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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
May 14, 2025
9:00 AM

Commissioners Present:

RYAN SCHWABACH-COUNTY CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL -COUNTY VICE-CHAIR

LINDA JARAMILLO - COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Absent

Others Present:

J. JORDAN BARELA - COUNTY MANAGER
MISTY WITT - DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
MICHAEL GARCIA - COUNTY ATTORNEY
SYLVIA CHAVEZ - COUNTY CLERK
GENELL MORRIS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III
DONALD GOEN - PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

1. Call the Meeting to order.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Calls the May 14, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Pledge led by: Ryan Schwabach- County Chairman

Invocation led by: Kevin McCall – County Commissioner

3. Changes to the Agenda: Item 14B needs to be deferred.

4. PROCLAMATION: None

5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS: None

6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS:
(Comments limited to two minutes.)

Luke Fields – County Grants Coordinator: The Summer Enrichment Intern Program for the County has posted the internship job description on the website and flyers. We currently have five applicants. This is a very important program for the County, because when I go out and talk to the Community, this is one of the main things that they think about and ask me questions about. It's a direct infusion of capital into our Community. Paying these interns and putting them out into the community strengthens our Community by helping expose our students to professions here in the County. Hopefully, in the future, they can continue to be County residents and pursue those professions here in the County. Thank you.

Lauren Keenan: I serve as the detention advocate with the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center. My team provides biweekly legal presentations at the Torrance County Detention Facility, where immigrants have been detained by ICE each week. We meet with dozens of men who consistently report worsening, inhumane, and egregious conditions of this facility. Most recently, people detained at TCDF experienced extreme and vile conditions due to planned water shortages and sanitation. The water was shut off at the facility for days on end, and there was widespread sewage flooding throughout the facility. Guards brought water into cells in trash cans and instructed people to flush toilets with that water. When one attempted to flush the toilets, sewage would back up through the drains of the floors in other cells. People resorted to bathing in and even drinking the water brought in from trash cans due to the severity of the situation. Several men told me that they were forced to defecate on paper plates and throw them away because of the plumbing issues. Some people were forced to move cells because the sewage leaks were so widespread. They weren't allowed to take their mattresses with them and ended up sleeping on the dirty floors. These conditions exacerbated many people's health issues, and the medical attention continues to be severely lacking. I could go on for hours about the inhumane conditions people face at this facility, but you've heard it all before. For years, people have been reporting these same conditions, TCDF, Core Civic, and ICE systematically exposed individuals who are seeking safety to conditions that I would never wish on my worst enemy. Torrance County is complicit in the system of harm, and we call on the Commissioners to make a change. Thank You.

James Grimley – Resident: You did a fantastic job of cleaning out the ditches for fire season, for two days. About three or four days later, the graders came back. Did the same thing again, but this time, they dropped the blade down on the road about six to eight inches to clear the gravel off. I did call a couple of times, and they said they would show up, but I don't know if you did or not. I would appreciate it if you brought some more rock to Vista Avenue. My main issue today is not about the road so much as what I've been witnessing over the last couple of months. We have a lot of new people coming, and the bus drivers dropping off the kids backed into the field across the road. Three weeks ago, a car almost hit them. They weren't from here.

Chad Hamelton – Resident: With the rains, the road you have been working on is starting to wash away. Is this going to be addressed? The Road Department worked for two weeks, I'd hate all that work just go to for nothing.

***Comments by Zoom**

Jessica Martinez: I am an Immigration Attorney and the Director of Policy and Coalition Building at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center. At New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, I work with attorneys and legal experts who have documented and substantiated claims of terrible conditions in these detention centers. We hear those who support the prison's ICE contract try and refute these persistent reports of violations. I have met with detainees in the Torrance facility and witnessed with my eyes men with injuries and heard from several of them how bad the conditions are. I met with several attorneys and legal experts across the state who have also witnessed detainees with serious injuries, suffering, and pain. These experiences that detainees have experienced have continued to go ignored. No action has been taken to stop their suffering. This is unacceptable, and it does not align with our values in this state. It does not align with our core essence of humanity. Legal experts have said that detention centers in New Mexico are some of the worst in the entire Country. Not only have we documented and substantiated these claims. These conditions have also been confirmed by multiple government oversight bodies, such as the office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Office of Inspector General. These critical oversight bodies have now either been dismantled or weakened by the current federal administration. Additionally, every member of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation has called for the

cancellation of these ICE contracts, especially the one in Torrance. We will continue to elevate and uplift the voices of immigrants who are detained in our Communities. You have the power to end the suffering of immigrants who are currently being separated from their families from within the interior of our Country and who are now being offered up on a platter in a mass deportation scheme. This Commission has the power to make a meaningful impact. Please, do not let your legacy in our state of your Community be that of abuse and suffering. We hope you will work with us on the only viable solution, which is to end the suffering of immigrants being detained and take a stance are refuses to be complicit in human rights abuse.

Corina Najera - New Mexico Immigrant Law Center: I have a recording made yesterday by a partner of someone detained in TCDF.

“On top of the repeatedly reported issues like flooding, sewage, and abysmal food quantity and quality, the most appalling aspect of TCDF is its unique cruelty and ineptitude in the management of the human beings housed within. While this institution has been called the lifeblood of Estancia, it is sucking the life out of our loved ones. The Zimbaro Stanford Prison Experiment style, power trips, coupled with the frustration and burnout of employees on an understaffed workforce, result in constant stress as the men's questions are ignored, they are flagrantly lied to, demeaned, and dismissed. Guards are too young to have ever played referee to their children. Squabbles have incited fighting amidst simple disagreements that they are incapable of diffusing, instead imposing punishments for entire units. Tablets and microwaves, and telephone privileges are indiscriminately taken away. Their lack of management skill and utter ineptitude is on constant display when challenged or given suggestion they bristle and become belligerent during this most recent crisis, even the request for drinking water was met with disgusting response, told to drink water that was supplied in a trash can meant for force flushing the filled toilet bowls after days without showers or laundry, underwear was put. Through the wash without the use of detergent or bleach.”

PJ Podesta - Innovation Law Lab: Recently, my colleagues and I began to receive reports from people detained in Torrance County Detention for the County detention facility that sewage flooding was taking place nearly every day in detention Unit 8C, which was during April. We had already tracked sewage

flooding across the majority of detention units and reported this on numerous occasions to the County Commission and other officials, but we still found the frequency and the intensity of the recent incidents reported to be quite striking. Then, two weeks ago, we gathered these testimonies to inform the ICE field office director of ongoing sewage flooding from toilets in the unit. People detained are being compelled to clean up sewage continuously without protective gear or adequate equipment. People are trying to escape the feces by cramming into other cells. One man then reported that the unit was evacuated, but the men were sent to other units that also had backed up sewage, as we sought to bring urgent attention to the situation, another crisis hit. As Lauren described earlier, water had been shut off inside detention units, and the Town of Estancia was calling an emergency meeting due to water shortages. For several days, people detained inside the facility, who already regularly reported not having enough drinking water, began to seek help for the lack of ability to attend to basic needs such as showering, flushing toilets, and doing laundry. Later, a strictly limited amount of water was reported as occasionally available. This week, people detained have reported that during the hours of ICE's presence at the facility, water has been turned on in their unit, only for it to be turned off again after ICE departure, the long running water leaks slip and falls sewage flooding and lack of sufficient water as detention numbers have drastically increased this year, make it clear once again that TCCDF continues to fall apart Under the physical impact of scarce water and decrepit infrastructure, as well as the moral weight of prison officials who ignore the cries for help of people inside and do everything they can to cover those up. Thank you.

