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**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025
CHAVES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER – JOSEPH R SKEEN BUILDING
#1 ST. MARY'S PLACE, ROSWELL, NM 88203**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Waide led the pledge, and Commissioner Dana led in prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Those present in the Commission Chambers were Commissioners Taylor, Perry, Dana, Waide, and Corn.

Also present were County Manager, Bill Williams, County Attorney, Stan Riggs, Detention Center Director, Michael Brisco, Purchasing Director, Analicia Nieto, Road Supervisor, Joe West, IT Director, Andrew Rey, Chief Finance Officer, Anabel Barraza, County Clerk, Cindy Fuller, County Treasurer, Chanel Rey, Planning and Zoning Director, Louis Jaramillo, Flood Superintendent, Brian Houghtalin, HR Director, Emma Dominguez, media, staff, and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE AGENDA MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2025. MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

MARY ROGERS DAY

The Chaves County Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 26, 2025, as Mary Rogers Day in Chaves County. Mrs. Rogers has retired after serving 25 years at the Fifth Judicial District Court. Mrs. Rogers was present to accept the proclamation, and photos were taken with the Commissioners.

ESTELA MARQUEZ DAY

The Chaves County Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 26, 2025 as Estela Marquez Day in Chaves County. Ms. Marquez's heartfelt commitments to the Chaves County Detention Center and the Roswell Correctional Center will reap rewards for years to come. Ms. Marquez's family was present to accept the proclamation, and photos were taken with the Commissioners.

PRESENTATIONS AND AGENCY UPDATES

TIM JENNINGS, ROSWELL MAYOR

Mayor Jennings gave a brief update on flooding in the City. He offered comments in honor of Ms. Estela Marquez.

DETENTION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Bill Williams presented Michael Brisco, Detention Center Director, as Detention Administrator of the year. The National Institute of Jail Operations gave the award. Mr. Brisco was present to accept the award, and photos were taken with the Commissioners.

CHAVES COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

Tamara Shubert, County Program Director, FCS/4-H Agent

Katie Wright, Extension 4-H Agent

Ms. Shubert gave an update on their summer programs and the upcoming County fair, along with other workshops they will be holding.

Ms. Wright also gave information on their summer programs.

CHAVES COUNTY FLOOD

Brian Houghtalin, Superintendent

Mr. Houghtalin gave an update on the flooding issue in Chaves County.

*Additional comments were made by Vicky Longoria, 3605 Calumet Rd., Roswell, NM 88201, about flooding issues.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. REQUEST TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO AGREEMENT A-24-028 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF THE PECOS VALLEY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER RENOVATION

Presenter: Analia Nieto, Purchasing Director

The original contract sum was \$2,535,343.00. It was identified that the original signed contract did not include GRT, therefore, change order #1 to the agreement was for \$200,185.61 to add GRT. There has been a total of five (5) MCR's (modification change requests). At this time, Staff is asking for approval for MCR's 1, 3R1, 4 and 5 – as outlined below, all are inclusive of GRT.

MCR #1 - Corridor Partition, Door, and Mechanical/Electrical	\$88,710.89
MCR #3R1- Gate Access Control/Electrical	\$20,850.01
MCR #4 - Pneumatic Tube	\$30,552.22
MCR #5 - Credit for Door Strikes and Structural Supports	<u>(\$ 9,451.02)</u>
Total Change Order Request:	\$130,662.10

\$51,402.23 of the requested change order will be funded by NM State Appropriation #16-Z19D154. The remaining \$79,259.87 will be county-funded. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO AGREEMENT A-24-028
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

2. AGREEMENTS

A. AGREEMENT A-25-002 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND ROSWELL REFUGE FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR ALCOHOL RELATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

B. AGREEMENT A-25-003 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND SERENITY COUNSELING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

C. AGREEMENT A-25-004 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION FOR THE VALLEY SCHOOLS

D. AGREEMENT A-25-005 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND WINGS FOR L.I.F.E. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- E. AGREEMENT A-25-006 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY YOUTH AWARENESS FOR THE SHATTERED DREAMS / EVERY 15 MINUTES PROGRAM
- F. AGREEMENT A-25-007 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND CHARACTER COUNTS FOR PROJECT GRADUATION CELEBRATION
- G. AGREEMENT A-25-008 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DEXTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION
- H. AGREEMENT A-25-009 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND DIANE TAYLOR FOR DWI PREVENTION SERVICES
- I. AGREEMENT A-25-010 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND HAGERMAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION
- J. AGREEMENT A-25-011 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND LA CASA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- K. AGREEMENT A-25-012 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND LAKE ARTHUR MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALTERNATIVE DWI PREVENTION EDUCATION
- L. AGREEMENT A-25-013 – BETWEEN CHAVES COUNTY AND FRANK G. MAGOURILOS CERTIFIED PREVENTION SPECIALIST & EVALUATOR
- M. M-25-005 – FY 26 INTER-DEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY DWI PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Presenter: Anabel Barraza, Chaves County Finance Director

