DRAFT COPY Torrance County Board of Commissioners Regular Commission Meeting September 13, 2023 9:00 AM

Commissioners Present:

RYAN SCHWEBACH – COUNTY CHAIRMAN KEVIN MCCALL – COUNTY VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL SCHROPP – COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Others Present:

JANICE BARELA – MADAM COUNTY MANAGER MICHAEL GARCIA – COUNTY ATTORNEY LINDA JARAMILLO – COUNTY CLERK GENELL MORRIS – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I DONALD GOEN – COUNTY P&Z DIRECTOR

1. Call Meeting to order.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Calls the September 13, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

- <u>Pledge lead by:</u> Ryan Schwebach County Chairman
 <u>Invocation lead by</u>: Kevin McCall County Vice Chairman
- 3. Changes to the Agenda:

Janice Barela – Madam County Manager: NONE

- 4. **PROCLAMATION:** None
- 5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS: None
- 6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: None
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS

Donald Goen-County P & Z Director: This is a review from the last Commission meeting. The Torracne County Commission is accepting letters from the populace of one of the three districts to fill an "at large" vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. Eligible applicants for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board shall meet the following minimum requirements. A. Own or be purchasing land and reside in Torrance County. B. Is not already serving on a board or commission elsewhere in Torrance County. C. Is not employed by Torrance County. Board members are appointed to a three-year term. They are eligible to be reappointed to a second three-year term. Board members are limited to two consecutive terms. Letters of interest must be received by the Torrance County Planning & Zoning Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2023. Applicants will be interviewed by the Commission on September 27, 2023, at their regular meeting which begins at 9:00 a.m. and the appointment will be decided. Mail letters of interest to Torrance County, P.O. Box 48, Estancia, N.M., 87016, ATTN: Planning & Zoning or hand delivery to the Planning & Zoning office in the County administration building located at 205 South 9th street, Estancia.

This was posted through the Independent newspaper website and hard copy publication. We have received one letter of interest from District 3 and one letter of interest from District 1.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: We have filled our third Animal Control position, we are fully staffed, we are building a good team. We will be participating in Woofstock September 23rd in Edgewood 10 am to 3 pm. This is an adoption event. We will be taking some kittens we can't seem to get adopted out. We are trying to change the public's view of us. Two Animal Control Officers and myself will be attending a Domestic Violence training called The Link between Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse.

<u>Ann Schropp – Resident:</u> Founders of this country knew what they were doing when they designed our democratic system of government. The system of checks and balances built into the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of Government, by their very design, are meant to prevent anyone from having more power than they should. As a gun rights advocate myself, I am disgusted by Governor Grisham's Executive Order. However I am not scared, alarmed or even a little worried about it for the simple reason, it will not stand. The system will hold, and she will be put in her place. However, both Commissioner Schropp and I have decided to disassociate ourselves from the Democratic Party. Yesterday we came to this building, met with our Clerk, and changed our party affiliation to

Independent. Governor Grisham appointed Sam Schropp to this Commission. His loyalties are to the people of this County and specifically his District.

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: Introduced Senaida Anaya as our new Bureau of Elections Administrative Assistant. Senaida has been working with the Clerk's office since 2005, in Early and Absentee Voting. She is excellent at what she does, she will continue to be in charge of Absentee and Early voting.

Hanna Sanchez-Acting Fire Chief: I pulled the calls from August 23rd to September 10th. 74 EMS calls, 34 fire calls, one public assist, totaling 109 calls. On Saturday, September 10th through the 11th we responded to a call for mutual aid to an Encino/Vaughn/Corona fire, this was an 1810-acre fire. This blew out of control at the Clines Corners Windfarm. The New Mexico State Forestry was called in, but their units were busy up north, they didn't have any assistance they could provide. We named this the Berlier Ranch Fire. New Mexico State Forestry went out on September 11th and surveyed it giving us a total of 1810 acres. They deemed it at 90% contained just in case it happened to blow out of proportion again. It is currently 100% contained. On August 31st, all Fire and Department FPG grants were submitted to the State Fire Marshal's Office and are now in review. We should find out in October or November if we are awarded any grant funding. The FY23 rollover for Fire Protection Fund was also submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office, with the intent to use the rollover on needed equipment. They were all approved. September 8th, District 2 went to Fire Day at the New Mexico State Fair. This was a success.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSION: Request approval of minutes of the August 23, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve minutes of the August 23, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCE & PURCHASING: Request approval of payables.

Action Taken: <u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve payables. <u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE: None

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

A. MANAGER: Presentation on the Health Council – Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community explaining its mission and propose Resolution 2023-26 recognizing Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community as the Health Council for Torrance County, mandated through the Department of Health.

Debbie Ortiz – Director of Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community: I

have been with the Health Council for the last seven years. Before that it was managed through the Torrance County Project Office with Pat Lincoln and DFL Associates. When the Project Office closed they moved to the Memorial of Perpetual Tears. We service all of Torrance County, because of the Moriarty/Edgewood School District we also serve Southern Santa Fe County and Eastern Bernalillo County. We attend festivals distributing information on the work we do. We do Narcan/Naloxone training. In the packet provided, it gives more information of what we do and why we do it. We are concerned about the Heath of Torrance County; we have an aging population and transportation for them. I sit on the Mid Region Council of Governments Transportation Planning Organization. We had a meeting to find a way to provide transportation for people of Torrance County. We are looking for some kind of funding to provide transportation to Albuquerque. Once we get to Albuquerque, we have a lot of partners that claim they serve Torrance County but can't tell me who and how many people are served. We don't want to be listed as part of their service area if they are not serving us. I have been very adamant about making sure Torrance County is in the conversations. Every county in the State of New Mexico has a Health Council, we work with the Department of Heath as the local Heath Council. The Resolution before you is required by the Department of Health to be recognized as the local Health Council. Included in the packet is a list of memberships. We started working with the Emergency Manager. I have served on the Emergency Response Team, especially during the winter storms. Our Health Council and employees that work at the Memorial are ready and willing to assist the County and Emergency Manager with anything. We are required to have a CHIP program in place.

