

FINAL

Torrance County Board of Commissioners

Regular Commission Meeting

December 08, 2021

9:00 AM

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

Others Present:

**JANICE BARELA – COUNTY MANAGER
JUAN TORRES- DEPUTY 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 9:01 A.M.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

PLEDGE:

Chairman Schwebach: Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner McCall: Led the invocation.

A. Moment of Silence (Employees we have lost, employees who have lost family, and employees who are still fighting the COVID battle.)

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No Changes this day.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

None

5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

A. ASSESSOR: Announcement of Employee Service Year Pin: Cassandra Knoten (2) (Deferred from November 10, 2021, Meeting)

Linda Gallegos, Deputy Assessor: Presented Cassandra Knoten with Employee Service Year Pin for 2 years of employment with Torrance County.

B. ASSESSOR: Announcement of Employee Service Year Pin: Tanner Solomon (2) (Deferred from November 10, 2021, Meeting)

Linda Gallegos, Deputy Assessor: Presented Tanner Solomon with Employee Service Year Pin for 2 years of employment with Torrance County.

C. FIRE: Announcement of Employee Service Year Pin: Julie Fill (2)

Fire Chief Don Dirks: Presented Julie Fill with Employee Service Year for 2 years of employment with Torrance County.

D. RISK MANAGEMENT: 2021 Safety Nominations- S.A.F.E. (Staying Accident Free Everyday)

Nick Sedillo, Operations Manager: Presented Safety Nominations to:

Francesca Archuleta: 192 Days Accident Free;

Marissa Ortiz: 568 Days Accident Free;

Tracey Sedillo: 12,121 DAYS (33 YEARS) ACCIDENT FREE!

6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Senaida Anaya, Torreon Land Grant: Speaking on behalf of the Land Grant Community. Ms. Anaya believes that the Land Grant meets the requirements for the money available for the American Rescue Plan that is dedicated to helping improve infrastructure in areas such as the water, waste, or broadband utilities. Bids have been turned in for upgrades and they just got an inspection on their water tanks. COVID has affected the Land Grant Communities terribly, and they are pleading for help. They are asking for flexibility that the rules allow for. Ms. Anaya and the other Land Grant Presidents had met with Madam County Manager Barela, Deputy County Manager Torres, and Commissioner Candelaria.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked Mrs. Anaya if she would be willing to come back during Item 12-E to answer some questions.

Senaida Anaya: Agreed to come back.

Fire Chief Don Dirks: Torrance County Fire & Rescue: Chief Dirks is proud to announce that, with the addition of two new paramedics approved by the Commission, the Fire & Rescue team is fully staffed. Advanced Life Support (ALS) services are now offered 5 days a week, with Intermediate Life Support (ILS) 2 days a week. They are working with QuickMed Claims on the issues regarding the billing and the state mandate and \$60k yearly billing cap. He is hoping that they can get it completed and return to the Commission with an update on what the County can expect in terms of billing.

Chief Dirks has the final draft of the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Parks Service completed and will be providing it to the County Attorney for review. The Attorney, John Butrick, is currently reviewing the Moriarty Mutual Aid Agreement, and Chief Dirks has a meeting arranged with Mountainair for the next week in December. Chief Dirks said that Estancia is next on the list to speak to for a Mutual Aid Agreement.

Lori Aruchleta: Congratulated Nick Sedillo on his retirement.

Came forward to speak as a resident of Torrance County, not an employee. She had previously thanked Chairman Schwebach for standing up for Torrance County and the rights of the citizens to choose whether to wear a mask. Now that she has seen the havoc that it is wreaking on our society, she has a different view. She saw 18

employees that she knows of get the virus, while 4 of the employees and many, many family members have lost their lives. She believes that everyone should be wearing a mask and would like to see the Commissioners lead by example.

Chairman Schwebach: Made it clear that he is not a fan of mandates, but the fact that “COVID is real” means that everyone needs to be aware and be proactive. It is not a political issue. Get the vaccine. Get tested. Accept that the issue is an “everyone” problem, not an “us versus them” problem.

