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SANTA FE COUNTY

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

# SPECIAL MEETING

October 7, 2004

Michael Anaya, Vice Chairman
Paul Duran
Jack Sullivan
Harry Montoya
Paul Campos, Chairman [Excused]

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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Mike Anaya, in the Santa Fe County Planning Department Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll was called and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

#### **Members Present:**

## **Members Absent:**

Commissioner Mike Anaya, Vice Chair

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Commissioner Paul Campos Chairman

Commissioner Jack Sullivan

Commissioner Paul Duran

Commissioner Harry Montoya [telephonically present]

#### III. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Duran and second by Commissioner Sullivan, the agenda was unanimously approved as published.

# IV. Resolution Acceptance and Approval of 2004 Property Tax Rates as Certified by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration

BRIAN BACA (Deputy Assessor): On behalf of the Santa Fe County Assessor's Office I would like to request the acceptance and approval of the 2004 property tax rate which have been certified by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, are there any questions of Brian?

CHAIRMAN CAMPOS: Move for approval, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second. I have a question.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second with discussion.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: How would you rate this year compared to

last year?

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BRIAN BACA (Deputy Assessor): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, we actually experienced somewhat of a decrease in most of the rates. If you look at the City of Santa Fe school district tax rate, it actually dropped by about 7 percent. Most of the other school districts either remained the same or slightly decreased with the exception of school district 18, Española city and Española school district we experienced somewhat of an increase. We're looking at anywhere from about 13.5 to 14.8 percent of an increase. I believe that's largely due to the lack of growth and a change in the actual operational school district debt service, that increased.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Could you explain to me what the columns mean? The ones in the packet.

MR. BACA: Each column represents a tax district or school district.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: So "C in R" means -

MR. BACA: City residential.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay, so the first column is city residential and that's about \$17.5 million and the second column is commercial and that's about \$24.5 mil.

MR. BACA: That's right.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: And what's city out; out what?

MR. BACA: Anything out of the City.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Is that anywhere else in the County. So out in the County it's about \$17 mil.

MR. BACA: One R is Pojoaque.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Eight is Edgewood and 18 is Arroyo Seco. Basically, the working rates are around \$24 to \$25 mil and residential rates are running around \$22 or \$18 mil.

MR. BACA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Commissioner Montoya, do you have any questions to Brian from the Assessors on the property tax rate?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: No.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, then we have a motion from Commissioner Duran and second Commissioner Sullivan.

Upon unanimous voice vote, the 2004 property tax rates as certified by the DFA was accepted and approved.

V. Request Authorization to Accept and Award a Price Agreement to the Lowest Responsive Bidder for IFB #25-25 for the Printing of the 2004 Tax Bills

PHILIP TRUJILLO (County Treasurer): Commissioners, Chairman Anaya, historically we have always done the tax rate when we do the tax bills in one breath because they are so closely associated. Obviously, we cannot print the tax bills until we have received the tax rate and it has been approved.

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The printer who has received the bid, Mr. Anderson, Don Anderson from Ink Impressions who has been printing our bills for quite some time now cannot begin the process of printing and getting the bills ready until the rates have been approved and the Commission has approved to award the bid to the successful bidder. That is why these two items come to you together.

The reason also, I need to explain why we're having this emergency meeting is because the rate being late from the State by almost a month, puts us all in a crunch. MIS, Finance Department, my office are all waiting for the tax rates and the approval to award the contract so we can get the bills printed. By law we have to have the bills in the mail November 1st. We're trying to get a head start by having this meeting even though it could have been on Tuesday, but any additional time is a bonus to us.

Mr. Anderson was the successful bidder. Actually, I believe Procurement sent out about eight different or six different packages to different printers and he was the only one that bid and the amount is there for your review. And I'm asking for the approval of his contract which has been reviewed by Procurement, by our finance director and everything appears to be in order.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Any questions of Mr. Trujillo? COMMISSIONER DURAN: Move for approval, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Commissioner Montoya, do you have any

questions of Mr. Trujillo?

[In response to Commissioner Montoya's questions, Mr. Trujillo offered the following responses:]

MR. TRUJILLO: Actually, Commissioner Montoya, what happened this year is that we believe, I believe, that we had a second year option on the contract. In other words, we had a contract with him last year and we thought – or at least I was certainly of the understanding that we had a option to go a second year and we did not. So we had to go out and solicit new bids.

We could have done this in mid-August, late-August, even early September we would have probably been all right, but because I truly believe we had a second year option on it and according to the people in the – the staff members over in procurement they corrected me and said you don't have a second year option and you're going to have to go out for solicitation of bids, so that's what we did. Now, Mr. Anderson can't, Ink Impressions, cannot proceed until such time that we have not only the tax rates but the award of the bid.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, is there a motion to approve the bid? COMMISSIONER DURAN: Yes, so moved. COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

The motion to accept and award a price agreement to the lowest responsive bidder for IFB #25-25 passed by unanimous voice vote.

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# VI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Sullivan and second by Commissioner Duran, the meeting was declared adjourned by Commissioner Anaya at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Commissioners Mike Anaya, Vice Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Farrell, Commission Reporter

ATTEST TO:

REBECCA BUSTAMANTE SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK