San Juan County Commission
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2014

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on September 22, 2014 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Commissioner McDaniel gave the invocation and Chairman Fortner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Jack L. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Keith Johns
MEMBER	GloJean Todacheene
MEMBER	Margaret McDaniel
MEMBER	Scott Eckstein
ASSESSOR	Clyde Ward
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	Jimmy Voita
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
SHERIFF	Ken Christesen
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kim Carpenter
COUNTY OPERATIONS OFFICER	Mike Stark
ASSISTANT CEO	Linda Thompson
ATTORNEY	Jim Durrett
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
EMERGENCY MANAGER	Don Cooper
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	Mike Mestas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Marcella Brashear
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINSTRATOR	Mike Davidson
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Dave Keck
CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	Charlene Scott
ADULT DETENTION CENTER ADMINISTRATOR	Tom Havel
ADULT DETENTION CENTER DEPUTY ADMINISTATOR	Daniel Webb
JUVENILE SERVICES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Heidi Sawyer
FIRE CHIEF	Doug Hatfield
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Gomez
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
CHIEF IT OFFICER	Vince Johns
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Stewart Logan
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Dan Shwartz
KOBF-TV	Devin Neeley

VISITORS: 59

Presentation

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to David and Ida Estrada for the "Yard of the Month" Program

Larry Hathaway, General Services /Community Development Administrator, invited Fred Frost to join him in presenting the Yard of the Month Program. Mr. Frost introduced David Estrada and presented him with the Certificate of Recognition. The "Yard of the Month" program's mission is to recognize citizens of San Juan County for their voluntary efforts in "Building a Stronger Community" by taking pride in the appearance and maintenance of their yard and home. The Estrada's have inspired county residents to strive for a clean and beautiful community where natural resources are protected and the environment is enhanced. The Estrada's attractively groomed property is located at 20 Road 5151. The judging criteria reviewed by the Code Compliance Officer and the Community Development Administrator were as follows:
House numbers are attractively displayed.
The yard is free of litter, junk and debris.
The yard is free of junked or inoperable vehicles.
Trash receptacles are hidden from view.
The yard is free of appliances and indoor furniture on front porches or patios.
The yard is attractively groomed and well maintained. In other words, pleasing to the eye or to the passerby.
The residence, out buildings, fences, porches, decks and patios on the premises are in good repair.
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to call to order the Indigent Hospital Board Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Indigent Hospital Claims Board Meeting

1. Review of Claims
2. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Eckstein, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to adjourn the Indigent Hospital Board Meeting and call to order the Regular Meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Kim Carpenter, CEO stated that there are no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Commissioner Eckstein to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. DFA Approval of FY2015 Final Budget
2. Approval of Resolution No. 14-15-11, Disposition of Surplus and/or Obsolete County Property

3. Approval of Renewal of the Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Policy under Request for Proposal No. 11-12-04
4. Approval of July 30, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of August 13, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of August 19, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of September 2,2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
8. Approval of September 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
9. Approval of August 2014 Check Register

A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Consideration of Award of Bid No. 13-14-21, San Juan Regional Medical Center 2nd, 4th, and 5th Floor Renovations, 1st and 3rd Floor Mechanical Upgrades

Larry Hathaway, General Services /Community Development Administrator, stated that on July 30, 2014, Central Purchasing issued a request for sealed bids for the renovations to San Juan Regional Medical Center. One Hundred and ten (110) invitations were mailed. On September 9, 2014, four (4) bids were received and opened. The bid responses were reviewed by staff and the project architect. Mr. Hathaway recommends award of Bid No. 13-14-21 to B & M Cillessen Construction Co., Inc. of Farmington, NM as the overall low bidder for a total base bid amount of $4,528,000.00 and Alternate #1: 1st Floor Mechanical Upgrade Work Allowance $250,000.00 plus NMGRT. Total bid amount including alternates and NMGRT is $5,121,418.75. Mr. Hathaway is requesting approval from the Commission to award this bid to B & M Cillessen Construction CO., Inc, a local and veteran owned company. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to approve Award of Bid No. 13-14-21, San Juan Regional Medical Center 2nd, 4th, and 5th Floor Renovations, 1st and 3rd Floor Mechanical Upgrades. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

2. Request for Approval to Discontinue Public Fingerprinting Services

Tom Havel, Administrator Adult Detention Center, is requesting approval to discontinue fingerprinting service to private citizens. For many years the Adult Detention Center and Sheriff's Office have been offering this service to private individuals as there were limited services available within our community. The Adult Detention Center requests approval to discontinue fingerprinting service to private citizens. In June of this year, Sun Ray Casino opened a full service public fingerprinting service. There has been a decrease in requests for fingerprinting since the opening of Sun Ray. Since local business can accommodate the necessary requirements associated with public fingerprinting, staff requests this service be discontinued as of October 1, 2014. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve Discontinue Public Fingerprinting Services. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for Approval of Resolution No. 14-15-10, Report on Inspection of Detention Center

