mr. Jason Quintana currently sits on the board as he was appointed by the Commission to represent the county. There is also a representative from Mountainair that was also appointed by the county. This organizations is owned by the 4 entities. The board is a non-paid board that volunteers their time and does this for the 4 entities. The 4 entities are in power and they are not in favor of moving the water out of the basin. It is in the EMWT bi-laws that we will not move water out of the basin.

Mr. Swenka states that EMWT's mission is much like that of EBRA. They all want to keep the water in the basin. What the people do with the water in the basin is not their concern, their concern is to keep it in the basin. All the time these groups spend at the legislature, is all volunteer time spent in keeping the water in the basin. They report to the entities quarterly let them know where they are. EMWT would have no authority to tell Edgewood that they could not have any water because they are in the basin. The municipalities control EMWT, there are restrictions.

Mr. Swenka states that one of the reasons that EMWT exists is because they have fought rich water people from coming in and taking water out of the basin. They have been successful in stopping one such entity from Texas that wanted to come in and take water from all over the basin. We need to take control of our water and not let any outsiders come in and try to take it. As far as Mr. Romero's question as to what control we would have in stopping the flow of water to a subdivision we allowed to come in, there may be a certain liability involved, you can't just stop the water flow.

Michael Godey asks if the association could have some say in the kind of development that would be coming in, if they can place some kind of restrictions through planning and zoning. There should be more of a need and not a want, such as a Golf Course within the subdivision. That is more of a luxury and not a need.

Art Swenka states that he agrees with that. Mr. Guetschow does a great job of keeping EMWT informed of any new developments coming in.

Nathan Dial, Mayor for the Town of Estancia, states that the town has signed a letter of support for what the county is doing here. The town is also in full support of what EMWT should be doing. A few questions that people have brought to him are, 1.) Once the pipeline is established, can they make eminent domain claims on the water? 2.) The people in McIntosh want to know if the area you picked is good water. There is no guarantee you will get good water but it is a concern. There also needs to be better signage, it makes it look like all the land

grants and Mountainair are on board, the signs are misleading. People want to be sure the water is going to stay in the valley and be used appropriately.

Wayne Johnson states that it may be useful to read sec11 of the by-laws for EMWT that will address the concern for Mayor Dial and those of the public asking questions. Mr. Johnson reads: The association shall not sell or export outside of the Estancia underground water basin as its boundaries are defined by the Office of the New Mexico state Engineer. Provided that the association may provide water to the Town of Mountainair that currently relies on water from the Estancia underground water basin to supply its water needs per use only within the town limits as they exist as of the date of the association's incorporation. Under no circumstances shall this certificate of association be amended to permit the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the association in whole or in part to any privately owned entity for profit.

Art Swenka states that is reference to Mr. Dial's eminent domain questions, all we are placing is a pipeline. We are not going to be controlling people's water companies. There is just going to be a pipeline in place to supply water to them if they ask.

Dennis Wallin states that the people do have the right being formed under Section 3-28, the statute states, they can claim eminent domain. They don't have eminent domain over water rights, those are controlled by the state engineer's office, but the other utilities and water companies formed under this section do have the right of eminent domain.

Chairman Schwebach states that just to clarify, the eminent domain language was written in to EMWT merely to pay the pipeline. You can't use eminent domain to claim water. They will be purchasing or leasing water on existing water rights. The concept is wet water not paper permits or water that is non-existent. The goal is to limit current water production by putting it through better beneficial use.

In regards to Mr. Dials question on clean water, this system has to deliver fresh water, not brackish water. If it is brackish water it will be treated. It will also be looked at to see if it is economical to look for fresh water or treat the water in the well that they developed.

Last question from Mr. Dial, is it the board's will to allow representation for the land grants and the Town of Mountainair?

Art Swenka states that the articles of association would have to be redone to include those entities. When he went around and spoke with the land grants, they did not want their names mentioned or to be involved. Mr. Swenka recommended that they treat the land grants like they treat the municipalities. The towns and the land grants are exempt from eminent domain.

Commissioner Sanchez asks if that includes membership on the board.

Dennis Wallin states that it is governed by statute. They were formed under 3-28-1 as a water association, which specifically states that a combination of 2 or more municipalities in the board of county commissioners of the county. Land Grants are not mentioned in the statute. More research would need to be done to see if they could be members of this type of board.

Commissioner McCall states that it was earlier mentioned that the land grants have their own water system, is it a common pipeline?

Commissioner Sanchez states that all 4 land grants have a separate rural domestic water system. They are not linked with any other entity.