<u>Adrian Ortiz – Program Manager:</u> This year we have conducted a (CHIP)Community Health Improvement Plan, this will go to the State and help the State improvement plan. The State Epidemiologist gave us data and trends in Torrance County. Identifying the trends was mostly Mental Health and Substance Abuse. We broke that down and had problem statements. One of the statement was the amount of youth that are using tobacco or nicotine, and vaping marijuana. The other was youth mental health. We want to work with the schools on reducing the uses of vaping products, nicotine and cannabis and increase access to mental health services. Working with United Way, we are able to bring behavior health services to Moriarty two days a week. We are going to help to sustain them out here. We are working in the Estancia and Mountainair schools providing the TRUTH initiative. We will be implementing a program by CVS called Catch My Breath. We want to reduce those numbers and improve the overall health of our community. We are asking for adoption of this Resolution.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: What kind of uptick have you seen in the last year?

<u>Adrian Ortiz – Program Manager:</u> With cannabis this is a huge uptick on poisoning reported to the CBC. The kids are getting a hold of the edibles, they are taking one, it's not working, 30 minutes to an hour later taking another and end up hallucinating and being sent to the hospital. We are working with the cannabis dispensaries, providing locking containers to keep away from their kids. We are getting into the schools and educating the youth on brain development and how cannabis can affect their young brains and how the brain grows to the age 25. If

you start to use this now for all the reasons like anxiety/depression all it is doing is enhancing that and will cause more problems in the future. One of the conferences we attended discussed the amount of psychosis in youth and intense vomiting. They end up in a hospital because they can't stop. So many things associated with this because our brain is our primary tool that runs our bodies, this is affecting that area. Nicotine contents are high in vaping and addictive, a little bit of vape is like a pack of cigarettes. We do sign art education, we go into retailers informing them not to sell to 21 and under, the fines associated with it and why they need to be licensed and trained.

<u>**Rvan Schwebach** – County Chairman:</u> What kind of help are in the schools after they get caught? There are a lot of drugs and overdoses that are in the schools. You ask admin and they say their hands are tied.

<u>Adrian Ortiz – Program Manager:</u> Part of that are the laws. The law for cannabis, if youth gets caught with marijuana it's a slap on the wrist and a \$50.00 fine. For vaping it's kind of the same thing with no legal ramifications. They work with the Teen Court we do Tobacco Cessation, but with Cessation classes they need to want to quit. This is why we did the behavior health, to get more support for the youth. Nationwide one of the biggest concerns is accessibility online. All they have to do is enter a birth date over 21 and it will get shipped to them. When the kid is caught with something, they are given a break, get caught again and might get one more chance, get caught a third time now we give them a consequence. If that consequence happens when they first get caught it has better effect on the youth before they start establishing a pattern or a habit.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Read Resolution 2023-26

HEALTHY TORRANCE COUNTY COMMUNITY - HEALTH COUNCIL FOR TORRANCE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THE COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTY COUNCILS ACT

WHEREAS, in 2019, the New Mexico Legislature repealed the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act and enacted the County and Tribal Health Councils Act, §24-U-1 through 24-U-6 NMSA 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of County and Tribal Health Councils are to improve the health of New Mexicans by encouraging the development of comprehensive, community-based health planning councils to identify and address local health needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Board of County Commissioners of a county or leadership of a tribe to recognize only a single health council for its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a Board shall recognize only a county or tribal health council whose members represent a diverse spectrum of community interests, including individuals and public, private, and nonprofit entities; and

WHEREAS, the health council shall be responsible for conducting all activities as required by the Act, and its amendments; and

WHEREAS, the NM Department of Health shall ensure long-term viability of health councils, provide training and other support, administer funding, and adopt and promulgate rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act to health councils; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community Health Council has operated for 15 years in Torrance County under the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act and plans to continue under the County and Tribal Health Councils Act; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager of Torrance County, or their designee, can participate as a voting member of the Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community Health Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Partnership for Healthy Torrance Community - Health Council is recognized as the health council for the jurisdiction of Torrance County for the purpose of fulfilling requirements of the County and Tribal Health Councils Act.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF September 2023.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve Resolution 2023-26 recognizing Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community as the Health Council for Torrance County, mandated through the Department of Health.

