

SANTA FE COUNTY
SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2009

This special presentation meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. by Chair Mike Anaya, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and State Pledge, roll was called by County Clerk Valerie Espinoza and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Mike Anaya, Chair
Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair
Commissioner Harry Montoya
Commissioner Kathleen Holian
Commissioner Liz Stefanics

Members absent:

[None]

V. INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Victoria de Vargas.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Manager, Roman Abeyta, stated item I would be covered simultaneously with item H. Item N, a resolution in support of legislation for protection of pets in domestic violence situations was added.

Upon motion by Commissioner Montoya and second by Commissioner Vigil the agenda was unanimously approved with the changes suggested by Mr. Abeyta.

Chairman Anaya recognized the presence in the audience of State Representative Brian Egolf.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee of the Quarter (Commission & H/R)

Mr. Abeyta stated Albert Lucero was nominated by the Administrative Services Department. He provided a specific example of Mr. Lucero's cooperative attitude in helping a County employee change a tire. Mr. Lucero, a maintenance technician and vice president of the local branch of AFSCME, thanked the Commission and said he would always give 100 percent to the County.

B. Judy McGowan Retirement (Commission/Land Use)

Jack Kolkmeier, Land Use Administrator, read from remarks he made when Judy McGowan was awarded the New Mexico American Planning Association Planner of the Year Award the previous year. He noted Ms. McGowan has worked for the County for 22 years, guiding the County through several eras of significant change. One of her initiatives, the Arterial Roads Task Force won an Innovations in Planning Award. As a community planner she contributed to the 1999 Growth Management Plan, which received the same award. She played principal roles in the Community College District Plan as well as the Santa Fe Northwest Community Plan, the US 285 Highway Corridor Plan and the Tres Arroyos del Poniente Community Plan.

Mr. Kolkmeier lauded her as a warm and caring individual and congratulated her, wishing her luck in her future endeavors. He presented her a certificate of appreciation.

Ms. McGowan thanked everyone for the opportunity to do planning in the county, describing it a "very varied experience, great highs and some awful low, but in general, a very exciting experience." She commended the current planning staff and asked the Commission to support them.

C. Lonny Montoya Retirement (Commission/Public Works)

Robert Martinez, Public Works Department Director, stated Lonny Montoya has been a big asset to the Road Maintenance section for the last seven years. He said he will be missed and hard to replace. Mr. Martinez wished him luck in his future travels.

Mr. Montoya thanked Mr. Martinez stated he made friends in his work and liked his job.

Chairman Anaya thanked Mr. Montoya for his work in Santa Fe County and in San Miguel County.

D. Robert Foland Retirement (Commission/Assessor)

County Assessor Domingo Martinez presented a recognition award to Bob Foland, who he characterized as an expert in the field of examination of title deeds. He is held in high esteem in the field and has been a great asset to the County. He wished him luck in improving his golf game.

Mr. Foland thanked Mr. Abeyta for his inspiration. He said working at the County has been a pleasure for the past 13 ½ years.

E. Wendy Beck Retirement (Commission/Fire)

Fire Chief Stan Holden told the story of a school burning down in Chicago in 1958 which left 95 dead. One of the survivors was Wendy Beck. Years later, she moved to Santa Fe County, becoming a volunteer firefighter and eventually the first female fire marshal in New Mexico. He did not learn the impetus of Ms. Beck's passion for fire prevention for many years.

Ms. Beck recalled it had been ten years since she had spoken before the Commission. She said she will miss the department where she found a new family, which has grown over the years. She said it has been her privilege and honor to serve the people of Santa Fe County. She received the congratulations from the members of the Commission.

F. Recognition of Ana Pacheco for Her Years of Service Publishing *La Herencia* and Now the Continuing Articles About the Elderly (Commissioner Stefanics)

In the absence of Ms. Pacheco, Commissioner Stefanics recognized her and all the elders in the community. She stated Ms. Pacheco publishes articles about seniors and community traditions. She said she would give the certificate of recognition to Valerie Espinoza to deliver.

G. Presentation of Two New Fire Lieutenants (Commission/Fire)

Chief Holden introduced Bobby Montoya, who has been with the Chimayo Fire Department, and in 2006 completed paramedics school. Jeremy Renda has been with the Turquoise Trail Volunteer Fire Department since 1999, serving in an as-needed capacity to 2005. He also completed his paramedic training. After going through rigorous training they are now being elevated to lieutenants. The firefighters' wives pinned the badges on their husbands. Chief Holden went over the rankings for the benefit of Chairman Anaya.

- H. Recognition of Letter of Appreciation and Certificate of Appreciation to Firefighters for service rendered (Commission/Fire)**
- I. Commendations for firefighters for service “Above and Beyond” the call of duty in attempted rescue (Commission/Fire)**

Chief Holden welcomed forward Marty Burney, Kris Nystrom, Tom Macdonnell, Eric Anderson, Estevan Ornelas, Sten Johnson and Jeff Golden as he read a letter from Maria Sanchez, County Procurement Division recognizing the firefighters for their prompt and professional response to a 911 call wherein they helped her mother. Ms. Sanchez presented certificates to those present.

Captain Johnson thanked everyone for their work and Ms. Sanchez for taking the time to write the letter. He said, “Acts like these go on every day.” He recognized the volunteers and the career staff. The firefighters in the audience stood and received a round of applause.