Ms. Barraza gave a brief update on each Agreement and MOU with the amounts.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE AGREEMENTS A-25-002 THROUGH AGREEMENT A-25-013 AND MOU M-25-005
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 ABSTAINED: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
 OPPOSED: NONE

RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION R-25-022 – CHANGING THREE (3) POLLING PLACES AND ADDING MONITORED SECURED CONTAINERS FOR THE 2025 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION

Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk

A Resolution to change three (3) polling places for the 2025 Regular Local Election and to add the locations of two (2) monitored secured containers.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-022
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

4. RESOLUTION R-25-023 DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES FOR THE 2026 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS AND THE 2027 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION

Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk

A resolution designating thirteen (13) polling places for the 2026 Primary and General Elections and the 2027 Regular Local Election.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-023
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

5. RESOLUTION R-25-024 APPOINTMENT TO THE CHAVES COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Presenter: Cindy Fuller, Chaves County Clerk

Appoint the Chaves County Board of Registration members to serve from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2027. The following names are being presented for appointment: Dave Kunko, Dorothy Hellums, Sarah McArthur, Daniel Johnson, and Rita Kane. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-024
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

6. RESOLUTION R-25-025 – REVISION NO. 21 OF THE CHAVES COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY

Presenter: Analicia Nieto, Purchasing Director

Ms. Nieto asked that this item be tabled because DFA published updates and changes to items, and she would like to add these revisions to the policy.

MOTION MADE TO: TABLE RESOLUTION R-25-025
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

7. RESOLUTION R-25-026 ADOPTING THE FY 2027-2031 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)

Presenter: Adriana Zapata, Project Specialist

This request is for approval of Resolution R-25-026 for adopting the FY 2027-2031 ICIP. The top ten (10) priorities are as follows:

PROPOSED CHAVES COUNTY TOP 10 PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR 2027-2031					
Project #	State Rank	Department	Agency Project	Funded To Date	Amount Not Yet Funded
40998	1	Facility Maintenance	Courthouse Elevator #6 Replace	\$0.00	\$350,000.00
37413	2	Facility Maintenance	Administration Center Main Entrance Improvements	\$0.00	\$375,000.00
43854	3	Facility Maintenance	Roswell Refuge Shelter for Battered Adults Renovations	\$50,000.00	\$360,000.00
38488	4	Flood Commission	Fuel Island Construction	\$0.00	\$400,000.00
42546	5	Public Service	Mountain View Road Improvements	\$0.00	\$600,000.00
43654	6	Facility Maintenance	Courthouse Cooling Tower Replace	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
41001	7	Facility Maintenance	Administration Center Exterior Repairs (Stucco)	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
43686	8	Adult Detention	New Cameras	\$0.00	\$275,000.00
42555	9	Adult Detention	New Parking Lot Construction	\$0.00	\$660,000.00
26471	10	Road Department	McGaffey Road Pavement Preservation	\$0.00	\$1,030,000.00
Total					\$4,500,000.00

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-026
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE TOP TEN (10) PRIORITIES AS LISTED
 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
 SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
 IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
 OPPOSED: NONE

8. RESOLUTION R-25-027 – TWO YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHAVES COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

Presenter: Chanel Rey, Chaves County Treasurer

Pursuant to §6-10.10.G, NMSA 1978, "...The Investment Policy shall be reviewed at least every two years." Resolution R-25-027 provides for the two-year review and in addition, expands the scope of the original policy by clarifying the selection of brokers/dealers between the two portfolios. The "Operating Portfolio" is expanded to allow for the selection of brokers/dealers to be made by the County Treasurer.

