

**FINAL**  
**Torrance County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022, @ 9:00 AM**  
**205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

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

**Other Present: JANICE BARELA – COUNTY MANAGER**  
**JUAN TORRES – DEPUTY MANAGER**  
**MIKE GARCIA – COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
**SYLVIA CHAVEZ – DEPUTY CLERK**  
**KEVIN PHAM – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**1. Call to Order**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Calls the July 13, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Pledge lead by Chairman Schwebach**

**Invocation lead by Commissioner McCall**

**3. Changes to the Agenda**

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Stated that there are no changes to the Agenda.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS- NONE**

**5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS**

**A. DISPATCH:** Recognition of Employee Service Year Pin: Keith Webb (2)

**Christina Romero 911 Director:** Keith is unable to be here, he is working right now. He asks if I can accept this award on his behalf. He said thank you.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Thank you Keith.

**B. ASSESSOR:** Recognition of Employee Service Year Pin: Hugh Jones (15)



**County Assessor Jesse Lucero:** I would like to present another award to one of my employees Hugh Jones a/k/a Geno. I am proud to present Geno with a 15-year award of service. Geno started back on 2007 with the Assessor Office. I think every person in this room has been in my office, and the first person that would greet them would be Geno. Geno is our Customer Service Specialist. If we could provide the customers service that Geno provides, County Government would be loved. I would like to share just a few comments that people have left for Geno. One of them wrote, we came in to change our address and Geno went the extra mile to show us the property and explain the entire deed recording process. Geno is an excellent employee and represents the County well. That was from Jim Meham. Another one, Geno Jones being extremely helpful, courteous, and very personable. Great guy! The final one from this morning. Geno, hardly any government building is any fun. Geno has made it friendly and made it a friendly experience and left me smiling. Thank you! These were just a few comments on the character Geno represent every day in our office, and I am beyond proud to present this 15-year service award certificate to Mr. Hugh Jones.

**Geno:** I just wanted to say thank you, and I'm proud that this is not just a job. I enjoy every day here, and everybody in the County has become part of my family. Thank you.

**Commissioner McCall:** I would like to add to that. I was in the office a few weeks ago and witness firsthand that Geno is dealing with a veteran, and it was awesome. The honor and respect you gave that gentleman was awesome.

## 6. **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

A. **PLANNING & ZONING:** Re-Appointment of Jim Frost to Planning and Zoning Board.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** State the Planning and Zoning Director is not in this week, so on his behalf I would like to present this item before you on the agenda. Mr. Jim Frost has been a very valuable member to our Planning and Zoning Board, and he is up for reappointment. We would like to recommend that the Planning and Zoning Director and Board to reappoint Mr. Jim Frost for another term.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to re-appoint Jim Frost.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 7. **PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS**

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Stated that we have quite a few signed up for public comments this morning. First we have Tracey Master.

**Tracey Master DWI Prevention Coordinator:** I just wanted to provide a brief update. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the program hosted Danny Duran at the park of Estancia. There was about 300 people in

attendance. We continue to host our weekly Zoom Bingo. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we partner with the Moriarty Lions Club hosting the pancake breakfast, we had an all-time high attendance of 82. On Friday night of last week, we had Teen Night at the Aquatic Center with 54 youth in attendance. This Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> we will presenting prevention education at the American Legion Youth Core during the day, and hosting Family Night at the Estancia Aquatic Center in the evening. July 21<sup>st</sup>, during the day we will be doing QPR Suicide Prevention to the Mountainair Youth Conservation Core participant, that same evening we will be providing Prevention Education at Teen Night at the Moriarty Library. On July 30<sup>th</sup> we are looking at having two bands play throughout Old Timers Day, and August 6<sup>th</sup> we will have an Outreach table at the Moriarty Mini Con. August 12<sup>th</sup> Teen Night at the pool, August 19<sup>th</sup> Family Night at the pool, August 21<sup>st</sup> End of Summer Splash at the pool, August 26<sup>th</sup> bingo at the Moriarty Lions Club, September 3<sup>rd</sup> bingo at the Fair Grounds, September 16<sup>th</sup> bingo in Mountainair, and also August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> we will be doing bingo as part of the Torrance County Fair. We will be doing movies in Mountainair, date to be determine. I am preparing to go to the National Association of Drug Corp Professional annual conference. The next meeting for the Torrance County DWI Prevention is next Wednesday 7/22/22 via zoom. I just want to mention that I have been here for 20 years.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Tracey Master is accurate; she has been here for 20 years. Her service year pin and certificate are not included in this, but we will be honoring her on the next Commission Meeting. Our next up is our Deputy County Clerk Sylvia Chavez.

**Sylvia Chavez Deputy County Clerk:** I am here to give you an update on the independent candidates filing day that was held June 29<sup>th</sup>. We had three people come in and declare their candidacy. We have Stephen E. Garrett for Commission District 1, Leanne Margaret Tapia for Commission District 2. We had Sergio Sapien for Sheriff, but he has since withdrawn. We did the process and their petition signatures have been verified, and they have been qualified and they will be candidates that will appear on the November General Election Ballots.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Excellent Thank you.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have Destry Hunt.

**Destry Hunt:** I would like to echo the sediment about Geno. I have multiple encounters with him in all extremely positive ways. Not only in his current rolls, but he was also sitting on a nonprofit board donating his time to that as well. This speaks volume of who the County choses to select and promote and maintaining these importance positions. I meant to say the same thing about Dominica when you all presented her the Employee of the Quarter Certificate. I do appreciate the County for having those type of people for the customer service rolls. We recognize that there are some candidates who threw their hats in the ring. In the sprits of making sure that anybody can answer to any question that the community might have. We decided as citizen we would try to put forward some sort of a forum whereby, they can be interviewed, but not a forum that can have hostility and ranker as sometime happens with debates. Maybe a candidate interview one on one. We hope everyone would do it, and we will make it as casual and pleasant for everybody as possible, so everybody has an opportunity to state their case for why they are the best candidates for the position they are running for. We will be reaching out to the youth as well.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have County Assessor Jesse Lucero.

