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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**February 21, 2007**

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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. by Chair Virginia Vigil, 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 Virginia Vigil, Chair  
Commissioner Jack Sullivan, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Paul Campos  
Commissioner Mike Anaya  
Commissioner Harry Montoya [late arrival]

**Members Absent:**

[None]

**V. INVOCATION**

An invocation was given by Victoria DeVargas from the Fire Department.

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There were no suggested changes and upon motion by Commissioner Anaya and second by Commissioner Sullivan, the agenda was unanimously approved as published.

## VII. PRESENTATIONS

### A. **Recognize Law Enforcement Officers from Santa Fe County Sheriff, City of Santa Fe Police, Tesuque Pueblo, Pojoaque Pueblo, Bureau of Indian Affairs and New Mexico State Police Departments whose efforts have helped significantly reduce the incidence of DWI in Santa Fe County from 2004 to 2006 (Health and Human Services Department)**

Commissioner Vigil expressed her pleasure at having the opportunity of meeting face-to-face those who go above and beyond the call.

Becky Beardsley, DWI Coordinator, said DWI is a complex problem that occurs at many stages. She pointed out that the average DWI offender gets behind the wheel approximately 2,000 times before being caught. She said law enforcement plays a key role in helping with community outreach events, multi-agency checkpoints, saturation patrols as well as serving on committees to develop long-term solutions. The officers being honored were nominated by their supervisors and have had a huge impact in helping to reduce the incidence of DWI for the past three years.

She pointed out that the community also recognizes the role they play and the following donated food to be served at the reception immediately following the presentation: Whole Foods, Dunkin' Donuts, Sam's Club and Wild Oats. Additionally a number of restaurants have donated dinner for two for the honorees: Il Vicino, Furr's, Taxco's China Star, Saigon Café, Appleby's, Molly's, Horseman's Haven, Red Lobster, Maria's, Pyramid Café, Marisco's, Hidden Chicken, Flying Tortilla, Blue Corn Café, La Choza and the Hilton.

Ms. Beardsley said the plaques read "In recognition for your outstanding efforts to reduce DWI in Santa Fe County, presented this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2007. The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners, Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council, and the Santa Fe County DWI Program."

Chairman of the DWI Planning Council, Sgt. Ken Johnson, joined Ms. Beardsley in presenting plaques to the following people: from the Bureau of Indian Affairs: Officer Warren Candelaria, Officer Franklin Chavez, and Lt. Kenneth Martinez; from the New Mexico State Police: Officer James Parks and Officer Sam Sena; from Tesuque Pueblo: Agent Paul Colombe, Sgt. Alfred Perez and Officer Raymond Povijua; from the Pojoaque Tribal Law Enforcement: Sgt. Brian Howell, Sgt. Nadine Jojola and Officer Joe Talachy; from the City of Santa Fe Police Department: Officers Mike LeBlanc, Douglas Kies and Mike Rute; from the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office: Deputy David Clendenin, Cpl. Cliff Coleman, Deputy Brian Markley, and Deputy Brian Nissen.

Commissioner Anaya offered his personal congratulations and appreciated the variety of uniforms, indicating the collaborative nature of the effort. He also recognized the presence in the audience of Deb Van Horn, who is in charge of the DWI in Harding County.

Commissioner Sullivan asked the family and friends of the officers to stand, and recognized their vital role in the support they offer.

Noting DWI is a serious problem, Commissioner Campos stated these people are on the front line.

Commissioner Vigil called those involved in the anti-DWI program heroes, and mentioned the importance of improved record-keeping in prosecuting offenders. She also thanked the members of the DWI Planning Council who were present.

[Commissioner Montoya joined the meeting.]

**B. Recognition of County Public Works, Fire RECC, EOC and Sheriff's Department staff that contributed to snow removal, rescues and administrative duties related to the 2006-2007 winter season**

Commissioner Vigil pointed out that from December 2006 to January 2007 there were over 750 calls related to snow. Each call required one to six hours to resolve. There were 100 calls related to mud in February. There were 9 sno-cat missions, two helicopter sorties, two snow mobile operations and numerous 4-WD missions. She noted the long hours put in and the sacrifices made by the employees. She read the certificate of appreciation:

*The Board of County Commissioners County Manager and citizens of Santa Fe County acknowledge your dedication, support and skill presented during the winter season. You have provided outstanding public service and have gone above and beyond for the residents of Santa Fe County. Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners presents you with this certificate of appreciation on this day.*

Steve Moya, representing Chief Stan Holden from the Fire Department stated there were a number medical and other emergencies the Fire Department participated in. He said it was a group effort.

Robert Martinez from Public Works said his department has been putting in an enormous amount of hours in the last six to seven weeks. He also cited the team effort and the cooperation of all the departments. He said the residents of the county were under a lot of stress but there were really no negative incidents. He commended his staff for their work.