Art Swenka states that each of the land grants have their own wells and water systems. Mr. Swenka states that the concern is that the water would leave here and be given to the rich people that are doing developments. One such entity is Campbell Ranch. They are proposing a 4,000 home development, with 2 golf courses, swimming pools, resort hotels, etc. In 1987 Bill King sold water to Roger Cox to build Paako Golf Course, they did not use all the water rights, so in 1999 Mr. Cox sold the rest to Campbell Ranch. There are 436 acre feet of water rights that Campbell Ranch owns in the Estancia Water Basin. They still require another 300 plus acre feet from the Sandia Basin, but Bernalillo County and the State Engineer have been opposing the sale. There are still 2 more appeals that can be made by Campbell Ranch, if they succeed then we will be losing a lot of water. This is currently water speculation and there is currently a bill that will prevent water speculation.

Kathleen Jesse states the Campbell Ranch decision was turned down on January 29th. The reason being is because it would be a huge impact on the water in the Sandia basin. This Morrison Guideline is something we should follow. She is concerned where the water will be coming from. Ms. Jesse states that in the 2010 Estancia Basin water plan, the state engineer stated that we were drawing 79,000 acre feet of water from the basin. The basin was going down an average of 1.23 feet per year. We should retire water rights, 92%-98% of the water is going to agriculture. If the water is not being used then retire them. This is where we will get the water. Emphasis needs to be on water reduction and we need a better structure to follow. The Morrison guideline is a good document to follow. We need to decrease the drilling in the area. Conserve the water.

Michael Godey states that the association needs to take a harder look in being an advocate in conserving water and more efficient ways in using water. Also, is Rhonda King still on the board, and what her opinion on this.

Art Swenka states that she is on the water planning committee board.

Commissioner McCall states that the issue of consumptive use needs to be talked about. The water that is going into the pipeline is a wet water right coming out of agriculture use. You have to cut that in 50% to go to consumptive use. It takes 2 acres of irrigated water to make 1 acre for consumptive use. That is one way of bringing down the amount of water use in this basin. You come out buy a 3 acre parcel, apply for a drilling permit, for a domestic well, the water that you are pumping out of that well are not accounted for, and is that correct?

Art Swenka states that to his understanding, now, is that every well that is drilled you have to put a meter on it.

Commissioner McCall replies, yes he understands that, but does it account for a water right?

Chairman Schwebach states that a domestic or a livestock irrigation well is limited. The domestic well is limited to 1 ½ acre feet annually and a livestock irrigation well is limited to 3 acre feet annually. The majority of the domestic wells in this valley are considered livestock wells or were grandfathered in at the 3 acre feet. The majority of the wells are not metered and if they are the state engineer does not limit use in consumption. If you go over the 3 acre feet you won't be shut down. The majority of the irrigation wells are not metered. The only time they are metered is when you apply through the state engineer to deepen a well or to combine waters, at that point all wells are metered. There is nothing stated that you have to report water use. Once that water is transferred into that pipeline and is for consumptive use, it is monitored very closely.

Commissioner McCall states that when you have people stop pumping their personal domestic well and it goes into that pipeline, it is all accounted for. There is a benefit to this pipeline.

Art Swenka states that if you look at agriculture in the past, they started off with flood irrigation, then went to side rolls, then to pivots, and eventually to a drip hose, although this can be costly and lasts only 9 years. These are all things that have been done to reduce water use.

Commissioner McCall states that on his farm he is 70% sub surface drip and has cut his consumption by 50%.

Kathleen Jesse states that the big focus needs to be on water reduction and keeping the water in our county. Water rights should be retired and that can be done by the state engineer.

Chairman Schwebach states that they can and that is all with the office of the state engineer. Through the water planning committee back on the 90's, permits were given for irrigation permits, it got out of hand, they closed the basin, and no new permits have been given out for irrigation purposes since the early 90's. Half of the water rights are paper rights, it is difficult to bring those paper rights to wet water. EMWT is looking at wet water.

We have dealt with this situation, most questions have been answered, and some have not. Everyone has been included by EMWT they have guidelines that are adjustable or amendable as needed. As of right now farmers do not fall under the Morrison guidelines, but there are areas on how the aquifer is managed. Farmers are limited to what you can and cannot do in that zone as a licensed irrigator. If a subdivision comes in and there is a well on each property the state engineer cannot deny that. This pipeline will prevent that, it's not just water quantity but water quality.