**County Assessor Jesse Lucero:** I have a couple of items for you all this morning. This is a topic near and dear to my heart. As a Navy Veteran and I know there is several other veterans here also. Vice Chair Candelaria, Jeremy Oliver, and I'm sure there is also some in the audience as well. Tomorrow, we are hosting a Veteran Outreach Opportunity tomorrow July the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM here in the County Commission room. I want to thank my office manager Victoria Sedillo for working really hard with Joseph Barn with the Veteran Agency. They are not a government agency, but it is an agency that deals with veteran issues. I would like to thank our interns, they have really stepped it up. This opportunity tomorrow is for any veterans if you're interested in a veteran license plate discounts at parks and museums. All you need to bring is your DD214. We offer water, coffee, and a friendly face. I will be there, and I highly encourage any veterans to come join us. In terms of the Outreach Program, the Assessor Office will also be at the County Fair Ground on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM. By the time this rolls around our times with our intern will have come to an end. Our interns asked if they could participate in this event with us even though they are not getting paid. I am super proud of them. They will be presenting my annual reports. This is a wonderful program for the interns, and I hope Torrance County continues to use this program.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have Charlene Guffey.

**Charlene Guffey:** First off, I would like to thank Geno for all the hard work he does when I call. I would like to thank Tracey Master for all the hard work and dedications that she gives to our community with programs and support she gives to our young people of Torrance County. I would also like to thank Marcy Wallin for her time and patient, that she and the Fair Board is stepping up to provide encouragement to the youth of this County. After a long period of Government slow down, anguish and even anger. This County finally has deed in hand for the Fair Ground. Here we are two months later and still no progress. Let's take a moment and really think about what the building really means. It's about our young people. It's not about where to put the kitchen or how big this building needs to be. For two years our kids and grandchildren have been through a nightmare with Covid shutdowns. They were held prisoners in the land of the free. Now its time for us adult to give back to our future hopes. It is our jobs to make sure our children are given the best opportunities to thrive in their lives. Let's put the Government dragging feet aside. At the end of this meeting on item #13 under discussion. Therefore, you put this on the agenda on every meeting. This is the time to discuss what is said in public comments and what your concerns are in your district, because there is always something going on the good and the bad so let's here you discuss.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have Brady Ness.

**Brady Ness:** After the last couple of meeting, and the way things went. I understand that. I want each of you gentlemen to know that I have nothing negative to say about you guys. I want peace in our communities, I want peace in our country, and I am for peace. I understand if you start speaking truth you start exposing things it gets ugly, and I don't want our people and our country divided but the truth will divide. After my last public engagement, I've had people gave me the



thumbs down and the thumbs ups. As probably you gentlemen have as well. I want you to understand that I do not consider you as my enemy I don't consider you a foe. I don't want to run into you in public places and be in an awkward situation. I don't know the people running against you very well, they may be horrible. I don't know I'm undecided the public can decide that I don't really care. I am here to speak on the greatest threat to the American people and our way of life is Government. Whether if anybody wants to acknowledge that or not or admit that or not its government. Covid is a plan demic, yes, I say plan demic because that's what it was. Who threaten our kids the most during that, who force our kids to put mask on their face? School teachers, administrators, school board, and government did. I have a booklet here the constitution Declaration of Independence, and in it says that we are grantee certain rights which are life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The government is the instituted among men just to protect those secrets rights. Here we are over 200 years later and look at the mess we're in. I'm not blaming you indivual for that at all, but the government is the greatest threat to the people and government sponsor cartels. Banking cartel literally prints money out of thin air. This one-hundred-dollar bill here is nothing more than a federal reserve note, a promise to pay. My constitution said that there should only be gold and silver as a tender in payments. Who do you want me to yell at? I consider you guys as friends and neighbors, but you are seated in the position of government. The bucks stop here in Torrance County. If those people up there can control what's done here, and Washington controls what they do. Then we have a backward situation. I wish I have the answer to fix that, but I don't. You people out there think that I'm a crazy conspiracy theorist, that's fine. There's most definitely conspiracy taking place.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have Rob Wagner.

**Rob Wagner:** I voted in the Primary. I personally asked for a provisional ballot, and when asked why. I explained, I didn't want my ballot to be run through the Dominion voting machine. The election worker that was present assured me that there was a different plan in place. They would print the ballot and I would fill it out and it would be hand tallied at the end of the night. At the recent commission meeting the County Clerk said as much. Much to my demines, mine and many other people ballots was run through the Dominion machines. Very disappointed in that. I understand that our clerk had her hands tied and was told that is the way to do it. When government tells you that they were going to do it one way, and they do it in another way. With a private business you do that to me I can go somewhere else. With the government I can't go somewhere else, I can move to another country, but I don't want to move to another country. This is the best country in the world, I shouldn't have to go to a different country for proper treatment.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Next we have Marcie Wallin.