Kevin McCall - County Vice Chairman: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

B. ASSESSOR: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-27 approving the Mill Rates for 2024 and signing the order to submit to the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: I'm presenting the Mill Rate as mandated by DFA and the State of New Mexico. I presented to you via email my spreadsheet showing last year's mill rates compared to this year and the differences. Those submitted to you in your packet are incorrect, there were 3 errors and have since been corrected. In 8 IN residential -0.002 should have been positive number and changed to 0.015. In 16 OUT residential, 0.500 was 0.499. Non-residential 13 IN -0.355, was a positive should be negative. In 13 OUT was -0.011 should have been positive. I generally look for when reviewing the Mill Rates is seeing differences from the last year to the present year. Specifically looking for anything that is decreased, less than a mill or has increased more than a mill. In looking for that in 2025, residential and non-residential (Corona District) there was a decrease of 1.103 mills, this is because they paid off their school bond in May of 2023. I did not find anything that increased more than one mill, so I stepped back to see what increased by half a mill. That was in your 16 IN 16 OUT Encino/Vaughn area. Both the residential and non-residential range from an increase of 0.456 to 0.52. Other than that you will not see too many increases or decreases. The total overall difference from last year to this year in valuation is an increase of \$34,543,919. We attribute that to our staff clean up accounts and reappraising. The only other change regarding the livestock is the dairy cattle, bison, camelid, ratite, horses, asses, mules. The cattle, sheep, goat, swine, and alpaca stayed the same. The first certification we received on September 1st was revised September 5th because of the holiday, I found there was an extra mill added in 8 IN and OUT (Moriarty District) they have added one mill to the Carrizozo Soil and Water District. We know Carrizozo is not within that district. I called DFA and let them know about the mistake. Hence the second verification we received. I was told that the school district 16 (Encino/Vaughn) will be going out for bond this November.

Action Taken:

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<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve Resolution 2023-27 approving the Mill Rates for 2024 and signing the order to submit to the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.. Kevin McCall – <u>County Vice Chairman</u>: Seconds the motion. **<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>** Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: Now that it is approved it will be public record and be posted on our website.

C. PLANNING & ZONING: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-28 to remove debris on Lot 29 El Rancho Grande subdivision on Loma Del Sol Avenue in McIntosh.

Dan DeCosta-P & Z Code Enforcement: This is part of our county clean up. These two make up the six we have brought to the Commission. This property and the next one are side by side. They were both owned by the same family and most of them have passed away. This place has been a real problem. I am glad we will be able to do this for that community. This one was cleaned up and stayed clean for a long time, then the last brother trashed it again.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve Resolution 2023-28 to remove debris on Lot 29 El Rancho Grande subdivision on Loma Del Sol Avenue in McIntosh.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote</u>: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

D. PLANNING & ZONING: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-29_ to remove debris on Lot 30 El Rancho Grande subdivision on Loma Del Sol Avenue in McIntosh.

Dan DeCosta-P & Z Code Enforcement: This is the property West of the last property. We would get it cleaned up and then it would go back to the way it was before. We have 13 other properties picked out to pursue after these are complete. Most of these properties have no resources to handle the cleanup, mostly abandoned.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve Resolution 2023-29 to remove debris on Lot 30 El Rancho Grande subdivision on Loma Del Sol Avenue in McIntosh.

Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: Seconds the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Are you able to stay within your budget? <u>Dan DeCosta-P & Z Code Enforcement:</u> Yes, we had \$45,000-\$47,000 already within our budget and was given another \$150,000. We have done two. The first one is around \$6,000. We are estimating between six and eight.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> On the ones that are cleaned up. The next step is to recoup the cost?

Dan DeCosta-P & Z Code Enforcement: That will be tough to do but the process is, once we get our final bills, send them a bill, they have 30 days. Then I will file a lien in the clerk's office. They can appeal this within 10 days. Once we have torn down there is no more appeal.

<u>**Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:**</u> If someone wants to buy the property. They have to pay the lien first or we can auction it?

Dan DeCosta-P & Z Code Enforcement: It has to get to the point where the Treasurer's office puts that list in, and the State comes in and puts them up for auction.

Tracy Sedillo County Treasurer: In the case of a state auction, no, the liens don't have to be satisfied for the state to issue a deed. The State collects their money first, penalties and interest second and then the remaining taxes go to the County. Just to give you an idea. At the last auction we had a few months ago, the total auction was almost \$120,000.00, we got \$23,000 in taxes, the state got a little more in penalties and interest and around \$60,000 got returned back to the landowner. The State makes it very clear at the auction to do your due diligence. If you buy the property you assume the lien, mortgage anything that is recorded in the Clerk's office attached to the property. If they wanted to sell the property later, and it went to a title company then the liens would have to be satisfied before that gets sold. Once the property goes three years delinquent, the State doesn't always auction all properties. There are so many, they don't have enough staff. This last auction was the biggest auction we ever had with over 60 properties. There were two

properties that no one bid on. In the second round the minimum bid was lowered to get bidders in. One of the properties went higher than the minimum bid. In the long run it is better to have that property change hands so that something happens with the property. After ten years taxes drop off the tax roll. Once the property goes three years delinquent, if Planning & Zoning lets us know what those properties are we can ask the State to put them on the next auction.