Commissioner Candelaria: Wants to let people know that he is vaccinated, and that it is not a bad thing to be.

Tracey Master: Updated the Commission on the happenings of DWI Prevention Program and some things from the community.

Tracey participated in the Parade of Lights in Moriarty last Saturday and unveiled the Santa mailbox that was built by Torrance County Teen Court. Children can leave letters there and, if they include a return address, then one of “Santa’s elves” will send a response. She will be sending them from the County Building and wanted people to know that if they see the return address as “The North Pole”, it’s legitimately from her.

Friday, December 10 is the Parade of Lights in Mountainair. Unlike regular parades, they will go all around the town in front of people’s homes, to essentially take the parade to the people.

Saturday will be the Estancia TNT Craft Fair at the Estancia High School from 10-4. There will be a light parade in the evening. They will also have luminarias at the park. Proceeds from the sale of the luminarias (\$1/each) will go to the Estancia Special Events Committee to help us do other things in the community.

Smart Choice Ride van is still operating on Friday and Saturday evenings, and they will run on New Year’s Eve, with Tracey driving that night.

Zoom Bingo still happens on Wednesday evenings. They will play that evening, December 8, 2021, and next week December 15, 2021, but will be off the following two Wednesdays. They will also play a special edition on New Year’s Eve.

DWI Coordinators affiliate is partnering with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to educate legislators during the next legislative session. There are many new issues that have arisen, especially with recreational cannabis being legalized.

Tracey successfully completed a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer, Suicide prevention classes) Facilitator training, and needs volunteers for the first Suicide Prevention Class. You can contact Tracey Master at tmaster@tcnm.us .

Youth Anger Management is still in full swing.

Tracey Master, District 2 Resident: Has had to do 2 COVID funerals and has made the offer to the community to perform COVID funerals if anyone is in need. She wants everyone to know that she will do all she can do honor their loved one. They can email her at tmaster@tcnm.us .

Ben Daugherty, Torrance County Dispatch: Let the Commission know that the upgrades for the consoles are done. The 911 telephone goes live on the 15th, and they are now using a 23-channel system PRI line, so the chances of getting a busy signal are very slim.

John Butrick, Torrance County Attorney: Opened Public Comment to Zoom.

Jeremy Oliver: Unmuted Zoom participants.

Chairman Schwebach: Hearing none, moved on to approval of minutes.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSION: Motion to approve October 27, 2021, Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve October 27, 2021, Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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:** Absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Moved to Item 11 A.

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE

None

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

A. FINANCE: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-51, Notice Resolution, proposing future adoption of a County Ordinance authorizing the issuance of industrial revenue bonds not to exceed \$3,500,000,000, relating to a wind energy project proposed by Pattern SC Holdings LLC, and directing that the Title and General Summary of the subject matter of the proposed ordinance, and notice of the meeting at which the ordinance will be considered for adoption, be published as required by law, Resolution No. 2021-51. (Deferred from November 10, 2021, Meeting)

Chairman Schwebach: Opened the floor for discussion.

John Butrick, Torrance County Attorney: Introduced Jill Sweeney and Rob Burpo. Unsure if anyone from Pattern Energy was on the line.

Jill Sweeney: The purpose of the Resolution is to direct the publication of the Notice of Intent for the consideration of a Bond Ordinance, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds. This is putting the process of a Bond Resolution in place. The Bond Resolution has not been negotiated yet, and it does not obligate the County to take any action unless it is in compliance with the Ordinance. There will be PILT payments to the Counties and school districts, to be set forth in the Ordinance.

The Bond is to be issued in aggregate principal amount, not to exceed \$3.5B in one or more series or subseries.

This allows the County, its appropriate officials and the Finance Team to move forward.

Chairman Schwebach: Had no questions.

Commissioner Candelaria: Had no questions.