**Marcie Wallin:** I would like to mention that our County Fair will be August 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have visitors and spectators as well as participant. I like to thank James Solomon and his crew, they worked hard on the fairgrounds, and it look really nice. They have made a huge accomplishment there. I would also like to thank the Finance Department; they issue our PO's so we can get going on the stuff we need on a timely manner, and I appreciate there help in that. I would like to mention that the community garden doing great, it's growing at a rapid pace at the Fair ground. We have squash, cucumbers, jalapenos, yellow wax peppers, and spinach

that are abundant, so if anyone wants to come over. The community garden is at the Fair Ground, and we welcome all people to come over and pull weeds and take a squash for your reward. Joe Everett has done a nice job in putting in a automatic water system. We also have Leonard Howell who stepped up and helped with the water system. We would like to see more participation or interest, so anyone could spread the words. I would like for us to be inquired for anything that is happening to the Fair Ground as far as future plans.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Stated that's all we have for public comments signed up in-person.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** We have one for public comment on Zoom, Janette Hunt.

**Jeanette Hunt:** I just want to voice my concerns for the current election systems that we have, and the lack of knowledge and training for the people that are running the election. I would like to ask the Commissioners to ensure that the Clerk is learning all the State Statues and her duties and rights so that she can know for herself on what she is allowed to do and what not allowed to do. For her to not rely on anybody else telling her what to do. I would like the Commissioners to ensure that the Clerk is training all the poll workers on the correct ways to do things. I don't feel confident in the system no matter what.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** Stated that, that is all we have signed up on Zoom.

## 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **CLERK:** Motion to approve the June 8, 2022, Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes. (Deferred from June 22, 2022)

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve the June 8, 2022, Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes. (Deferred from June 22, 2022)

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. **CLERK:** Motion to approve the June 13, 2022, Special Meeting of the Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve the June 13, 2022, Special Meeting of the Torrance County Commission Meeting Minutes.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.



**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Vote Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. **CLERK:** Motion to approve the June 30, 2022, Special Meeting of the Torrance County Commission Minutes.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve the June 30, 2022, Special Meeting of the Torrance County Commission Minutes.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **FINANCE:** Motion to approve payables.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve payables.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioner in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE**

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss an Ordinance approving a financing represented by the County's \$9,500,000 Revenue Note (PILOT Payments)

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Chairman Schwebach:** So that the public is aware, we give a brief overview of the purpose of the Public Hearing and what is fixing to happen.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** There has been discussion with this Commission to take a loan out for a new Administrative Building. So, direction was given to Rob Burpo from First American Financial Adviser. He is on contract with the County as a Financial Adviser to work on this and the terms in those types of things to get us the best deals for the County. Before you today with



this Public Hearing we also have Jill Sweeney, and Parker Schenken from Sherman & Howard which is our Bond Council. Between the three of them, they will be the one doing the presentation of what this all involve. The County Attorney will be here conducting the public hearing in order to swear in anybody that needs to be sworn in. If we need to do any housekeeping items, but I just wanted to give a backdrop to what exactly as we are going into this agenda item.

**Chairman Schwebach:** So, for the public, at this point with the public hearing there will be presentation on what we are discussing concerning this. Then when all of the presentation are done, we will allow public comments to discuss this item, so it doesn't matter if you sign up before and if you want to come up and speak upon this. In the Public Hearing you'll come up and be sworn in for your testimony. When we are done, I'll open it up for public comments. Mr. Burpo you may proceed.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Mr. Burpo.

**Rob Burpo:** I do. I am here to present some of the details on the purpose financing that the Ordinance provide. We've negotiated a transaction of up to 9.5 million dollars in loans to build the new County Administrative Building. It is structured for two years of interest only. As you draw down money so the loans are not finance all at once. You'll only pay interest in the amount you draw down in the first two years as you go up the facilities. Then it converts to an eighteen-year amortization. We are negotiating as we speak, I was on the phone this morning. On the interest rate base on where the New Mexico Finance Authority is, it appears it will be about a 3.75 interest rate. Base on that the County is pledging only its pilot payment from the previous Pattern Energy Development Projects that was close that were close in 2021. You have already received your first payment. The County receives each year, the County portion is \$1,618,307. That is your payment after what goes into the school districts. The debt service should be around \$735,267, which means after debt service the County should still retain \$883,000 to do with it as you please. It goes into the general funds, and you can use it for whatever you want. The loan is prepayable at any time without penalty or premium. The lender is Century Bank in Albuquerque. We discuss the transaction with several banks, we discuss it with US Bank, we discuss it with New Mexico Finance Authority, we discuss it with BBVA. US Bank would only do a transaction for ten years period loan excess, BBVA would do a twenty-year finance but would only fix the interest rate for five years. We thought from a budgeting standpoint, and neither one of them were willing to do an interest rate only for the first two years they wanted to charge you interest for the entire transaction on 9.5 million. Here you only pay interest as you drop down from the first two years and with that, that is the operational part of the transaction. We will determine the interest rate today or tomorrow. The transaction structure has given authority to the County Manager to sign the documents. There will be a loan agreement, a promissory note. There will be several documents between councils for the bank, and your bond council so we will prepare a closing memo on a couples of other documents. With that I will defer any questions about the intricacy of the Ordinance to your bond council. Jill or Parker do you have any comments?

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Jill Sweeney, and Parker Schenken.

**Jill Sweeney:** I do.



**Parker Schenken:** I do.

**Jill Sweeney:** As Rob describe, we have before you an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of the note related to this loan agreement in the amount not to exceed 9.5 million dollars for the County Administration Building. Base on the revenue stream created by the payments in leu of taxes from the Pattern Energy Transaction Industrial Revenue Bonds that has already close. This Ordinance contains the delegation of authority to determine the final terms of the note. As Mr. Burpo describe, those terms are being finalize with the bank. Just so you know, the packet not only have the Ordinance but also the forms of agreements of the note and the term sheet. I think with that we are ready to go and proceed toward the closing. Mr. Schenken, do you have anything else to add to the Commission news and aware of the terms.