There are people in McIntosh that are moving out because they can't afford to keep drilling wells to find water, this will prevent that. **ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07 Support the EMWT Regional Water Associations Request for Capital Outlay in the 2019 Legislative Session.

Wayne Johnson states that this resolution was written specifically for the 2019 Legislature. With a minor amendment you could make it more of an evergreen statement by the Commission. Mr. Johnson states that he can read the adjustment.

Chairman Schwebach withdraws his motion and asks Mr. Johnson to read the resolution.

Wayne Johnson reads: The Torrance County Board of Commissioners is in full support of the EMWT Regional Water Association’s request for Capital Outlay funds during the 2019 Legislative Cycle to leverage funding previously obligated to the USDA which require supplemental State Funding. The change would strike out Capital Outlay and replace that with “matching funds” and strike out “the 2019 Legislative Cycle.” It would then read: The Torrance County Board of Commissioners is in full support of the EMWT Regional Water Association’s request for matching funds to leverage funding previously obligated to the USDA which require supplemental State Funding.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to approve the amended letter. Commission McCall seconds the motion. Chairman Schwebach asks if there is any further discussion. Commissioner Sanchez would like to add, in regards to Mayor Dial’s submission of question #1. There may be a lack of communication as he listens to the conversation here and the constituents. Question # 1 asks, what are the assurances according to the mission statement and charter of EMWT that the water collected will stay in the Estancia Basin? It clearly states in the bi-laws that there is clear indication that the intention is for the water to stay in the basin, it’s more of a requirement. The question that is lingering, is it in the interest of the lower Estancia Basin to share a water system with lower Santa Fe County. Is it in the best interest to share a water line in that fashion? Is it in the best interest to share with the up part of the county that is within the basin? Yes, that is an easy answer.

Art Swenka states that he is not sure he can answer that. There is a water shed in the Edgewood area and water is collect there. It isn’t just the lower basin that furnishes water for the Estancia basin, it comes from all over. We may never be able to tell how much comes from that water shed but it is from the basin.

Commissioner Sanchez asks who is best situated to make that determination whether the lower basin should share a water network with the upper basin, mainly southern Santa Fe County. No one really knows, it is an open question.

Chairman Schwebach states that we need to keep in mind that with much of southern Santa Fe County, there children attend schools in Torrance County and they shop with in the county, the economic driving force are intermingled. This is something that the board can look at later on. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

13.) APPROVALS

A.) **SHERIFF:** Approval of Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) Application for the Torrance County Sheriff’s Office

Martin Rivera states that this is an application for the LEPF. This is just the application in the amount of \$28,400.00 that comes from the state. This money is used by the Sheriff's Department to purchase equipment, vehicles, vehicle repair, & training. The department gets this every year and the state is currently looking at raising the amount in the future.

Commissioner McCall asks if this is a fund that comes every year and if the amount is to be determined at a later date. Is there matching funds?

Martin Rivera replies, it depends. The state gives us a certain amount, and they give us \$600.00 for every certified officer they have in the department and there are no matching funds.

Belinda Garland states that there are guidelines that the department must follow on how the money can be spent.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to approve the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) Application for the Torrance County Sheriff's Office. **Commissioner McCall** seconds the motion. No further discussion. **MOTION CARRIED**

B.) MANAGER/GRANT COORDINATOR: Approval to submit an application for 2018 staffing for adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER)

Cheryl Allen, Grant Coordinator, states that she is bringing forth to the Commission, for discussion and approval, the application for the SAFER Grant. This is a grant that she & Chief Lester Gary are working on together. This is a new grant that the county has never applied for. This grant will assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies and to ensure that the communities have adequate protection from fire & fire related hazards. This is a federal grant and will pay the salary and benefits for Fire Fighters/EMT's. The total funding nationwide is \$350 million and will be awarding 30 grants nationwide. The deadline to apply is March 22nd 2019 & the grant awards will be announced September 30, 2019. There are also several waivers available to the county that will decrease the match required by the county, and the county will be applying for 3 of the 4 waivers. The waivers are cost share, maintenance of effort, and the minimum budget requirements. Without the waivers the max is 75% for the 1st and 2nd year of the grant and for the 3rd year it is 35% of the grant.

Ms. Allen states that she prepared a chart that shows the request for 5 Fire Fighters/EMT's, the chart shows all expenditures. It also shows the federal funds and what the Torrance match will be per year. For each person hired, we will be required to supply them with their PPE, equipment, uniform, and physicals. That will be paid out of the fire protection fund and will be about \$400.00 per Fire Fighter/EMT per year.