Jim Durrett, County Attorney, reported the 2011 session of the legislature repealed NMSA 1978, §33-3-4, Inspection of Jails and Detention Centers, which required the governing body to

inspect jails at least twice a year and report to the District Court and enacted a new §33-3-4 which provides that the governing body shall conduct an annual site visit to inspect the overall conditions at the facility and present an inspection report at a regular meeting of the governing body. The last report was submitted on August 20, 2013. Resolution 14-15-10 reports the findings of the inspection and the conditions at the Detention Center. Commissioner Todacheene commented that the inmates can enroll in college classes, which is a good collaboration between the Detention Center and San Juan College. A motion was made by Commissioner Eckstein, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve of Resolution No. 14-15-10, Report on Inspection of Detention Center. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Adoption of San Juan County Ordinance No. 90, Adopting a County 1/8 of 1% Hold Harmless Gross Receipts Tax and Ordinance No. 91, Adopting a County 1/16 of 1% Health Care Gross Receipts Tax

Doug Echols, Deputy Attorney, is requesting the approval of Ordinance No. 90 which would enact a County Hold Harmless one-eighth of one percent (.125%) gross receipts tax on anyone engaging in business in San Juan County with a repeal clause which would end effective December 31, 2017. Ordinance No. 91 would enact a one-sixteenth of one percent (.0625%) County Health Care gross receipts tax on anyone engaging in business in San Juan County with a repeal clause which would end effective December 31, 2016. The County Health Care gross receipts tax would be dedicated to the County-supported Medicaid fund. The Health Care GRT is subject to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 7-20E-3 which requires an election to be called if, within sixty days of adoption of the Ordinance, a petition signed by at least 5% of the voters in the County who were registered to vote in the most recent general election is filed with the County Clerk. That number would be 3,607 signatures. Notices of Intent to Adopt were approved by the Commission at their September 2, 2014 meeting and were published in the Daily Times on Saturday, September 6, 2014. If the Ordinances are approved, they will be delivered to the Taxation & Revenue Department within five days and will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

Chairman Fortner called a public hearing to order.

Kristine Carlson, Totah Behavioral Health, supports the tax increase. Ms. Carlson read a letter from Carlene Deal Smith who supports the tax increase.

Mike Renault, Presbyterian Medical Services, supports the tax increase.

Kim Carpenter was asked what the impact would be if there were no tax increase. He stated that many facilities would be closed, higher unemployment, increase in inmates, a need for more police, and more homeless people which would increase costs.

Mona Jackson doesn't support the tax increase as a small business owner but has volunteered at an addiction recovery program, in which, she does support the tax increase.

Gary Bloomfield thanked the Commissioners for doing a good job. He does support the tax increase to keep the services.

Melanie Snyder asked the Commission to take into consideration the people who cannot afford services.

Terry Kennedy thanked the Commission for taking the responsibility of financial stewardship seriously with passion and dedication. She strongly supports the tax increase.

The Commissioners asked questions and voiced their concerns regarding Ordinance No. 90 and Ordinance No. 91.

A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns to approve the Adoption of San Juan County Ordinance No. 90, Adopting a County 1/8 of 1% Hold Harmless Gross Receipts Tax. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Todacheene, seconded by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns to approve the Adoption of San Juan County Ordinance No. 91, Adopting a County 1/16 of 1% Health Care Gross Receipts Tax. Upon voice vote Chairman Fortner, Chairman Pro-Tem Johns and Commissioner Todacheene voted for the motion and Commissioner McDaniel and Commissioner Eckstein voted against.

5. Update on Praxair

Greg Sweeney, Director of Economic Development, Praxair, Inc. briefed the Commission on the status of Praxair. Mr. Sweeney thanked the Commission for their continued support with the Industrial Revenue Bonds and a business friendly community. Praxair has induced direct & indirect jobs in the county and are continuing to seek additional opportunities for growth in the community. Praxair is an industrial gas company. We produce oxygen, nitrogen, and argon, all of which is distilled, processed from the air and delivered to many industries around the country. Our product is used in San Juan County for safety, suppression of fire in the coal mines, and stimulation of wells. Praxair works with many companies in the oil and gas business. Informational Item Only

Reports From Elected Officials And Department Heads

Commissioner Todacheene pointed out Get Pinked begins next month-get involved.

Comments / Input From The General Public

None

Closed Executive Session

None

Adjourn

Being no further business a motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns, seconded by Commissioner Todacheene to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jack L. Fortner, Chairman

Keith Johns, Chairman Pro-Tem

Margaret McDaniel

GloJean Todacheene

Scott Eckstein

ATTEST:

Debbie Holmes, County Clerk