**Parker Schenken:** I think you and Mr. Burpo covered, the only thing I might add is this. The action today is just carrying out what we've contemplated in use of the resolution that was pass by the commission on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Commissioners, do you have any questions?

**Commissioner McCall:** I have been fortunate enough to be the Commissioner leading on this with Rob, Janice, and Jill. I'll make a statement. Correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Candelaria. How many Acres are set aside for the new County Building.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** I think there is 29 acres.

**Commissioner McCall:** There is 29 acres that has been purchased off of Alan Ayers. In the idea to put a new County Administrative Office when that time came. After talking with Rob and seeing our finances and our budget. I learned that we as a County can pledge our pilt payments coming off of the windmills to secure this loan. So, I think it is important to know that these are new money that we have not seen. The County is not in any way shape or form taking away from our general fund currently, and it would be pledging the new 2021 Pilot payments coming off the wind generation plans to pay for this. There's some discussion on the next IRB and what we might do with that. I was on a call this week with Rob, and you said Torrance is one of the best financially sound County probably in the State. This Commission has taken on debts head on, we've paid off a lot of debts. In return we've been blessed pilot payments coming off the wind turbines. So, with that being said that's where I stand. I didn't know if I was quite ready and on board for a new building, as you look around this one. It has served its purpose. It maybe time in looking at a new one and taking that on. I think it's time with where the County is sitting at financially.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** Commissioner McCall, Nick Sedillo wrote on the track. It is 25 acres 20 of it is allow for building due to the other five being located adjacent to the airport.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** I was a junior in high school when this building was put together, it was 1967. My cousin Galindo Candelaria was Commissioner at that time. Where before dedication, they have us here on our hands and knees with the SOS pads taking off all the scoff marks on the tiles that was here. So, I remember it well. It has served it purpose, whenever we bring in new

computer systems and anything else. This place is built like a fortress. There was no way of going through walls for bringing in lines and anything else that is required for the new norm and new age that we have to deal with for the computer systems. It's a project that is well worth taking advantage of, knowing that the money is coming from other sources than from our general fund. It's great to have a more modern building that we can utilize in more ways. Thank you.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Open the floor for public comments.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Jesse Lucero.

**County Assessor Jesse Lucero:** I do. I just wanted to make a comment. As a former School Board Member and now as an elected official in the County capacity. It always concerns me anytime someone wants to start up a new project. In years past when I was a School Board Member, I have the honor being part of the new construction of our new middle school. Many members of the public would ask, is our property taxes going up. At the time our superintendent would assure folks that that would not be the case. So, every time a project is tapped in around the County. Folks our property tax is not going to go up. If it's a bond, then your property tax is going up. So, Commission I'm really just up here to say thank you for being very methodical with our budget. Linda wrote me a little note, and we were passing note to each other, and you have answered our questions. I think this is an outstanding use of funds. Thanks to everybody's effort who have worked on this project. Thank you to you all for being responsible with these funds.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Rob Wagner.

**Rob Wagner:** I do. I have a couple of questions, as far as the finance go for this. The 3.5 interest, is that a fix rate? Fix rate for the eighteen years, what are the draw down restrictions? Are there restrictions on how quickly the 9.5 can be drawn too, and is there a deadline for the 9.5 to be fully drawn? When does the 9.5 has to be drawn by?

**Rob Burpo:** By the second year. 24 months after closing.

**Rob Wagner:** What kind of closing cost are you looking at for financing this?

**Rob Burpo:** Roughly, at 1.75 Percent.

**Rob Wagner:** Are there plans to sell this building to pay down debt?

**Chairman Schwebach:** As of right now no. There are plans that we are not going to abandon the building.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Brady Ness.

**Brady Ness:** I do. I am far more concerned with the fictionality of our government than the facilities of our government. Government facilities been popping up all over the place. You go into any small town, they're usually the nicest building in town. I personally have problems with that. Just like most churches now a day. They know nothing about the bible, but they got some

good-looking building. I am going to be completely opposed and against this. That is my main concern, and personally you brought up property tax and I'm going to be working with you in the future to find out exactly how I can exempt my property from any and all taxes. We are going to work on that, then I'm going to teach everybody on how to do the same, because I'm for the people.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Shari Thigpen.

**Shari Thigpen:** I do. I am also very concern about taxes. I think we pay more than enough, and I understand there's money coming from the windmills. I worked for the Co Op for quite a while, and one of my concerns to is that I understand this is revenue coming into the County. I also remember hearing and learning about the problems with the windmills. Another thing that effects our household greatly is the amount of money we pay for our electricity, and it's going up, and I home school. It was a huge deal on how much we are with how much money we were spending on our electric bill. Yes, there is revenues paying for the building, but there's also cost in the end. I am in an agreement that there is so many things to be worked on around this County. It seems like we focus on government a lot of times and not so much on the people. I think that those are the thing that really matter. So, I'm not exactly for the new building. I am for more community discussions if there needs to be buildings, that my opinions. I think the people needs to be involve a little more with spending on government.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore Danielle Johnston:

**Danielle Johnston:** I do. This is always nerve wrecking. I think when people are showing such courage about moving forward into the unknown. Those of us who generally sits quietly have to have a say in our thoughts. I appreciate the facts of the clarity of this project, that the pilot money is not money that has been with us. It's new money. I appreciate the care and the knowledge that the folks you're working with have exhibits today and being able to explain to me. I didn't really understand what this was when I read the agenda. I didn't realize the impact until we begin the public discussion. Mr. McCall, I appreciate your willingness to drive this project wherever it takes us. I ask that we all keep in mind separatrix discussions and democratic government, and servilities. Those three things required that we move slowly and carefully. Which you have done. I have seen a depth of understanding of the needs of the people of our community. The young people, the children, the young families, and the people who are struggling to make its due during this time of inflation. With the care you have taken, and you have exhibited for all of those people as their voices. The knowledge you have exhibit, the Robert Rules of Order that you required of us. just keep us on the straight and narrow. To step into the unknown, we have to be brave, and you have to be brave to help us go there. When it gets chaotic, which it does. Just know that we're solidly behind you, and we trust you in taking us in this direction.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** We have Jeanette Hunt on Zoom as well.