Ian Philabaum - Innovation Law Lab: I'll be playing a recording from someone currently detained at the Torrance County detention facility by ICE and Core Civic, who contract with Torrance County to operate the facility.

"I want to make this statement for the people outside who believe that everything is okay, and that the facility is providing for everything and entertaining, as supposed to get. It's not the truth. It's been almost three weeks since we haven't had water, or even water to shower. Laundry-wise, we have not even had a laundry day. We have to wash our clothes in our cell with the little water we have. The bathroom situation is disgusting. They don't flush. There's pee, there are even worms around it that you can't even use the restrooms. Medically, everything is out of order. They don't know how to treat anything. Medically wise, when it comes to somebody having a certain pain. If they don't know how to treat it, they're only treating it with ibuprofen. For three weeks now, we haven't gotten drinkable water, and if we do, we get a jug that is for 40 people, a jug that is only maybe five

gallons, which is not even enough for 10 people. I was placed in a different unit. As soon as I walk in the unit, it smell like pee and poop all around. People are peeing in the shower. People are using paper plates to poop in, so they can, at least, get released because the bathrooms are not working. There's no water for it to flush. There are a lot of things going on that are making people sick. I don't know how they say that they're treating us the right way, and then they treat us like human, but everything they're doing is so inhumane. There are a lot of things that don't sit right, and then they don't even have enough stuff for people, for them to take care of people, and they're putting more people in the cells. There are no people to take care of everybody. 40 people for one officer is not okay. Thank you."

Haydi Torres: I'm a community organizer coming from New Jersey. Thank you so much to the organizers and advocates in New Mexico who have answered calls for support. I'll tell you why I'm here today, all the way from New Jersey, it's because a lot of the people who are being detained in New Jersey, in the workplace race people are being stopped just by walking on the streets and having a prior deportation or someone who looks like me, Brown, who looks like an immigrant, is being detained. What happens after someone's detained in New Jersey is that they're being transferred to detention facilities all across the country, owned by Core Civic, especially Torrance and Otero in New Mexico. I'm in touch with family. Some of the families are joining me here today, and more of them are going to continue joining calls like this and meetings like this in person or on Zoom, because we are exhausted. We are tired of seeing our loved ones being sent to detention facilities where the conditions are horrible and inhumane, and no one seems to listen, just that we are in this meeting today. We're also going to be on tomorrow at the Commissioners meeting here in New Jersey. Advocating to shut down detention facilities like Torrance, owned by Core Civic or managed by Core Civic, and the one here in New Jersey, the Elizabeth detention facility. We are exhausted because when the water crisis happens, where do we go? I'm so thankful that people in New Mexico answer a cause for support so they could also support families and tell them that there are people on the ground doing the work, that people are willing to deliver supplies like hand sanitizer or water for the people who are detained, who can open their homes to support families that want to travel from New Jersey to New Mexico to visit their loved ones. For those who will be able to do that, what we know is, when someone mentions the staff at Torrance, they don't know what they're doing. They don't know what's happening, there's a

lot of confusion about how to access legal support. The people here, the lawyers in New Jersey, are also having a hard time reaching the facility to ensure that the clients are being cared for. Thank you.

Jovanny Sebastian Hernandez: I'm with the New Mexico Dream Team. I'm

going to play a recording from last week, a detainee at Torrance County Detention Facility. "The quantity of food is so bad. Then let's talk more about the water crisis. When the water crisis came up, we were here in detention for close to four days, with no showers. We live on two small bottles of water a day. They never told us about the water crisis. We like what happened with the water? Nothing happened, according to them. We stay for four days, no laundry, no shower. Then they said, because of the water crisis, they will be scheduling how to shower, so that each unit will have maybe 40 minutes or one hour to shower. From then till now, the water crisis has continued. We only use water on schedule, giving time to shower and flush the toilet. That was the worst one. We could use the toilet, but we could not flush because there was no water. They keep locking us in the cell. Can you imagine a human being who uses the toilet, the toilet smelling with pee and excreta, then sleeps in that same room, locked? We still don't have enough drinking water. Sometimes they will bring one cola with cold water with ice, that's the water for the whole day. Then, sometimes the next day, to bring each person two bottles of water, that's all for the whole day.

Alberto DelCampo: I'm with the New Mexico Dream Team. I'm going to play the second of two recordings from last week from a detainee at the Torrance County Detention Facility. Just a warning to listen is that he mentions an attempted suicide. (in audible)

Andre Burger: I'm calling in from New Jersey because our community members who are detained by ICE are being held in your County. We've heard horrific reports of people being subjected to abuse, people being denied the water that they need to live, to avoid getting sick. The facility in which people are being held is not fit for human habitation. It is not safe for community members who are detained there, and it needs to be shut down immediately. It is your responsibility not just to advocate for the interests of the voters in your County, but for everyone who is there, willingly or unwillingly.

8. Department updates and Communication:

A. Assessors' Office Update:

Linda Gallegos - Chief Deputy Assessor: We stated in the past Commission meetings that we had to extend the processing of the notices of value usually sent out on April 1, to May 1. That then extends all of the processes that can be addressed during that time frame to June 2, since June 1 is a Sunday. Those processes include filing for exemptions. Both have family and veterans or disabled veterans. We also have a 65 and older valuation freeze that can be applied for during that time. You may also dispute the value of your property on your notices of value by filing a protest petition with our office. Once again, you have until June 2 to do that. If you have any questions or if we can assist you in any way, please see us at our office, or our phone number is 505-544-4300.

B. Animal Services Update:

Danette Landon - Torrance County Animal Services: We went to an Expo in April with the conference for animal welfare professionals. It was an excellent conference. I learned a lot. I took a rural sheltering course. I learned about many grant opportunities for rural shelters, which was surprising to me, that they have had those. I also learned that we are ahead of the game and paid compared to other rural shelters, which makes us very happy. I did do the facilities maintenance course, where I learned new tricks to keep our facilities in better order. I learned many, many of these courses, and I learned something from all of them. I learned something about building a better daily routine for animals to keep our animals mentally healthier in our shelter. I am super excited about the new vaccine recommendations, which state we can start vaccinating puppies and kittens, pretty much at birth, and it's more beneficial to do that than it is harmful. I'm hoping that with these new vaccine recommendations that we can start to eliminate Parvo in our County. We have so much Parvo, we treated our first litter of Parvo puppies with the help of our Best Friends. They seemed fine, then they tested positive for Parvo almost immediately. We got it very soon before it moved to their lower GI tract. We saved every single one of them. We're super happy about that. We're super happy that we're able to do that now. Best Friends is giving us a lot of opportunities to be able to do more medical treatment and behavioral treatment, etc. I learned a lot about marketing tricks that are going to make us stand out. We made connections with many companies, and a lot of new vendors for supplies, which are going to bring our costs down. We made connections with pet food companies, high-quality pet food companies that have shelter feeding programs.

Hopefully bring our cost of food down, and it will also help our pantry, because we have a hard time keeping our pantry stuff with dog food.

