

# COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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## New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

**Jackie Powell**, Chairwoman  
**Preston Stone**, Vice-Chair

**Kathryn L. Minter**, Member  
**Mark Doth**, Member  
**Dallas Draper**, Member

### Minutes Friday, May 3, 2013

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on May 3, 2013 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

#### 1. Call to order

Chair Powell called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Roll Call.

**Present:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.

**Absent:** Commissioner Doth.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager; and Tammie Maddox, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Commissioner Stone.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Pledge – U.S.A. Flag – Commissioner Draper
- B. Salute – N.M. Flag – Commissioner Minter

#### 5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.

Chair Powell recessed the Special Meeting and convened the Public Hearing at 9:04:31 AM.

Chair Powell explained the process and protocol for the budget public hearing.

#### 6. Public Hearing: Preliminary Budget hearing, Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) Development

##### A. County Manager's Overview

1. **Overall balance and revenue sheets** for discussion by the Treasurer, Finance Director and Manager. Significantly, it should be pointed out that the additional expenses from external agencies were not included in these balances. Unfunded requests by County departments were included in the preliminary budget, and would be modified accordingly based on Commission action. The projected balance over the

required reserve at end of this fiscal year was \$871,949 and each additional approval during this process would reduce that balance.

Of the \$11,849,347 in general funding the County was forecast to receive, \$6,747,572 budgeted to general fund departmental expense requirements, including but not limited to the following: \$1,728,479 supplemented the road department; \$39,374 for predator control; \$1,793,545 for the detention center operations; the senior citizen centers required an increase of \$171,898 this year; \$150,000 was required for juvenile detention related operations; and Indigent Fund required \$7,432 to offset the limitation on administrative expenses. The Homeland Security Fund (462) also required a transfer of \$875,000 to cover the matching fund requirement for a potential Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$3.5 million.

**2. Projected Expenses.** The items listed in the proposed budget were projected expenses, which for the most part have been annualized. As such, the expenditures were unconstrained and the revenues were conservative. The amounts included departmental inputs by account during the budget mark-up process. The current ending preliminary balance overall was \$869,094 over the required reserve. Again, this reserve above the required 3/12<sup>th</sup> amount did not include un-funded external agency requests.

**3. Property Valuations** increased from \$1,058,628,937 for Tax Year 2011 to \$1,105,798,545 for Tax Year 2012, and this valuation was mandated for use for the FY 2013-2014 budget by DFA; PILT was received in June, 2012 in the amount of \$1,527,496, and based on estimated forecasts, this has been reduced by 5.1% for a total of \$1,449,594. Increased revenue projections have been placed in the budget.

FY	County Valuation	Increase	Reappraisal Year
01-02	\$ 530,137,383		Yes
02-03	\$ 545,555,677	\$ 15,418,294	
03-04	\$ 587,662,166	\$ 42,106,489	Yes
04-05	\$ 615,303,222	\$ 27,641,056	
05-06	\$ 686,219,982	\$ 70,916,760	Yes
06-07	\$ 721,934,100	\$ 35,714,118	
07-08	\$ 818,733,862	\$ 96,799,762	Yes
08-09	\$ 887,828,843	\$ 69,094,981	
09-10	\$1,019,422,539	\$131,593,696	Yes
10-11	\$1,038,712,174	\$ 19,289,635	
11-12	\$1,058,628,937	\$ 19,916,763	
12-13	\$1,105,798,545	\$ 47,169,608	Yes
13-14	\$1,138,681,111	\$ 32,882,566	Yes

**5. External Agency Presentations:** External agencies made presentations in the order indicated on the agenda. Background information on the organizations was provided. It was at the Commission’s discretion whether to hear and consider the non-solicited budget requests. Each request approved reduced the reserve and increased the deficit spending. The Manager recommended a close scrutiny of external agency funding requests, as some more broadly benefitted the county than others, and every external request granted limited the ability to address internal county requirements. **There was \$368,952 in unfunded external requests, \$33,000 of which were non-solicited.**

**Administrative Note:** *During the budget Public Hearing, a running calculation of desired changes were made to track the impact on desired reserves and to identify additional funding requirements.*

**6. Departmental Review:** Following the external agency presentations and discussion, a departmental review of expenses and revenues was conducted. The funding requests would then be reviewed and amended or added to. Finally, the Manager recommended considering an increase to all salaries for classified employees. Every 1% of wage increase, the overall salary impact was \$52,879. For example, a 4% salary increase resulted in a total cost of \$211,516. The last wage increase to classified employees was for 6% in 2010.

