

SANTA FE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION MEETING

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Mike Anaya, Chair
Harry Montoya, Vice Chair [excused]
Kathleen Holian
Liz Stefanics
Virginia Vigil

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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Chair Mike Anaya, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Presentation of Colors was made by the New Mexico State Police, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge. The National Anthem was sung by Cassandra Purdy.

Members Present:

Commissioner Mike Anaya, Chair
Commissioner Kathleen Holian
Commissioner Liz Stefanics
Commissioner Virginia Vigil

Members Excused:

Commissioner Harry Montoya

V. INVOCATION

An invocation was given by County Sheriff Greg Solano.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- A. Amendments**
- B. Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

Deputy County Manager Penny Ellis-Green, announced that item J, the presentation by Vicki Pozzebon, would not be heard today.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stefanics and second by Commissioner Holian the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

A. A Presentation to Honor the Life of State Police Sgt. Andy Tingwall

Commissioner Holian said she knows many people involved in search and rescue, and they can be called out in any weather. Sgt. Andy Tingwall, with Wesley Cox was called upon to rescue a young woman lost in the mountains. Unfortunately, following the rescue a tragic accident took the life of Sgt. Tingwall and that of the young woman. Wesley Cox was injured and is still recovering. She said the Commission was here today to honor and remember the life of Sgt. Andrew F. "Andy" Tingwall and recognize his service. She read the following proclamation:

Whereas, Andrew F. "Andy" Tingwall was born June 10, 1973 in Long Island, New York; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute High School in 1991 and Junior College in 1993. While at NMMI, he was voted the "Most Hard Core"; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall served in the United States Marine Corps from 1992-1993 with Delta Company, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion and was a New Mexico Reservist from 1993-1995; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall graduated with the 56th New Mexico State Police Recruit School in 1995; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall's first post was District 6 in Gallup, NM; and

Whereas, in 1998 Sgt. Tingwall moved to the Training and Recruiting Division at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall taught for five years at the Academy where he was the lead instructor for the Recruit School; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall was part of the New Mexico State Police Tactical Team for five years as an entry man; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall was transferred to the New Mexico State Police Aircraft Section in 2002 and logged in 1,300 hours flying time as a pilot; and

Whereas, in 2008 he was named the Chief Pilot of his section; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall was named 2008 Officer of the Year in March 2009 by the New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Association for his lifesaving efforts in an August 2008 arroyo rescue of an Albuquerque man; and

Whereas, Sgt. Tingwall lost his life while piloting a State Police helicopter on a search and rescue mission, attempting to rescue a lost hiker in the high mountains near Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 11, 2009; and

Whereas, just before Sgt. Tingwall's death, he was to be honored by his fellow state police officers with a Medal of Valor; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, Sgt. Andrew F. "Andy" Tingwall is survived by his wife Leighann and two daughters, Alexis and Jenna, and brothers, New Mexico State Police

Agent Steven Tingwall and Douglas Tingwall; and now therefore, be it further resolved, by the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners by this proclamation honor and remember Sgt. Andrew F. "Andy" Tingwall for his service to the citizens of Santa Fe County and the great state of New Mexico. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts.

Approved, adopted and passed on this 22nd day of July 2009.

Commissioner Vigil moved to adopt the proclamation and Commissioner Stefanics seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stefanics thanked the family and all of the forces for the services they render. She said the public often does not understand the danger involved. Commissioner Vigil thanked the State Police officers present and she recognized their brotherhood. Chairman Anaya thanked Sgt. Tingwall on behalf of the 800 employees of the County, and he thanked Leighann Tingwall for being present.

Chairman Anaya recognized the following State Police officers present: Pat Mooney, Victor Gallegos, Larry Kaus, James Marvin, Sean Sylvan, Loren Curtis, Billy Cunningham, Major Robert Holguin, Captain Pat Work, Captain Greg Toya, Officer Michael Smith, Officer Ben Swope, Officer James Parks, Officer Randy Rael, and Assistant Commander Bobbie Terrazas.

[The meeting recessed from 10:25 to 10:30.]

IX. B. Employee of the Quarter

Bernadette Salazar, Human Resources Director announced Gigi Gonzales was nominated by three Public Works Department employees for her superior customer service and friendly attitude. Ms. Gonzales has been with the County since 2006, working as the Employee Development Specialist. She is responsible for implementing the College for Working Adults program, the Healthy Lifestyles program, the Adobe Award, the Hats Off Award, the resource center, online training registration and the newsletter. She has been recognized by NACo for innovative government efforts through the job search program. Ms. Salazar lauded Ms. Gonzales for her hard work and friendly attitude.