The assignments would be adding 2 to the Willard District 6 and 3 in the McIntosh District 6. The benefits would be to expand EMT service in the southern part of the county by 100%. This would reduce response time and improve the minimum staffing levels. We are currently at 25% of the mandated requirements for response due to volunteers on weekends. Adding these EMT's would boost the application to the PRC for ambulances instead of rescue units. If we

have ambulances this will create revenue and maintain the salaries for those hired after the grant has ended.

Chairman Schwebach asks, if after year 3 and the grant funding is up, and depending on the financial situation with the county, can we lay these people off, and if so will we have to pay back the grant money and will it affect us on applying for any grants in the future.

Cheryl Allen states that we will not have to pay back the funds and we will be allowed to lay off the employees.

Wayne Johnson states that they will be hired as term employees.

Chairman Schwebach states that the goal is to put this into place, find a way to fund it, and keep it perpetual. We have 5 on this list, is it to be determined by the amount of the grant or by the Commission?

Cheryl Allen states that it will be determined by the Commission and the number needs to be specified in the grant.

Chairman Schwebach states that in moving forward we need to make sure we have the matching funds within the General Fund for the next 2 years.

Cheryl Allen states if we are awarded the grant and waivers for matching funds, the matching funds will decrease.

Commissioner McCall asks if we will get the waivers before or after we are awarded the grant or do they coincide with each other.

Cheryl Allen replies, they will coincide with each other.

Chairman Schwebach asks Chief Gary to speak on the positions he is requesting,

Lester Gary states that the reason that he went with 5 members, is because they will be hiring 2 more, to give us a total of 7. The department will be able to house and staff 2 ambulances/rescues plus 1 engine with the 7 personnel.

Commissioner McCall asks if Chief Gary could speak upon how they plan on getting the ambulances ready & equipped.

Lester Gary states that all 3 medical rescues that the county currently has are all fully equipped. We just have to go before the PRC to get a PRC number. The only things not on the units are narcotics and there will not be any until we get paramedics hired.

Chairman Schwebach states we have everything in place, and the PRC number is on its way back to the county, is that correct? How long before we know that we have the PRC number? If for any reason we do not get the PRC number what will happen?

Lester Gary states that it will take about 3 months to know about the PRC number. IF we don't get the number it won't hinder anything, we would just have to look at another way of funding the employees. The only advantage to the PRC number is that the county can then bill for the transports. There are several things in the legislature that are being discussed to be able to use the fire protection fund and gross receipts for staffing.

Commissioner McCall asks Chief Gary to speak on the resources that would be needed to do the billing and if Chief Gary has the staff to do so.

Lester Gary states that the billing would be held outside of the building. The department would use the EMS billing service. They bill the insurance and what they get back is 10% on the dollar. If his department were to handle billing it would be way more expensive, EMS billing service is much easier.

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve to submit an application for 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.) MANAGER: Motion to authorize the County Manager to enter into MOU with Torreon Acequia Association for repair and maintenance

Wayne Johnson states that this item, on behalf of the Commission, would allow himself to enter into an agreement with the Torreon Acequia Association for maintenance and repair to the acequia in Torreon. Leonard Lujan went up and to take a look at what it would take within a limited scope of work to do the repairs. The current scope of work with repairs, equipment, and man power would be at the cost of \$2,868.00. The association is also requesting that the county do an annual maintenance. The association has also agreed to do some of the work and that was figured into this estimate.

Chairman Schwebach states that the cost is going to be \$2,868.00. This is not a cost share nor will we be billing them, this will be a full cost to the county. Is that correct?

Wayne Johnson states that he would work within the Commissions instruction on that. It is up to the Commission if they want this to be full cost to the county, negotiate a cost share, or bill them fully.

Commissioner McCall asks if the Acequia Association collects dues.

Erminio Salas states that they do not collect dues at this time. They just had their infiltration gallery and irrigation system installed in their natural spring. Once that is up and running they will begin collecting dues. The association has no money at this time.

Chairman Schwebach states that the concept is to enter into an agreement with the county get this cleaned up and put in into use, correct?

Erminio Salas states that the infiltration gallery & irrigation system is only half completed. They are currently asking for money from the legislature to complete the project. Once the repair is completed they then can begin collecting fees.

Commissioner McCall asks Mr. Salas if the work that the county will be doing help that system work or not work.

Erminio Salas states that this acequia is a totally different system. It does service people on the east side of highway 55, but hasn't worked, it needs maintenance. The county went up last year and helped with the portion of the acequia, but it still needs a lot of work

Chairman Schwebach states that the county maintaining this with county equipment and manpower is completely out of its realm, correct?