Under the advisement of the County's Investment Advisor – Insight, Investment, and with the support of the Chaves County Investment Committee, the following proposed revisions are presented for consideration and approval. The proposed revisions delineate selection parameters for the permanent fund as well as the secondary operating portfolio. The Investment Policy has been reviewed by our legal counsel in confirming that all said investments fall within statutory compliance. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-027
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

9. RESOLUTION R-25-028 APPROVING CHANGES TO PERSONNEL CHARTS

Presenter: Emma Dominguez, HR Director

Resolution R-25-028 incorporates the addition of one (1) IT Administrative Assistant Helpdesk position to Chart F, Level ITT, and one (1) Fire & Emergency Services Director position to Chart C, Level N. The renaming of one (1) IT Tech position to IT Tech 1, and one (1) IT Tech position renamed and upgraded to IT Tech 2. The Position Specification summaries for the above-named positions have been updated accordingly. Chart A-1 and B have been updated to include the new positions. Chart F has been updated to include Level IT2, Chart D now includes Level U for Uncertified Sheriff Deputies, and Chart D Level D includes an average 2.3% increase. The interim budget also included an 8% increase for the Health Care Director/Financial Internal Auditor, Facility Maintenance Director, Chief of Security, Public Services Director, and Road Operations Director. A 12% increase for the Assistant Finance Director, and a 7.5% increase for the Sheriff Administrator. Chaves County desires to increase the employees' current established insurance premiums with Chaves County by 20%, while Chaves County picks up the the remaining amount resulting from the State of New Mexico's 20% increase in insurance premiums that vary per plan. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-028
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

10. RESOLUTION R-25-029 SUPPORTING INCORPORATING IVERMECTIN INTO LIVESTOCK AND WILDLIFE FEEDS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Resolution R-25-029 acknowledges that the Chaves County Board of Commissioners supports and encourages the authorization by the FDA and USDA to allow the use of Ivermectin in livestock and wildlife feeds to combat the threat of the New World Screwworm Fly. Staff recommends approval. Mr. Williams read the resolution out loud.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-029
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

11. RESOLUTION R-25-030 – APPROVAL OF INDIGENT HEALTH CARE CLAIMS

Presenter: Jeff Ortega, HC Director/FIA

We are requesting approval of claims for payment.

Exhibit (A) American Medical Response for \$2,875.73. There were seven (7) claims.

Exhibit (B) La Casa de Buena Salud for \$31,519.80. There were 185 claims -117 for dental and 68 for primary care.

The total for all claims submitted is \$34,395.53. There were 192 claims.

Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-030
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

12. RESOLUTION R-25-032 SUPPORTING CATRON AND SOCORRO COUNTIES' DISASTER DECLARATIONS DUE TO MEXICAN WOLVES

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

The Board of County Commissioners of Catron County, New Mexico, adopted Resolution No. 56-2025 on April 8, 2025, and Socorro County passed Resolution No. 2525-036 to formally declare a public-safety disaster in their counties due to the threat of injury and damage caused by Mexican wolves. This resolution describes and supports their actions. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Waide read the resolution aloud, and a short video was then shown.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-032
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS

13. RATIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL TO LIBERTY HILL TEXAS FOR POLICE K-9 HANDLER COURSE – 80 HOURS

Presenter: Janet Garcia, Sheriff's Administrator

The Chaves County Sheriff's Office is requesting ratification of authorization to send one of its employees to a Police K-9 Handler Course in Liberty Hill, Texas on June 1, 2025 through June 13, 2025. The training is presented by Pacesetter K9 LLC and consists of 80 hours of training in Canine Safety, care for K-9, Obedience training, maximizing the impact of drug scent evidence, and narcotics detection. The registration fee for this course is \$3,000.00. This cost does not include per diem for meals and hotel for Deputy Castro and K-9 Deputy Felek.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

14. RATIFICATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA FOR THE 2025 NSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Presenter: Janet Garcia, Sheriff's Administrator

The Chaves County Sheriff's Office is requesting authorization to send the Sheriff, Undersheriff, and three (3) Lieutenants to the 2025 NSA Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They will travel via American Airlines and depart on Saturday on June 21, 2025, and return on Friday, June 27, 2025. The cost will be \$2,967.87 per individual, which includes American Airlines tickets, hotel, and per diem.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

15. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE JOY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Three members of the JOY Center Board of Directors are appointed by Chaves County. Presently, those members are Ms. Rita Kane Doerhoefer, Mr. Robert McCrea, and Ms. Phyllis Fix. Ms. Rita Kane Doerhoefer, who is the Senior Citizen Representative on the Board is terming out in August 2025. Monica Duran, Executive Director of Chaves County Joy Centers, Inc., has forwarded a Board Member's letter of support for Ms. Lorraine Wilby, and another Board Member, has forwarded a letter of support for Ms. Doerhoefer. Information on both nominees is attached. Staff requests that a person be appointed to the position by the Chaves County Board of Commissioners.