Robert Burpo: The project is not due to produce energy until 2026. Pattern has offered installment payments until the project is in full swing. Those have not been negotiated yet. They are waiting for the Secretary of State to confirm the election, and then they need that to prepare property tax certificates showing how much money goes to the Counties and the schools. Some places are having trouble getting land lease payments.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-51, proposing future adoption of a County Ordinance authorizing the issuance of industrial revenue bonds not to exceed \$3,500,000,000, relating to a wind energy project proposed by Pattern SC Holdings LLC, and directing that the Title and General Summary of the subject matter of the proposed ordinance, and notice of the meeting at which the ordinance will be considered for adoption, be published as required by law, Resolution No. 2021-51.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

B. TREASURER: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021- 52, Supporting NM Counties Legislative Priorities.

Chairman Schwebach: Opened floor for discussion regarding Resolution No. 2021-52, Supporting NM Counties Legislative Priorities.

Tracey Sedillo, Torrance County Treasurer: Presented Resolution 2021-52, Supporting NM Counties Legislative priorities. Reiterates the 3 Legislative Priorities for NM Counties. They all have to do with giving funding back to the Counties, or with unfunded mandates. The first item is asking the State of NM to fully fund the detention reimbursement fund for housing state prisoners. Torrance County doesn't keep state inmates in our jail but does house inmates that have been arrested by State Police. The County is asking for reimbursement of the expenses paid for prisoner care, transportation, and extradition.

They also want to expand and the R.I.S.E. Program, which stands for Reach, Intervene, Support and Engage Program. It is a partnership with the NM Department of Health to reduce recidivism.

The Next is the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. The Law Enforcement and the Fire Protection Fund have been targets over the years and any money left over gets swept into the State General Fund. It comes from insurance premiums that taxpayers pay. This way it would go where it is intended; to help Law Enforcement and Fire Departments that need to buy new equipment and other necessary items.

The third item is Courthouse funding. This money would provide matching funds for Court construction projects and funding to help provide the Courthouses with improvements to their buildings and offices.

Commissioner Candelaria: Asked if they had gone through this before, where the state was going to pay for State inmates?

Tracey Sedillo, Treasurer: It has been a point of contention for a long time.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021- 52, Supporting NM Counties Legislative Priorities.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

12. APPROVALS

A. DWI: Motion to approve LDWI Grant Amendment for FY2022, between Torrance County and The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division.

Chairman Schwebach: Opened discussion and possible action on item 12-A., a motion to approve LDWI Grant Amendment for FY2022, between Torrance County and The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division.

Tracey Master, Torrance County DWI Program Director: In September or thereabout, the Commission approved returning \$30,287 to DFA. This in essence gives that money back. This funding would allow the DWI Prevention Program to do more of the things that were in their grant application to begin with. She cannot receive the new budget from DFA until it is approved. Estancia and Mountainair schools are open to the Prevention Program coming into their schools to educate the children about the dangers of Drinking and Driving.

John Butrick, County Attorney: Informed Chairman Schwebach that the 10% match was already being met, still is, and they are not obligated to approve any more.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve LDWI Grant Amendment for FY2022, between Torrance County and The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

B. FIRE: Motion to approve submittal of FY23 EMS Fund Act Application through the NM EMS Bureau for Districts 2, 3, & 5 VFD.

Fire Chief Dirks: Presented motion to approve submittal of FY23 EMS Fund Act Application through the NM EMS Bureau for Districts 2, 3, & 5 VFD. It

was the one that was missed last year. It varies between districts; it is for medical supplies for the rigs and PRC equipment. This allows for submittal.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve submittal of FY23 EMS Fund Act Application through the NM EMS Bureau for Districts 2, 3, & 5 VFD.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

C. DISPATCH: Motion to approve Service Agreement between Torrance County and Motorola for enhanced radio system. (No motion from November 10, 2021, Meeting)

Ben Daugherty: Available for questions regarding the Motorola Contract.

