

**San Juan County Commission  
Special Meeting  
May 24, 2016**

Chairman Eckstein called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on May 24, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico. Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner gave the invocation and Chairman Eckstein led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were:

CHAIRMAN	Scott Eckstein
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Jack Fortner
MEMBER	Keith Johns
MEMBER	Margaret McDaniel
MEMBER	Wallace Charley
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR	Benay Jones
CLERK	Debbie Holmes
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kim Carpenter
COUNTY OPERATIONS OFFICER	Mike Stark
ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Joe Sawyer
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	Mike Mestas
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Jim Cox
DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER	Kim Martin
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR	Dave Keck
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Liza Gomez Akley
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
SUBDIVISION REVIEW OFFICER	David Barnett
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Faye Anderson
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Brett Berntsen
VISITORS:	8

**New Business**

1. **Consideration of Resolution 15-16-52, Declaring Rock Slide Which Damaged Bloomfield Irrigation District Ditch To Be A Disaster; Requesting State Aid to Mitigate the Effects**

Mike Mestas, Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the Commission that on May 15 a rock slide damaged the Bloomfield Irrigation District ditch which is the main source of water for the Bloomfield City reservoir. Declaring a state of disaster will allow the County to request State funds to aid in the clean-up and repairs. Mr. Mestas stated that the repairs are ahead of schedule and the damage assessment has been submitted to the Governor. The Commission asked various questions. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve Resolution 15-16-52, Declaring Rock Slide Which Damaged

Bloomfield Irrigation District Ditch To Be A Disaster; Requesting State Aid to Mitigate the Effects. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

## **2. Consideration of Proposed FY 2017 Interim Budget**

Jim Cox, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the FY2017 Interim Budget is due to the Department of Financial Administration (DFA) by June 1, 2016. The budget documents will be sent to the DFA after approval at the May 24, 2016 Commission meeting. The Final Budget is due to the DFA by July 31, 2016. After approval of the Interim Budget, additional Commission changes can be addressed in the Final Budget which will be presented for approval in July. The following revisions were highlighted:

- Communications/EMS Gross Receipt Tax GRT was re-evaluated specifically for the ambulance funds and capital requests. The initial capital request of \$1.3 million was reduced to \$730,000, which is a \$600,000 reduction.
- A step increase is budgeted for Communications Authority to maintain staffing levels and morale. The operating budget was reduced to accommodate the increase. The expenditures were reduced by \$630,000 which is about a 12.2% reduction.
- Budget revenues increased \$226,439, Expenditures decreased by \$1,398,760, the 3/12 Reserve Requirement for Expenditures increased \$256,248, Ending cash balance increased \$1,000,625

Kim Carpenter informed the Commission that there has been some misinformation put out regarding the Aztec Animal Shelter. The County has done a comprehensive evaluation of the shelters and has been in partnership with Aztec Animal Shelter for years. The budget for animal shelters has gone up from \$187,000 in 2005 to \$1,005,000 in 2017. The Commission made various comments and voiced concern regarding the costs. The current Animal Shelter contract expires June 30, 2016. Funding Farmington Regional Animal Shelter as proposed is included in the interim budget. Chairman Eckstein stated he is opposed to the costs proposed. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Proposed FY 2017 Interim Budget. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Consideration of Variance for Dale E. Lukow**

David Barnett, Subdivision Review Officer, informed the Commission that Dale Lukow is acquiring land from his neighbor to enlarge his existing lot in order to resolve a building encroachment issue with his neighbor. The expanded lot would be 0.21 acres, which is under the 3/4 acre minimum required by the Subdivision Regulations Section 8.11.1.b for lots using an individual liquid waste system. Therefore, a variance from this requirement is requested. The Foutz Addition was approved by the County Commission on April 29, 1953 before the current ¾ acre minimum lot size requirement. Mr. Lukow has received conditional approval from the New Mexico Environment Department to operate his liquid waste system. Staff hereby requests approval of the variance. A motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Charley to approve the Variance for Dale E. Lukow. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

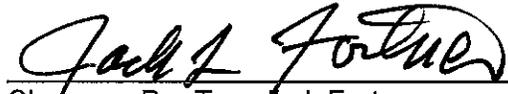
**Adjourn**

Being no further business a motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Fortner, seconded by Commissioner Johns to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016**

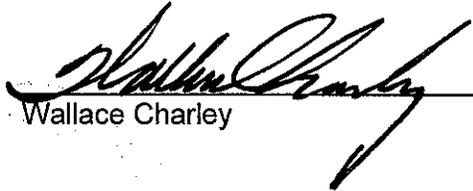
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Chairman Scott Eckstein

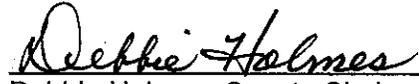
  
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ATTEST:

  
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Debbie Holmes, County Clerk