**7. FY12-13 Emergency and Mitigation Expenses Incurred:** It is important to note that, due to Little Bear Fire and subsequent flooding events, extraordinary expenses and partially offsetting reimbursing funds for mitigation efforts were reflected in both the actual data for FY12-13 and the budgeted data for FY13-14. In 2012, the County spent **\$1,386,365** on flood mitigation efforts, for which it was eligible to receive 75% reimbursement from FEMA and 12.5% reimbursement from the State of New Mexico. The total reimbursement amount due the County for those efforts of **\$1,213,069** has been approved by both FEMA and the State, and was in the process of being paid. In addition, the County identified twenty-five additional projects, all FEMA approved, to repair damages caused by flooding to County infrastructure; these projects totaled \$1,237,282, for which the County would be reimbursed 87.5%, or **\$1,082,622**. To date, the County has received **\$751,319** of those funds. Details of those transactions were in the Preliminary Budget. After all was said and done, the County would have incurred **\$327,956** (12.5%) out of pocket, unreimbursed expense for flood mitigation projects.

Because Lincoln County received FEMA approval of its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan earlier this year, the County was eligible to apply for a Homeland Security Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$3.5 million. Lincoln County was the only entity in the state with such an approved plan. The work targeted for the funding was the "planning, engineering, designing, constructing, building, clearing of ladder fuels, expanding defensible space, structures protection through debris removal, incineration, grinding and any other means necessary in the protection of Lincoln County residents through minimizing the disastrous effect of wildfire". The grant required a 25% match of \$875,000. While the match was included in this preliminary budget, it was feasible that offsetting matches could be obtained from other State Agencies partnering with the County on these projects. Review the use of the Homeland Security Special Revenue Fund, for details of this potential transaction.

**8. Medical Related Items:** The items requested by the hospital administrator were provided and incorporated into the budget. Commissioners should discuss the amount of the 3.0 mill authorization it wishes to impose. The Manager recommended the 2 mills for the hospital and .6 mill of the 1 mill authorized for the clinics remain in place. This would retain the tax level from the previous year (2012-2013). It was important to note the estimated carryover at the end of the year (2012-2013) with the imposition of 2.6 was estimated at \$434,093 for the clinics and \$8,106,094 for the hospital going forward. The history of mill levy imposition was as follows: Seven Year History of Imposition beginning with the 3 Mills Authorized by November 7, 2000 Election and reauthorized by the April 8, 2008 special election:

	November 2000 Election		
	Hospital	Clinic	Total
FY 2001-2002	2.1	.9	3.0
FY 2002-2003	2.1	.9	3.0
FY 2003-2004	1.1	.9	2.0
FY 2004-2005	2.1	.5	2.6
FY 2005-2006	2.1	.5	2.6
FY 2006-2007	2.1	.5	2.6
FY 2007-2008	2.1	.5	2.6

	April 2008 Special Election		
	Hospital	Clinic	Total
FY 2008-2009	2.0	.6	2.6
FY 2009-2010	2.0	.6	2.6
FY 2010-2011	2.0	.6	2.6
FY 2011-2012	2.0	.6	2.6
FY 2012-2013	2.0	.6	2.6

**9. Infrastructure & Capital Improvement Plan:** It was premature to formally begin input to this year's ICIP submission. The Manager requested Commissioners review the ICIP and participate in a discussion of this year's submission. No action needed to be taken at this point. The Manager requested comments for incorporation of potentially updated projects. Last year, the final ICIP was adopted at the September Commission meeting. For initial discussion going forward, items discussed previously, with rough estimations, include:

(a) Repair of Glencoe Bridge	\$ 60,000
(b) Magado Creek Crossings at Fairgrounds alternatives	
i. Culverts (not sufficient for 10-year flood)	\$ 318,000
ii. Box culverts (sufficient for 25-year flood)	\$ 429,000
iii. 30' wide bridge (100 year flood standard)	\$1,370,000
(c) New Hondo Fire Station	\$ 300,000
(d) New Road Yard	\$ 560,000

Manager's Recommendation/Analysis/Comments:

1. Provide guidance to the manager on the external and internal requested items to be funded.
2. Confirm the preliminary health care related budget – mills to be imposed.
3. Discuss the ICIP and provide preliminary guidance.
4. Direct the manager to make the desired adjustments for the May 14, 2013 meeting.