Wayne Johnson states that this is government to government transaction. This is fully within the discretion of the commission if they wish to go forward with this agreement.

Chairman Schwebach states that they do need to move forward, but would prefer to do it as a cost share. It would be a 75% to 25% match. Look at a cost share with a long term payback or potential forgiveness. His thought is to give some sort of incentive to get it up and running to make it an economic viability for a payback and to make sure that future endeavors will involve a cost share. This is all negotiable. In his experience cost shares work better, will work on this as it is not an immediate request.

Erminio Salas asks if at this point in-kind work can be considered as a cost share.

Chairman Schwebach replies, yes. That would work.

Erminio Salas states that they currently have all the easements taken care of. They will take care of taken down fences, cutting down trees, etc.

Commissioner Sanchez asks if that kind of work be considered in-kind work. 25% would be about \$700.00.

Commissioner McCall states that the \$700.00 would not be from the \$2,868.00. That is just strictly equipment usage correct?

Wayne Johnson states that the estimate includes 40 man hours and 40 hours of equipment usage. The man hours would total \$1,150.00 and the equipment hours would total \$1,718.00 for a total of \$2,868.00.

Commissioner McCall states that this is strictly our man power on the equipment and the equipment itself.

Wayne Johnson states that is correct. It would be that whether we do a cost share or cost forgiveness where we did an in-kind match. Whatever percentage the county wishes to place

they will use that to negotiate the amount of man hours put in to achieve that cost forgiveness. A cost share is a good approach at this point.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Sanchez makes a motion to approve to authorize the County Manager to enter into MOU with Torreon Acequia Association for repair and maintenance and to authorize the County Manager to come to an agreement with cost share. Chairman Schwebach seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor.
MOTION CARRIED

D.) COMMISSION: Estancia FFA request for financial assistance (Commissioner Sanchez)

Wayne Johnson states that Commission Sanchez let him know that he has not made a decision on this, but wanted it placed on the agenda for discussion and approval.

Jonathon Aday & Hezekiah “Heze” Ortiz state that they attended last month’s Commission meeting to request financial assistance from Torrance County for their trip to Scotland to compete in 2 international competitions.

Chairman Schwebach states that he has thought about this and likes the FFA programs. He congratulates them on their accomplishment but he personally feels that this is outside of the realm of spending tax payers money to give to a small group to participate in this. He is not against the program and what they have accomplished, he just doesn’t agree with authorizing the county to use tax payer’s money.

Commissioner McCall states that he has the same coach these kids had and back in 1991 they won state championship livestock judging contest, and placed 5th in the national competition. Kenneth Lujan is a great livestock coach. He also agrees with Chairman Schwebach that it is not good to be spending tax payer’s money on this, a line has to be drawn somewhere. Personally he will support them, but as part of a Commission he can’t support this.

Commissioner Sanchez asks what their budget is.

Jonathon Aday states that they have met their goal. What they are trying to make now is money for the extras that is not included in the initial budget. There is no longer a need for assistance in the primary budget.

Commission McCall ask that the group visit him after the meeting and he will support them personally.

Chairman Schwebach states that he will also support the group personally. The county may not be able to support them financially, but they can support them through advertising, or by any means the county has to let the county know what these young men and woman have accomplished. Congratulations again.

Wayne Johnson states that one of the items that was added to the agenda was the Proclamation’s section. This is to recognize people that are doing good things in this county. This gives us a chance to recognize these people publically.

NO ACTION TAKEN

E.) COMMISSION: Approval of contract extension for County Attorney Dennis Wallin

Dennis Wallin states that his contract extension expired at the end of February. At this point he is thinking they will be appointing someone by the end of March.

Wayne Johnson states they are trying to get someone in by the end of March. They have had a couple of responses from the RFP and are waiting to close out the in-house counsel side of the advertisement. This is a Commission hire and they will be allowed to go into closed session to review those applications. It will be up to the Commission on if they want to hire in-house counsel or through contract. Mr. Johnson would like to get this done as soon as possible.

Chairman Schwebach states, since we do not have another attorney/advisor, we are extending an existing contract with Mr. Wallin, correct?

Wayne Johnson replies, yes, that is correct.

Dennis Wallin states that he would like for this to be completed by the end of the month as he will not be available in the month of April.

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve the contract extension for County Attorney Dennis Wallin. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

14.) DISCUSSION

A.) US CENSUS BUREAU/VERONICA ARZATE DE REYES: Presentation of the 2020 Census complete count committee

Wayne Johnson states that this will have to be rescheduled as the lady that was to be presenting this is not present. Veronica was aware of the meeting as they spoke a few days ago.