E. GRANTS: ICIP Senior Centers – Resolution 2023-30 to approval submittal to Aging and Long-Term Services Division (ALSD). (Public Hearing)

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to go into Public Hearing <u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

Amanda Lujan Torrance County Grants Administrator & Lisa Lujan Administrator for PMS Torrance County Senior Centers for Moriarty, Estancia and Mountainair Sworn in by County Attorney Michael Garcia

Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator: In your packet on table one is a review of what was submitted last year for the ICIP for the Senior Centers. For Moriarty it was a new building, purchase equip vehicle, and some renovations. For Estancia it was purchase and equip vehicle and some renovations. For Mountainair it was more renovations and a delivery and transportation vehicle. Table two is an update on the funding. As of September 1st we received appropriations from Aging & Long-term Services Division for some funding, bonds were sold in the spring and so the funding we now have is \$52,599.00 for plan and design of the new Senior Center in Moriarty, we also received funding to purchase a vehicle for each Senior Center. We have received some funding to finish the renovations in Mountainair. We have received \$176,000 before that which has been expended and taken us through about half the renovations and now we have received another \$157,000 that will see us through the finish of those renovations. We have also received \$120,000 for renovations for the Estancia Senior Center. They have been sent to Aging & Long-term Service Division and they will create an intergovernmental agreement. So we can receive and expend those funds. Table three is what we have

recommended 2025-2029 ICIP. We want to keep the new Senior Center Building in Moriarty on the ICIP as first priority for Moriarty. We need a grease trap system; it is not meeting current needs. We kept purchase and equip vehicles but added it later to 2027. We did just get new vehicles but like to keep planning ahead. Estancia is having similar challenge with the grease trap system; it is not the correct size. Purchase and equip vehicles and in 2028 we added kitchen upgrades. Mountainair is currently going through an upgrade; they have done sidewalks and windows. They will begin carpet, interior, electric upgrades, and subfloor. I'd like to take a tour and if you all would like to go Manager Barela can arrange that. We kept purchase and equip vehicles.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Offers for the public a chance to speak. No one wishes to speak. Do you have a handle on how many residents utilize the Senior Centers.

Lisa Lujan - Administrator for PMS Torrance County: Since COVID we have struggled getting our Seniors back into the Centers. Currently we have a high interest in transportation, I have had a job opening for transportation for three years. We have a brand-new transportation bus that has not been used. Generally for each center our average is about 15 people. For home delivery our average is 35 individuals being served on a daily basis. Moriarty being the highest in mileage they cover the biggest area. Estancia is the smallest. Mountainair will deliver into the mountains. Every day we have a new interest in someone signing up for delivery. Grap and go ended April 14th, it was a success but ended by Aging & Long-term Services due to COVID ending. Transportation is needed for doctor visits, and purchasing groceries. I have people calling almost on a daily basis concerning transportation. I have a brand new 2020 11 passenger transport van that has roughly 700 miles on it just to keep the battery charged. It's a part-time position, 20 hours a week and minimum wage. It's a hard position to fill. This does not require a CDL. Presbyterian Medical Services is in charge of pay and hours. Ryan Schwebach - County Chairman: I would like to look into this. We have the resources other than the manpower due to hours and pay.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: What would it look like if we went to a 40 hours a week? Could they get to three districts?

Lisa Lujan Administrator for PMS Torrance County: Absolutely, but PMS has control over hours and pay, they are a non-profit organization. The funding we have available through Aging & Long-term Services only provides the positions to be part-time.

<u>Michael Godey – Resident:</u> Sworn in by County Attorney Michael Garcia. Is it possible for us the citizens to contact PMS and pressure them to help out the

situation? As a senior I can work part-time but don't like to work part-time for minimum wage.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: In the ICIP from 2024-2028 the requested number for vehicles is \$190,733 and was funded \$32,000. In the ICIP process I would like to see more money for Capital for building renovations. Should we remove some of the money from vehicles since we currently don't have the manpower to drive the vehicle and put it towards building renovations?

<u>Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator:</u> Yes, I can make those changes. It is the decision of the Commission what the final numbers are. My thinking behind the amount was inflation. If you have an exact amount for each category we can ask for that.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: I suggest \$45,000 per year per vehicle and move the remainder to renovation/building.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: I agree.

<u>Amanda Lujan - Grants Administrator:</u> I will get you these updates. As the Grants Administrator who works with PMS, as well as Partnership for Healthy Torrance County, we can work on some of these partnerships to address some of these issues. An MOU for PMS is coming up to be renewed.

<u>**Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:**</u> I would like to have the driver work a 40hour work week with higher pay, to better service the seniors of Torrance County. There is no reason we cannot enter into an MOU and make some of those adjustments.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to approve ICIP Senior Centers – Resolution 2023-30 as amended with the numbers Commissioner McCall mentioned.

Kevin McCall - County Vice Chairman: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

12. APPROVALS

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Request approval to enter into Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Memorandum of Agreement (Grant in the amount of \$15,800) with the New Mexico Department of Health and authorize County Manager Janice Barela to sign via DocuSign. (Reviewed and approved by Grant Committee.

Samantha O'Dell-County Emergency Manager: We are requesting permission to enter into this MOA with the Department of Health for the CRI Cities Readiness Initiative. This is a grant we have had for several years. We have 10 deliverables for a total of \$15,800. All the deliverables are due June 30, 2024, with the exception of the last one due December 30, 2023. The reason is because it was a deliverable on the previous agreement. It is for an after-action report from a contractor that DOH has been working with for the COVID pandemic. That report was not ready for us to do anything with the CRI level. That was moved to the next agreement for 2024. The reason we are requesting this to be signed by Manager Barela through DocuSign is Department of Health is not accepting any paper copies. They are only accepting DocuSign with one person they send it directly to.

Action Taken:

<u>**Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:**</u> Motion to approve to enter into Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Memorandum of Agreement (Grant in the amount of \$15,800) with the New Mexico Department of Health and authorize County Manager Janice Barela to sign via DocuSign.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

B. CLERK: Request approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing stateappropriated funds in the amount of \$40,000 to Torrance County to cover the projected costs of conducting and administering the 2023 Regular Local Election

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: I will read the beginning of the MOU.