Ms. Gonzales stated she was honored to accept the award and especially thanked her fellow HR workers, the Public Works Department and her husband.

Commissioner Stefanics especially commended the Healthy Lifestyles program, as did Commissioner Holian, who added she will start following the advice any day. Commissioner Vigil noted that Ms. Gonzales also plays a great role in the community. Chairman Anaya said

Ms. Gonzales always has a smile on her face; he appreciated the work she does for the County.

IX. C. Hats Off Award to the Open Space and Trails Division

Ms. Ellis-Green explained that the Hats Off Award is given to a County department that goes above and beyond. She said the Open Space and Trails Division is being recognized for the completion of the San Ysidro Park and for their receiving the Sustainable Santa Fe Award in April of this year. Present from Open Space staff was Colleen Baker, Beth Mills, Allison Moore, Scott Casement, Charles Gonzales and Scott Rivers.

Speaking for the division, Colleen Baker thanked the Commission, noting the San Ysidro project was an act of faith, courage, determination and craziness. She recognized all of County staff and the community for their hard work.

Commissioner Vigil pointed out the San Ysidro River Trail is truly impressive, and she recognized Paul Olafson and Joseph Gutierrez for their contributions in restoring the river. Commissioner Holian said Open Space and Trails is one of her favorite departments in the County. Commissioner Stefanics echoed the other Commissioners' sentiments, noting she was on the original COLTPAC committee. She hoped the RPA would soon be coming through with funding for maintenance. Chairman Anaya thanked staff and all the volunteers.

IX. D. Certificate of Recognition to Paula Sanchez for Outstanding Volunteer Service and Assistance to the Santa Fe County Teen Court Program

Commissioner Vigil named Teen Court as one of her favorite programs in the County. She recognized Alice Sealey, the director, Jennifer Romero, administrative assistant, Melanie Perez, senior secretary, and Oscar Cereceres from the teen court in Otero County.

Commissioner Vigil noted that Paula Sanchez is employed with the Land Use Department, and volunteers every Wednesday night to work with teen court. She is bilingual and is able to work with the families. Ms. Sanchez was presented with a certificate of recognition and thanked the Commission and said it was a pleasure to work with Ms. Sealey and the others.

Ms. Sealey stated they sent out a countywide request for volunteers and Ms. Sanchez was the only respondent. She thanked the Commissioners for their support, particularly Commissioner Vigil, who often serves as judge. She added they have undertaken a successful mural projects.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that the first time she went to teen court Ms. Sanchez

was there. She lauded the program for its efforts to turn around young lives. Commissioner Holian agreed it was a very effective program, and she thanked Ms. Sanchez for her volunteering. Chairman Anaya said much of the work done by the County would be impossible without the efforts of the volunteers.

IX. E. Recognition of Summer Interns

Tamara Roybal from the Human Resources Division, recognized the help of many student interns. This year a number of activities were introduced including tours of the Public Safety and Public Works buildings, a DWI awareness meeting, the Success Series, and a counseling session following the tragedy involving the teenagers. She emphasized the help they provided and recognized Monique Villa, Josh Villa, Brittany Lovato, Isaac Romero, Bianca Montoya, David Gallegos, Adriana Salazar, Adriana Tapia, Gabriel Roybal, Erica Montoya, Antonio Vigil, Ashley Bailey, Christopher Martinez, Hannah Padilla, Jonathon Martinez, Alexandria Martinez, Samantha Salazar, Mariah Gonzales, Patrick Boker, Orlando Trujillo, Antonio Garcia, Kayla Rendon, Andrew Anaya, Gregory Archuleta, Jason Jaramillo, and Justin Baca.

She said some supervisors indicated their interns went above and beyond their job duties, and she named the following: Brittany Lovato with Land Use, Justin Baca, who took the lead on youth outreach for the SLDC process, Andrew Anaya with IT conducted trainings for County employees, Adriana Salazar with Growth Management demonstrated excellent customer service and administrative skills, Jason Jaramillo helped with the fleet, Kayla Rendon shone in the Clerk's office, and Gregory Archuleta.

Ms. Roybal thanked the supervisors for their mentorship.

Commissioner Stefanics encouraged the interns to come back and work for the County again. Commissioner Vigil asked those present to stand, and thanked them for their participation. She commended the County Manager for implementing an educational component. Commissioner Holian also thanked the mentors and wished that she had had the opportunity to work in the County when she was a teenager. Chairman Anaya noted that he was a summer intern in 1981, working at Public Works with Tom Baca, who is retiring today.

