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Joint Meeting of
Torrance County Board of Commissioners
&
Torrance County Fair Board
May 5, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.

Commissioners Present:

RYAN SCHWEBACH - CHAIR OF COMMISSION
KEVIN MCCALL – MEMBER

Commissioners Absent:

LEROY CANDELARIA – MEMBER

Fair Board Members Present:

MARCIE WALLIN
KYRIA ENCINIAS
WILL NEISH

Others Present:

JANICE BARELA – COUNTY MANAGER
PHILIP TENORIO – DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
VALERIE SMITH – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CHERYL ALLEN-GRANTS MANAGER
LORI ARCHULETA-FINANCE
NATHAN DIAL-MAYOR, TOWN OF ESTANCIA
STETSON LUJAN- MAINTENANCE FOREMAN
JOANNA ROMERO- FINANCE
NICK E. SEDILLO- OPERATIONS MANAGER
LEONARD LUJAN- ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Meeting Began at 9:16 am, called to order by Commission Chair Ryan Schwebach.

Madam County Manager Barela clarified the purpose of the meeting, stating that as it was an informal discussion, no action would be taken. Minutes were taken but the discussion was not recorded for public record.

Informal discussion took place. Walked around buildings, discussed placement and size of a new building to be built using funds that have been earmarked for the Torrance County Fairgrounds.

Location of new building was agreed upon at this point, though is subject to change. The "Hot Barn" (Barn to the east, connected to or directly beside the Multipurpose Building) will be insulated. The floors will be concrete. Discussion included the possibilities of renting the fairgrounds in the 51 weeks the Torrance County Fair is not open. The Commission, Fair Board and the County employees present pondered placement of a parking lot. Expanded parking would be viable due to the possible acquisition of the neighboring lot(s). Most agreed that parking would remain to the south of the building and would be expanded. There was also discussion of the possibility of opening a year-round RV park.

Portable animal pens will be purchased, as they are easier to clean and can be moved at will.

There was discussion of tearing down the chain link fence that stands between Lake Arthur Park and the Fairgrounds and either leaving it open, or putting a new, more attractive fence in its place. Consensus was that having a new fence was the better option, due to the security of having a barrier around the Fairgrounds.

DISCUSSION OF THE UPDATE TO RESOLUTION 2020-21: A RESOLUTION RE-ORGANIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD AND DEFINING ITS AUTHORITY AND OBLIGATION (ATTACHED)

The resolution stated the structure, powers and responsibilities of Torrance County Fair Board members.

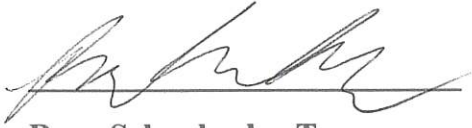
There was discussion of updating the resolution to define who may use the facilities on the Fairgrounds. The Torrance County Fair Board should have first choice on dates available to host the Torrance County Fair and be able to decide who uses the facilities.

The Torrance County Fair Board spoke of creating a 501-(c)(3), which is a tax-exempt non-profit designation, to manage the funding for everything pertaining to the Torrance County Fair and Fair Board.

Hiring an architect was discussed, though not decided upon. An architect would ensure that the design is not flawed and construction on the new building is done correctly, though would potentially use a considerable amount of the funds earmarked for Fairgrounds Improvements.

No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:16 P.M.



Ryan Schwebach – Torrance
County Board of Commission
Chairman



Valerie Smith – Admin Assistant

5-26-21

Date