**B. External Agency Presentations and Requests**

County Manager's Introduction

Presentations were made by individuals representing the organizations requesting funds.

NMSU Extension Office	\$ 64,399.31
Capitan Library	\$ 22,920.00
Corona Library	\$ 5,000.00
Ruidoso Library	\$ 35,000.00
Juvenile Justice Board (LCJJB)	\$ 10,000.00
SNMEDD	\$ 6,000.00
USDA Predator Control/Wildlife	\$ 88,500.00
Partial funding comes from the per head tax of \$0.55 = \$18,640; delinquent taxes = \$1,200; Taylor Grazing =\$29,287; Request from General Fund \$39,373.	
Noxious Weed Program	\$ 50,000.00

Commissioner Stone was excused from the Public Hearing at 10:06:53 AM and returned at 10:17:03 AM.

South Central RC & D	\$ 40,000.00
Lincoln County Humane Society	\$ 30,000/2,000*
(*Additional request for maintenance on shelter)	
EcoServants	\$ 25,000
NM Bookmobile	\$ .1,260
Coalition of Arizona/NM Counties	\$ .2,600 Annual Dues
Legal Fund Contribution (Optional)	\$ .5,000

**C. Non-Solicited Budget Requests**

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Lincoln County Transit             | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. SANE of Otero & Lincoln Counties   | \$ 2,000  |
| 3. Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca | \$ 6,000  |
| 4. White Mountain Search & Rescue     | \$ 2,200  |

Ms. Taylor presented a new request for membership in the New Mexico Acequia Association in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Taylor stated no action could be taken since it was not on the agenda. Ms. Taylor stated action could be taken at the May 14, 2013 meeting.

Chair Powell recessed the Public Hearing at 11:04:09 AM and reconvened at 11:18:02 AM.

**D. Medical Related Budget/LCMC/Clinics/La Casa attached**

Seferino Montano presented the request for La Casa Buena Salud which provided services for the Hondo Clinic. Mr. Montano discussed the staffing issues over the previous year. Mr. Montano commented it was difficult to recruit providers in rural areas. Mr. Montano requested

the same funding as last year in the amount of \$85,000. Mr. Montano provided a breakdown of the budget for fiscal years 2012-2013 and the request for 2013-2014. Mr. Montano provided the overall revenues from Federal and State Funds, Patient Services totaling \$383,200.00 and the expenditures for the Clinic totaling \$387,306.00.

Mr. Montano discussed the contract with the County which had many things in it that would have not been approved if it had been read before signing. Mr. Montano stated he was not aware of the provision in the contract that the County would reimburse for such items as roof repair and electrical expenses on the Clinic. Mr. Montano presented a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$6,089.41 for roofing.

There was extensive discussion regarding the patient load at the clinic and the estimated budget request being the same as the year before. Mr. Montano explained issues that affected the Clinic over the past year and believed the expenses would reflect the same as the previous year and possibly come in under the estimated amount.

Al Santos, representing Presbyterian Healthcare and Administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center and the Capitan, Carrizozo, and Corona Clinics presented the request for 2013-2014 fiscal year funding.

Mr. Santos stated the request was based on prevalent need of the community. Mr. Santos stated the request was \$11,680, more than the previous year's, which was a one percent (1%) increase. Mr. Santos stated the request could be funded without increasing the Mill Levy Tax rate.

Mr. Santos pointed out there were some significant challenges in healthcare financing facing Lincoln County and LCMC in 2013-2014 and requested a workshop session to address these issues. Mr. Santos presented reports from the New Mexico Hospital Association showing the decrease in funding from Federal/Medicare and State/Medicaid. Mr. Santos requested no action on the mill levy funding level until after more information was received and analyzed.