**Chairman Schwebach:** proceed Mrs. Hunt.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** Swore in Mrs. Hunt.



**Jeanette Hunt:** I do. I think it will be great if there was more community involvement in this. I feel like you guys have already made up your mind, but if the community could have more involvement and know more than what the tiny bit of what was presented today. That would at least make us feel better about it. If that's not the case and you guys are going to move forward with it regardless. At least, I'd like to ask that you could build a building that is not going to have to be rebuild in fifty years. It seems like fifty years isn't that long, and I know that the building has issues. At least make a building that is going to be able to withstand the test of time for more then fifty years. So, we're not going through this again. Ultimately new money is still money that could be used somewhere else.

**Chairman Schwebach:** thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to speak public comment? We will close the session for public comment. Mr. Burpo.

**Rob Burpo:** Just to point out a couple of things for the public consideration. The first time that this project was discuss was in October of last year. For the constituent's consistence of Torrance County. Your Commission has taken an awful lot of action behind the scenes and discussions with them. They have hired a firm to do what they call programing, in other words is to find out what you need that is best for the citizen. The only thing that I would recommend strongly is that on the next commission meeting that the chair for your citizen is something better than the church bench. This does not affect your property taxes in any way. This has zero impact on your property taxes. And to the lady that discuss about her electric bill. One of the things I think may not understood, is that all of the electricity that is being generated under this project that we are using the pilot payment from. 100 percent of that goes to California. So, it has no impact on your local electric rate. There are other factors involved, PRZ and the Green New Deal and all these kinds of things. In all fairness 100 percent of the electricity is generated from all of these turbines that were put in that is being use for the pilot payments. 100 percent of the electricity does go to California, so it really doesn't have any impact positive of negative on your utility bills. Basically, what happen is we imported a lot of money from California to build these. A lot of people in here that pays gross receipts tax, rent homes, rent RVs, and now you're getting pilot payments from California. This is one of those situations where you actually been imported money on a consistence bases and future bases for the next thirty years to the County from outside the state of New Mexico. With that Mr. Chairman if there's no other questions, and I know you have some comments of your own. So, thank you.

**Commissioner McCall:** Just to address some of the questions and concerns that we have brought up today. I absolutely hear you, and I would be opposed to it if it did increase our property taxes. This Commission has conducted an audit this past winter. On what maintenance and utilities on this building alone look like. Almost what it cost to operate this building would almost pay a monthly payment on the new building. For those of you that don't know, this H-Vac system is being held together with duct tape and was told that if it goes it goes. The other thing I want to address is I know the public doesn't get emails and text messages saying hey we have a plugged sewer, and the sewer line is backed up and we're calling the day off for Administration. Do you remember how much it cost to close for a day?

**County Manager Janice Barela:** Jeremy might have this number, but I think it is around \$12,000 a day just for the administrative staffs to not be here not having the government open.

**Commissioner McCall:** That's the number, I was thinking anywhere between 12K – 15K.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** I believe that is right in the area I don't have the exact numbers, but I do have some of the numbers for maintenance and for the H-Vac. The H-Vac alone is going to cost a couple hundred thousand if it does go out.

**Commissioner McCall:** So, Jeremy do you have the TLC contract for just the H-Vac and the plumbing for this building?

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** Yes. So, in FY20 we spent \$76K a year on not routine maintenance but fixing issues as they broke. FY21 was a \$109K halfway through when this was run. FY22 was \$69K projected at \$118K I haven't update it with the actual numbers. That is probably going to be a lot higher, because I think we have one of the sewer problems in the second half of the year. We have major sewer works three different occasions in the past year and a half with each one costing about \$15K-\$20K to fix and keep us operational with running water and running sewage.

**Commissioner McCall:** So, I hear your concerns and I have concerns as well. But when you hear those staggering numbers on maintenance, I think maybe it's time. With the fact that we got this new money and knowing a lost day of production in the County Office cost \$12K a day. As a commissioner it definitely perks me up in saying great, but you can't expect folks to stay here and work without restrooms.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** I would like to add to that. We have a great staff that has been trying hard to telework from home on those days that we have to shut down. That doesn't mean that the people of Torrance County, and people that are traveling to our building to conduct business are able to access our government as readily as they should be able to. And that's a great concern as well.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** So, I did find the cost. For man hours alone it's \$9.5K a day and this is based on man hours and old wages. Also, during months between November and March there's typically a lot of space heaters, so we are averaging an extra \$4.3K on our electric bill to run space heaters.

**Commissioner McCall:** I'll be the first to admit and I'll be involved if I'm reelected, but this new building will not be shiny and fancy. It will be productive, and I think that is important.

**Chairman Schwebach:** I am not a fan of putting up a new building, but what I discovered after being in office. It's like any business and anything else is that there is a level of efficiencies to get the job done. At the end of the day government is for the people, and I do agree with limited governments. But I don't agree on not being able to do the job, and when you look at this building and you're looking at the maintenances coming down on this building and possibility of this building being closed for an extended period of time to replace the heaters. The system has past

the point of being economical violable to keep fixing it. I agree I'm not looking for a flamboyant building. We are looking for an efficient and functional building to serve the people of Torrance County.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** I did find a rough estimate from TLC for the boiler, if the boiler was to go down. They're estimating that it can reach up to \$2 million dollars for replacing that, and with everything that goes with the system.