Sheriff Greg Solano began by thanking Public Works, noting his officers could not have gotten to where they had to go without their efforts. He recounted the extraordinary work done by deputies Mike Post and Fred Suazo in a small community by the Galisteo dam. A sno-cat

was called in to deal with the needs of the residents.

Commissioner Vigil presented certificates to the following people.

From the Fire Department: Asst. Chief Martin Vigil, Asst. Chief Kimmet Holland, Asst. Chief Steve Moya, Capt. Sten Johnson, Capt. Mike Neely, Capt. Reed Shelton, Lt. Jim Lovell, FF Victoria DeVargas, Capt. Bill McSweeney, Capt. Buster Patty Dennis, Patty Joyce Kwok, Diana Acosta, Wendy Beck, Clyde Hill, Gene Brommer, Ana Martinez, Lorie Mullings, Greg Gallegos, Asst. Chief John Wheeler, Erin Quintana and Tracy Baca.

From the Housing Department: Larry Narvaiz and Nick Contreras.

From the Santa Fe County Managers Office: Jennifer Jaramillo and Tina Salazar

From the Santa Fe County Extension Office: Patrick Torres.

Santa Fe County Finance: Teresa C. Martinez and Paul Griffin.

From P&FMD: Shelly Dimas.

From Public Works: James Lujan, Public Works Director and Deputy Public Works Director Robert Martinez, Road Maintenance: Lonny Montoya, Road Maintenance Director, Walter Garcia, Foreman, James Martinez, Road Maintenance Superintendent, Stacy Garcia, Operator, Larry Gonzales, Operator, Seferino Houston, Operator, Ramon Trujillo, Foreman, Jonathan Gonzales, Operator, Sam Abeyta, Operator, Daniel Acosta, Operator, Jonathan Valerio, Operator, Johnny Gonzales, Operator, Adam Alire, Operator, Andrew Armijo, Operator, James Salazar, Operator, Harold Sanchez, Operator, Peter Rivera Jr., Richard Chang, Foreman, Jared Rivera, Operator, Art Trujillo, Operator, Jim Dennison, Operator, Julian Lopez, Operator, Steve Ritchardson, Operator, Eric Giron, Operator, Andres Garcia, Operator, Rick Varela, Operator, Tony Trujillo, Truck Driver, Tom Baca, Fleet Service Manager, Paul Armijo, Mechanic, Joe Garcia, Mechanic, Leroy Holmes, Mechanic, Pete Rivera Sr., Serviceman, Alan Vigil, Mia Varela, and Gabriela Trujillo.

From the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communications Center: Becky Martinez, Ken Martinez, Daniel Segura, Jolene Deras, Kathleen Tafoya, Sean Pilgrim, David Archuleta, Michael Purley, Michelle Saiz, Daniel Espy, and Daniel Segura.

From the Sheriff's Office: Corporal Michael Post and Deputy Fred Suazo.

Commissioner Vigil commended the following volunteers: District Chief Tom MacDonell from Turquoise Trail, District Chief James Valencia from La Cienega, District Chief Phil Undercufflet from Madrid, District Chief Seth Gleiman from Hondo, District Chief Jean Moya from Galisteo, District Chief Herman Sena from Stanley, Craig Moya from Galisteo, Gwendolyn Zaxus from Madrid, Sam Patty from Glorieta, Kevin Barrows from Turquoise Trail, Frank Croft from Galisteo, and Kurt Lermuseaux from Stanley.

Also recognized for special services were: Steve Gomez, snow mobile operator, PNM for the use of the sno-cat, Robert Quintana, sno-cat operator PNM, Richard Flores, state radio sno-cat operator, Brian George from Santa Fe Power and Equipment, snow

mobile operator, Andy Brandy, private bulldozer operator, Mateo DeVargas, Rio Arriba County Fire Marshall's Office, the Bernalillo Sheriff's Office/OEM helicopter, Steve Bond and Kathy Bond from Santa Fe Red Cross, and Evelyn Ward from VOAD in Santa Fe.

A slide show of winter scenes in Santa Fe County showing the gravity of the situation was shown.

Commissioner Anaya summed up the situation saying, "You saved lives." The Commissioners voiced their appreciation for all the workers taking time out from their families to deal with the emergency.

Photographs were taken, which Commissioner Campos called "the best family pictures of Santa Fe County ever."

Commissioner Vigil also recognized County Manager Roman Abeyta for his role in coordinating all the services.

[The Commission recessed from 11:20 to 11:30.]