Mr. Santos provided a review of the past fiscal year's healthcare delivery system and achievements in Lincoln County. Mr. Santos reported on the improved services including the cost-free behavioral health triage program called Lincoln County Community Assistance Program which averaged 25 client appointments per week. Mr. Santos reported on the intention to expand services in the areas of behavioral health, orthopedics, pain management, primary care and complete deployment of an inpatient hospitalist program. Mr. Santos stated that in order to meet the new federal healthcare mandates, LCMC would begin work on deploying electronic medical records for inpatient and emergency departments to compliment what already existed in the clinics.

Mr. Santos presented the requests for the Corona; Carrizozo; and Capitan Medical Clinics as follows:

	2011-2012 FY	2012-2013 FY	Increase
Corona Health Clinic	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$10,000
Carrizozo Health Clinic	\$374,610	\$374,610	-0-
Carrizozo Dental Cap Out		\$ 20,000	\$20,000
Capitan Medical Clinic	\$ 96,875	\$100,000	-0-
Capitan Cap Out		\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800

Mr. Santos presented the capital request for the Lincoln County Medical Center in the amount of \$108,500. Mr. Santos discussed the new program Lincoln County Community Assistance Program (LCCAP) operating funds request in the amount of \$150,000. Mr. Santos stated it was a mental health triage program. Mr. Santos stated it was previously funded through operational support by way of sole community provider funding. Mr. Santos stated that in order to keep the program operational at the existing level they were seeking mill levy funding.

Mr. Santos stated the total request for fiscal year 2012-2013 funds was \$1,080,120.

Chair Powell pointed out many of the people in the detention center were there because of mental health issues. Chair Powell stated the cost to provide mental healthcare to the detainees at the detention center was very expensive and questioned if that service could be included in the Lincoln County Community Assistance Program.

Commissioner Minter questioned how the new program was funded in the previous year. Mr. Santos explained it was basically funded by way of sole community provider funding by freeing up funds in other areas in order to pay for the LCCAP. Commissioner Minter pointed out the sole community match was paid out of the mil levy funds and observed that funds were being moved around.

Commissioner Minter requested a breakdown of patient load compared to the costs for the clinics. Commissioner Minter stated the La Casa presentation of budget revenues and expenses was understandable and requested a similar report on each of the Presbyterian clinics.

Commissioner Draper supported a workshop to discuss how one thing affected another with the mill levy and sole community funds. Commissioner Draper stated concern not just with the budget request for 2013-2014, but for projected long term improvements.

Dr. Gary Jackson discussed concerns about healthcare funding in the future and the effects of any loss of sole community provider funds. Dr. Jackson stated providing healthcare on a daily basis was the priority. Dr. Jackson stated he had never seen healthcare provisions so obscure especially with respect to funding for which there were so many variables.

Chair Powell reiterated the detention center mental health program should be discussed with the new pilot program LCCAP. Chair Powell supported the funding the LCCAP if the discussion included the detention center.

Mr. Santos introduced Jim Stover, Lincoln County EMS Director to present the funding requests for the ambulance services. Mr. Stover discussed the replacement of ambulances and the request for new equipment totaling \$293,210. Mr. Santos stated there was no request for operating funds for ambulance services.

Ms. Taylor was supportive of the workshop as requested. Ms. Taylor suggested having someone from the State Human Services department in attendance to discuss exactly the changes in healthcare funding and how they would affect the County. Ms. Taylor stated the workshop would be scheduled and recommended postponing setting the Mill Levy rate and approval of the LCMC and clinics budget.

County Treasurer, Glenna Robbins stated the final budget was due at the State Department of Finance Administration by July 31, 2013. Ms. Robbins stated the rates would be presented back to the County by September 1, 2013.

Chair Powell recessed the Public Hearing at 12:03:38 PM and reconvened at 1:04:02 PM.

Chair Powell recessed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Special Meeting at 1:05:07 PM

**7. Approval of Operation of Lincoln County Detention Center Contract between Lincoln County and Emerald Correctional Management, LLC**

Ms. Taylor recommended approval of the Operations and Management Agreement between Emerald Correctional Management LLC, and Lincoln County.

