

FINAL

Torrance County Board of Commissioners

Regular Commission Meeting

August 25, 2021

9:00 AM

Commissioners Present: RYAN SCHWEBACH – CHAIR
KEVIN MCCALL – VICE CHAIR
LEROY CANDELARIA – MEMBER

Others Present:

JANICE BARELA – COUNTY MANAGER
JEREMY OLIVER – FINANCE DIRECTOR
JOHN BUTRICK – COUNTY ATTORNEY
YVONNE OTERO – COUNTY CLERK
VALERIE SMITH – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Schwebach: Called meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

2. PLEDGE

Chairman Schwebach: Lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Candelaria: Lead the invocation.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. **Madam County Manager Barela:** Requested to defer items 11-A. , A motion to approve restructuring of the Torrance County Fair Board membership and a paid administrative support position, and item 12-F. County Attorney.

John Butrick, Torrance County Attorney: Explained that he wanted to do more research on competitive salaries regarding 12-F, a motion to approve restructure of County Attorney's Office, eliminating Executive Assistant Position and adding Records Custodian duties to Legal Assistant and setting salary.

No objections were raised to the two changes proposed.

Madam County Manager: 12-J. was moved to after the Executive Session and 12-K. was moved to after 12-C.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked if there were any objections. None were voiced. Items moved respectfully.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

None currently.

5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

A. **OPERATIONS:** Announcement of Employee Service Year Pin: Stetson Lujan (2).

Madam County Manger Barela: Recognized Stetson Lujan's 2 years of Service.

6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

None currently.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Tracey Master, Torrance County DWI Prevention Coordinator:

Gave a DWI Prevention Program Update. List of upcoming events hereto attached.

Cindy Sims, Estancia Municipal Schools Superintendent: Came to the meeting to thank the Commissioners for holding a Special Commission Meeting supporting the autonomy of the Estancia Municipal School, regarding their feelings on masks and making it the parent's right to choose. Dr. Sims also thanked the public in their showing of support for the School Board.

She feels that the Secretary of Education threatens licensure action against those who do not comply with the mask mandate. She wanted the public to know that the Board of Education is not "anti-mask", but "anti-mandate".

She appreciates the support for local control.

Chairman Schwebach, Commissioner McCall: Thanked Dr. Sims.

Nathan Dial, Estancia Mayor: Spoke about the incident that happened involving Mayor Dial at the Judicial Complex. The incident in question was that the security officer at the complex did not recognize Mayor Dial's role as "Chief Executive Officer" of the Town of Estancia. A call was made to Torrance County Dispatch regarding "an armed, unwanted man refusing to leave the property."

Mayor Dial said that he found out that the State is enforcing mandates in a County building inside the Municipality. He went to the Judicial Complex to "try to figure out how we got to the point that the State is enforcing mandates inside a County building in the Municipality."

Mayor Dial said that in the process of gathering information, under the powers given by the people to their representative under "NM Statute 3-11" he was told the Judiciary that they would not recognize the Executive Branch of the Town of Estancia. He was locked out of the building and reported to 911. He believes that the Governor is starting at the School Board and working up to the Sheriff.

Mayor Dial said that the Torrance County Building has posted a "No Firearms" sign "due to a misinterpretation of State Statute 30-7" because NMSU has an office in the building.

The Probate Court is under the Judiciary, and they have an office in this building. He believes that the State will send goons to enforce mandates and will not recognize powers given to the Commission by the people of Torrance County.

Don Dirks, Torrance County Fire Chief: Gave an update on the EMT hiring process. The job application is still open.

The precipitation has dampened the summer fire season, allowing Torrance County to prepare for fall and winter fire seasons.

Discussions with Mountainair EMS and Fire departments have continued, pertaining to expansion of services. Quotes have been received and specifications for a new ambulance with appropriations and 411 fund monies, the purchasing has been approved, and they are awaiting a notice of obligation from DFA to proceed with the purchase order.

NM Fire Protection is opened for applications for grants, which the Fire Department is working on.