At our vaccination clinic, we did approximately 36 vaccinations and 10 microchips. People were waiting in line when we opened. The vet with Cyber Veterinary Services also came out and did rabies vaccinations. On to the shelter stats. We're averaging 89 animals a month, which is huge for a tiny shelter like us. We have 355 animals this year. We have euthanized 140 animals for various reasons. Most of them were owners' turnovers for either behavioral, medical, or age-related reasons, and some of them were behavioral. We have several hoarding cases. We got a call a few days ago for 23 abandoned animals at a property. We've been working to get those animals out. We don't have space to take 23 animals at once, so we have to make a schedule. We also have about 40 kittens, and kittens and puppies waiting to come in. We try to schedule those in place. We try to vaccinate them at their owner's home, have them, hold them for two weeks, vaccinate them again, and then get them transferred out. That's the only way that we can manage that many.

We've had a couple of strange cases. We had a cute rabbit that was abandoned on Monday. We have what's called the "zombie dog". Her owner thought that she was dead as he was driving through Encino and took her out of his semi-truck, put her in a bush, and put rocks on top of her, because he thought she was dead. She was not dead, and luckily, somebody found her. She's as deaf as they get, so maybe that was it. She's a boxer mix. We currently have 22 animals in the shelter. My Animal Control Officer got called out to a shot dog report last night, and we went and got the dog. We have to put them in floor cages because we have no space. Fortunately, she had a microchip that contacted her owner, and they are coming to get her today. That is what microchips do. If you keep your information updated. We are short one staff member, but we're looking forward to hiring someone new. We have taken 352 calls this year, 1739 in the past two years. We get calls all the time, and they keep coming in faster and faster. Animals are coming, and we are struggling to keep up a little bit, but we're doing our very best. We are making connections with local shelters, such as Edgewood and Bernalillo County, to transfer cats. They will always take cats and kittens from us, which is fortunate, because apparently, we have them all from the entire state.

I attended Barkitecture, the animal shelter facility building. I learned a lot of neat things that I think we can apply to rebuilding. I also learned that it is really expensive; I don't envy you having to decide to fund that. I hope you do. I also have relationships with members of the public who want to help. We've had people

volunteer to drive animals to other states, because a lot of these places that help us don't come to Moriarty or Albuquerque, they go to Raton or Window Rock. We have had some people volunteer to drive our animals out. This is something that we need to bring our euthanasia rates down. We are strengthening our working relationships with our sister shelters by doing event transfers. We are going to be having another drive-thru shot clinic in June. We may try to get rabies done if we can, but it will be parallel. We have only had one call for Willard so far, it was a very simple call. A Great Dane that was trying to bite people, we got that handled. We need dog toys of all kinds. If anybody would like to donate or collect for us, we would give our Parvo puppies soft toys. We need soft, squeezable toys. We will take any kind of toys, food, cash donations, and monetary donations. We will accept food delivery, anything delivered to the shelter. Luke and I have discussed having a festival later in the year, in October. I have also been approached by a friend of mine who owns a salon in Edgewood, and she was willing to do a fundraising event for us. We can also do a shot clinic there. I'm going to be working on that as soon as possible, probably summertime.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. COMMISSION: Request approval of minutes of the April 23, 2025, regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to approve April 23, 2025 minutes. **Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair:** Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent; Ryan Schwabach – County Chairman: – Yes; Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -

Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. FINANCE: Request for Approval of Amended Payables with Date Ranges of 4-03-2025 to 4-17-2025

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to approve payables. **Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair:** Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

B. FINANCE: Request for Approval of Payables with a Date Range of 4-18-25 to 5-17-25.

Action Taken:
Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve payables.
Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

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

12. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

A. FINANCE: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2025-18. A Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustments to the FY26 Budget.

Misty Witt - Deputy County Manager: This is year-end clean-up as we're approaching the end of the fiscal year. These are adjustments that are needed to bring funds into the positive where they need to be. An item to mention in the 911 fund. A lot of these adjustments are for repairs needed to that building, they do have the funds available in their fund balance.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-18. A Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustments to the FY26 Budget.
Linda Jaramillo-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

B. GRANTS/MANAGER: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2025-19. A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for 2027-2031.

Luke Fields – County Grants Administrator: This is the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for the Aging and Long-term Services Division of the state of New Mexico. A lot of what I'm doing right now, standing on the shoulders of those who came before me, is administering the funds that have been awarded previously because they were included in this plan in previous years. On the first page, we have a nice breakdown of the three different Senior Centers. All of them need work and vehicles. In addition, we also have a project in Moriarty for a new building that's in the future. We do have similar plans for all three facilities. It's important to have this plan separate from the regular Torrance County infrastructure plan, even though these projects will transfer over to that plan as well. I think the state did a very good job requiring us to do this process separately, because our seniors don't always have the voice they should have in the Community. Forcing us to do this separately makes us aware of the community's needs and makes sure that we address them. Our Senior Meals Program drives throughout the County. I see these trucks out there and these ladies with their aprons on, and they don't look any younger than the people they're out there to serve, but they're out there doing their jobs, and that's a lifeline for our Community. That might be the only contact that some of those seniors have with the outside world. This is critically important that we address and plan these needs. As long as we do this, the state will back us, and we will get funding for these projects. I humbly ask that you approve this plan. Thank you.

Action Taken:
Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-19. A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for 2027-2031.

Linda Jaramillo-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

13. APPROVAL/ACTION ITEMS

A. PURCHASING: Request Approval of an Annual Adjustment Request for a Professional Services Agreement Between Torrance County and Bohannon Huston, Inc.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: This is the annual rate increase for Bohannon Huston for the contract that we currently hold as an authorized engineer with Bohannon Huston. The terms of the contract did not change, only their rates. There was an increase, it looks like, from their old rate schedule; everything went up about \$15 an hour, and that's pretty much across the board for all of the services that they had available. Their previous fee schedule was effective October 2021, there was a three-year gap. This new rate schedule, which took effect at the end of last year.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to approve.
Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwabach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

B. PURCHASING: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Between Presbyterian Medical Services and Torrance County Concerning the Allocation of Funds to Offset the Cleaning Expenses and Meals for Torrance County Senior Citizens Centers.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: Request to defer till we have an updated document.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to approve deferment.
Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwabach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

C. HUMAN RESOURCES: Request Approval for an Unauthorized Purchase to Qwest Diagnostics in the Total Amount of \$100.15 for a Workers' Compensation Claim.

Heidi Vermaak - HR Director: This experience was by an employee working for the Road Department, who was involved in an accident. They posted a Workforce Compensation claim, the expense was for alcohol testing. There was no risk reputation or prior authorization required for this payment. I'm asking if we could approve it.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to approve.