B.) GRANT COORDINATOR: Discussion of NMFA CEDS - Update

Cheryl Allen states that she is bringing to the attention of the Commission the planning grant applications. These will include updating the Comprehensive land use plan and the economic development plans. The current comprehensive plan was adopted 16 years ago in August of 2003. The document was prepared by MRCOG with funding from the NM CDBG program.

A comprehensive plan is a document to guide development for 20 years that is adopted by the Commission through resolution or ordinance.

The 2003 plan defined goals and objective for development of the county & identified certain actions to implement the plan. Goals were organized by land use, transportation & circulation, regional infrastructure & natural resources, economic development, & county government

operations. It is recommended to update this plan every 5 years, ours is 16 years old. Some of the goals in the current plan were based on population projections. The projections show how outdated our plan is because it projected the population for 2020 to be at 24,175 and the current population is only 15,506. The plan includes a table that identifies strategic action plan priorities as critical need, 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10-20 years. We are currently in the 10-20 year range and we need to re-evaluate the counties priorities into a new plan.

Ms. Allen states that she has spoken with EVEDA and MRCOG and they both support updating the comprehensive plan that will include an economic development section. Torrance County intends to apply for another CDBG grant to update the comprehensive plan. To pursue the grant Ms. Allen has attended a CDBG application training. MRCOG will conduct a public meeting on March 27th at 2:30 pm in the Torrance County Commission Chambers. This meeting is required for the application. The County Commission will need to pass a resolution to apply for the CDBG grants and an organization will need to be hired to update the land use plan. The MRCOG previously did the plan but they informed Ms. Allen that they are not available to do so at this time.

The CDBG grant does not have a specific dead line. The grant is for \$50,000.00 and the match for Torrance County is \$5,000.00.

Ms. Allen states that Sandra Gaiser suggested we use the CDBG grant paired with the NMFA grant for a more robust economic development portion of the comprehensive plan. The NMFA grant could add an additional \$50,000.00 to the project. Ms. Gaiser said that updating the plan could cost \$100,000.00 or more. The NMFA grant does not require matching funds. If we qualify for these grants they will cover most of the cost of updating the plan.

Another application has been proposed for preparing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) which will propose a separate economic development district for southern Torrance County. There have been pros, cons, and questions regarding this plan. Moving forward with the Comprehensive plan with the public's input at the meeting on March 27th is critical. With the economic development portion Ms. Allen is suggesting that the meeting include Commissioner McCall (Torrance County representative for EVEDA), Wayne Johnson (County Manager), EVEDA (Myra Pancrazio), and herself to determine the best path in moving forward.

Wayne Johnson states that one of the things that has been a sticking point on this is the concept of a separate economic development district. This was not the intent, it should be a separate economic development focus. This will focus on the differences and specific needs for southern Torrance County as the needs are much different from the northern part of the county. Mr. Johnson is not sure that it is possible to have it as a separate economic focus. It was no one's intent to create a separate district from EVEDA.

Commissioner Sanchez replies, that is correct. Commissioner Sanchez asks if there is an issue in applying for the grant.

Cheryl Allen states that Myra Pancrazio does dispute this. This is one of the reasons for the meeting so that we can discuss all aspects and make sure everyone is on board with what we are trying to do.

Chairman Schwebach states that we do support EVEDA, and if Myra is opposed to this, he would like to know why. Therefore, it is a good idea to have the meeting. Chairman Schwebach does not know what the issue is and would like to find out what it is before moving forward with the grant.

Wayne Johnson states that this is only a discussion item no action is needed at this time.

Chairman Schwebach is aware of that, but he would like to find out what the problem is and not let this drag out and get it fixed as soon as possible. If the concept is to get a grant to look into different ways of economic development, which he is not opposed to, but he does not want to jeopardize something the county already has.

Commissioner McCall asks if we need to set a date for the meeting.

Chairman Schwebach suggest that we do it at a regular meeting, but let's contact the powers that be to make sure that they are available.

Commissioner Sanchez states that he would like to get this application approved at the next meeting. If we need to have a meeting with EVEDA on this before the next meeting, then let's get it done.

Wayne Johnson states that as Commissioner McCall is a rep to EVEDA that we get some of the information through himself to Commissioner McCall or in this setting before we call a meeting. If not then we would have to call for a special meeting.