Deputy County Manager Juan Torres: The Commission had asked for an annual Maintenance agreement, and one time service agreement. Mr. Torres has provided that from Motorola. The year 1 maintenance agreement adds up to \$97,039.98. The one-year upgrade cost to get the County up to 2021 standard would be \$132K. If the county upgrades, the maintenance cost will go down. Another upgrade would happen at year 4, with the upgrade cost and the maintenance cost. To compare, to do 6 individual maintenance agreements, with 2 upgrades, it would be \$749,942.32. A 6-year contract with 3 upgrades will cost \$608,918. That adds up to approximately \$140K more to do the 6 yearly maintenance contracts.

Chairman Schwebach: If you were to look at the annual maintenance contract with 2 one-time upgrades, how do we know we need an upgrade? Is it guaranteed every two years? Is it necessary to get it? What if there aren't any upgrades that are available?

Deputy County Manager Juan Torres: Right now, the County is on the 2016 standard. The upgrade that is available (2021 standard) needs to be installed. If the County didn't think they needed an upgrade, or if there wasn't an upgrade available it could be pushed out another year or two.

Ben Daugherty: Right now, the County does need the upgrade because the hardware and software won't be compatible with anything else soon. Mr. Daugherty compared the update to the iPhone, where you can keep your old iPhone 8 if you want. But the update for iPhone 15 is not going to work.

Chairman Schwebach: Understands the iPhone comparison, but he is wondering if will be viable in more than one year. He wants to know if the County should be and should have been upgrading every two years, and if it is a better deal to sign the 6-year contract.

Ben Daugherty: The software is beginning to fail on the hardware that is presently in the Dispatch offices. Torrance County also must stay up to date if they want to be able to use the State of New Mexico's system.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked Mr. Butrick if he or anyone else that had read the contract if the contract allows for adjustment due to inflation.

John Butrick: There is an early termination clause in there. It says in 8.3 of the agreement that if the contract were to be terminated early there would be a loss of discount.

Multi Year service agreements: At the end of the first year and each year thereafter, a CPI will be performed (percentage change calculation)

Using the US Department of Labor Consumer Price Index. Should the inflation index increase over 3% during the previous year, Motorola shall have the right to increase all future maintenance prices by the CPI increase amount over 3%, once the inflation rate has been posted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Commissioner Candelaria: In favor of going to length of the contract. Thinks that this is the best chance to get ahead of the pack.

John Butrick: There has been review of only an annual and a 6-year contract, but those are not the only choices. Contracts can be written for between 2 and 10 years.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve the service agreement between Torrance County and Motorola for an enhanced radio system, with a 6 year contract management with 3 upgrades, for a total of \$608,918 split between the 6 years.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

D. EMERGENCY MANAGER: Motion to approve Letter of Intent for the 700 Radio System.

Chairman Schwebach: Opened the floor for discussion of the Letter of Intent for the 700 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

Matt Propp, Torrance County Emergency Manager: The purpose of today's presentation was to bring forth a letter of intent for the 700 MHz Public Safety Radio System. The letter of intent does nothing but buy Torrance County a spot in line. It helps the State prioritize where infrastructure needs to be placed.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent for the 700 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

E. MANAGER: Motion to approve the appropriation of Torrance County's American Rescue Plan Funding for Tajique Land Grant and Manzano Land Grant.

Chairman Schwebach: Opened the floor for discussion.

Senaida Anaya: Introduced herself as the representative of the Torreón, Tajique and Manzano Land Grant Communities. Mrs. Anaya asked the Commission for funding from the American Rescue Plan grant to inspect and maintain the water system in Torreón.

Chairman Schwebach: Asked how long ago the Mutual Domestic Water System was installed, which was approximately 40 years, and if it had been inspected or maintained since then. He also asked how it was funded.

Commissioner Candelaria: Explained that Tajiue's water system had been in place for 20 years, and Manzano's was in place for 45 years.

