

San Juan County Commission
Special Meeting
June 17, 2024

Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on June 17, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	John T. Beckstead-VIA ZOOM
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Terri D. Fortner
MEMBER	Steve Lanier
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Gary McDaniel
CLERK	Tanya Shelby
TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
SHERIFF	Shane Ferrari
COUNTY MANAGER	Mike Stark
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER	Steven Saavedra
ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Ellen Wayne
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Mike Mestas
FIRE CHIEF	David Vega
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Donovan Mack
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FILM MANAGER	Devin Neeley
MARKETING ASSISTANT	Tim Mietty
PROJECT MANAGER	Porter Smith
PRESS: KOB4	Jaci Aragon
VISITORS:	5

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- 1. Consideration of Selection of Workers' Compensation Insurance Provider (Under Broker RFP 21-22-05)**

Mike Stark, County Manager, indicated that the Workers' Compensation Insurance policy will be renewed on July 1, 2024, for a one-year term ending June 30, 2025. Staff requested that

Kysar/Millennium/Leavitt Insurance Agency (KML) seek bids from the private market as an additional option to renewing the current policy. A renewal letter dated June 5, 2024, was received from New Mexico Counties indicating that the County has until June 17th to continue or discontinue current coverage, however, the bylaws indicate that 120 calendar days' notice would need to be provided in writing to withdraw from the insurance pool. Joe Sawyer, County Attorney, reviewed the bylaws, there was no information regarding the penalties if notice is not given within 120 days. New Mexico Counties Insurance Authority (NMCIA) Pool Board of Directors offered a premium of \$833,507 plus a 1% deduction for participation in the Risk Assessment Program in the amount of \$6,814; the FY25 premium is \$826,693, which is an increase of 22% from the previous year due to additional payroll expense and claims filed. NMCIA offered additional options in which a deductible could be applied; with a \$10,000 deductible, the amount is \$716,533. Staff received a letter dated April 15, 2024, that the NMCIA Board adopted a capital adequacy policy, to ensure that county members will have the most comprehensive coverage; the County's contribution for the total capital assessment is \$305,124 to be paid within the next 3 years. Nate Duckett, Risk Advisor for KML, stated that NM Mutual offered a premium of \$457,005 with a deductible of \$10,000 per claim, which is considerable amount less than the quote from NMCIA. Travelers indicated they were unable to provide a competitive rate and declined to quote. Bob Kysar, CEO of KML, voiced concern regarding the deadline to withdraw from the NMCIA policy. Chairman Beckstead asked what repercussions there were if less than 120 day was given. Mr. Sawyer stated that there could be possible litigation which may incur additional cost to the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve RFP 21-22-05 letter with a stipulation of 365 days seeking outside quotes to be submitted, the award is to New Mexico Counties with the deductible of \$10,000. Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, Commissioner Lanier, Commissioner Todacheene, and Commissioner McDaniel voted in favor. Chairman Beckstead voted against. Upon voice vote the motion passed 4 to 1.

2. Consideration of Resolution No. 23-24-69, Authorizing the County Manager or Deputy County Manager to Sign Congressional Direct Spending Grant Documents


Porter Smith, Project Manager, reported on April 11, 2024, San Juan County received notification of selection by Senator Martin Heinrich to receive Congressional Direct Spending for fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$605,000.00 to fund the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA's) for San Juan County Fire & Rescue. Mr. Smith requested that the County Manager or Deputy County Manager be authorized to approve the application and acceptance process on behalf of the Commission. The project total cost is \$1,100,000.00; the County match amount is \$495,000.00. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve Resolution No. 23-24-69, Authorizing the County Manager or Deputy County Manager to sign Congressional Direct Spending Grant Documents. Upon voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

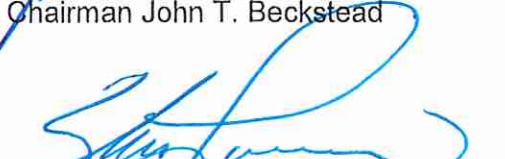
Being no further business, Chairman Beckstead adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 2024

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


Chairman John T. Beckstead


Chairman Pro-Tem Terri D. Fortner


Steve Lanier


Glojean Todacheene


Gary McDaniel




Tanya Shelby, County Clerk