Commissioner Sanchez states that at the beginning of the year he wanted to focus on economic development in his district. He looked at issues and tried to see what areas he could gain traction on. He came to the conclusion that he did not have enough information to see how he could help his district. He also noticed that a lot of the comprehensive plans in the communities have also lapsed just like ours. He came to the conclusion that a document was needed to focus specifically on the economic development for his Commission district. He spoke with the town leaders and school boards to see if a plan like this would be appropriate for them. They all seemed to say yes, but they do not know where to start.

Commissioner Sanchez states he put together a scope of work that he shared with the group. It is simple and they are looking at putting together a plan that would address economic development in the towns of Mountainair, Estancia, Willard, Encino, Chilili Land Grant, Torreon Land Grant, the Tajique Land Grant, and the Manzano Land Grant. They chose to focus on these areas because the communities have a lot in common. They do not have access to major transportation networks so they need to look at other ways for economic development.

Commissioner Sanchez would like the plan to be composed of various chapters. The first chapter would be a general outline and then each community would have its own chapter and

the following questions would be answered. Number 1 would be purely informational and an analyst would analyze the local economy. Next would be economic development. Each one of the communities would determine what kind of economic development they like to see. The consultant would set up the platform for the discussion but the communities would have total control. The last part would be a determination of project opportunity and what you would want to focus on within a certain time frame.

Commissioner Sanchez envisioned this plan making economic development more seamless and more coordinated in the southern part of the county. It would be better to identify the resources from each community and pull them together to help one another. This plan would also need an annual performance report. The report would address the following on a yearly basis, an adjustment to the strategy, a report on activity, evaluation of progress on the action plan and goals, and a schedule goals for the following year. This may enhance the relationship with EVEDA and MRCOG. We need a plan to start with and this can be done without any investment from the county.

Commissioner Sanchez states he wanted to look at alternate resources. He started with the New Mexico Department of Economic Development and ended up at the UNM Small Business Institute. The best option would be an NMFA grant. Their grants are awarded in \$50,000.00 increments with two sub-grant agreements that can be awarded per calendar year for a total of \$100,000.00.

While we are looking at this, we need to really look at updating the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Sanchez suggested to the County Manager that this all be done at the same time. Let's use the CDBG Grant & the NMFA grant and the sub-grant, it's a lot of money and commitment, but we can maximize the money to get as much done as we can. Commissioner Sanchez does not think that this particular plan will cost \$50,000.00. NMFA does not have a specific application time limit, the money is always there. If we were to submit an application there is a good chance that we will get approved. He would envision a consultant carrying out the work within 6 months and the entire project being wrapped up by Christmas. The money is there and will not cost anyone anything other than participation.

Another project Commissioner Sanchez embarked on was getting information from all the entities, he came across the UNM Small Business Institute and they try to connect students with projects in the local communities. Mr. Stacy Sacco, who is their director, has done a lot of work for the Edgewood area. He recommended that we take advantage of having a student do the work. Commissioner Sanchez did the application and a group of students contacted him to work on a project in the area.

The students have 9 weeks to complete their project. They are going to create a strategic marketing plan for all communities that Commissioner Sanchez mentioned. The way he envisions this plan fitting in with the application for NMFA is just as the SBI is winding down the NMFA grant may be awarded and the SBI information will feed into the plan. The UNM Project is free and will be of no cost to anyone. They are a link in the chain that will be part of this whole plan.

Commissioner McCall asks Commissioner Sanchez if he has visited with EVEDA to see if they have the information he wants. Has he gone deep enough into that organization to see that she does not, for sure, have all this information? It would not be good if all you are doing is doubling up information. The second question is, why not do a southern and a northern study. Commissioner McCall has an issue with segregating the county in half when it is the whole county.

Commissioner Sanchez states that EVEDA does not have any information at all. In response to the second question, it is not about segregating it is about practicality.

Commissioner McCall understands that, but why not challenge the consultant to do a northern study and a southern study, if you don't think we will exhaust the entire \$50,000.00.

Commission Sanchez states that would be fine, but when it comes to the I-40 corridor it is very well documented in MRCOG plans, transportation plans, and in EVEDA's own plan. There is no need for it to be done in the northern part of the county. There is no verbiage for the southern part of the county.

Wayne Johnson states that the comprehensive plan includes an economic component. In this particular case we are looking at a particular grant to focus just on southern Torrance. The comprehensive plan would include some of that information. It would be looking at the economics of northern Torrance and would not be left out. He believes that there are significant differences in regards to infrastructure and various industries that are more northern. The SWOT analysis is a good example. We should peruse this until we don't get a grant or we have to reform our plan. Having a comprehensive plan makes a difference when it comes to accessing legislative and federal dollars. The first thing they will ask is if we have a current comprehensive plan and do you know how you are going to use this plan. Moving forward with this is a good idea for the county as a whole.