IX. F. Retirement: Joseph Catanach for 24 Years and 3 Months of Service

Shelley Cobau from the Land Use Department brought out a yellow public notice board for a variance from the County's 25-year retirement requirement. She said staff was supporting the "request" since Mr. Catanach, "the Code Whisperer," served as mentor to everyone in the department. She pointed out that recently he has been working with the City as liaison on the annexation process.

Mr. Catanach gratefully received his last public notice, and said he was proud of the work he did at the County. He appreciated his supportive co-workers, and thanked his wife, daughter and parents.

Commissioner Vigil said Mr. Catanach has expanded her connections with the community, and she suspected she was related to him from somewhere in the past. She recognized his professionalism and diplomacy in many difficult cases. She said he was leaving on a high note. Commissioner Holian said she has always been impressed by his knowledge and his attention to detail, and agreed the County was losing an incredible body of knowledge. Commissioner Stefanics spoke of denying the request for a variance so that he would have to stay longer. She wished him good luck for the future. Chairman Anaya characterized Mr. Catanach as a “straight-shooter” who followed the Code. He congratulated him wished him all the best.

IX. G. Retirement: Tom Baca for 26 Years and 9 Months of Dedicated Service to Santa Fe County

Public Works Director Robert Martinez stated when Tom Baca began his work repairing wagon wheels and feeding the mules. He reviewed his employment service, working his way up to fleet service manager. He thanked him, noting the number of mechanics has not changed while the number of vehicles has quadrupled.

Mr. Baca said he recognized many faces in the audience, and thanked the County for the opportunity to work.

Commissioner Stefanics said she appreciates people who give so much time to the County, since people out in the field aren't always recognized. She hoped he would enjoy his retirement. Commissioner Holian said it is people like Mr. Baca who keep the County running. Commissioner Vigil congratulated Mr. Baca and noted that the Commissioners consistently hear about Public Works issues. She thanked him for being a “foot soldier” at the County. Chairman Anaya indicated Mr. Baca has done a lot of good work over nearly 27 years with few resources.

IX. H. Recognition of SunCor and Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership for Donating Property to Santa Fe County

Noting that Ron Smotherman was unable to come to the meeting, Commissioner Stefanics asked Ike Pino and Warren Thompson to receive a certificate of recognition on behalf

of SunCor New Mexico and Rancho Viejo for donating property for a new fire station. She added Rancho Viejo has also participated in the Community College District, open space, Turquoise Trail School, and a number of other community projects.

Mr. Pino said it was unusual being at the podium without presentation charts and opponents in the audience. He acknowledged that Rancho Viejo and the County have long had a public-private partnership and through that have been able to accomplish a great deal. He pointed out Joe Catanach was often the staffperson appointed to Rancho Viejo projects, and he was always respectful and kept the County's welfare at heart. He said the Rancho Viejo partnership would continue, even though SunCor was closing out its chapter here. He thanked Commissioner Stefanics for establishing a line of communication with her constituency.

Commissioner Holian recognized the long line of things Rancho Viejo has done to really be part of the community, and serving as a model for other developers. Commissioner Vigil pointed to the Community College District as a planning success, much of which is due to Rancho Viejo's participation. She commended Mr. Pino for his knowledge of governance, and hoped they could continue to work together.

IX. I. Recognition of Eddie Garcia, Santa Fe County Energy Conservation Specialist for Passing the National Green Building Certification

Commissioner Holian reported that sustainability was rapidly becoming a part of Santa Fe County and Eddie Garcia is an important part of that. She read the certificate of recognition: "Santa Fe County recognizes Eddie Garcia for passing the National Green Building Certification as only 50 percent of all inspectors passed this educational training. Your exceptional performance and commitment to professionalism are a credit to you and an asset to Santa Fe County."

Mr. Garcia said he was honored to hold this position with the County and is looking forward to getting the buildings where they need to be. He thanked everyone and said he would be seeking further certifications in the future.

Commissioner Vigil appreciated Mr. Garcia's activities and said they would be relying on him in the future since a great deal needs to be done. Commissioner Stefanics said it would be challenging incorporating Mr. Garcia's experience and expertise in new development.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Anaya thanked the Commissioners and staff for bringing forward people meriting recognition and declared this meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Commissioners
Mike Anaya, Chairman

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