**Commissioner McCall:** It hasn't happened, but we wake up one morning and this place is in six inches of water with a broken line on the roof with all of our computers and documents and all of the public ability to do business here will be hampered. That can happen at the new one. I get it, but it is something that has to be on our radar. With this new PILT payment coming in that started in 2021, I think it's a great time. Rob, during last week on a Zoom meeting, did you say that our mill levies in this County went down?

**Rob Burpo:** Yes sir.

**Commissioner McCall:** Jesse you might want to speak on this. We are one of the few Counties in the state of New Mexico, that mill levy on property taxes decrease.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** swore in Jesse Lucero.

**County Assessor Jesse Lucero:** I do. I'm not sure with other Counties. I do know that there are many factors that go into the mill rates for it to go up or down. Building new facilities are always one of those. In Torrance County during my first term, we've been very lucky where the mill rates have been lowered. I certainly think we are moving in a positive direction.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** swore in Jeremy Oliver.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** I do.

**Chairman Schwebach:** I would like Mr. Oliver to touch base on what we are looking at for the repayment on this. \$800K from the PILT poll coming online. So, we have committed some of those PILT funds for varies places in the operational expenses. After the commitment to this. How much extra money do we have left with in the general fund?

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** About a little more than a year ago. We did do an Ordinance for extra reserve to be put in place. The only reoccurring PILT money we had which was from the very first agreement, and that was to help support the jail fund. Which was used for part of the Sheriff's operation, and part of housing inmates. So, that kind of solidified that. If not, then it would all have to come from the general fund. We do split the cost with the general fund as it is. The general fund is in whole by itself without these extra PILT dollars coming in. We have used the extra PILT money over the last few years. One is for the initial startup for the EMT. Once they are fully online, we are projecting that will cover the cost for EMT's and potentially for the Fire Department. We've done some one-time project, as well as two years ahead of schedule which met that extra reserve. By not spending it, we have \$1.6 million for any projects the Commission

see fits. For next year we are looking at what is pledge from the PILT would be our loan payment. This is the PILT as a whole, not just the new agreement. Our loan payment and the \$800K for the jail fund, and anything left over is always budgeted as onetime expense. Not so much operational, because we don't want to go beyond our general fund capacity. With the mill rates, it is what our general fund needs to operate. So, we don't want to over increase our general fund operation by using this PILT money. With that we were able to move ahead with some of the restructuring and beefing up our first responders. And with the EMT and the Sheriff Department with the new salary structure. If not, it would have taken a little bit longer to get to that point instead of just jumping to that one big point. Beside that we are not reoccurring any PILT payments, it is all onetime. We have use some for the paving of Riley Rd. this last year and that was part of our grant and part of our matching program. We have used it for patrol vehicles, and some of it was use for improvements for the fair grounds. That is what we are budgeting money from the PILT payment.

**Chairman Schwebach:** So, at the end of the day. Looking through these numbers, and how we are approach this with what's coming down the roads in the next four years. We have been fortunate with extra income.

**Commissioner McCall:** I think it is important to know that after an annual payment on the building. There is still \$883K per year in addition to the annual payments on the loans that can go it to the general fund. We are only touching half of it, so it keeps building the general fund.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Jeremy, so this does not hold us back from getting ICIP money from the Legislator right. We can go after ICIP money for the building.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** Correct. We currently do have some state funding to pay for the programming and the initial design also. It doesn't restrict us for going out for additional funding to end up reducing the potential loans as well. With our PILT and increase GRT we would be able to pay off the loan early and save hundreds of thousands of dollars as well.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Anymore discussion?

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** made a Motion to conclude the public hearing for Ordinance No 2022-01.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Chairman Schwebach:** We are now back in regular session.

- A. **COMMISSION:** Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2022- 01 , an Ordinance approving a financing represented by the County's \$9,500,000 Revenue Note (PILOT Payments), Series 2022, and approving related documents. (Rob Burpo, First American

Financial Advisors, Inc. and Jill Sweeney/Parker Schenken, Sherman & Howard LLC) (Public Hearing)

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2022- 01, an Ordinance approving a financing represented by the County's \$9,500,000 Revenue Note (PILOT Payments), Series 2022, and approving related documents.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

**A. FINANCE:** Motion to approve Resolution 2022- 40, Budget Increases/Transfers to close out Fiscal Year 2022.

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** I have before you a total of five different schedules for this resolution. The first line is for money granted to the County for along the 285 corridors. Schedule B is for the new salary for the new EMT's. Schedule C is for all grants related to put a buffer into some the grants. Schedule D is for reconcile with NMFA. Schedule E is for the General Fund budgets.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve Resolution 2022- 40, Budget Increases/Transfers to close out Fiscal Year 2022.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. APPROVALS**

**A. MANAGER:** Motion to approve Agreement between Torrance County and SunZia for compensation for the proposed 58.3-mile transmission line.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve Agreement between Torrance County and SunZia for compensation for the proposed 58.3-mile transmission line.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Rob Burpo:** On the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we presented to you for your consideration. A Community Benefits agreement between the County and SunZia. With your new legal not



have time to review it and asked if he can take a look at it to review and comment on it. With that I would like to defer any comments to Mr. Garcia, so he can talk about his view on this.