Linda Jaramillo-County Commissioner: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan

Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -
Yes: MOTION CARRIED

D. ASSESSOR: Request Approval of the 2025-2026 Torrance County Assessor's Valuation Maintenance & Reappraisal Plan.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: The purpose of this report is to aid the Board of Commissioners in determining whether the County Assessor is operating an efficient program of property evaluation maintenance and in determining the budget amount to be allocated for this function. This program is subject to the approval of the majority of the Commission per statute you've received in your packet, a 10-page Evaluation Maintenance Reappraisal Plan. For the information of those folks who are in the office and aren't aware of what I might be speaking about, we in our office have a Valuation Maintenance Program. The main components are reappraisal and data maintenance of taxable parcels on a yearly cycle. At this point, we have over 33,000 parcels that we address yearly. Number two is the Reinspection of all taxable improved real property every four to six years, breaking down that 33,000 amount, just for your information, real and personal property, more particularly residential parcels are 7960. Our nonresidential parcel count is 21,090, Business Personal Property Accounts 387, livestock parcels 467, and manufactured homes 3,116. We also keep track of state-assessed accounts. Those are 146 accounts. The organizational chart shows the staff in our department and the nine other folks in our office besides Jesse and me that does the work. Page seven lists the appraisal department and their certifications, because we believe that we must have expertise individuals working on the appraisals and presenting value for revenue on behalf of the County. That's something else that we like to follow and keep up to date.

The Evaluation Maintenance and Reappraisal Plan for 2023 through 2028 is in 2023 through 2026. There are 278,438 total acres in the mountainous area on the west side of the County. Phase one amends October 2023 and then encumbered 74,400 acres. At this point, we are approximately 75 to 80% complete and will be completed by the fall of 2025. The upper left mountainous area is where we have completed the reappraisal phase two, which consists of 204,038 acres, and is the remainder of the west side, half, and down to the southern portion of the County. That will commence this fall of this year, and we should be completed by next year in the fall for the 2025-2026 reappraisal. We're going to go to the northern portion of the County, consisting of 18,191 accounted for school districts, eight in and out, which is along the northern edge with the Moriarty area. We expect that to take about a year. During the next year to 2027 reappraisal, the mountain community, which was not captured in phase one, will be picked up in that the seven out districts, that particular area is 102,019 acres. I mentioned that, will start in the spring of next year and end in the fall of 2027 for the remaining reappraisal plan, which is 2027 to 2028. The remaining County properties in the remaining school districts that I haven't mentioned, being six in 13 in and out of 16 in. Which encumbers all the rest of the County. We'll start in the fall of 2027, and we hope to end the following spring. It may take until the fall of 2028 to summarize what we did last year, because I haven't given you any dollar numbers, we increased the 2025 taxable valuation up to \$684,806,191.00. That also includes the valuation maintenance and reappraisal. When I say valuation maintenance, I mean new construction permits that are worked any new money is coming into the County. That also includes any of the decreases we may have as far as potential buyers of an improvement, or whatever decreases are reported to us that we find when we go out into the field to inspect them. State assessed taxable value on those accounts is \$180,111,547.00 of that 684 million amount, and residential, nonresidential, business, personal property, what manufactured homes and livestock, breaks down to \$504,694,644.00. Taking that even further, just the net new meaning, the new money coming into the County for the 24-25 reappraisal is \$12,317,279, that's evaluation.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to approve.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan

Schwabach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -

Yes: MOTION CARRIED

14. DISCUSSION

A. MANGER: State Economic Development Department Presentation.

Yuriria Morales-Regional Representative: We had the honor of having a meeting recently with the County Manager and Deputy. Thank you again for helping us and being here with the Commissioners. Thank you so much for having us and the Commissioners. Before I begin with our presentation. I would like to introduce the team that we have here this morning.

Beth Walter - Regional Representative: We are based in Albuquerque, and we serve region three for the department and which includes Bernalillo, Valencia, and Torrance Counties. We are your points of contact for any Economic Development issues. We have our amazing team, Patrick Gavin and Avelina Borrego, who are the people in charge of the job training incentive program.

Patrick Gavin: I'm with the Economic Development Department. I'm the State Director for the job training incentive program. It's essentially the program that's supported through legislation annually to work with companies that are primarily in manufacturing, that are expanding and creating new jobs in regional economies. We have several projects currently in the County that benefit from this program. Thank you for your opportunity to speak.

Avelina Borrego: I am the job training incentive program, better known as J-Tips, marketing coordinator. I am the individual who works directly with industry to help move them before our board, to assist with job creation and the reimbursement for training new staff, as well as the existing staff. I'm happy to be here.

Beth Walter - Regional Representative: The mission of the Economic Development Department is to improve the lives of New Mexico families by increasing economic opportunities and providing a place for businesses to thrive. We have several divisions and programs. We have the Office of the Secretary, which includes the public information office. We have the Economic Division. We have the New Mexico Film Office, New Mexico Main Street outdoor recreation, and we have a new creative industries division as well, and the Administrative Services Division. The state is divided into six different regions. We have regional representatives in each of those regions. We represent region three, which includes

Torrance County. There are two representatives. I was brought on two years ago. There was there saw the need for more outreach in the community. The state put money towards hiring an additional representative. Especially in areas like Southwest and southeastern New Mexico, where there are eight counties, mostly rural, that's a lot of drive time for one person. The state funded an additional representative.

Some very important legislative initiatives that passed and that the Governor signed. These were bipartisan legislation to improve economic development initiatives, especially to help rural communities. One of the big initiatives is site readiness. Last year, we saw the need. New Mexico is rich in land. There's no infrastructure in that land, and you can't call land shovel-ready if there's no sewage, water, no electricity going to that land; just a graded piece of land is not site-ready. The PRC prohibited them from going in and starting to build infrastructure, any of the utilities, or electricity, water, without a project. You're looking at a three-year delay. Competitively, we can't compare with our neighboring states. A big part of this year was to pass Senate Bill 169 and 170. One of those is specifically for utilities that can go out and identify land or business parks that are up and coming and need that infrastructure. Additionally, there has been some capital outlay money to go towards that infrastructure. We contracted with a company called All Global Location Strategies last year, and we put out a proposal or request for information from any municipal business park. One of those was Moriarty Business Park, where they came out and interviewed. We went to the town of Moriarty, they evaluated that site for existing infrastructure, and they compiled a study. 28 sites were identified by GLS, and the Communities were given a proposal on how to market those sites. With the new legislation coming out starting in July, we will be able to expand that program to privately owned sites, and a request for information went out last month. Several people submitted, and several private developers submitted their sites. We are looking for private sites. We're looking at 50 usable acres or larger. Another thing on the site's readiness. There's a Site Advisory Committee that was created, which is not just through the Economic Development Department. It involves multiple agencies throughout the state. They meet quarterly and review site readiness and make suggestions as to which property should take priority.

Yuriria Morales-Regional Representative: A quick reminder that we wanted to give an update on something that just passed. In July, the programs that we consider that it would be critical or more likely for Torrance County to pay more attention to, for example, will be for the Creative Industries Division. That division was recently created two years ago and was granted \$4 million in different grants.

That's the funding that is going to be coming up for them, and it's going to be specifically to support small businesses and Communities, providing capacity for 82 partnerships with other agencies, educational institutions, industry associations, and community organizations. That's something that we will be more than happy to send you more information once we have specifics. The other one to pay attention to is the New Mexico Healthy Food Financing Fund. That one in particular, the funding that is going to be for this next fiscal year, is going to be \$2 million. This is particularly for technical assistance for food and agriculture enterprises in rural and underserved Communities. We have another outdoor recreation division, for which the funding is going to be \$3 million, that one is for trail and outdoor infrastructure. It's going to be going to happen to 1000 trail and outdoor infrastructure projects. Up to \$100,000 for contract assistance in grant management and processing. Another one, possibly for your Communities to apply, is another division at the office of Strategy, Science, and Technology. Same thing for this new fiscal year, that one in particular, the five different sectors targeted businesses that we're going to have are consultation and sustainability. For advanced computing, advanced energy, aerospace, bioscience, and water technologies. They're going to have a budget of \$325,000 for that one, a pilot technology demonstration project in water treatment. Another funding source for them received more than \$40 million in funding. It's going to be its division within the department, and they have more than \$40 million that they're going to be spending. I'm giving you a quick overview of the different brands available that they will be, but this one in particular will be more specifically for small businesses.