**Motion:** Approved the Agreement as recommended. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stone, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Approval of Two Agreements**

- A. 2012 Lincoln County WUI - \$255K
- B. 2012 Sun Valley NFL -\$50K

Ms. Taylor recommended approval of both grant agreements with the State Forestry: 2012 Lincoln County WUI for \$255,000; and 2012 Sun Valley NFL for \$50,000.

**Motion:** Approve both agreements for inclusion in the 2012-2013 final budget. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Consideration of Substituting Alternative Road Projects for Valley Heights

Ms. Taylor presented the request to substitute the road project for Valley Heights Subdivision with a road project for Enchanted Forest. Ms. Taylor explained that in the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget \$75,000 was approved for the Road Superintendent to improve roads in Valley Heights Subdivision. Ms. Taylor stated due to the timing for various funding requests, the area was also the subject of New Mexico Department of Transportation's School Bus Funds and the work was contracted out under those funds. Ms. Taylor stated the Road Superintendent had identified road work to be done in Enchanted Forest, and requested the \$75,000 be reassigned to the Enchanted Forest project.

**Motion:** Approved the request as recommended. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Extension Agreement – Lincoln County Abstract & Title Company –Charles F. Headen Estate

Ms. Taylor presented the extension agreement with Lincoln County Abstract and Title Company Lots 4-11, Block 12 of the Town of Carrizozo. Ms. Taylor stated the agreement extended the due diligence period to July 1, 2013 and the closing date for the purchase of the property to August 1, 2013.

**Motion:** Approved the extension agreement as requested. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Powell recessed the Special Meeting and reconvened the Public Hearing at 1:11:02 PM.

### E. Detailed Department Review

County Treasurer, Glenna Robbins, presented the revenues for the General Fund that included: property taxes 83%; PILT 12%; Gross Receipt Tax 2%; with the remaining 3% derived from fees collected by various departments. Ms. Robbins commented the revenues were static. Ms. Robbins reported the overall budgeted 2013-2014 revenues in the General Fund were \$11,849,347.

Ms. Robbins reported the cash forwarding balances from 2012-2013 fiscal year that would become the beginning cash balances for 2013-2014 were estimated and would change by the final budget. Ms. Robbins stated the estimated beginning cash balance was \$8,419,603 in the General Fund with all funds estimated at \$20,204,208.

Ms. Robbins reported the 3/12 required reserve was \$1,684,038. Ms. Robbins explained the amount was based on the estimated adjusted fund expenditures in the General Fund of \$6,736,152. Ms. Robbins reported the adjusted ending cash balance of \$2,555,987 less the required reserve left \$871,949 for employee COLA's, departmental requests and the extra external requests heard earlier in the meeting.

Chair Powell suggested budgeting for sanitation collection in the event the County had to take on the Greentree operations. Ms. Taylor reported it had been discussed but not calculated in at the time of this preliminary budget. Ms. Taylor suggested calculating an amount for the May 14 regular meeting based on information known. Commissioner Minter questioned if the issue was like any other lawsuit and if the County's insurance would cover any expenditures. Chair Powell stated it was more complicated and was not just another lawsuit it was different scenarios, based on providing services. Commissioner Minter stated the Attorney may have recommendations regarding any contingencies.

Ms. Robbins stated it would require a creation of a complete different fund if the County provided services, that would include revenues, employees, expenditures, capital outlay and other line items to consider. Ms. Robbins suggested amending the budget when the outcome was determined.

Chair Powell compared the preliminary budget to previous years and pointed out it took thirteen years to save enough to make the decision on the courthouse expansion. Chair Powell pointed out the budget was tighter because the savings account was being expended in the fiscal year.

Charlene "Punkin" Schlarb, Finance Director, discussed the Homeland Security Special Revenue Fund allocated as grants to thin the Little Bear Fire burn area. Ms. Schlarb stated the grant was broken out over a three year period with the 2013-2014 fiscal year revenue of \$1,166,667.00 and expenditures of \$1,555,556. Ms. Schlarb stated the total grant was \$3.5 million and the County match was 25% which was the \$1,166,667.00. Ms. Schlarb stated the grant was reimbursable only and the funds must be expended first.

Ms. Schlarb reported on the cooperative effort between departments working on the budget preparation. Ms. Schlarb informed the Assessor and Clerk was contributing 1/3 each for the networking rehabilitation that would upgrade and tie all County locations to the Carrizozo Administration offices. Ms. Schlarb stated the total cost for the project was \$158,000 and requested approval of the \$52,700.00 for the project amount from the General Fund.

Ms. Schlarb presented the Capital Improvement Projects Special Revenue Fund and detailed the expenditures from the fund.

**F. Unfunded Optional Requirements**

Ms. Taylor discussed the Optional Requests for the Preliminary Budget that included the following:

Detention:

Two Vans	\$ 45,000	
Camera	\$ 10,300	
Two Surveillance Cameras	\$ 20,000	
		\$ 75,300

Sheriff:

One Patrol Car	\$ 30,000	
Two SUVs	\$ 65,000	
		\$ 95,000

Communications/IT:

All County Offices	\$ 52,700	
(1/3 of cost: Cost share with Assessor and Clerk)		\$ 52,700

Manager:

Vehicle (replace totaled truck in Microburst) \$ 25,000

Employee wage increase (each 1% = \$52,879)

2% = \$105,758

4% = \$211,516

6% = \$317,274

Mitigation (already included in preliminary budget) \$ 243,000

FEMA/NMDHSEM \$3.5 million Grant \$388,889

Ms. Taylor included the previously approved funding:

Justice/Sheriff's Complex Expansion \$3,849,000

Energy Audit Repairs/Replacements \$ 458,000

Ms. Taylor requested an employee wage increase and pointed out the last increase was in 2010. Chair Powell supported a 2% wage increase for Employees. Commissioner Draper questioned the health insurance rate increase and how it related to an overall pay increase to the employees. Commissioner Draper observed the take home pay of an employee would be reduced with the increase in insurance premiums. Commissioner Draper suggested a 3%

increase for the employees and questioned if that would compensate the employees for the amount of the health insurance increase. Commissioner Draper pointed out the expenditure for payroll stayed within the County was an investment in the future.

Commissioner Stone requested scenarios of the 2% and 3% affect on the employee's check comparing a 2% and 3% increase. Ms. Taylor stated the Finance Director could provide the scenario for consideration at the May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Chair Powell reminded that the amount over the required reserve would be reduced by at least \$150,000 if a 3% increase was approved. Ms. Robbins stated there were some salaries and other expenses that were paid by funds other than the General Fund. Commissioner Draper stated the budget revenues were based on a conservative estimate.

Ms. Schlarb stated that all capital outlay items were included in the preliminary budget figures.

Chair Powell recessed the Public Hearing at 2:06:12 PM and reconvened the Special Meeting.

Chair Powell opened the floor for approval of the \$3.5 million for the FEMA application for flood and fire mitigation.

**Motion:** Approval of the \$3.5 million for the FEMA application for flood and fire mitigation.  
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Powell opened the floor to discussion and possible action on the outside agencies requests for funding.

**Motion:** Award \$64,399 for the NMSU Cooperative Extension Services. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Stone.  
**Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).  
**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.  
**No:** Commissioner Minter.

**Motion:** Award \$5,000 each for the Capitan and Corona Libraries. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stone, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$20,000 for the Ruidoso Library. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$8,000 to the Lincoln County Juvenile Justice Board. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Approve the membership fee of \$6,000 for the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award the total of \$88,500 to the USDA Wildlife Services. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone was excused from the meeting at 2:28:47 PM.

**Motion:** Award \$40,000 to Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area for the Noxious Weed program. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stone, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.  
**Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 0, Abstain = 1).  
**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Draper.  
**Abstain:** Commissioner Stone.

Commissioner Stone returned to meeting at 2:29:39 PM

**Motion:** Award \$30,000 to South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$30,000 to the Humane Society of Lincoln County. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$15,000 to EcoServants. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$1,260 to the New Mexico State Library for the Rural Bookmobile. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Approve \$5,000 to the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties legal fund. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award zero funds to the City of Ruidoso Downs for the Lincoln County Transit. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award \$3,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Chair Powell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award zero funds to SANE of Otero and Lincoln Counties. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Award zero funds to White Mountain Search and Rescue. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chair Powell, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone.