Senaida Anaya: Answered that Capital Outlay is what funded the water system. The companies that do the maintenance on the water systems are from out of state and their rates are higher than anyone from New Mexico would be.

Chairman Schwebach: Clarified with Mrs. Anaya that the mandates have always been in place but were just not enforced. She said this was correct.

Andrew Gutierrez: Spoke to say that every 3 years the state does a sanitary survey and inspection of the water systems and mandates the inspection and maintenance of the water systems every 10 years. Up to this point, none of Torreon, Tajiue or Manzano systems have had this done. The cost is too high for the constant upkeep. The Land Grant Communities were not prepared for the high cost of the maintenance. They plan on being better prepared in the next ten years. They got caught off guard and will have to prepare better in the future.

Chairman Schwebach: Not in favor of giving, but willing to give a 4 or 5 term-year loan with 0% interest to help get them on their feet with this finding.

Does not believe that the County should be in the position to maintain the water systems of the Land Grant Communities.

Senaida Anaya: The American Rescue Plan is for the underserved people of this country, and this county, to help maintain and build new infrastructure. The Land Grant Communities meet all the qualifications the Plan has laid out.

Commissioner Candelaria: Understand that the money is not coming from the County, but from the Federal Government. He believes that if they are able, they should help the communities that need it.

Chairman Schwebach: Appreciates what Commissioner Candelaria is saying, but wants people to remember that in times past that when EMWT Regional Water Association was working to get matching funds from the State on a grant, that the Land Grants did not want to be involved in it, so it cost the County the entire grant. If this money wasn't available, where would the Land Grants be looking for it?

Senaida Anaya: The Communities would be looking in every nook and cranny. But the money is available. And the Land Grant Communities are eligible. Mentioned a clean slate between the County and Land Grant Communities.

Chairman Schwebach: Likes the idea of a clean slate, but feels he must do his due diligence in vetting where the money goes and what it is used for. Wants to know what happens in 10 years if they are in the same boat.

Senaida Anaya: The Communities must work on planning ahead, raising the money or going to their local or State governments for help.

Chairman Schwebach: Feels he has spoken his mind, but that it is Commissioner Candelaria that is the one that needs to make the decision, because the Land Grants are in his district. If he supports the money going to the Land Grants, then the Chairman will back Commissioner Candelaria.

Commissioner Candelaria: Wholeheartedly believes that giving the ARP funds to the Land Grants for their request is the right thing to do, in his words.

Jason Quintana: Speaking on behalf of the Manzano Land Grant, he wanted to make it clear that the Mutual Domestics do as much as they can for the people without robbing them of their money. They do not have a lot to work with, and have not asked the County for anything, though they have asked the State and Federal Governments for help with grants and loans. He understands the frustrations, but wants the Commissioners to understand their side as well. He asked Commissioner Candelaria to help the people. The Land Grants not wanting to be part of the EMWT is a totally separate issue. (Some of what Mr. Quintana said was unintelligible as it was spoken via Zoom.)

Chairman Schwebach: Is not for the State changing the laws about inspection. He would be more inclined to put County Resources toward fighting the change. He understands the issues, and does not want to set precedence with the County funding maintenance of infrastructure, though that is what the American Rescue Plan funds are for, in addition to building new infrastructure. Mr. Schwebach wants to know why the State has suddenly changed these mandates.

Senaida Anaya: The next thing will be for Broadband Infrastructure. There needs to be a clean slate, and there is a time constraint to get this done. People have been severely affected by the pandemic, and don't have the resources of the rest of the County. She said that they are all citizens of this County, and are trying to do their part to stay afloat without asking for help. They have done a good job until then, and are only asking because their project fits the criteria.

John Butrick: To Mr. Quintana's point about the statutes not being enforced before but now are, but obviously they were. Mr. Butrick read the contract, and asked about certain points of the contract that mention extra fees, said that the question would be how much those extra charges would be, should they come up, and how that would be handled according to Mrs. Anaya.