Fire Chief Dirks has been working with Salinas Pueblo Monument on their first Mutual Aid Agreement. He said that he has been waiting a while for their final draft. In the meantime, he has made his first formal appointment with Moriarty to start a mutual aid agreement with them. He is also in talks with Estancia and Mountainair. The first week of September is the first of the meetings with Moriarty, possibly September 3rd being the day.

Commissioner McCall: Asked for updates on the ambulances in Mountainair.

Fire Chief Dirks: Explained that they have started a stipend system, and they have asked for funding. Fire Chief Dirks has been working with Mountainair for about a year on a plan to present to the County. They are working on coming up with a feasible funding amount to present so that they can cover a larger area. Moriarty tried to get funds as well, but Chief Dirks had to explain that the point to helping Mountainair is to commence establishing their Fire Department. Moriarty already has an established Fire Department. Getting Mountainair started would relieve transportation and coverage issues in the southern part of the County. It has been difficult to meet up with Mountainair, as they are frequently closed.

Steve Guetschow, Planning and Zoning: Introduced Larry (Dusty) Allen as the new Planning and Zoning Code Enforcement Officer.

Chairman Schwebach: Welcomed Zoning Officer Allen to Torrance County.

Charlene Guffy, Torrance County Resident, District 1: Thanked Leonard Lujan and his road crew, Petey, JJ, Randy, Tony, and Carlo, for their great work on McNabb Road. The equipment that was purchased is a big plus, and she wants the Commissioners to reconsider paving the rest of McNabb Road. She believes that having the road paved is necessary to draw businesses, which in turn ensures a steady stream of tourism and growth.

Charlene's daughter called her on her way to the meeting and told her that she is concerned about her kids having to wear masks in school. She thought that the Commission passed something on August 13 about this.

She asked the Commission to stand up for the County and tell the Governor that "we don't want our children masked up." She said that she stands behind the Commission and behind Estancia Mayor Nathan Dial.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. COMMISSION: Motion to approve the July 28, 2021, Torrance County Commission Minutes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve the July 28, 2021, Torrance County Commission Minutes.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. FINANCE: Motion to approve Payables.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Payables.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE

NOTHING PRESENTED.

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

A. MANAGER: Motion to approve restructuring of the Torrance County Fair Board Membership and a Paid Administrative Support Position, Resolution No. X.

ITEM DEFERRED

12. APPROVALS

A. SHERIFF: Motion to approve submission of application for the small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program Grant.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve submission of application for the Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program Grant.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.

Cheryl Allen, Torrance County Grants Manager: Explained that the Small Rural Tribal Body Worn Camera Program Grant is a Department of Justice microgrant. She has been working with Stephanie on writing the grant. They are trying to get 15 cameras for the Sheriff's Department now that it has been mandated and the County can be held liable if they do not have them. They need to make sure that everyone has a camera and that there are backups.

It is a 50% Federal/50% State match. The Sheriff's office already has the required \$8,000 from this fiscal year's budget cycle.

Commissioner McCall: Asked for clarification on the 50/50 split.

Cheryl Allen: The split is 50% Federal, 50% Local, NOT State.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked if Mrs. Allen is allowed to purchase whichever type of camera she sees fit to buy for the Sheriff's Office.

Cheryl Allen: Answered in the affirmative.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

B. SHERIFF: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Law Enforcement Services between The Town of Estancia and The Torrance County Sheriff's Office.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Law Enforcement Services between The Town of Estancia and The Torrance County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

Torrance County Sheriff Martin Rivera: Finalized the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Torrance County and Estancia. He believes it will work for everyone.

Commissioner McCall: Asked Sheriff Rivera to elaborate on services being provided to Estancia.

Sheriff Rivera: Explained that Torrance County will be providing law enforcement services, as Estancia has only one officer and needs coverage in the town.

Chairman Schwebach: It is his understanding that Torrance County won't be providing 24-hour coverage, but dispatch will decide who gets toned-out?

Sheriff Rivera: With the MOU, Torrance County will now be accepting admin calls, where there is no danger to life or property, as well as emergency calls, and backing up the police on duty.

Commissioner McCall: Asked Sheriff Rivera to confirm that was something that Torrance County Sheriff's Department had already been doing.