**No:** Commissioner Draper.

Ms. Taylor discussed the reduction of \$10,000 from the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development funding. Ms. Taylor pointed out the organization showed the only significant return to the County. Ms. Taylor stated in the past year the County paid them \$40,000 and received back \$800,000. Chair Powell pointed out the funds allocation reduction of the other organizations.

Ms. Robbins stated the total approved for outside organizations was \$326,159.

Chair Powell recessed the Special Meeting and reconvened the Public Hearing at 2:57:23 PM.

#### G. ICIP Input Comments

Ms. Taylor presented the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2014-2018 project Summary. Ms. Taylor stated it was for discussion only and that no action was needed at that time.

Ms. Taylor stated the water plan for the Rio Hondo Basin conducted by the USGS was on the plan for one more year. Chair Powell questioned the use of the water study since "we already know we have no water." Commissioner Minter suggested the study helped during flooding by showing the wells and where the water goes. Ms. Taylor stated the County had been working with the USGS a number of years and the County had a number of reports. Ms. Taylor questioned if the reports were used for something. Ms. Taylor suggested having the USGS come and give a report on why the County should continue with the study.

Commissioner Minter suggested taking one big item to the Legislature and maybe the County would have a better chance of receiving funds. There was extensive discussion concerning the courthouse/sheriff's office expansion and the schedule for completion. Chair Powell compared

the Professional Office Building (POB) schedule and stated the courthouse/sheriff's office expansion seemed to be unorganized. Ms. Taylor stated there would be a timeline of construction like to the POB.

Commissioner Minter stated the courthouse/sheriff's office expansion should be removed from the ICIP since it was already funded and approved for construction.

Commissioner Minter questioned if the new road yard was still a priority. Ms. Taylor agreed the water crossing to the road yard was a priority. Commissioner Draper stated the bridge should handle heavy equipment. Commissioner Minter suggested going with the 100 year flood bridge and recommended it be sufficient for heavy equipment.

There was other discussion concerning the ICIP and Ms. Taylor stated the ICIP should be a well planned document. Ms. Taylor stated recommendations would be presented at a later date based upon discussions at that meeting and previous meetings.

#### H. Manager's Recommendations

Ms. Taylor stated there were no further recommendations.

#### I. Board of County Commissioner's Preliminary Budget Guidance

Ms. Taylor discussed the budget request submitted by the LCMC and La Casa. Chair Powell stated action on LCMC items should wait for the workshop to give guidance because of the setting of the mill levy rates. Chair Powell stated the only one that should be approved at that time was the request from La Casa. Ms. Taylor stated the roofing reimbursement request from La Casa would have to be postponed until it could be placed on the Agenda for action by the Commission.

Ms. Schlarb stated there were three items that needed approval to be included in the preliminary budget: NMAC Membership Dues \$27,000; NACO Membership Dues \$400; and the Lincoln County booth at the New Mexico State Fair \$500.00.

Chair Powell adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the Special Meeting at 3:32:54 PM.

**Motion:** Approve the \$27,500 membership dues for NMAC; \$400 NACO dues; and \$500 booth at the New Mexico State Fair. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Approve the 2013-2014 budget for La Casa to manage the Hondo Clinic. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2013

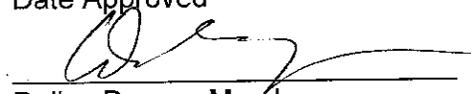
#### 12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 3:35:59 PM.

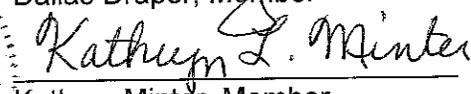
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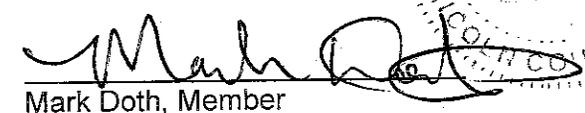
June 25, 2013  
Date Approved

  
Jackie Powell, Chair

  
Dallas Draper, Member

  
Preston Stone, Vice Chair

  
Kathryn Minter, Member

  
Mark Doth, Member

ATTEST: (SEAL)

  
Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

