

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 25, 2017

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 25th day of September, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Quay County Commission Chambers, Tucumcari, New Mexico, for the purpose of taking care of any business that may come before them.

PRESENT & PRESIDING:

Franklin McCasland, Chairman
Mike Cherry, Member
Sue Dowell, Member
Ellen L. White, County Clerk
Richard Primrose, County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Rural Addressing
Gail Houser, Tucumcari MainStreet Director
Cheryl Simpson, Quay County Manager's Office
Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent
Janie Hoffman, Quay County Chief Deputy Assessor
Vic Baum, Quay County Assessor
Brenda Bishop, Quay County Extension
Bonnie Lightfoot, House Municipal Schools Superintendent
Curtis Simpson, Quay County Emergency Management Coordinator
Patsy Gresham, Quay County Treasurer
Thomas Garcia, Quay County Sun

Chairman Franklin McCasland called the meeting to order. Curtis Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 regular session as printed. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye", and Dowell voting "aye".

Richard Primrose requested Item No. 3; Curtis Simpson, Quay County Emergency Coordinator be removed from the Agenda. Chairman McCasland requested Larry Moore, Road Superintendent be placed as Item No. 3. A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gail Houser, Tucumcari MainStreet Director distributed the programs for the upcoming Fired-Up event scheduled for Saturday, September 30. Houser thanked Quay County for their continued support of the event.

Commissioner Dowell asked if all the attractions are set for Saturday. Houser replied that a portion of the Quilt Show will begin Friday.

ONGOING BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman McCasland opened dialog for discussion of the Casa Mesa PILOT. Richard Primrose requested Bonnie Lightfoot, House Municipal Schools Superintendent join the Commission for this discussion. Primrose explained the proceeds from the sale of the Industrial Revenue Bonds will benefit House Schools and Quay County and the split of proceeds needs to be approved by Resolution and then an Ordinance.

Primrose explained the repower of existing project will remain at the original split of 79%-21%, with no room for negotiations. The new Casa Mesa Project needs to be agreed upon by Quay County and House Municipal Schools.

Superintendent Lightfoot explained her job was to represent the school and try and advocate for a higher split to benefit the school district which is currently operating in a deficit and utilizing emergency funding from the Public Education Department. Lightfoot reported that House schools were \$200,000.00 in the hole before this school year ever started, requiring them to borrow funds from PED to operate. Lightfoot informed the Commissioners that money is used for the operational budget and doesn't include the deficit they face for transportation needs.

Primrose provided a spread sheet showing the Casa Mesa project at the current split of 79%-21% and an increase showing a split of 75%-25%. Lightfoot said she would like to entertain the idea of splitting the proceeds from bonds at 65%-35%.

Chairman McCasland said his main concern for any decrease in the County's portion would result in a deficit for road maintenance which the County is required to provide for the House School District for their current bus routes. McCasland also pointed out the County will be providing improved infrastructure to roads being used by the company to bring in the new equipment and the House Schools are receiving a windfall without any incurred expenses.

Commissioner Cherry asked what the House School enrollment is for this year. Lightfoot said they have approximately 70 children which include the alternative students. Cherry asked Primrose what would happen to the revenue if the House Schools closed. Primrose replied it would go to the school district in which the State Department of Education would combine the House Schools with and likely not be a school in Quay County.

Lightfoot said she had a lengthy discussion with a representative from PED and they did not indicate any need or desire to close House Schools.

Commissioner Dowell said the House School District and the Village itself rarely asks for any assistance. Every student and every school in Quay County is important to the growth and stability of Quay County Dowell said. The education is imperative to our communities. A MOTION was made by Dowell to offer the 65%-35% split of proceeds from the IRB's. The MOTION failed for lack of a SECOND.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Cherry to offer the split at 73.5%-26.5%. The MOTION failed for lack of a SECOND.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Cherry and SECONDED by Chairman McCasland to offer the split at 72.5%-27.5%. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "nay". Commissioner Dowell noted the reason for her voting in the negative was in support of a higher split that would benefit the House School District.

Brenda Bishop, Home Economist for the Quay County Extension Services gave the Quarterly Report for April through June, 2017. The Quarterly Report is attached and made a part of these minutes. Bishop announced that Beverly Lake will be retiring on September 29 and a retirement reception will be held in her honor on Thursday the 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Commissioner McCasland requested a ten minute break. Time noted 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent gave the following report:

1. Environmental Reports are still pending on Route 66.
2. Quay Road BH is nearing completion with a mile remaining. The pit got hard and the crews are using the dozer to haul the materials to the job site and break it up with the hammer mill.
3. Repairs to Quay Road Y were made to allow Tom Bruhn to get his cattle out.
4. An RPO meeting will be held in Roy, NM on September 27.
5. Crews are working on roads in need of attention due to the rain.

County Manager, Richard Primrose presented the following items for approval:

1. Requested approval to reappoint Judy Ross to the Library Board as the representative for the County. A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the appointment. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".
2. Presented a quote from Facility Build (State Contract) for renovations to the restrooms at the Quay County Exhibit Center in an effort to make the building ADA compliant. The quote totaled \$65,020.24. Primrose explained the renovations will result in one less stall in both the men's and women's restrooms. Commissioner Cherry asked if losing a stall would violate the occupancy load in the building code requirements. Primrose said he would ask about it. Chairman McCasland said his concern with these renovations is the portion of the quote that excludes architectural and structural items that will most likely be needed and will be above the cost of the quote. A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to award the quote to Facility Build. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

Primrose distributed the following correspondence:

1. September Gross Receipt Report.

Chairman McCasland called the Indigent Claims Board portion of the meeting to order. Time noted 10:35 a.m.

-----INDIGENT CLAIMS-----

Return to regular session. Time noted 10:40 a.m.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the expenditures included in the Accounts Payable Report ending September 21, 2017. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

Other County Business/Comments from Commissioners: NONE

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry SECONDED by Sue Dowell to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)7 to discuss Threatened or Pending Litigation MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Time noted 10:45 a.m.

-----EXECUTIVE SESSION-----

Return to regular session. Time noted 10:55 a.m.

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell that only the items listed above were discussed during Executive Session and no action was taken. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to adjourn. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen White, County Clerk.

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Franklin McCasland



Sue Dowell



Mike Cherry

ATTEST:



Ellen L. White, County Clerk