**County Attorney Mike Garcia:** I did talk with Mr. Burpo. I went every which way I could to see if I could find anything wrong with it. I did every research I can, and I couldn't find anything wrong with it. So, I give my approval to it.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. MANAGER:** Motion to approve day and overnight use of the Torrance County Park from July 30, 2022-August 7, 2022, for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Cache La Plew Mountain Man Rendezvous, sponsored by NM Bighorn Gun Club. (Presented by Cassandra Carnes)

**County Manager Janice Barela:** I requested that this Item be place on the agenda. I thought it will be a great opportunity for this group to be able to advertise with what is going on. If the Commissioners approve it. It will be the 44<sup>th</sup> year that they will be holding this event. I was not aware of it until I was in conversation with Ms. Carnes. I ask that Cassandra Carnes come to the podium to present this presentation.

**Cassandra Carnes:** This is the 44<sup>th</sup> annual that we are hoping. It was actually started in 1977 by a small group of people that enjoy black powder shooting. We are hoping to continue with it, it's a wonderful experience for adults as well as children. We always teach safety first. There is no charge for camping and to visit.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve day and overnight use of the Torrance County Park from July 30, 2022-August 7, 2022, for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Cache La Plew Mountain Man Rendezvous, sponsored by NM Bighorn Gun Club.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- C. MANAGER:** Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation District and Torrance County for use of predetermined portion of the Torrance County Fairgrounds property as a Community Garden.

**Leonard Howell:** this is for all of us, this is for the community. We sponsor this, we put up the materials, and we're putting up the fence so it can be separated. We are working on setting up hours so you can go in and spend a couple of hours and work on the garden, and plant stuff in the garden. We still don't know what this is going to be, but we know what we started with. Just getting the communities out there and spending time with the communities and with each other is a blessing.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation District and Torrance County for use of predetermined portion of the Torrance County Fairgrounds property as a Community Garden.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

D. **MANAGER:** Motion to approve three-year extension to lease agreement with the Tajique Land Grant for current location of the Tajique Transfer Station.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve three-year extension to lease agreement with the Tajique Land Grant for current location of the Tajique Transfer Station.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** second the Motion:

**County Manager Janice Barela:** This is something that was placed on your desk as you arrived this morning. Tajique Land Grant has entered into conversation with the previous executive director of the Solid Waste Authority. That they would enter into a lease agreement for the properties for the transfer station. Instead of being with Torrance County as it currently is. They were trying to work out something for Solid Waste to take over that lease agreement. The president of the land grant Andrew Gutierrez and I have been talking about this, and I feel in the best interest of the residence of that community along with the County for us to stop doing six-month lease extension. And just enter an extension for three years. No terms have been changed from the original lease agreement.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

E. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Approval of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for \$38,770.50 with a \$38,770.50 match authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign the agreement as the jurisdiction signatory official.

**Uzariah Astorga Grant Intern:** I am here today to request an acceptance for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. The EMPG pays for half the salary for the Emergency Staffs. Which include Emergency Manager and Emergency Management Specialist. The award amount is \$38,770.50 and the match amount is \$38,770.50. The award will be coming from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. We have only received the award letter and not the agreement. Therefor in addition to accept the award we

need you to authorize County Manager Janice Barela to sign the agreement as the signatory official. I stand for any questions.

**Commissioner McCall:** How are we providing the match?

**Grant Manager Cheryl Allen:** We pay for the other half of the Emergency Manager salary and the Emergency Specialist salary.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Which is in the budget Correct?

**Finance Director Jeremy Oliver:** Correct, it comes from the transfer of the general fund.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion for the Approval of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for \$38,770.50 with a \$38,770.50 match authorizing County Manager Janice Y. Barela to sign the agreement as the jurisdiction signatory official.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **SHERIFF:** Motion to approve ratification of JAG Agreement FY21.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve ratification of JAG Agreement FY21.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Sheriff Martin Rivera:** This is a returning grant that we have. We had JAG last year and the amount is less this year. It helps us a lot with salaries for over time, and purchase of equipment that we need.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. **DWI PREVENTION:** Motion to approve Amendment of Torrance County DWI Planning Bylaws as follows: In Article III Membership, to add, "k. Fiscal Agent. One voting member shall represent Torrance County, which serves as a fiscal agent for the Torrance County DWI Prevention Program".

**Tracey Master DWI Prevention Coordinator:** in your packet, there should be a copy of the Bylaws that were approve for the 2020 DWI Planning Council. For the guidelines provided by the Department of Finance and Administration local government Division Special Program Bureau LDWI. Planning councils are required in each community, and the representation on the planning council can or is to be made up of different sectors or different organizations.

The membership of the Torrance County DWI Planning Council includes members from the following sectors. Law Enforcement, school substance treatment, Faith Community Health Council, community members of large court, compliance monitor of probation, NMDOH, and the Media. It was an oversight not to include representation from the governing body which oversee the planning council. By providing sub-section "K" that states as a chairman physical member shall represent Torrance County. Which serve as a physical agent for the Torrance County DWI Prevention Program. This would make this planning council full in line with the County Board. I am requesting for your approval for this addition. I will not be here at the next meeting, but I will be at the following meeting in August for your approval of the members.

**Chairman Schwebach:** How do you get the members? How do you comprise this? I understand that the Commission Approves them.

**Tracey Master DWI Prevention Coordinator:** I Beg for people to participate. I reach out and beg people. I send out emails, and I make telephone calls. Our planning council does not have representation from all of these section that are listed from A thru J. everyone is so busy now than before that's why it is so difficult to add another one to their schedule. We currently have representation from Edgewood, Estancia, Moriarty, and Mountainair Communities at large. We currently have representation from police departments and law enforcements.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve Amendment of Torrance County DWI Planning Bylaws as follows: In Article III Membership, to add, "k. Fiscal Agent. One voting member shall represent Torrance County, which serves as a fiscal agent for the Torrance County DWI Prevention Program".

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**H. PURCHASING:** Motion to approve the FY 2022 Capital Asset Certification.

