

**San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023**

Chairman Lanier called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on June 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead gave the invocation and Commissioner Todacheene led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Steve Lanier
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	John T. Beckstead
MEMBER	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Gary McDaniel
CLERK	Tanya Shelby
UNDERSHERIFF	Cory Tanner
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Steven Saavedra
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Kim Martin
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Nick Porell
CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Roberta Padilla
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Thomas Paul
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING ADMINISTRATOR	Jennifer Mitchell
FIRE CHIEF	David Vega
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Donovan Mack
COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	Liza Gomez
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
PROJECT MANAGER	Porter Smith

VISITORS:

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Approval of Agenda

Mike Stark, County Manager, stated that there were no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Treasurer Check Register for May 2023
2. Approval of Finance Check Registers for May 2023
3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2023
4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023
5. Approval of FY23 Budget Adjustment #17-Resolution No. 22-23-64
6. Renewal of Bid No. 21-22-16, Price Agreement for the Purchase of Warehouse Supplies from Various Vendors
7. Approval of Award of Bid No. 22-23-27, Price Agreement for the Purchase of Traffic Marking Paint from Allstates Coatings Company of Gladewater, TX and Diamond Vogel, Inc., of Orange City, IA

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Update on San Juan County Real Estate Market

Paul Barry, President of the San Juan County Board of Realtors, presented the following information regarding the current real estate market conditions in San Juan County:

- Market conditions have been on a downward trend due to the rise in interest rates and delays in the supply chain,
- Home values increased by 20% in 2022; currently the median house price is \$270,000 compared to 2019 where the median was \$189,000
- The number of days that a property is on the market is starting to rise which will cause prices to come down
- Commercial real estate markets and investments have decreased; however, the residential market is still doing well

Chairman Lanier asked if homes have been overpriced. Mr. Barry indicated that market conditions and appraisers control the housing market. The Commission asked various questions.

2. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 22-23-68, Appointment of Board of Registration

Tanya Shelby, County Clerk, indicated that 1-4-34(A) NMSA requires that in June of each odd numbered year, the Commission appoint 5 members to the Board of Registration and no more than two members can be of the same political party. Appointees during their service shall not be county employees, elected officials, or candidates for public office. The term will be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. Based on the recommendations received from the party chairman, Ms. Shelby proposed the following individuals be appointed:

Democrats: Abe W. (Bill) Nickerson and Darla Whitney-Welles
Alternates: Gerald Rodriguez and Margaret Dixon

Republicans: Sara Lee (Sally) Bramhall and Sarah Anne Frost
Alternates: Krista Edwards and Terry Smith
Declined to State: Peter Monette
Libertarian: No response received

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortner, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead to approve Resolution No. 22-23-68, Appointment of Board of Registration. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Approval of DWI Grant Agreement No. 24-D-G-24 with DFA/LGD for Operation of the Local DWI Program

Jennifer Mitchell, Alternative Sentencing Division Administrator, announced that in April 2023 the New Mexico Local DWI (LDWI) Grant Council allocated \$500,000 in grant funds and \$1,209,998 in distribution funds for a total of \$1,709,998. Funding will be utilized for the 28-day Detention, Treatment, and Aftercare Program and the Adult Misdemeanor Compliance Program. However, the total FY24 budget for the LDWI programs is \$2.5 million, so the remaining \$765,000 will be secured through program generated fees, a memorandum of agreement with the City of Farmington, and other matching funds. Commissioner Fortner asked for clarification as to where the Axis Program receives their funding. Ms. Mitchell explained that for the last 16 years the primary source of funding has come from the Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) however, they are looking to include the Axis Program with the Rise Program, which will limit funding. Mike Stark, County Manager, indicated that \$600,000 for the Axis Program was included in House Bill No. 2, but it was line item vetoed by Governor Lujan-Grisham. Since then, Senator Steven Neville has been in discussion to reimplement funding. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Fortner to approve the DWI Grant Agreement No. 24-D-G-24 with DFA/LGD for Operation of the Local DWI Program. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Approval of Resolutions Supporting New Mexico DOT 2023-2024 Local Government Road Fund Award and Associated Cooperative Agreements