Chairman Schwebach states he agrees with this but is curious is to why Myra is opposed to this. Or maybe through Commissioner McCall what Myra's hang up is with this.

Commissioner McCall asks if Ms. Betty Cabber would be able to give some input on this.

Betty Cabber, Chairman for EVEDA and has been a member since 1998. Ms. Cabber states that she cannot speak for Myra personally. The information she has heard here today is a lot more detailed than what she has heard and what EVEDA has been given or understands. There are some other possibilities. She likes the UNM SBI team. Get the details from that report before going forward with the comprehensive plan. She doesn't know if there is anyone available in the county that has the time to put into the sort of information Commission Sanchez is wanting. EVEDA needs to see the whole plan as it has not been presented to them. If the student plan gets you enough information to put into the plan it will help. Take your plan to EVEDA and let all the members look it over. EVEDA is mainly for bringing in jobs and sustainability, you are looking into things that bring people into the county to spend money here. Complete the SBI study and speak with EVEDA before you rush into a \$50,000.00 loan.

Chairman Schwebach asks Ms. Cabber if she is merely opinionating and not speaking on behalf of EVEDA, is that correct.

Betty Cabber replies, partly. She is chair for EVEDA and is speaking for EVEDA and of her own opinion. We need to look at this plan to see how it can all work together.

Chairman Schwebach states that this is a very good idea. The concept is to get plans with the southern entities. This could be something EVEDA could mirror. The concept of this plan is to draw those ideas out which possibly has not been done through EVEDA or any other economic plan.

Betty Cabber states that she thought this was what the student project was going to do in bringing together those thoughts and ideas from the southern part of the county.

Chairman Schwebach states that he has worked with the student entities and it is a great thing but it is not the end. What he has heard is that it could create problems with EVEDA. This is not the case, this is just to create a plan. Chairman Schwebach would like to hear from Myra. If this does not affect EVEDA then he would like to know why she is so against this. Once we develop these plans, will it create another district and cause problems with EVEDA.

Commissioner Sanchez states that he envisions this as assisting the entire region and EVEDA. If you look at the entities more than half are not members of EVEDA. Those are Torreon, Tajique, Mountainair, Chilili, Manzano, and Willard, none are members. If given a plan this may encourage them to become members. They are in part an intention with EVEDA that could be translated by them into action.

Chairman Schwebach agrees with what Commissioner Sanchez has to say. This has a potential to unite the understandings between the north and the south, the smaller communities, and the I-40 corridor, on the difference of economic development, the differences of the needs of the people, and the direction they are wanting to go in. If this is what everyone here is for then he is all for it.

Betty Cabber states that Mountainair, Willard, & Encino are non-paying members, but Myra is still available to them no matter what. That has been known since 1998. They are not members because they do not have the money that the other entities do to be members.

Commissioner Sanchez states that in order for him to get the buy-in from the communities, he feels that there needs to be a letter of support that would contain 3 things. Those 3 things are the pledge of participation, a commitment to designate a representative to work and participate in the effort, and an adoption of the final strategy. Each one of the communities has written a letter that they are in support of Torrance County and they do the 3 things listed above. The intention is to attach this letter to the application.

Michael Godey states he did research on selective zoning for art districts. He thinks Mountainair could be a possibility for this. A few other places have done this and it is effecting and will draw people in. If anyone is interested he can gather up his research and give it to the commission.

Chairman Schwebach states that we should plan on getting this issue on the next meeting and get the answers he is requesting from EVEDA.

14.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

A.) FIRE: Limited personnel matters regarding: the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment, or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against county employees.

(Closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(2).)

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote: District 1-Yes, District 2-Yes, District 3-Yes. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS AT 11:52 AM

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner McCall makes a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote: District 1-Yes, District 2-Yes, District 3-Yes. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:19 PM

Chairman Schwebach states that no action was taken during executive session.

15.) Announcement of next Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Chairman Schwebach states that the next Commission Meeting will be held on March 27, 2019 in the Torrance County Administrative Chambers

***ADJOURN**

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to adjourn the March 13th, 2019 Commission Meeting. **ACTION TAKEN:** Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to adjourn the March 13th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Sanchez seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:20 PM


Chairman Ryan Schwebach


Yvonne Otero-Administrative Assistant

3-27-19
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.