The **Memorandum of Understanding** is entered into by and between the Office of the Secretary of State and Torrance County as the last day of execution by the parties below.

Whereas, the Regular Local Election is held November 7th, 20231 and Whereas, the Agency, as required under the New Mexico Election Code is responsible to pay all costs including reasonable costs incurred for each County Clerk; cost of election, election fund.

Whereas, the Agency has been appropriated funds from the New Mexico State Legislature to pay for the cost of conducting and administering a Statewide Election and

Whereas, it is the interest of both Parties for the Office of the sub-grant appropriated funds to each County prior to a given Election with the intent of such funds to cover the costs of running an Election.

Basically, the Secretary of States Office is paying for the regular local election, \$40,000.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Do you foresee going over that? <u>Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk:</u> I don't think so. They had asked me to do a cost analysis of the Election and I upped it to \$40,000 to cover all costs, we were not charging for postage etc. On the next page you can see what we can include. We have to execute it today; it has to be done 60 days before the election.

Action Taken:

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing state-appropriated funds in the amount of \$40,000 to Torrance County to cover the projected costs of conducting and administering the 2023 Regular Local Election

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Seconds the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

C. ASSESSOR: Request approval to pay Albuquerque Publishing Journal invoice in the amount of \$147.75 for services rendered in May 2023 pertaining to requested extension of time to provide certification, certified values, to the State.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: In May 2023 the Property Tax Division placed an order extending certification of values to all 33 Assessors. In their order they also state they would be responsible for the placement of the ad. We sent in the order, and it was my assumption that PTD would take care of the fees. PTD

also sent in an order, paid for the fees but the Journal still ran our ad. The reason they did was because there was a four-word difference in what they presented verses what was given to us. In order to stay in good standing with the Albuquerque Journal, we would like to pay them.

Action Taken:

<u>**Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:**</u> Motion to approve paying Albuquerque Publishing Journal invoice in the amount of \$147.75 for services rendered in May 2023 pertaining to requested extension of time to provide certification, certified values, to the State.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

D. FINANCE: Request approval to pay Super 8 invoice number 10018697090 in the amount of \$139.50 and invoice number 10018693025 in the amount of \$99.50 for housing domestic violence victims; these are FY2023 purchases invoiced on 08/08/2023.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: This came up along with other invoices on one statement. I don't know if Super 8 gave us these invoices at the proper time. This is the first time that I have seen this, and it is well after the fact of the Fiscal Year. There was a purchase order in place for the services to be paid for. It wasn't billed in the proper Fiscal Year.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion approve paying Super 8 invoice number 10018697090 in the amount of \$139.50 and invoice number 10018693025 in the amount of \$99.50 for housing domestic violence victims; these are FY2023 purchases invoiced on 08/08/2023.

Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED E. MANAGER: Request approval of four prior year invoices received from Ambitions on August 29, 2023, for services performed in March - June 2023; delay in billing was due to a change in their software. Invoices include: #1209 for \$2,650.27 (March), #1210 for \$2,085.23 (April), #1211 for \$2,556.09 (May), and #1212 for \$2,260.13 (June)

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: At the last Commission meeting I informed you that they had an issue, they billed us on a separate block amount of time they are expecting us to pay for it. We will look at this every month and ensure it is taking care of in a timely manner. With the conversion they had with their software system, I was not aware they had not been billing us for the ticket items. This is on top of what their regular service fee is. There is a list in the packet of what those items are and who called. This was in the last fiscal year we are asking for approval; we have verified these services have been done and we have a guarantee from representatives and the owner of the company, this will not happen again.

Kevin McCall - County Vice Chairman: If it does?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: If it does we will hold them accountable.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> We are running on average \$2,400 a month. This is on top of what do pay them per month?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I don't have that information but can get it for you. We are talking to them about entering into a new contract, currently we are operating outside of our contract, we are operating on the statewide price agreement for their services. Whether we go into RFP for services or continue this way we are going into negotiations.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: Are these billings if the department head has a question for technical service?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: On the list in the packet, you will see who called and communicated with them and their ticket information. It should be the department head and going through the Manager's Office to ensure this is something we want them to work on versus what can be done internally. We are trying to curb as many tickets as possible. <u>**Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:**</u> Internally we verified this, and we owe them the money?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Correct.

<u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> What is your agreement with them now? Do you get a number of hours or what do they do?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: I don't have that information but can get you that information.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: Most of these are phone calls?

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Yes phone calls and remoting into their computers. They don't remote into our system without us knowing about it.

Ryan Schwebach - County Chairman: I want to see more information.

Action Taken:

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: Motion approve paying four prior year invoices received from Ambitions on August 29, 2023, for services performed in March - June 2023; delay in billing was due to a change in their software. Invoices include: #1209 for \$2650.27 (March), #1210 for \$2085.23 (April), #1211 for \$2556.09 (May), and #1212 for \$2260.13 (June)

NO - Second. Motion died due to lack of second.