**C. Employee of the Quarter**

County Clerk Valerie Espinoza expressed her pleasure at being able to bestow Employee of the Quarter honors on her Chief Deputy and Director of the Bureau Elections, Denise Lamb. She described being able to spirit Ms. Lamb away from the Secretary of States Office as a coup. She lauded her integrity and deep knowledge of election law and said she was a resource for anyone with questions about elections, calling her a walking encyclopedia.

Denise Lamb spoke about the competence of her staff and the help of other departments. She compared the work they do with "clearing the roads, almost, only not as dangerous and cold." She decried government-bashing, and spoke of being the fourth generation in her family to be in public service. She commended her co-workers and said it was a pleasure to come to work every day. "Everybody deserves to be Employee of the Quarter."

Commissioner Montoya said he always feels welcome when visiting the Clerk's Office. He congratulated the retirees and excused himself from the remainder of the meeting to attend a previous engagement.

**D. Retirement - Gerald Smith (Public Works)**

James Lujan, Public Works Director, stated Gerald Smith was not present and outlined

the history of his employment with the County, beginning in 2000, moving from transfer station director to division director. Mr. Smith was congratulated by the Commissioners.

- E. Retirement – Carl Montoya (Sheriff’s Office)**
- F. Retirement – Terrance Delgado (Sheriff’s Office)**

Sheriff Solano noted Captain Terrance Delgado could not attend today’s meeting, but he commended him for his 20 years of services. Corporal Carl Montoya has retired after 21 years, rising through the ranks. He characterized him as “Mr. Reliable”. The Commissioners thanked Corporal Montoya and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Cpl. Montoya thanked the County and the Sheriff’s Department.

- G. Information Presentation by the Santa Fe Children’s Museum**

David Tessio, executive director of the Children’s Museum concurred with Ms. Lamb, saying his job was also a daily pleasure. He introduced the president of the board of trustees, Fidel Gutierrez and noted County Clerk Espinoza is also on the museum board. He introduced a video presentation outlining the museum’s work. He said they were the first children’s museum in the state. New Mexico residents attend the museum at half the price of non-residents, and can attend on Sundays for one dollar.

Mr. Tessio announced they are planning a two-phased expansion and are working with the school system and the legislature to improve services. There is an outdoor environment which contributes to the museum being a “unique gem”. He thanked Chair Vigil for her support, and invited all the Commissioners to visit.

- H. Study Session Regarding County Projects**

County Manager Roman Abeyta distributed information sheets regarding capital projects and suggested going into the discussion in greater depth at the Tuesday meeting. There was Commission consensus to hear an overview and review the information in preparation for the regular meeting.

Mr. Abeyta referred to the last page of the handout which was a compilation of projects from the Fire Department, PFMD, Public Works, water and wastewater as well as countywide projects. There is a shortfall in every department, even given legislative appropriations. It’s going to be necessary to prioritize the list of proposals. “We just don’t have enough funding for the projects that we have on our list.”

Commissioner Vigil asked if Tuesday would give them sufficient time to provide the requested information to DFA. Mr. Abeyta said he would be able to go to DFA and demonstrate there was insufficient money in every category.

Commissioner Anaya asked if it wouldn't be better to see what monies came in from the legislature before deciding on priorities. Commissioner Vigil noted the road priority in particular has to be established going into the GRIP II bill. Mr. Abeyta listed the areas that required prioritization and addressing funding deficiencies.

Commissioner Sullivan noted that Senator Grubestic and Rep. Wirth are putting together a basecourse bill, and there are possibilities for matching funds. He listed criteria that could be used for deciding priorities including possibilities for leveraging, project readiness, and public benefit to health and safety.

Mr. Abeyta said he would compile a list to be judged against the criteria. Following that a time line will be assembled, including the Code rewrite. He added the staff reorganization is still underway and will be discussed on Tuesday.

PFMD Director Joseph Gutierrez said his department was looking into getting project managers and contract construction managers whose salaries would not come out of the general fund.

Commissioner Campos asked about the fire tax and Mr. Abeyta said an FTE hiring plan implementation will be discussed on Tuesday. Mr. Abeyta pointed out that another issue coming up is negotiation of wages with the Corrections workers. Duncan Sill is looking into workforce housing.

A discussion ensued regarding piggy-backing onto the pending basecourse bill.

Commissioner Campos asked Mr. Abeyta to look into coordinating the southwest sector plan with long-range RPA plans.

Commissioner Vigil asked about the status of the CDBG grant, and Mr. Gutierrez indicated another application cannot be made until the water system in the Agua Fria Community Center is completed, sometime in May. At that point they will be eligible to rejoin the grant cycle. The applied for planning money for the Santa Cruz dam project.


Mr. Abeyta said he would put the hot topics on the BCC agenda.



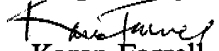
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Vigil declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 12:42 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Board of County Commissioners  
Virginia Vigil, Chair

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