Beth Walter - Regional Representative: Entrepreneurship incubators and venture studies are going to be \$50 million for operations, \$50 million for infrastructure. Then the Advanced Energy Pilot Program is going to be a million-dollar funding for advanced energy innovation initiatives and business startups in different brands. \$4 million for us to support the new business's growth. Other legislation that passed on House Bill 20, the Creative Technology Innovation Division, the one that we were talking about the Senate Bill 48 the Community benefit fund, which is going to be seven point million to focus on an economic diverse diversification the target industries, and this one is going to be renewable energy, technology, tourism, agriculture and health care. The expenditure time frame is going to be from fiscal year 2026 and 2028. The Senate Bill 83 creates an innovation of the state government fund to assist state agencies with creating master plans, increasing capacity to implement climate change policies. It's going to be an appropriation of a million dollars, and then the New Mexico Partnership which is the marketing arm for the Economic Development Department. They're the ones that bring and promote everything that we have as a place to be in, in

companies that are interested in coming to the whole state. They receive another \$2 million in support, because they're the main ones that promote what we have here for companies to come. Then we have different resources for economic development. We have a toolbox and, newsletter.

SCFE in Moriarty is making these incredible airships. They look like Goodyear blimps, and they're going to be used to assess climate change. It's pretty innovative technology. A big company hires high-end technicians and engineers. It's a growing company, and with the JCAP program, the job training incentive program, we offset the cost of training new employees in that company, covering 65% or 75% of the wages, for those newly created jobs. I think currently the company has about 35 employees. About 35 employees here have been supported through the Economic Development Department, and the company is continually expanding its operations here.

Our leadership team is Cabinet Secretary Rob Black, Deputy Isaac Romero, and Division Director Mark Roper.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Firstly, for me, this is the first time I've seen you out here. I'm assuming you're invited out. This is new to me, and I'm excited about it. Commissioner McCall and I are acutely aware of our lacking infrastructure. I would like to focus on building that. If you saw this in the agenda, EMWT was supposed to present, that's a water system outside of the municipalities, and that is a big limiting factor out here. I feel this Community has been very proactive in trying to correct it and put something in. Along with that comes everything else for the infrastructure tracking housing. We're low on housing. You said 50 acres minimum for the utility. Can you expand a little bit more on that?

Beth Walter - Regional Representative: That's industrial sites. In economic development, that was for the private RFP that went out. In economic development, we focus on what's called economic-based businesses, because those are the ones that grow the economy. We're looking at whether J tip or LITA eligible. You have to hire, or you have to have 50% or more of your revenue coming from out of state. That's why manufacturers qualify; typically, manufacturing operation brings and create several jobs. Whereas a retail job is more of a one-to-one, that 50% of the concept is whatever is being produced, services or goods, 50% of that is coming from out of state. That brings outside money into the state, those are the types of businesses that we focus on. We do have the main street program within the department and the creative industries

division. Some small business-type grants within our department. It can also go to existing businesses. We do economic impact studies, and we show what the state's return on investment is, what the city's return on investment is, and what the County, and then with the greater region. Those are all available to you.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: We hope to utilize you more as we look at adding an Economic Development Department within the County.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: During the last meeting, we presented the Commission a binder of county-owned properties, and part of the initial impetus for putting that together was determining, from a site readiness perspective, there are properties the County owns right now that may be eligible for this. Those things that are happening behind the scenes. A huge component of economic development is networking, knowing the people and knowing the resources available.

B. MANAGER: EMWT Regional Water Association Presentation. – Deferred

C. FINANCE: Review and Discussion of the FY26 Interim Budget Request for Torrance County.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: On the handout I gave you (for Commission information only), we asked departments to find some budget savings for potential salary increases this year. That first page is going to show you what some departments were able to come up with as far as savings out of their Operating Budgets. I was also asked to provide what we're looking like as far as revenue increases, balance broken down for the Commission on that first sheet that I provided. The second sheet is going to remove that. We won't go for them all. I'm sure I wanted to provide the Commission or the total amount of the full-time capital requests that were being made of departments, so you have that total dollar amount if everything were to be approved.

I created a department budget request sheet. Both Commissioners have that as well. The first page of this item in the packet is going to show the requests that were already added to the FY 26 budget. Based on preliminary conversations with each Commissioner individually. Then page two of the items, we still need direction and discussion from the Commission before we can add them to our FY 26 budget.

Animal Services requested that their part-time Kennel Assistant be converted to a full-time position. We added that to the FY 26 budget. We also did a pay increase for the Animal Services Director to be above the FLSA salary exempt threshold of \$58,656, which will make for exempt from overtime. We added the one-time training budget of \$43,000 for training supplies. We also increased the employee training budget to \$27,000 in your operating budget.

The Fire Department budget was the third Lieutenant position, so all three shifts are covered with the Lieutenant supervisory staff.

The Sheriff's Department. We added the parking lot expansion that would be paid for out of the County Infrastructure Fund. That will not be added to their Operating Budget.

The Road Department. We added these also, out-of-county infrastructure, the chip sealing of the County roads. We also added stroke pile pressure material. The last thing for the Road Department was the reclassification of the Foreman position, which will now be a regular Equipment Operator. Then the salary savings from that would be to give an increase in new duties to create a truck Foreman and a Training Safety Officer.

For Human Resources, we added \$500 for uniforms to her Operating Budget. We added a new position, HR Assistant, which would be a full-time position.

For Planning and Zoning, we added a purchase of a pickup truck for \$65,000. This would come from County Infrastructure, so it would not be added to the Planning and Zoning Operating Budget.

Emergency Management, we added a salary increase to the Emergency Manager of \$65,000. This will also put her above the FLSA, a salary threshold where she will no longer be subject to overtime.

For the Finance Department, we did a pay increase for the Chief Procurement Office services in line with the reorganization we did earlier in the year. This puts her at a comfortable salary compared to the rest of the finance staff, \$58,000.

Manager's Office. We reclassification of the Executive Assistant to an Operations Manager, and that will also be a salary position above the FLSA examination, \$58,656.

For Misdemeanor Compliance. We did a pay increase for the Misdemeanor Compliance Officer. This was also due to the FLA rate change that went up to \$58,656, he's now exempted. We added a new field supply budget of \$5,000 to cover things for his safety supplies while he's in the field.

The two items are not on this list, but we did receive fiscal support requests from the NMSU Extension Office. This year, they are requesting \$110,012.00, which is an increase of \$6,185 from last year to this year. They said that was a new salary and benefits package to cover the increased costs.

Debbie Mayberry – County Extension Program Director: We hired the new Agent. The salary increase is part of the unfilled position. With a bachelor's degree, and now both Angela and I have master's degrees. They get a salary increase. I try to get the best employees I can, the salaries are a little bit higher than someone who is starting. If you have questions on this, I can get it to you.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I would like to see that. I want to make sure the County's not taking the brunt of the increase.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: Then the other fiscal support we received request for is the USDA animal damage. That's the one that we've had for several years now. They did have a slight increase of \$1,150 between each year. It went up to \$46,900 total.