13. DISCUSSION

A. COMMISSON: Discussion regarding landowners' request for Torrance County Commission to accept Linda Vista as a County maintained road. (Commissioner Schropp)

<u>Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner:</u> I invited the landowners of Linda Vista to be a part of this today. At a prior meeting a woman from McIntosh needed help with her road after her pellet stove malfunctioned. Her road along with many private roads in the County need to be brought into the County Road system. The mistakes made 30 to 50 years ago allowing developers to put in substandard roads

and leaving the mess behind is partially the responsibility of the County. Our constituents have reasonable expectations, rightfully so. For whatever reason those standards were not enforced in various times in the past. Those errors and omissions do not reflect upon our current Planning & Zoning staff who work diligently to protect out Torrance County Citizens from unscrupulous practices. We are going to have to figure out how to correct the mistakes of the past and bring those roads into the County Road System in a fair, legal, and equitable manner. I have asked the Linda Vista landowners to help me to develop an objective system for donating roads that had at one time may have met State and County requirements for donation but over time have fallen into disrepair. I have asked the landowners to share stories.

Mr. Hart - Linda Vista Resident: My wife fell and broke her hip, late at night. We called the ambulance, they made it up the road, but for me it begs the question. Our roads are so bad, during the wet season whether or not First Responders can get to us. We have had UPS trucks stuck on our road, its not uncommon to pull people out of the ditches, the road has really flatten out.

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: The road is 1.2 miles long and not all of that road is bad. There is probably just over 1/2 a mile that needs to be fixed. I went up there with my four-wheel drive after the rain and I don't know if an ambulance would have made it. There are nine families living on the road full time. Seven children are transported to the bus stop.

<u>Chris Otero – Linda Vista Resident:</u> Brenda and I have been there the longest. There use to be a rural Nurse living there. I have lived there since 1995-1996. We experienced a huge snowstorm in 1999. If you were snowed in you had to stay there. If you were snowed out you couldn't get in. We all love where we live, this is our home. We are all getting older and may need assistance. When the road was first created it was created to State and County standards. A neighbor would try and maintain the road but sometimes it can be a handful. More people are moving out there. Having the county maintain the road will help everyone, kids to seniors. <u>Pamela Lopez – Linda Vista Resident:</u> There are nine school children. The kids missed may days of school because they couldn't get out even with a four-wheel drive. We have all worked together at different times, put money in to try and keep it up. There was an older couple there and the ambulance didn't get in to help them. We have pulled out may individuals that have been stuck.

<u>Brenda Dixon – Linda Vista Resident:</u> I purchased the land on top of the hill in 1993. I do recall the roads being in better condition back then. Over the years they are getting worse. I have two grandchildren living with me that attend Estancia

Schools. I do plan on building, soon. I will also have my daughter who is completely blind, if something happens to me, she will need to get those children to the road. She can do it; she is very independent and capable. It's very important that you look into this, for many reasons. Its difficult for all of us.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> When all of you purchased this property, were there promises made that it would become a county road?

<u>Brenda Dixon – Linda Vista Resident:</u> I do not recall any promise. I was fortunate to get the land and opportunity to live there. The road was in much better condition then it is now.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: The road is South of Hwy 55. 1.2 miles Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I want to start a discussion. We can't adopt substandard roads. We don't have the funding to do that. It is tremendously unfair that we have not kept the roads up and have accepted those roads. We need to find an equitable solution. I would like us to consider to have a three-person committee look at these roads and estimate the cost. Evaluate the condition and the cost to bring it up to what the County will accept. We establish a cost sharing formula, so the entire burden of bringing the road to standard does not fall entirely onto the taxpayers who are donating the road. That will require some planning and consultation with Mr. Garcia to figure out how we can do this and still comply with State Statues and County Ordinances. This formula would take the form of a Zoning Ordinance, everyone in the County will know what is required to bring substandard roads into the system. Cost sharing could take the form of a one-time assessment or as Bernalillo County does, special property tax district, where property owners would see an increase in property tax. We have an aging population. We can bring those roads into the system in a manner that is fair to those who have maintained the roads to standard. The Linda Vista landowners are willing to be a test bed for an equitable system of evaluation and cost sharing which will be an objective standard system for donating roads to the County. This is opening the conversation for all to ensure the best way to comply with State Statues and County Ordinances. The Assessors office and the road evaluation group can help create a policy. It will take time to find a solution, I have not made any promises to anyone here. We just can't take the road and fix it. It has to be up to standard before we can accept it. If we can find a way to help the people bring the road to standard.

Johnny Romero: Randolph Lujan built that subdivision and built the roads himself. The State and Torrance County came down on him because they felt they were not up to specs. He had us go in and widen it and take it up to County specs. I have a letter from Johnny Lujan the Road Supervisor at the time, that it had met the County specs, it was satisfactory. We worked for 20 years in Bernalillo and Santa Fe County; we crushed in the old Bassett pit. Every time we brought them up to specs in those counties they accepted them and maintained them. This has brought them up to specs twice, but the County has chosen not to accept these roads. The burden falls on these people. There are roads in this County that were not brought up to specs. I sat on the Planning & Zoning Board for seven years. One of the things I fought, 14-15 years ago, is these developers were coming in here and the County was approving subdivisions without getting the roads built first.

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: I helped create the Linda Vista subdivision. Randolph and I were married at the time, we created the roads, met all the specs, and passed by Planning & Zoning. I lived there and many times I had to walk up to our home. The roads can be treacherous. I am in support of this road becoming a County maintained road.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> I hear you. We have different specs on roads depending on what they are used for. There has been many roads that have been adopted and later vacated. This is something we need to write out. 1. The Ordinance of Planning & Zoning, if they want a county road they need to have a road first, then we adopt it. 2. I agree with creating a committee. 3. This is an Ordinance change, look into having an in-between road. These roads are designed for emergency vehicles and school buses. There is a medium somewhere.

