

**FINAL COPY
TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16th, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: RYAN SCHWEBACH -CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL –ABSENT
JAVIER SANCHEZ –DISTRICT 3

OTHERS PRESENT: WAYNE JOHNSON-COUNTY MANAGER
JOHN BUTRICK-COUNTY ATTORNEY
LINDA JARAMILLO-CLERK
YVONNE OTERO-ADMIN. ASST.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Schwebach calls the September 16th, 2019 Special Commission Meeting to order at 9:16 A.M.

2.) DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

3.) APPROVALS

There were no approvals.

4.) RESOLUTIONS

A.) COMMISSION: Motion to accept and impose Fiscal Year 2020 Property Tax Resolution 2019-51

Jesse Lucero states that this is a standard order to set the tax rates. Mr. Lucero reads the property tax order from the Property Tax Division, Taxation and Revenue Department. Letter hereto attached.

Mr. Lucero states that the Commissioners have the letter in their packet that he read into the record and the actual rates. What his office as done is compiled the rates on a spreadsheet to make it easier for everyone to read. There is a slight increase of the tax rates in the county. There are many variables that are looked at when the tax rates increase. This is a question that his office and the Treasurer's office face quite often, "Why did my taxes go up?"

One thing that they are sure of is when a school opts in to do a bond election that will affect your tax rates the following year. Also, that if any tax authorities have any specific projects, they do not notify the assessor's office, and we may see an increase in these rates as well. Mr.

Lucero spoke with Tracy Sedillo, Torrance County Treasurer, and she states that the county debt rate has decreased and the operational rate has increased slightly.

Mr. Lucero states that he has the rates all set and ready to be entered into their CAMA system and he now stands for any questions from the Commission.

Chairman Schwebach asks what this current rate compares to from those in the past.

Jesse Lucero states that they are comparing the rates from the 2018. Mr. Lucero refers to the spreadsheet to explain the comparisons per district. They deal only with values, but added the dollar amount to make it easier to understand the numbers. Spreadsheet hereto attached. The comparison in the first column you will see a 2018 rate of 27.499% and the 2019 rate of 27.755% for a difference of 0.256%. In the columns next to it those show the dollar amounts per \$100,000.00. In 2018 the amount was \$916.63 and in 2019 the rate is \$925.17 for an increase of \$8.53.

Chairman Schwebach states that essentially this rate setting is mandated by the state and is out of our hands.

Jesse Lucero replies, yes, that is correct.

Wayne Johnson states that the language here states that the Commission accepts the rates because they are set by DFA. While the Commission does impose certain property tax rates, the Commission is not imposing this, you all are accepting this and issuing the order that will allow the Treasurer and the Assessor to do their jobs. It is ministerial in function, the Commissioner has no real option to say no. That is why the language in the resolution is written the way it is. You hear it, you accept it, and you impose it as required by state law.

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve to accept and impose Resolution 2019-51 the FY2020 tax rates as required by state law. **Commissioner Sanchez** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

5.) ADJOURN

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to adjourn the September 16, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Sanchez seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:24 AM



Chairman Ryan Schwebach



Yvonne Otero-Administrative Assistant

September 25, 2019
Date

The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM website, Audio discs of this meeting can be purchased in the Torrance County Clerk's office and the audio of this meeting will be aired on our local radio station KXNM.