Animal Services

Reclassification

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: We needed further discussion about the reclassification of one of the Animal Control Officers to a supervisor position. Danette will have some backup in the supervisory role. We would also like to discuss the purchase and cleaning of two pickup trucks for Animal Services.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: As far as the supervisor position goes, I think I would like to hold off on that. I don't think that it's quite necessary right now. I would like to hold on for about a year and see where we're at that point. With being short-staffed, it's hard to have somebody there dedicated on the

weekends, if it's a minimum control officer. Once we have a full staff and we're operating how we should be, that might be the time to reconsider that.

Two Trucks

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Can you tell me about your current vehicle fleet?

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: We have a 2019 Ford F150, which was purchased through the grant in 2020, and a 2010 Ford Fusion. We have no other working vehicles of our own. Our transmission went out in our van recently, which we have had the van since the opening of the shelter, so we currently have a Ford Expedition that the Road Department loaned us because they are no longer using them.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I'm assuming the van is not worth repairing.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: No. The two dodges that went out. We had replaced the engine in one, but there's always the concern about transmissions when it comes from the Sheriff's Department.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: They're all hand-me-downs.

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: We've only had three new vehicles in the department in 23 years.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I think we need to actively look at the budget for our vehicle fleet across all departments. Based on this, we need to give them two vehicles. Until I look at the Sheriff's Department, the Road Department, every other department, and so forth, and I think for the Commission, we need to see a broader picture with that. I think there is a huge advantage for a department like yours to have a new vehicle suited to you, rather than hand me downs, because I think that same vehicle, while you're getting 5-10 years out of a hand me down. There's a good chance we're going to get 15. I am in favor of that, and it's a specific need, specifically set up.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I would like to challenge all of the department heads to be thinking about it, don't spring on us annually. Be projecting

that the life of this vehicle is x, so that we as a Commission can be budgeting and thinking about it.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I agree 100%, but I think part of this is why I'm envisioning potentially an overall evaluation of the vehicle, because a lot of the stuff is not following your expertise, when we start talking about maintenance costs, longevity costs. That probably needs to be evaluated. How many miles do you put on a vehicle?

Danette Langdon-Animal Shelter Director: Roughly 20,000 miles. They would probably last us a very long time. We never had new vehicles. The previous director did not ask for new vehicles. We will be happy to take one and maybe one next year. If we could do that, that would be great, so long as we're moving forward.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: This is what I'm talking about as far as direction for you. When it comes to all these departments in these vehicles, you've already gone through the Commissioners. The ones that are on this list, I'd like to pull them off from a separate line item. I also want the estimated life of those vehicles within that department.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: The other thing we're looking at right now, as far as vehicles for the administrative staff, is potentially doing a lease for vehicles, it would be an equity lease. If we lease them, when they cycle out, we will get our equity back to either apply towards the next lease vehicle, or if we decide not to use them, that would be money back to the County. I'm having a shared vehicle pool for Treasurer, Assessor, those sorts of departments, and then we wouldn't have quite the maintenance costs that we're seeing now. Once those vehicles get high mileage, that leads to issues.

Fire Department

Ambulances

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: This is for the purchase of two ambulances. This would be purchased for the ambulance and the associated outfitting for that.

Gary Smith-County Fire Chief: I'm in here two weeks now, and the rescues that we have are falling apart. Rescue 12 is the one in the worst shape, and it has 143,000 miles on it. Rescue 14, 113,000 miles, and the other ones at 166,000 miles. I think we've had three years on them. These rescues that they're responding to are 130 miles. They're going back and forth to Albuquerque, sometimes seven times a day. The financial impact of the lap rescues they went with was Southwest, and they're just a cookie-cutter Mom and Pop outfit. They're \$210,000 apiece. We're trying to look at moving into some heavier-duty rescues that we would put on some type of schedule. What they would do is that they hit 110,000 miles. They get sent back to the factory. They chassis the whole thing, they pull off the box, and put in a brand new Ford F550 chassis, and reconstituted everything. They pull out all the electrical wiring harnesses, everything's placed. I spoke with Osage, and the rescue that they had on the line got sold. We're trying to reach out to different manufacturers that do those types of concepts, because the boxes are still good. It's that the chassis, transmissions, and engines get worn out. We're thinking about possibly buying a crate motor for one of these rescues. We're trying to be inventive in the way we're doing business. There's another manufacturer, Fraser, that does the same thing. They can only recab them seven times, but you could have a rescue in service for 20 years. That's 40% cheaper. Those things still need to be invested in. We are also trying to bring in revenue to help with the costs. I gave you two different quotes. We're running these things into the ground. The rescues in town are lasting 200,000 miles and getting pretty good longevity. We're beating them up out here.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: 50,000 miles a year on the ambulance, that's a lot of miles, and that's probably on the low end. There's no option to have a smaller vehicle for some means of transport.

Gary Smith-County Fire Chief: I took pictures yesterday. They're just over two years old, and the highest ones are at 166,000 miles; it's on their last leg. We need to have a maintenance schedule.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: This changeout chassis concept. How long does it take from turnaround time on average?

Gary Smith-County Fire Chief: It depends on manufacturing. The two manufacturers we're looking at right now, Osage, are out of St Louis, Missouri. Then there's another one that's called Frazier in Texas. Frazier says they'll be casting at least seven times. A week or a week and a half for Fraser.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: I want to take the mileage numbers and stretch this out for 10 years on those two vehicles, fully stacked. I want to know what that looks like.

Sheriff's Department:

Flock Camera System

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: On this list, we wanted to discuss the pay increase for the Sheriff's Deputies, the creation of two new CSA positions, incentives, perhaps for deputies, the quarter cages for the SWAT cars, and the Flock system.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: We do have a representative with Flock here today. She has a presentation.

Kristen McLeod - Public Affairs Manager with Flock Safety: Flock Safety is a public safety technology company. We were founded back in 2017 and provide a variety of different products to Communities and Law Enforcement agencies to help solve and prevent crime. We are helping over 5000 Communities. We work with over 4000 law enforcement agencies nationwide. We're credited with assisting with solving 10% of reported crime nationwide. We believe that many resources are stretched thin in law enforcement today. Your deputies wear a variety of different hats and struggle with recruitment and retention. Many Counties and Cities are turning to technology to help with efficiency. Enter what we call collaborative policing technology. This is a force multiplier, providing technology to agencies of all sizes to help solve crime and improve the quality of life without increasing staffing. Block operates as a safety-as-a-service model, and it's a subscription. When you're in your contract with us, what you get with that is permitting assistance. We take care of the installation and ongoing maintenance. We own the hardware, and we did that very intentionally so that cities and Counties wouldn't be saddled with outdated hardware. We also provide software upgrades as long as you're under contract.

Today's focus is on stationary license plate readers. They are fixed cameras. It is placed at certain points, and typically, we will work with our Law Enforcement partners to determine. We look at the ingress and egress of the County, crime patterns, and traffic patterns, and then the agency would determine the best deployment. They're motion-activated, they're focused on a public roadway, and

they take a still image of the rear of a vehicle. Our machine learning then takes that information and organizes it into a searchable database. We're also integrated with the National Crime Information Center and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. When any wanted vehicle alert is triggered, any vehicle that is associated with an alert passes by a camera in your community, your deputies will be notified within about 20 seconds that the wanted vehicle has entered the Community. We have been built with privacy in mind, and we have several safeguards and features that support this.