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: If you accept a road and maintain it you are violating the anti-donation law, it's in the New Mexico State Constitution. In order for the County to take over a private road, it would have to have no needed improvements. Any improvements made would fall under the anti-donation act. What has been put into the Road Policy is State Statute.

<u>Lenord Lujan – Road Superintendent:</u> I drove this road; it is 1.2 miles the first six tenths of that road had no material and no ditches. The road would need to be widened. There is quite a bit of work that needs to be done. To bring it up to County specs it is estimated at \$43,000 for 1.2 miles.

<u>**Rvan Schwebach** – County Chairman:</u> We have a rough estimate, we talked about anti-donation laws, we could come up with a happy medium with the landowner on that road to compensate the County with that estimate, adopt it. I don't know if any of this is legal.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I want to caution everyone, if we start doing this, time is a resource our equipment is a resource, our county roads are going to start suffering.

Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: We do need to look into this.

B. CLERK: Update on 2023 Regular Local Election following candidate filing day.

Linda Jaramillo-County Clerk: The handout I'm giving you is a list of candidates that filed. All this information is available on the Clerk's page on the Torrance County website. This election is a Regular Local Election for all municipalities, School Districts and Soil and Water Conservations. We had 39 candidates file on August 29th. Some did not qualify, and the reasons were not living within the city limits, another one registered to vote after the Proclamation went out on August 9th. We had some people withdraw. We had Write-in Candidate Filing day. I have also included maps of the districts, polling places, precincts, Early and In Person voting dates and times. Candidate filing day went well with all the office staff. We have the Mayor, Council, District School Board Members. We share some of our Districts with other Counties, they will be responsible for their own votes in their counties. I urge everyone to vote, this is our local government, please support your candidates.

C. SHERIFF: Update on Sheriff's Department.

Cheryl Allen-County Sheriff Executive Assistant: Introduced Undersheriff Deputy Reynolds. Stephanie Reynolds is a Torrance County lifelong resident and began her career in Law Enforcement in 2005 at the Torrance County Sheriff's Department. During her career she has had the privilege of policy some of the most diverse communities of Torrance and Santa Fe County. Stephanie has a strong community-driven, problem-oriented, intelligent-led policing. She progressively achieved promotions throughout her career and is the recipient of commendations, awards, and recognition by CYFD, the Mayor of the Town of Estancia, State Senator, and Attorney General. Stephanie has extensive training in violent crimes, crimes against children, domestic violence and has experience in many other aspects of law enforcement. She has honed her talent for providing hands on officer training in aspects of safety, major emergency situations, planning, and execution of both field and administrative tasks. Stephanie thoroughly enjoys mentoring staff across ranks in her pursuit to help others reach their career goals. Stephanie is a member of the Estancia Valley Calvary Chapel Church. In addition to her work within public safety, she has been active with youth sports as a

baseball little league couch, and cheer coach for youth of Torrance County, and has been a foster parent for many years.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: We currently have 14 deputies, one Sergeant, One Lieutenant. Two vacancies, one Sergeant vacancy, two of our 14 deputies are in the academy doing well. We are five short on the street. Woking with the Sergeant, Lieutenant, myself, and the Sheriff, we are covering as much as we can till we get those positions filled. We have increased our recruiting efforts. We will be attending the State Fair tomorrow to recruit, we have also reached out to military recruiters and colleges within New Mexico. I am very proud of my staff and their efforts of responding to calls. They are working diligently and hard to provide safety to our community. We are working with the police departments within our county and surrounding area with special operations, safety efforts in our school districts and prevention efforts. Torrance County has posted signs with our Torrance County tipline in several communities within Torrance County. If you don't see them and would like to see them in your area, please reach out and we will put them up in your area. Torrance County Investigations and the Task Force are working together to locate the suspect that is wanted for a homicide in Moriarty. It is an ongoing investigation. We have currently implemented Hot Sheets, every time a deputy goes to a call for service that has an arrest, burglary or crashes for data purposes and any kind of violent crime. They submit a synopsis, if it's a burglary or theft, its written down what items were stolen. Using the Hot Sheets we have started a Sheriff's blog on our Twitter and Facebook accounts. So we can keep our community informed on what we are doing and what we are working on. We will also be providing information on how to safeguard your own property, what to look out for if there is anything suspicious, what you can do if you do see something suspicious. Shannon Waldorf is our Records Clerk. She is young and understands all of these social media accounts, so she has started implementing that. It's Torrance County Sheriff's Department, it does have our Sheriff logo. We will use it as well for inclement weather, any type of emergency where there are road closures to keep the public up to date. The Sheriff has completed a five-year plan and together we have come up with short term goals in order to meet the long-term goals. We want to present this to you at the next Commission meeting. As soon as we get it prepared we will send it to you for your review and present it to the community. I have stats for August and September, to date. In August there were 759 calls for service, in September there has been 300 so far. August 8 arrests, September 8 arrests. Ten calls for service, of theft in

August, four in September. 13 burglaries in August and one in September. 33 crashes and 21 so far in September. 11 warrant services in August and 4 in September. Three calls for domestic violence and two in September and there was one non-lethal use of force last month. We have assisted Moriarty in homicide, also investigating a homicide within Torrance County. We have been extremely busy this month.