- J. Recognition of Santa Fe County Housing Services Division Staff and Santa Fe County Employees for a successful Joshua Tree Project (Commissioner Montoya/Housing)**

Commissioner Montoya explained that the Housing Services Division instituted a “Joshua Tree” project taking the names and ages of children in public housing. County staff provided a gift for each. Dodi Salazar, Housing Department Director welcomed the new Commissioners and stated the Joshua Tree program was more successful and complicated than she had anticipated. Two hundred children had gifts they might not otherwise have had. Additionally, 40 elderly and handicapped residents were provided with gifts. She thanked her staff for their stellar service, above and beyond the call of duty. Ms. Salazar presented certificates to her “phenomenal staff: Karen Wilson, Lorraine Fede, Donna Dean, Margie Romero, Sandy Lucero, Carlos Nava, Darlene Vigil, Ron Pacheco, Lorenzo Gonzales, Larry Narvaiz, Victor Gonzales, David Corriz, Joseph Gonzales, Nick Contreras, Travis Shonrock, Valerie Giron and Rosemary Bailey.

Ms. Salazar thanked the Commissioners, the Manager and the employees of the Manager’s office as well for their help. Additionally, she recognized Wings of Hope, who donated gifts, and Smiths Food & Drug.

Ron Pacheco recognized Ms. Salazar for her inspiration and direction in the Christmas project as well as daily.

K. Doug Stewart to recognize County Commission, staff and consultants for the Oil & Gas Ordinance (Commissioner Holian) [*Exhibit 1: List of Participants*]

Commissioner Holian said she had the pleasure of introducing this presentation. She harkened back to the first meeting held to tackle the oil and gas issue. Ultimately, “out of that meeting a miracle occurred”, namely, the best oil and gas ordinance in the country.

County Attorney Steve Ross gave a history of the work culminating in the ordinance which took place over the course of two and a half years. He recognized many of the citizens who helped make the ordinance a reality.

Commissioner Holian read out the names and presented certificates to former County Commissioners Jack Sullivan and Paul Campos, community members, consultants, County staff, public officials and members of the CDRC.

Doug Stewart lauded the cooperation between the private sector and County employees. He praised the consultants and said this shows what can be accomplished when there is a common goal.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke of the long, hard road to developing the oil and gas ordinance, and referred to the upcoming building moratorium that is intended to serve the completion of the growth management plan.

M. Resolution 2009-3. A Resolution in support of the vision that no one drinks alcohol before the age of 21, where adults model low risk alcohol use, and no one drinks and drives. (Commissioners Vigil & Montoya)

Commissioner Vigil spoke of the importance of the efforts the County has made in the DWI area. She introduced Cynthia Delgado, Rebecca Beardsley, Ramona Flores Lopez, Valerie Henderson, Chris Lucero, Shelly Mann-Lev, Yvonne Ortiz, Natalie Skogerboe, Alice Sealey, Glenn Wierenga, Lisa Grace, and Frank Magourilos.

Ms. Delgado from the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance introduced Lt. Dale Littenberg with the Santa Fe Police, Shelly Cohen and Sgt. Joe McLaughlin with the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s office. She said the people mentioned have to deal with underage drinking on a daily basis. She noted underage drinking is the cause of many problems plaguing the community. The plan is to leverage resources. She thanked the County for partnering and fostering the goals of the Alliance.

Ms. Mann-Lev concurred that the County's support means a great deal. She outlined some statistics on teenage drinking, pointing out kids are starting earlier, leading to a five-time greater likelihood of having problems later in life. She said the Alliance works on the local and state levels to increase enforcement and to institute a policy initiative involving excise tax. She added they are committed to educating everyone.

Commissioner Vigil moved to approve Resolution 2009-3 and Commissioner Montoya seconded, reading the conclusion of the resolution: "This year and every year forward the County of Santa Fe will work for the safety of our community, underage drinking and drinking and driving laws will be consistently and rigorously enforced to support the vision that in Santa Fe County no one drinks alcohol before the age of 21, adults model low-risk alcohol use, and no one drinks and drives." He said the Association of Counties has support the legislative initiative in the past, and suggested a resolution in favor of the local excise tax. In response to his question Ms. Delgado said approximately \$2 million would be generated for Santa Fe County.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

N. Resolution 2009-4. A Resolution in support of legislation for protection of pets in domestic violence situations. (Commissioner Vigil) [Exhibit 2: Resolution Text]

Commissioner Vigil said this resolution supports the Attorney General's proposed legislation to provide for family pets being included in protection orders. She noted criminal behavior can be detected by interactions with pets.

Commissioner Vigil moved for approval and Commissioner Stefanics seconded.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Holian was not present for this action.]

L. 2010 Census Presentation (Commissioner Vigil)

Regretting that there were not more people present for the Census presentation, Commissioner Vigil introduced Pauline Nuñez with the US Census Bureau. The County is having meetings to learn what can be done to aid the efforts to secure accurate numbers of county inhabitants. A resolution should be forthcoming to establish a committee and appoint members.

Ms. Nuñez introduced an "infomercial" about the importance of the Census.

[A video presentation followed.]

Ms. Nuñez pointed out the Census will be the basis for allocation \$3 trillion in federal funding over the next ten years, in addition to establishing congressional representation. The 2010 undertaking will be one of the largest peacetime endeavors ever undertaken. She listed the challenges in counting hard-to-count populations and introduced her colleague Veronica Reyes. She gave the phone number for recruiting: 1-866-861-2010.

Commissioner Vigil suggested a link be put on the County website and Mr. Abeyta said he would look into that.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Anaya declared this meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Commissioners
Mike Anaya, Chairman

ATTEST TO:

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SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

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