All of the data, all of the images that are captured by the cameras, are owned by the County, by the Sheriff's Office, and will never be sold or shared by Flock to a third party. Flock automatically deletes the captured images at the 30-day mark, unless the agency is utilizing that still image as part of a criminal investigation, they would download that image and retain that, and it would be part of their evidence repository. All of the other images that are captured again are hard deleted and unrecoverable at the 30-day mark. It's providing a balance between privacy, protecting your constituents' privacy, but also providing your agency the ability to look at historical information as part of a criminal investigation for that critical investigative lead. No individual personal data is retained within the Flock systems. There are no names or addresses. It's only the still image of the rear of the vehicle. Although there is no personal information contained in the vlog system. We take data security very seriously. All of the images are held in the AWS cloud and are encrypted end-to-end. The moment that image is captured, it's encrypted at rest, encrypted in transit, and encrypted in the cloud. We also very much support accountability and transparency. I mentioned the database that is available to law enforcement to search as part of a criminal investigation. A search reason is required to access that information, which, along with the user ID, is saved indefinitely, creating an audit trail. The Sheriff, Under Sheriff, and the administrators of the system can ensure that the Flock system is being used by department policy.

We also offer an optional transparency portal feature, and this is a public-facing web page where Flock can generate that shares information on how the agency is utilizing the Flock camera system, acceptable uses, and prohibited uses. How many cameras are in the Community, and that's just a sample of the different types of information that can be shared with the community. We also provide an insights dashboard. While the transparency portal is information that is shared with your community, the insights dashboard provides the Sheriff and Undersheriff, the ability to look at return on investment. Are deputies using the system? What types of crimes are being impacted by the use of the cameras, and when it comes time for

contract renewal, you can look at that data and make sure that this is an investment that still suits the needs of your Community, and if you wish to continue. There's also that's where that audit search history lives as well.

Going back to the cameras themselves and our safety as a service model, I wanted to be sure to note that these are fixed cameras that we're talking about today. We do offer a movable option. It's called our flex cameras. Many jurisdictions look to those for a use case that comes to mind, which is illegal dumping cases. That way, depending upon the need, they can move that camera to certain areas to help try to capture the investigative lead. The question of what happens when a camera is damaged or vandalized. That would be the responsibility of the County. However, it's not the cost of the total camera that should be damaged. It's a fraction of that cost. I believe a camera replacement would be \$800, and we can share, I'll share with the Sheriff and Undersheriff, our reinstall fee schedule. I would note that, interestingly enough, incidents of vandalism and damage across the nation are quite rare.

We are working with over 25 law enforcement agencies throughout the state of New Mexico, including Santa Rosa, Bernalillo County, Las Vegas, and Capitán. Some use cases and successes about how different agencies are utilizing the cameras to impact public safety, we are at the mercy of our customers to share their stories with us. I have just a few. The first is from Maricopa, Arizona. Officers were alerted to a stolen vehicle that was in the area, and that vehicle ended up at a parking lot of a store. After further investigation, a male suspect admitted to officers that he had illegally obtained the vehicle, and a search of the vehicle yielded illegal narcotics and multiple different types of illegal narcotics, that suspect was arrested and booked into the local jail, and highlight, oftentimes stolen vehicles once they are apprehended, multiple other charges are associated with that apprehension of that suspect. Being able to have these alluded-to stolen vehicles that are entering the County has been incredibly beneficial. Hudson PD in Hudson, Colorado, reported a 1,050% increase in stolen vehicles recovered compared to the previous year before they implemented the Flock cameras, and they saw a 50% decrease in reported stolen vehicles. Lastly, we're very proud to share that we recently helped locate 1000 missing individuals from across the nation. LPR, technology, and notifications can be extremely helpful when trying to locate individuals, vulnerable individuals who have been missing, individuals who are suffering a mental health crisis, individuals suffering from memory issues, and also Amber Alert situations. There is a success case where an agency received an alert to a vehicle that had entered their community that was associated with a missing female juvenile, and they were able to locate that vehicle quite quickly and arrest

this 36-year-old male suspect and return the child home safely. The alert had come from it was in the pause alert had come from Casper, Wyoming. The sharing ability can be highly tailored by the Sheriff's Department.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Any of the information that we're asking for on these cameras is shared with other departments, and is there information shared with us?

Kristen McLeod - Public Affairs Manager with Flock Safety: All of that is tailored, and it's dependent upon what your Sheriff's Department would like to do. If you would like to share direct access to the camera information, you can do that, you also do not have to share that. You can also share on an individual basis, or a regional, statewide, or even national basis. Then the alerts is also something separate so that you can delineate access if you would like to share an alert that the Sheriff's Department, Torrance County, has created with Bernalillo, you can do that, or you don't have to again, it's highly tailored as to what you would like to do and who you would like to share that information with other law marketing agents.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Is there an additional cost?

Kristen McLeod - Public Affairs Manager with Flock Safety: That's all included.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I'm not opposed to it. I'm very concerned about the potential liabilities, too. I also have some concerns about just how effective it will be for our County. I think the concept is good. I don't know how much the use would be there. I go back and forth.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I think it's important, if we can share the information regionally or statewide, it becomes much more powerful than just our five cameras. It stops the crime that's moving in.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: We would have the ability to share the information. We could share the information with individuals, with deputies from another agency who do not have the Flock system. For example, Moriarty PD, Estancia PD, Mountainair PD, and those would be regulated based on their status with the department, such as if they're terminated, we can remove them. If they're hired, we can add them, that type of thing, and not only within our County, but also the surrounding area.

Quarter cages

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I'd like more information.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: 15 quarter cages of \$45,000. How many vehicles do we have? Do we need them in all vehicles?

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: I would propose that we only put them in the vehicles that are on patrol, and the vehicles that maybe are newer vehicles moving forward. So we will not place these cages and spend the money for vehicles that are not in constant use, such as a fleet or one that we would rotate into.

Reecie Eckard – Sheriff's Executive Assistant: There are a couple of outfitters that are USA-made choices, one of the ones that is used by our main outfitter, and they're looking at creating a kit that is in addition to what we have. Some of them are made with Plexiglas, some with metal. When I got this quote, I went for the higher price. I wasn't sure with the tariffs coming up, I wasn't sure what we would be able to get as far as materials. We want to make sure that when we add the quarter cages, it doesn't become a deterrent to the vehicle's structural soundness.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Based on what I'm hearing, all new vehicles. You had mentioned 23 vehicles. How much more life does a 23 vehicle have in that department?

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: Roughly about a year.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: \$3,000 for a year and then throw it away, I'm inclined not to do that. In two years, I consider I would like to look at those.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: The reason that we're requesting these quarter cages is that when we have an unruly prisoner, it removes the ability to damage our vehicles by restricting their movement in the back. We put them in the smaller portion of the cage. It's less likely or it takes a lot more to unbuckle themselves, lie down, and kick our doors. We cannot tie them in any way to the vehicle, like their feet cannot be restricted to the floor. The only way that we can restrict them to the vehicle is through the seat belt, and it's relatively easy to unbuckle yourself when you're handcuffed behind your back.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: 2024, and up, eight vehicles.