Sheriff Rivera: Answered in the affirmative but said that the administrative calls are ones where there is no immediate danger to life or property. These calls had been handled by Estancia until now.

Commissioner Candelaria: Asked the term of the MOU.

Sheriff Rivera: The term is for one year, renewed yearly, and both parties have the right to terminate the contract at any time.

Chairman Schwebach: Will Torrance County be funding this at all?

Sheriff Rivera: Answered that the County will not be putting any capital towards the town for the MOU.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

C. SHERIFF: Motion to approve reorganization of the Torrance County Sheriff's Office Transport/Civil Division to Community and Court Services Division (CCS) and additional Patrol Deputy positions.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve reorganization of the Torrance County Sheriff's Office Transport/Civil Division to Community and Court Services Division (CCS) and additional Patrol Deputy positions.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.

Torrance County Sheriff Marty Rivera: The reason for the motion is to ask for more certified deputies who can handle all calls, as well as court and transport functions and community policing services. There is not enough work for Court Services alone to have a dedicated employee. They are trying to maximize their deputies.

Commissioner McCall: Asked Sheriff Rivera how many he was proposing to get onboard for Court Services.

Sheriff Rivera: Believes there is enough work for one, maybe two deputies, but the Patrol Division can step in and help.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked Sheriff Rivera to confirm that the courts have mandated that the County provide security to them.

Sheriff Rivera: Answered in the affirmative, explained that any time the courts are in session, there is an officer (not necessarily certified) assigned. Explained that Transport can take in a prisoner and then provide security to the court and affirmed to Commissioner McCall that TCSO is fulfilling their obligation to the court, with deputies and transport officers.

Commissioner McCall: Asked Sheriff Rivera to expand on how much work "One plus a little", and that he would hesitate to cut them down to one officer at

the Court. He would like to know if two transport and one certified officer would work, and how it would affect the budget.

Sheriff Rivera: Introduced Jeremy Oliver.

Jeremy Oliver, Finance Director: He explained that in the current proposal he moved the current 5 transport deputies to three certified and two CSA. This will save close to \$5,000 a year.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked if it would be more advantageous to have all certified deputies, instead of having uncertified transport deputies.

Sheriff Rivera: Answered in the affirmative, but he doesn't believe that there is room in the budget for 4 certified deputies. (Looking at the budget) 4 patrol deputies would cost \$186,700/yr., with a total savings of \$25,438.

Chairman Schwebach: Do you see an issue hiring individuals who want to be certified?

Eli Lucero Torrance County Sheriff's Department: We did this to fulfill a commitment to you and limit our liability as a County. When they took on HB4 last year, they looked at what was to restrict their last transport positions and what they were allowed to do. They created Standard Operation Procedures to limit their function. They are requesting the one certified now because they are and will continue to lose certified personnel to the surrounding areas. They can offer better pay and benefits. He would like to leave it as one uncertified officer because they would be less likely to transfer to another County or City.

Chairman Schwebach: Would like for restructuring to stay an open option.

Discussion on the positives and negatives of having certified vs. non-certified officers in the Torrance County Sheriff's Office continued.

Chairman Schwebach: Said that he would like to defer the motion.

Commissioner Candelaria: Said that he has seen great changes and is proud of the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner McCall: Wants to make it clear that Torrance County is not defunding the police. Commissioner McCall wants to defer to mull over the options on what the answer is.

Madam County Manager Barela: Wanted to make it known that the Commissioners have included a 3-year salary increase. We are in Year 2 of 3. This also includes a better PERA plan. The Commission has made strides on making it a more competitive place to work.

Chairman Schwebach: Retracted his motion.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the retracted motion.

Chairman Schwebach: Item 12-C Deferred.

MOTION DEFERRED.

D. MANAGER: Motion to accept the Second Quarter 2021 Restrictive Housing Report from CoreCivic pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 33-16-5.

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to accept the Second Quarter 2021 Restrictive Housing Report from CoreCivic pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 33-16-5.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the Motion.

John Butrick, Torrance County Attorney: This is a statutorily required report that CoreCivic is compelled to provide Torrance County with. After that, Torrance provides it to the Legislative Council Service in Santa Fe.