Senaida Anaya: The inspector has spoken in detail with the Water Association Presidents, and has given them the quote. She won't speak on behalf of Andrew Gutierrez or Jason Quintana, though she knows that Torreon may be able to cover whatever is leftover. Only Tajique and Manzano are on this Agenda Item. Torreon is on the next Agenda, not this one, so they are not asking for money from the ARP this day.

Jason Quintana: The Mutual Domestics are not telling people that live in the Communities that they can't have water. They supply water to other areas as well. They have been a body of politics since 1987. Taxes are not collected. This body helps the Communities.

Chairman Schwebach: Said that his problem is not that it is Land Grants that are asking for the money, it is that it is a maintenance versus a construction project.

Andrew Gutierrez: The Road Department can vouch for this. The Land Grants help out the County whenever they need water for any reason, as well as the Fairgrounds. Now they are getting pushback when asking for money that belongs to the entire Torrance County Community.

Chairman Schwebach: Mentioned that he gives the County quite a bit of water off his wells.

Senaida Anaya: Feels as though she is coming to the County with a valid question.

Chairman Schwebach: Thinks that the Land Grants and the Commissioners need to sit down and have a conversation. He asked for Mrs. Anaya to explain the Agenda request and amount.

Senaida Anaya: Answered that the item is for Tajique and Manzano, and the amount is for approximately \$20,000 between the 3 Land Grants.

Chairman Schwebach: Cannot make a motion for all three, as only the two are on the Agenda.

John Butrick: Has not seen a final amount on any of them, but the two amounts on the top of the second page, adding those two figures, will be the totals.

Jason Quintana: There is an additional \$250 from the EPA and another \$150 for another fee.

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Deputy County Manager Juan Torres: Spoke up that the total was \$12,883.

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve in the amount of up to \$14,000 for the Tajique and Manzano Land Grants cleaning of their water tanks for the Mutual Domestics.

Commissioner Candelaria: Seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

F MANAGER: Discuss and possible action regarding planning and development of Fairgrounds.

Chairman Schwebach: Wanted an update on where they are at.

Deputy County Manager Juan Torres: The survey has been completed, he is trying to reach the Realtor, and close the deal. As soon as that is done, then they can move forward on projects.

Chairman Schwebach: Next questioned the bond sales and where they are at. Some ICIP money has not been spent, but they need to install doors.

Juan Torres: Agreed with Chairman Schwebach. He believes they have one quote for doors, and is waiting on the other 2 to move forward. If they are unable to, they will issue a bid and move on from there. Then they can get the fans installed.

Chairman Schwebach: Are the bonds issued for the latest appropriations?

Jeremy Oliver: Usually that goes through Cheryl Allen, but she has been out. He will get with Senaida and try to find that email.

Chairman Schwebach: There will be no action taken today.

13. DISCUSSION

A. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Madam County Manager Barela: No Update

B. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

1) Commissioner McCall, District 1: Absent, no update.

2) Commissioner Schwebach, District 2: Do not be afraid to get tested, and to wear a mask. Too many people are afraid to get tested for COVID-19 until it is too late. Do it for yourself and your community.

3) Commissioner Candelaria, District 3: Tomorrow, December 9th, 2021, Commissioner Candelaria and Nelson Hindi will be meeting with Senator Ambrose Castellano, and Martin Zamora, representing Guadalupe County to discuss the agreement that if Torrance County were to ask for money to support Duran's water system, if they were okay with two entities coming together to support this.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting: January 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

16. SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

17. ADJOURN

ACTION TAKEN:

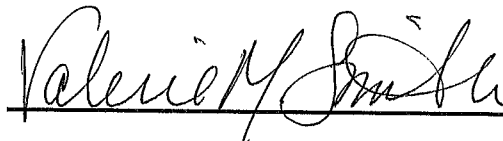
Chairman Schwebach: Adjourned the December 8, 2021 Meeting at approximately 10:45 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:45 A.M. APPROXIMATELY

Signed By:



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



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

Date: 2 / 9 / 2022

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