**Chief Procurement Officer Noah Sedillo:** Before you, you have the annual Capital Asset inventory and Certifications. Which is part of the financial statement that we need to conduct per our audit that will be coming up for FY22. Also, it is in conjunction NMSA 12-6-10A which is required to do an annual certification of our asset from \$5K upward. That is in conjunction with our policies that we have for our capital asset. Finance Director and I delegated some of this works for the departments with existing asset, and also with asset that were purchase this year. Per our policy we have to received them here at either County Admin or make arrangement to put as such. So, with that you have before you the FY22 Capital Asset Inventory Certification.

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to approve the FY 2022 Capital Asset Certification.

**Commissioner McCall:** Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** District 1 Voted Yes, District 2 Voted Yes, District 3 Voted Yes. All Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. **DISCUSSION**

**A. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**County Manager Janice Barela:** We do have some vacancies still to be fill in the County. We would love for people to be part of our great staff. I would like to announce some of those, in case any of those that are listening and are in the audience that would be interest in joining our great team. We do have four position available in Dispatchers and 911 Operators/Communication Specialist. We are looking for somebody from Mountainair High School to come work for Torrance County as part of the Student Work Study Program. We have applicants out of Estancia and Moriarty, but we don't have any applicant from Mountainair High School. This is for Seniors only. We also have three EMS Lieutenants position available. We have two Equipment Operators position available. One EMT Fire Fighter position available. One Animal Control Officer position, One Machinic Operator position, and at least one Sheriff Deputy position open. If anybody that is interest in becoming a part of those departments, please make sure you put it for that. We also have a position of a Clerical Float available, basically the position will allow you to be call as a substitute to come in and work at any of the offices that needs additional assistance. That is all I have

**B. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**1) Commissioner McCall, District 1**

**Commissioner McCall:** There was some questions today on where we sit with the County Fair Building. There has been a architect that has been contacted, and I will get with Deputy Manager Juan Torres about getting the rolling on that. If you'll recall a few meetings ago you guys gave me the lead to start working on the design. I am kind of like the point person on the Pattern on this next project that is being discuss. Rob Burpo has been a huge asset. We have purpose Pattern Energy with an escalator clause due to inflation, and they have met not all of our needs, but have increase another \$7Million over 30 years just by asking. I think pattern is trying very hard to become a great partner. So, when the project if it were to go in 2026, and the new project come online. There will be a onetime funding of \$13Million.

**County Manager Janice Barela:** That is correct. Torrance County will receive approximately \$8Million.

**Commissioner McCall:** So, we a 60/40 split with the schools.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Why is it different on this project? What was the negotiation?

**Commissioner McCall:** Because it was a four-year project, and the time started clicking at the first year of the projects. Then once it's closes, it catches us up to the thirty years paid out. So, when Rob came to the committee and said we can do a permanent fund where we can put that \$8Million in a permanent fund that pays out over the next thirty years with interest. I like that, part of me want to give something nice to us in the future. But I other thoughts was to take that \$8Million and slap it right down on that Administration Building, and almost have a free and clear Administration Building with that one-time fund from the windmills.

**Chairman Schwebach:** This will be in 2026?

**Commissioner McCall:** Correct. This will be in 2026.

**Chairman Schwebach:** Is this still in negotiation or is this something ready to be sign?

**County Manager Janice Barela:** We are at the place where the finial documents are be drafted. This negotiation has ceased as far as all the terms has been agreed upon. It won't be long I'm thinking around late August or early September that the official documents will come before you for the IRB for it to be finalize.

**Commissioner McCall:** We have to get started on this youth center. There is nothing better to invest in than our youth. We need to figure out what it's going to cost to own and operate that youth center, but I think it is worth something that we need to do. With that Mr. Chairman I am done with my report.

## **2) Commissioner Schwebach, District 2**

**Chairman Schwebach:** There were some other public comments in regard to our kids, and what has happened with these Covid lock downs. I agree with moving forward this County Fair and pushing it hard. Letting these kids know that there is something more the being locked up in their room. I also want to point out that the City of Moriarty is working with Moriarty FFA. They're doing movie nights. I'd attended last week, and it was pretty cool. I encourage people to go there is no charge for it. FFA are managing concession stands and is very family oriented. It is at the park across from Circle K. It starts at sundown. It was encouraging to see these young kids get out there and be involve. The last thing I want to touch on. I think there is no secrets with this canvassing in this last election. I believe truthfully that it is a lot of indivial that are voicing their concerns. I'll say it again, I do have concerns. How do you go about identifying them and correcting it? A lot of time it feels like you are a drop in the pond. I don't think that's what our government as a whole has intend it to be. Our founding father knew that they need to be some form of government for society. What does the government do, and where does it overstep its bounds? With this Commission, the majority of our works is financial responsibility with taxpayer dollars.

## **3) Commissioner Candelaria, District 3**

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** I just wanted to reiterate on what both Commissioners have said. 4H, FFA are hands on experience, they are not sitting in the classrooms pushing little buttons. When you get hands on experience you will get better quality in a person. I think Torrance County is going in the right direction, and I think we are one of the best County in New Mexico. Sure, we have problems. What we are doing what we think is right. I think that's the

only way we can proceed in making this County better and hoping it'll be better than when we found it. That's the whole principle of all things.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE**

**15. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting: July 27, 2022**

**16. SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENT**


**17. ADJOURN**

**Action Taken:**

**Chairman Schwebach:** Made a Motion to Adjourn Regular Commission Meeting.

**Vice Chair Candelaria:** Second the Motion.

**Meeting is adjourned at 12:00PM**

  
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Ryan Schwebach – Chairman  
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Kevin Pham – Admin Assistant

7/27/2022  
Date