MOTION MADE TO: APPOINT RITA KANE DOERHOEFER TO THE JOY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

16. SUB-RECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT

Presenters: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager, and Anabel Barraza, Chief Financial Officer

Due to the federally declared disaster that occurred on October 19–20, 2024, Chaves County has been actively working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to restore impacted areas to their pre-disaster condition and implement mitigation efforts to reduce the risk of future flooding. As FEMA funding becomes obligated, the State of New Mexico will act as the pass-through agency for these projects. This agreement will allow the County to formally request the obligated funds through the State. No action is required from the Commission at this time. This item is being presented for your information regarding the County's responsibilities in facilitating these funding requests.

17. REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager

Bill Williams is requesting approval for out-of-state travel for Michael Brisco, John Crocker, and Sam Beene who attended the Jailcon 2025 Convention held in Chandler, Arizona, on June 8th, 2025, through June 12, 2025. CCDC Administrator Brisco was honored as the Warden of the Year for 2025. Staff recommends ratification of this out-of-state travel request.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RATIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS: TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,897,465.21
MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY
SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA
IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN
OPPOSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE REPORTS MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER VISITOR NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.

Rita Kane Doerhoeffer – very narrow, unstriped, Chicago Cubs mailbox
Ms. Doerhoeffer thanked the Commission for appointing her to the JOY Board. She mentioned the ceremony that took place today at 11:00 for the Gold Star Mothers. She presented the new Keep Chaves County Beautiful signs. The old signs will be repurposed. They have not received any word on their grant. She thanked Joe Petty for helping with the benches and tree for the dedication to Jim Gill, and Joe West for digging the holes.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Williams stated that our staff is great. Everyone has come together with their response to the flooding. Pine Lodge Road will shut down for a while for repairs, and there are also repairs on 19th and Red Bridge. He thanked Brian with Flood, Karen, and the Road Department. He spoke about the Cultural Plaza and said that bathrooms will be installed soon. Yvette Herrell has been appointed to serve as the assistant to Brooke Rollins on Congressional Affairs, and Casey Conlee will be assisting Ms. Herrell. Casey was sworn in yesterday. Margaret, American Stewards of Liberty, is speaking with Karen Budd-Falen in the Department of the Interior, representing us in many different fights we have with the Federal government. Many different topics are being discussed, including the weaponization of the Endangered Species Act, the Lesser Prairie Chicken, the Lizard listing, and the Carlsbad Resource Management Plan. We received our PILT payment and it's the highest amount we've ever received.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER DANA

Commissioner Dana thanked Bill for the resolutions. They had some great speakers at the NMC Conference. The Bronx Zoo is breeding wolves. The wolves don't care about our dogs, cats, livestock, or kids. We have maybe two years to go to Washington, get a hold of these Cabinet members, and let them know how devastating some of this stuff is. Coyotes are the same. The animal rights groups are lobbying for this stuff in Santa Fe. The long-term implications are what we are seeing now with wolves and coyotes. We also heard from Border Patrol at our conference. Our law enforcement has seen for the last four years who has been able to enter our country without any kind of vetting. She attended a Citizenship ceremony last year where 51 people from seven different countries went through the process and became citizens. It was wonderful to see everyone raise an American flag and take the oath. There is a process.

COMMISSIONER WAIDE

Commissioner Waide thanked everyone for being at today's meeting. He saw that our preliminary budget got DFA approval, and now we will wait for final approval. The wolf video showed how people are affected, and it was very valuable. He thanked Bill for fighting these battles.

COMMISSIONER CORN

Commissioner Corn stated that maybe the wolves will eat some of the maggots after they get the Ivermectin in them, and this will turn them sterile. He stated that all the staff knock it out of the park, all the time. We're coming up on Independence Day, and our Armed Forces are the ones who give us the freedoms that we have. Our forefathers at Valley Forge suffered a lot. He has a family that went through 150 years of this. He loves this County.

COMMISSIONER PERRY

Commissioner Perry gave comments about receiving the PILT money. Right now, they are not funding certain things about the wolf, and it's usually the livestock that are affected. There are 288 wolves running around the countryside, and they cost approximately \$750,000.00 per wolf to put on the landscape. He related this to the paperwork being required by FEMA to give us our money

back and what the government is spending money on. This is why we have to go to Washington to keep things in check. The County Fair is next week so please go support the kids.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR

Commissioner Taylor stated it was good to be here this month. Traveling can be very difficult at times. Last month, he got stuck in Dallas due to the weather in Washington, D.C. He thanked Commissioner Dana for stepping in to run the meeting. He was able to call in to the meeting and participate in votes. He thanked all the staff for the fine work they do. We can't say enough good words about what the Detention Center has accomplished, and the award is very deserving. He hopes everyone has a great week and properly celebrates the Fourth of July. July 5th will be the start of the 250th year of this great country.

SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.



Cindy Fuller
Cindy Fuller, County Clerk

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