D. MANAGER'S REPORT

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Torrance County is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Dispatcher (911 0perator/Communications Specialist), Patrol Sergeant, Grants Assistant, Equipment Operator, Clerical Float. Please visit the County website www.torrancecountynm.org and click on "Job Opportunities" for more information and to apply.

The posting for the Torrance County Fire Chief position has closed. Three applicants met the qualifications. Interviews have been set. Per the Torrance County Personnel Ordinance, after the interviews, the interview panel will rank the candidates 1-3. That ranking will be presented to the Commission. I already emailed each Commissioner each candidate's employment application, resume, and support documentation. At the September 27" Commission Meeting, the Commission will go into Executive Session to interview the three Fire Chief candidates. This is a Commission appointment, so the Commission will select the new Fire Chief.

I met with Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority's Interim Executive Director Danette Cabber to discuss funding options for the fencing at the landfill. We reached out to Senator Ben Ray Lujan's Office, Senator Martin Heinrich's Office, and Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury's Office. I appreciate the responsiveness of Senator Lujan's Office, and Congresswoman Stansbury's Office. They did not promise funding; however, each was willing to put resources into assisting in the search for grants. I also contacted Senator Liz Stefanics. She was extremely responsive and immediately provided me with contact information for individuals and organizations that may be available to help. I heard funding may be available through the New Mexico Environmental Department for this type of project. I will visit more with Director Cabber about that as well.

I toured the new road shop construction site. Things are moving along quickly. I was impressed by the cleanliness, the organized work, and the professionalism I experienced while there. I cannot wait to see the project completed and our Road Crew completely moved into that building. I will be visiting with each Commissioner about what to do with the current road shop, mobile home, and yard.

At the end of last fiscal year, I informed the Commission that the County was looking into entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with Valencia Shelter Services, a non-profit organization, to provide survivor services and offender treatment for those impacted by domestic violence in Torrance County. This Memorandum of Agreement is expected to be on the September 27th Commission Meeting Agenda for Commission approval.

E. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

1) Commissioner Kevin McCall - County Vice Chairman, District 1

<u>Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair:</u> Our time is ticking on the County Administration Building; we are hung up at programming. Our loan is reaching maturity date.

2) Commissioner Ryan Schwebach, District

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: None

3) Commissioner Samuel Schropp - County Commissioner, District 3

Samuel Schropp-County Commissioner: I got an email from Innovative Law Lab asking me to check into two assaults at the Detention Facility. I went to the facility and met with the Warden, and Assistant Warden, who provided me with all the reports. The Allegations as written by Innovative Law were not correct. There

was a physical attack on staff, requiring restraint of the two detainees that made the allegations.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. MANAGER: Discuss Deputy County Manager position, closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1(H)(2).
- **F. COMMISSION**: Discussion vacancy or possible vacancy of County Treasurer position, closed pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1(H)(2).

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to move into Executive Session <u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman:</u> Seconds the motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

11:43 AM

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to move into Regular Session <u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

12:18 PM

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> This Commission discussed two items, two items only. One Deputy County Manager position and second vacancy or possible vacancy of the County Treasurer position.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMs ABOVE

A. MANAGER: Request concurrence with the appointment of Tracy L. Sedillo as the Torrance County Deputy County Manager at the terms and conditions set forth in the contract offered by County Manager and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Action Taken:

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion the appointment of Tracy L. Sedillo as the Torrance County Deputy County Manager at the terms and conditions set forth in the contract offered by County Manager and granting County Manager Janice Barela authority to sign.

Kevin McCall - County Vice Chairman: Seconds the motion.

<u>**Roll Call Vote:**</u> Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

Janice Barela-Madam County Manager: Read letter from Tracy Sedillo: It is with mixed emotions that I submit this resignation from my elected position as Torrance County Treasurer. I am sad to leave my elected position, but I am also excited to accept my new position as the Deputy County Manager. My time as County Treasurer has been both challenging and rewarding. I will miss working with the Treasurer staff daily, but I will remain available to help them through this transition. Torrance County and public service are near and dear to my heart, so I feel my decision to move to this new position is in the best interest of Torrance County. I have worked hard to keep the Treasurer's Office current with technology and processes that protect the County's assets. The office runs efficiently, and staff has received abundant training to keep them on top of daily operations. I feel confident in Chief Deputy Treasurer, Kathyrn Hernandez's ability to run the office moving forward. This has made my decision to transition to the Manager's Office easier because I know the office is in a good place. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am available to assist if needed with the appointment of a new County Treasurer, and I look forward to my new position with Torrance County. Tracy L. Sedillo County Treasurer

B. COMMISSION: Discussion and possible action regarding vacancy or possible vacancy of County Treasurer position.

<u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> With is letter of resignation, Deputy Treasurer is Acting Treasurer. This is not urgent today. I think we need to take Letters of Interest by the first meeting in October. All agree.

16. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting:

Regular Commission Meeting September 27, 2023, 9:00 AM, Torrance County Admin Building.

17. Signing of Official Documents

18. Adjourn.

Action Taken: <u>Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman:</u> Motion to adjourn. <u>Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman</u>: Seconds the motion. <u>Roll Call Vote</u>: Samuel Schropp – County Commissioner: - Yes: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -Yes: MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM

Ryan Schwebach - Chairman

Genell Morris – Admin Assistant

Date

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk

The Video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM website. (torrancecountynm.org)