Nick Porell, Public Works Administrator, explained that Resolution Nos. 22-23-65, 22- 23-66, and 22-23-67 allow participation in the 2023/2024 New Mexico Department of Transportation Local Government Road Program. A commitment of the 25% match for each program as well as signature of the associated agreements is required. Staff requested \$520,000, which includes the 25% match from the County, for the purchase of materials for the Pavement Preservation Program to improve various county roads. The County was awarded \$485,000 on May 22, 2023 and the remaining funds will come from the Public Works annual operating budget. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Fortner to approve the Resolutions Supporting New Mexico DOT 2023-2024 Local Government Road Fund Award and Associated Cooperative Agreements. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Consideration of Funding for a Feasibility Study and Business Plan for a Drop-In Crisis Triage Center**

Liza Gomez, Community Health & Social Services Director, explained that the County set goals to close gaps in Services, Treatment, Access, & Capacity; and Housing, Transitional Living, & Safe Alternatives as identified in the San Juan County 2019 Behavioral Health Gap Analysis Building Bridges report. In an effort to reach these goals, staff contacted the Behavioral Health Department for Bernalillo County and Dona Ana County for feedback on their Drop-In Crisis Triage Centers. There are numerous groups in the community such as law enforcement, Judge Gurley's Mental Health and the Courts Committee, San Juan Regional Medical Center (SJRMC), the Adult Detention Center, Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS), the Homelessness Solutions Work Group, and other local providers who agree a triage center would assist in meeting the needs for crisis mental health services. Staff requested \$57,750 to conduct a Feasibility Study and will consult with Dr. Wayne Lindstrom, former NM Behavioral Health Director, and RI International consultant, to identify the needs of the community. Commissioner Fortner requested comments from present law enforcement to hear how it would benefit their organization. David Smith, Behavioral Deputy with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, explained that the facility would be less restrictive for officers to take individuals so they can receive crisis services. This year there have been 170 referrals of individuals in crisis, 53 of which were threatened/attempted suicides and 28 were threats of harm to themselves/others. The emergency room or the Adult Detention Center are currently the only options for services available to officers and the individual must meet the criteria for an emergency mental health evaluation if they do not go voluntarily. Section 43-1-10, which establishes the criteria states the individual must be subject to arrest, must have reason to believe they have just attempted suicide, must be a danger to themselves/others or a doctor must provide a letter stating that the individual needs to be brought in. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Beckstead, seconded by Commissioner Fortner to approve the Funding for a Feasibility Study and Business Plan for a Drop-In Crisis Triage Center. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Report from County Manager

Mike Stark, County Manager, reported the following:

- The New Mexico Counties Summer Conference will begin Tuesday June 13th with the Golf Tournament at 1:00 p.m. at the Pinon Hills Golf Course, the San Juan County Kick Off Block Party at 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Locke Street Eats, and the Host County Reception will be at the Farmington Gateway Museum from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Mr. Stark thanked the Conference Committee for their dedication.
- Steven Saavedra, Deputy County Manager, was introduced to the Commission and gave a brief history of his background.

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Commissioner McDaniel expressed his concerns with the recent restrictions implemented on the oil and gas industry in the Chaco Canyon area and requested Staff to review the impact this will have on oil and gas production.

Mike Mestas, Emergency Manager, briefed the Commission on river levels from the spring runoff and thanked the Adult Detention Center detainee trustees, McGee Park, and the San Juan County Fire Department for their help in assisting the citizens who were experiencing flooding from the San Juan and Animas Rivers.

Fire Chief Vega stated that firework sales will begin June 20th and McGee Park will offer their parking lot for people to light off their fireworks. Also, the sale of fireworks cannot be banned, only the sale of certain fireworks can be restricted during times of high fire danger.

Commissioner Fortner stated that Four Corners Economic Development (4CED) has a position open for a CEO and information can be found on their website.

Liza Gomez, Community Health & Social Services Director, announced that ADC applied for the RISE Grant and will be meeting later in the week to discuss award amounts.

Comments / Input From The General Public

M.P. Schildmeyer, citizen, stated that she previously served on the Board of Registration and thanked Tanya Shelby, County Clerk, for her expertise and a well-trained Election Department. Ms. Schildmeyer announced that Pride in the Park will be taking place on Saturday June 17th from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and due to time constraints and funding the annual Pride Parade will not be held this year.

Adjourn

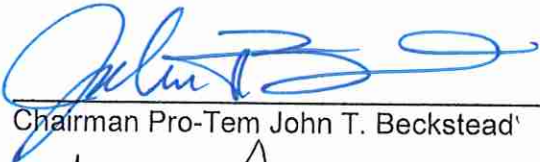
Being no further business, Chairman Lanier adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE 2023

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:




Chairman Steve Lanier



Chairman Pro-Tem John T. Beckstead



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Terri D. Fortner



Gary McDaniel





Tanya Shelby, County Clerk