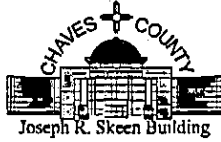




**CHAVES COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Richard C. Taylor, Chairman  
Michael J. Perry, Vice Chair**



**Dara Dana, Member  
R. Cliff Waide, Member  
Herbert "Hub" Corn, Member**

**William B. Williams, County Manager**

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 10:00 am.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Those present were Commissioners Taylor, Perry, Dana, Waide, and Corn. Also present were County Manager Bill Williams, Public Services Director Alex Palomino, IT Director Andrew Rey, IT Technician Shane Villanueva, County Clerk Cindy Fuller, 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
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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

**1. RESOLUTION R-25-050 APPROVING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL CHARTS**

*Presenter: Emma Dominguez, Human Resources Director*

R-25-050 incorporates the renaming and upgrade of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to Certified Building Official. The Position Specification Summary for the above-named position has been updated accordingly. Charts A-1, B, and C have been updated to reflect the change. This position will be moved from Chart C, Level M, to Chart C, Level N. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION MADE TO: APPROVE RESOLUTION R-25-050 MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER DANA SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER PERRY IN FAVOR: COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR, PERRY, DANA, WAIDE, AND CORN OPPOSED: NONE
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2. ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR NOMINATION AND DETERMINE A NAME TO SEND FORTH TO THE GOVERNOR FOR THE VACANT NM SENATE SEAT 33 VACATED BY SENATOR NICHOLAS PAUL**

*Presenter: Bill Williams, Chaves County Manager*

Having received the resignation of New Mexico Senator Nicholas Paul on October 14, 2025, and as required per NM Constitution Article IV §4, it is incumbent upon the Chaves County Board of Commissioners to send forth the name of a nominee to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, for this elected official, to complete the term, which will end December 31, 2026. Staff requests that nomination requests be accepted by Chaves County, and interested persons be

allowed to address the Board of Commissioners and lay out their reasons for requesting consideration.

Staff requests that a name be sent forth by the Chaves County Commissioners, indicating the person selected to the Governor of New Mexico.

The Chairman asked each candidate to pick a number that would indicate their position to speak to the Commission.

1. Ben Luna Jr. – 903 Dewey Lane, Alamogordo, NM 88310
2. Matthew R. Wade – 3142 Summer Ave., Alamogordo, NM 88310 – Mr. Wade was unable to be present in person. He spoke to the Commission via phone after Mr. Fischer's comments were made.
3. Zach J. Cook – 111 Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345
4. Mark G. Fischer – 168 Lewis Trail, Tinnie, NM 88351
5. Roy B. Nichols – 183 Cottonwood Canyon Rd., La Luz, NM 88337
6. John Block – 1304 Ridgecrest Court, Alamogordo, NM 88310
7. Rex A. Wilson – 1709 Jicarilla Rd., Ancho, NM 88301
8. Lynn D. Crawford – 204 Jack Little Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

11:57 am – The Chairman called for a 10-minute break.

12:06 pm – The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

The Commissioners had further questions for the candidates.

MOTION MADE TO: APPOINT REX A. WILSON MOTION MADE BY: COMMISSIONER WAIDE SECOND MADE BY: COMMISSIONER CORN COMMISSIONER DANA: YES COMMISSIONER WAIDE: YES COMMISSIONER CORN: YES COMMISSIONER PERRY: YES CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: YES
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**UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER VISITOR, NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.**

Dr. Shawn Powell – ENMU-R President

They appreciate the support of the community and the citizens of Chaves County. The purpose of the mill levy is to increase career and technical education. They will be meeting this afternoon to discuss new programs. They have pathways for students in arts and sciences to earn an associate's degree. For behavioral health, they can become licensed in the field of addiction.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Williams thanked the Commission for making the tough decisions. There were a lot of good candidates, and the level of expertise was amazing. He appreciates the Commissioners stepping up for our community and doing what they have to do when it's not an easy choice. He thanked them for all they do for us and thanked all the staff for the great work they do.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **COMMISSIONER DANA**

Commissioner Dana stated she was very impressed with all the resumes and all the young people who stepped up. She hopes they don't get discouraged but stay involved. We need strong voices in Santa Fe. She thanked the Chairman for the process and allowing them to ask questions. We need more help in Santa Fe. We have elections next year.

##### **COMMISSIONER WAIDE**

Commissioner Waide stated this was a very difficult decision. Every person who wanted the job was capable. He felt Mr. Wilson was the best candidate for this time. That is nothing negative towards any of the others. He wishes he were half as eloquent as everybody else. He thanked everyone. He told Representative Block that we appreciate him and everything he is doing in Santa Fe.

**COMMISSIONER CORN**

Commissioner Corn stated there was an outstanding group of candidates. It was hard for him to pick and choose after reading everybody's resumes. He got hung up on a little issue and couldn't think of anything after he got past that. He told Mr. Block he appreciates what he does and to keep fighting the fight.

**COMMISSIONER PERRY**

Commissioner Perry echoed what the other Commissioners said. It was a very hard decision, but it's nice to see fighters backing the conservative values that we all share and have. They couldn't have gone wrong. Three of them have had to do this five times in the last two years. He has talked to former Commissioners, and in 16 years, they didn't have to do this once. Going through the process, he has learned that we have some incredible people in this State that are doing very hard work for us. He told Mr. Block he appreciates him, he's a workhorse, and he stands for our values and is appreciated. He appreciates the leadership and professionalism of both of them. (Mr. Block and Mr. Wilson).

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR**

Commissioner Taylor thanked all of the commissioners for their diligence and hard work in looking at all these candidates. It was a good effort by everyone. He appreciates the thoughtfulness and questions they had. He thanked Mr. Block for his great service in the House and stated that we look forward to him serving there this coming year. He told Mr. Wilson that they appreciate him going forward.

Mr. Williams reminded the audience that there are still two additional counties that need to make a decision and then the Governor will choose from whatever list of names is sent forward.

**SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENTS**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

**BOARD OF CHAVES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



*Cindy Fuller*  
Cindy Fuller, County Clerk

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Richard C. Taylor, Chairman

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Michael J. Perry, Vics-Chairman

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