There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

E. FIRE: Motion to grant permission to apply for the FY22 Fire Protection Grant for all districts and granting authorization for County Manager Janice Barela and Fire Chief Don Dirks to sign.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to grant permission to apply for the FY22 Fire Protection Grant for all districts and granting authorization for County Manager Janice Barela and Fire Chief Don Dirks to sign.

Torrance County Fire Chief Don Dirks: This year Chief Dirks wants to get each District everything he can for each of the 6 Districts, which adds up to approximately \$1.6 Mil.

Chairman Schwebach: Wanted to know what was different this year compared to the last.

Fire Chief Don Dirks: For the past 10 years, approximately, as the inference reporting was never completed on time.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

F. COUNTY ATTORNEY: Motion to approve restructure of County Attorney's Office, eliminating Executive Assistant position and adding Records Custodian duties to Legal Assistant and setting salary.

ITEM DEFERRED.

G. ROAD: Motion to approve reclassification of Mechanic Position to Operator/Mechanic and increase pay rate.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Motion to approve reclassification of Mechanic Position to Operator/Mechanic and increase pay rate.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

Jeremy Oliver, Finance Director: When Salary Schedule was made, the person who held this position resigned before they held the review. It was not caught in time that they were not set at the same rate as other Operators. This position would be set up to include operator with additional trainer duties. Nothing needs to be increased this year. There would be enough vacancy savings, but next year we would need to do a total increase of what was proposed, the \$5,000, to cover the max earning potential of this position.

Chairman Schwebach: Had questions about filling the vacant position.

Jeremy Oliver: Answered Chairman Schwebach's questions about filling the position and the qualifications needed.

Madam County Manager Barela: Explained the position.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

H. FINANCE: Motion to approve Professional Services Contract with John Shumaker & Associates, Inc. for Geohydrologic Consulting Services for the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee – RFP TC-FY21-01.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Professional Services Contract with John Shumaker & Associates, Inc. for Geohydrologic Consulting Services for the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee – RFP TC-FY21-01.

Noah Sedillo, Torrance County Purchasing Director: Spoke on behalf of the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee, formed under a tri-county MOU (Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torrance Counties). As fiscal agent, they facilitated an RFP on their behalf. They receive their funding from Bernalillo, Santa Fe County and the municipalities. Two proposals were received, both responsive, one from Hydro Resolutions Incorporated, and one from John Schumaker and

Associates, Inc. Hydro Resolutions Contract. The recommendation is to approve John Schumaker & Associates, Inc, for \$23,198.40 for professional services, basin monitoring, and does not include expenses.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked if there was any discussion.
There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

I. DWI: Motion to approve CDWI Grant Agreement for FY2021, between Torrance County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve CDWI Grant Agreement for FY2021, between Torrance County and the New Mexico Department of Transportation and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Tracey Master, DWI Program Coordinator: Asked for the CDWI Grant Agreement for FY 2021 to be approved. Asked the Commission to approve the grant in the amount of \$1,518. The funds are used for promotional items.

There was no discussion.

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

J. COMMISSION: Motion to approve amendment to Fire Chief's employment contract after Performance Evaluation and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Moved after Executive Session.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve amendment to Fire Chief's employment contract after Performance Evaluation and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.
There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

K. MANAGER: Motion to concur with the hiring of Juan Torres as the Torrance County Deputy County Manager at the terms and conditions set forth in the contract offered by the County Manager and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Moved after Executive Session.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to concur with the hiring of Juan Torres as the Torrance County Deputy County Manager at the terms and conditions set forth in the contract offered by the County Manager and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the Motion.

Madam County Manager: Thanked the Commission for concurring with the hiring of Mr. Torres and said that she is excited to have him come aboard.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; Chairman Schwebach: Yes; Commissioner McCall: Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

13. DISCUSSION

A. PLANNING & ZONING: Revision to TC Ordinance 94-12 (Public Hearing will be held during the September 8, 2021, Commission Meeting).

Chairman Schwebach: Introduced the topic of discussion, and asked Mr. Guetschow if they would only be discussing the logistics of the public hearing.

Steve Guetschow, Planning and Zoning: Answered in the affirmative. Explained the Revision to TC Ordinance 94-12. Asked if he could explain what has been changed. He asked if he could go over the “where-as”.

Chairman Schwebach: Answered in the affirmative.

Steve Guetschow: The notice to the public went out August 20th. Mr. Guetschow explained the changes that were made. Original and new copies are in the Commission Meeting Packet.

John Butrick, Torrance County Attorney: Asked Mr. Guetschow specifics about 90-3 in the Ordinance and told him about certain non-substantive changes he would like to have changed.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked for clarification if he was incorrect, but as understood, he believed that there was a published document that needed to be brought before a public hearing. He wants to know if everything that needs to be changed should be put in before the public hearing.

Madam County Manager Barela: Answered in the affirmative and explained that after this will be a public hearing. A new ordinance or changes to a previous ordinance must go before the public.

Commissioner McCall: Mr. McCall was wondering about the tarping rule that he wanted to introduce many weeks ago. He was wondering if this Ordinance is where he would add the rule.

Steve Guetschow: Answered in the affirmative but explained that it is a road safety and so Code Enforcement cannot do anything about ticketing or stopping an untarped vehicle.

County Manager Barela: Spoke to the Sheriff, and they are who informed Ms. Barela that it is a road safety issue. The Sheriff's Office would have to write the ticket.

The Commissioners, Mr. Guetschow, Madam County Manager Barela and Mr. Butrick continued discussion on the Ordinance.

BREAK TO CHANGE DISC: 10:27 A.M.

RECONVENE: 10:30 A.M.

B. GRANTS: Presentation and discussion regarding current Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Projects and addition of new projects.

Cheryl Allen, Torrance County: Read the presentation that is hereto attached. She explained all the different projects that can be done. Discussion on the different projects commenced.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked why there are possible plans for a new animal shelter, as he was under the impression that a lot of money went into the current Torrance County Animal Shelter.

Cheryl Allen: The money that has gone into the current Animal Shelter has been for upkeep. The Shelter is not big enough and needs a cat area. The \$25,000 agreement award is still pending. They are looking at having all communities within Torrance County pull together and build a regional center.

Commissioner McCall: Asked if the vehicles through the Aging and Long-Term Services go through Torrance County, or just through Aging and Long-Term Services.

Cheryl Allen: They belong only to Aging and Long-Term Services. Through that application, they are allowed to buy smaller vehicles.

Commissioner McCall: Asked what the “Smart Choice Ride Services” are.

Tracey Master, DWI Prevention Program Coordinator: Gave an update and answered questions on the Smart Choice Ride program, which is a service to bring people to and from a drinking establishment. The reason for bringing someone to the establishment (for a \$5 fee each way) is because they found that those who drive to the restaurant/bar will not leave their vehicles in the parking lot, even if drunk. If they are given a ride there and back, then they will be more likely to call and get a safe ride home from Smart Choice. The fee can be waived if the person has absolutely no money to get home.

The van was vandalized the previous weekend. They need to fix and restore the van.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked if September 8th is the correct deadline.

Cheryl Allen: For the final ICIP and Resolution, yes. She must send it in on the next Friday.

The Commissioners, Madam County Manager Barela, and Cheryl Allen spoke about the fact that she never got an email telling her that the program was open, and what the deadlines are.

County Manager Barela: Went over the program and its deadlines. For discussion, not approval today.

Sept. 8th, 2021- Full discussion and resolution must be drawn up and submitted on this day. If deemed necessary, smaller meetings can be held, if there are not enough people for a quorum.

She mentioned that if the Torrance County Constituents have ideas for projects, to immediately bring them to the Manager. They can go on the next meeting agenda.

Chairman Schwebach: Wants to know why so much money has gone into patching up old buildings, and why the County cannot buy new facilities instead.

Cheryl Allen: Gave examples as to what can be done with the \$25,000 that the Animal Shelter is being given for improvements.

No further Discussion.

C. MANAGER'S REPORT

Madam County Manager Barela: September 1st is the statutory deadline for the DFA to issue the 2022 property tax rates for Torrance County.

The Board of County Commissioners are required by State Statute to deliver to the County Assessor a written order imposing these rates within 5 days of its rate setting order. Depending on when the County Receives the rates, the Commission may need to call for a special meeting to meet the statutory requirement.

September 6th is Labor Day, so the County Offices are closed and that creates a 4-day weekend. This may lead to the Commission filling their requirement during their regularly scheduled Commission Meeting on September 8th. Madam County Manager Barela will keep the Commission updated on that. Tracey Sedillo will provide more information on tax rates before the meeting. There are three different tax rates certificates because of the bonds that will be placed on the upcoming election. Depending on which bonds are passed, that will determine what the tax rates will be. Every one of the certificates will be approved, then DFA will determine which are applicable based on the Election.

During the 5 days, all the local agencies that we collect and distribute tax monies to, we will let them know what their tax rates are. If they disagree, they may prove that the rate is incorrect.

Regarding the Park, there is a thinning project with Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District. It requires a match, possibly 10%, and we can determine how much of the park needs thinning. Brenda Smythe is excited and wants to do the project with us.

Commissioner Candelaria: Claunch-Pinto wants to get involved as well.

D. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

- 1) **Commissioner McCall, District 1: No Report**
- 2) **Commissioner Schwebach, District 2: No Report**
- 3) **Commissioner Candelaria, District 3: As Follows:**

Commissioner Candelaria: Thanked the Road Department for being out in the Gran Quivera area and fixing the roads while rain has torn them up.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to enter executive session.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; **Chairman Schwebach:** Yes; **Commissioner McCall:** Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Entered Executive Session at: 11:21 AM

- A. **MANAGER:** PILT Negotiations for proposed Pattern Energy Wind Farm Project, closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1(H)(8).
- B. **MANAGER:** Fire Chief - End of Probation Performance Evaluation, closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1(H)(2).
- C. **MANAGER:** Discuss Deputy County Manager position, closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1(H)(2).

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to reconvene regular session.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Schwebach: Offered a statement that during Executive Session, the only items discussed were those on the agenda for the Executive Session and nothing else.

There was no discussion.

Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; Chairman Schwebach: Yes; Commissioner McCall: Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Regular Session Reconvened at: 12:56 p.m.

Moved to Items 12-J and 12-K.

Chairman Schwebach: Gave the floor to the Sheriff's Office as they had more to discuss on item 12-C. **SHERIFF: Motion to approve reorganization of the Torrance County Sheriff's Office Transport/Civil Division to Community and Court Services Division (CCS) and additional Patrol Deputy positions.**

Torrance County Undersheriff Eli Lucero: Gave clarification on the point of certification. He does not want to be short staffed and limit the Sheriff's Office because they are only trying to get certified officers. He would rather be well rounded and have more Police Service Aides in the meantime.

Madam County Manager Janice Barela: On the match to the Park: 20% is the number to match.

15. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting:
September 8, 2021, at 9:00AM.

16. SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

17. ADJOURN

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Commissioner McCall: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:


Commissioner Candelaria: Yes; Chairman Schwebach: Yes; Commissioner McCall: Yes.

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MOTION PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 1:04 P.M.

Signed By:



**Ryan Schwebach – Torrance
County Board of Commission
Chairman**



**Valerie Smith – Admin Assistant,
Torrance County Clerk’s Office**

Date: 09 / 08 / 2021

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.

INFORMATION REGARDING DWI PREVENTION SERVICES:

4th Annual Torrance County Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5k

(aka "Suicide Prevention and Embrace Life Celebration")

Estancia

September 19, 2021

Dance Under the Stars

Moriarty

September 11, 2021

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Moriarty

August 29, 2021

Adult Mental Health First Aid (two-day class)

Estancia

August 30 - 31, 2021

Participating in:

Pinto Bean Fiesta

September 25, 2021

Moriarty

MADD Honoring Heroes

September 18, 2021

Albuquerque

Sunflower Festival

August 28, 2021

Mountainair

Zoom Bingo

Wednesday evenings

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