Incentive pay for Sheriff's Deputies.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: We are requesting an incentive pay for four different types of incentives. Bilingual, general instructor, an Advanced Instructor, and a Field Training Officer. These have been presented in different types of requests, such as for bilingual pay. I would like to request \$50 a month per bilingual speaker within our department. A bilingual individual will have to test to prove their ability to speak the language that we approve for the bilingual incentive. It was discussed whether every language should be approved for a bilingual, but if we're not going to use it in our Community, I don't see the need for the incentive. If you speak a language that we frequently run into, I think you should be eligible.

We have a general instructor, we have four employees who would qualify for this incentive. I would request that a general instructor receive \$50 per class that they provide to Law Enforcement. A general instructor provides mandatory classes to retain our certifications for law enforcement across the board. There are about two classes that they need to teach in person annually. Those four instructors would potentially use two of them every year to provide those classes. The other classes are provided online by the state. Those are our mandated restrictions by the state. We have an advanced instructor. What I'm requesting is that each advanced instructor receive a \$100 incentive per class. We have two employees who would meet that requirement. Six classes could be taught annually. That would mean that those two would teach either three classes each or one would teach six. However, they work that out with the training department. That would be the two employees who would be eligible..

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: How do they become advanced instructors?

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: First, they have to become a General Instructor, and then they take other classes to like specifically to be able to teach mentally impaired persons, firearms, that type of instruction. It's a lot more training than just the general instructor.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: It makes sense to me for this, we do our instruction in-house. For these instructors, are we limiting it to who can become an advanced instructor, to just two employees?

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: No, that is not limited. What I am requesting is based on the classes that are for advanced officers with different advanced training.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: With the bilingual, the General Instructor, and the Advanced Instructor, I'm okay with it; the concept makes sense. It's not over the top on the budget to bring stuff in-house. It has the potential to boost morale, training, and professionalism.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: I am also requesting an incentive for our Field Training Officers. The difference in this is that I would be requesting a 75-cent increase per hour when our Field Training Officer has a trainee. This can be regulated by the way they clock in. Instead of a regular I'm on shift, they can clock in saying I have a trainee with me, and then they would receive that 75-cent increase. I broke that down. There are approximately 480 hours that an FTO or a field training officer would have a train in their vehicles. That is a three-month minimum that is required through our policy, and if we do a 75-cent incentive for one trainee, that's about \$360 per training that would go toward the FTO. That is subject to change based on the retention and our new hires, and that type of thing. Right now, we have two vacancies. If we were to retain everybody that we have in the department currently, it could be just the \$360, it could double or triple that. That depends on our retention and how many times we have somebody with a field training officer.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: How many hours of field training does each officer need to do some sort of field training before they become certified or before they go to the academy? Who are these field trainees?

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: The trainees are typically already certified. I don't like to put a trainee into a vehicle for field training before they go to the academy, because they're going to be trained in the academy. After they're finished, they're completed with the academy, they're certified, and then they go with a Field Training Officer. We do three months because there are three phases. The first phase is that they will sit passenger with the FTO and watch everything they do. The second phase is that the FTO will sit passenger and watch everything

that the trainee is doing. The third phase is a shadow phase. The FTO follows the individual. They drive their vehicles, and they're shadowing everything that they do. This FTO is more applicable to any Certified Officer coming into our department to understand our department and our operating procedures. The FTO is responsible for the safety of the trainee as well as the job that they're performing in the field. They are training this individual to be able to handle calls for service on their own. Not only are they learning our procedures and the way that things are done here, but they're also teaching them how to do it without any real close supervision. They do more. It's more dangerous. They're not only looking out for themselves, but they're also looking out for an individual who is less trained than they are. I provided you with a budget increase for those incentives.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: I think the incentive prices could go up.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I agree, I think \$100 and \$150 is more appropriate.

Two CSA positions

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: We have two. You're asking a third. Now we're back to just the two. We're not making any changes.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: I would like to discuss adding another position. Has that not changed in the paperwork provided?

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I have two CSA positions currently at \$20 per hour.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: That was our original ask after our last meeting. I wanted to discuss adding one position.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Per our conversation. We went back and forth on these positions for our conversation. What we're talking about is that you're on track to be fully staffed with your Deputies within the next six to eight months. I would like to see what that management looks like after you're finally fully staffed. Before we add another position, I would like to see how it looks fully staffed with Deputies and your two CSAs.

Stephanie Reynolds-County Undersheriff: Another thing that we will do before we decide that we're going to request these other positions is provide you with a comprehensive plan.

Pay increase for Sheriff Deputies.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: There were some discussions about proposals in terms of what a pay increase for Deputies would look like. We had some think the big sticking point was being competitive with the local municipalities, which were Estancia and the town of Moriarty. To get us up to a point where we were competitive and even a little bit ahead of that, I think the final number that we got from consensus was \$2.75 an hour, which would put them above Estancia and Moriarty.

Road Department

Three blades, Skid steer, mulcher, and rubber wheeler.

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: This is the same request as last year.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: How many blades are we operating?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: Nine blades, eight operators. We lease nine and own three. We traded in three last year and purchased three brand new ones. Now we're leasing six.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: We are looking at whether to lease or not.

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: When we did our lease in 2017, we leased them for nine years, trying to get the cost to come down, because the cost was already climbing. We got those leases at \$2235 a month per machine. Costing us almost \$26,7000 a year per machine. A nine-year lease is \$241,000. We could have bought the machine in 2017 for \$244, but we didn't. We decided to lease, because it was at that point that it was the cheapest route for us to go. After all, we didn't have the money. When the lease runs out, we have a buyout. When the lease runs out, we either lease more blades or buy the ones we have. We're at

4500-4600 hours on the blades. They will be nine years old, and we're still going to have to pay out another \$130,000 to buy them out at the end of the lease. The machine's going to cost us \$374,000 if we were to buy it out.

Ryan Schwëbach-County Chairman: What's the difference in the maintenance on the machine between the lease and what we own?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: It's the same. The lease of machines now is \$5,441 a month, it was 22 before. It's going to be higher than that.

Ryan Schwëbach-County Chairman: Out of the six machines that we have leased, when do those leases expire?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: Next year, all six. If we buy

three, those will get paid off. CAT paid off the remainder of our lease and took them in. We owe nothing on it. We purchased the machines we own. We saved about \$70,000 on our payments. If we buy three more now, they'll pay off three more of them. Take them off our lease, we'll save another \$70,000 or less, and we'll stay paying on three, but we'll own six then. At the end of the lease, we purchase three more, or we can, at that point, decide do we need all nine? Can we cut back on one? But at that point, we'll end up owning all of our machines. We still do the maintenance. We look at a five-year to six-year window before you even have to start switching out a machine. That's ours, and we're not paying any more money out. When you start to buy again, you buy one or two at a time. In the long run, I feel it'll save the County money, because we're not throwing money away. It's not cost-effective anymore because we don't want a machine to get into the 8000-9000 hours, and it's costing us more to keep it running than it is to have it out there working and not having to worry.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: A 2025 lease, a five-year lease is \$326,000, you can buy the blade today for \$378.

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: Yes.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: With today's price, a lease makes sense.

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: You buy the lease after five years with the buyout. The buyout is \$179,000 at the end of your lease term. You either give up the machine and end up with no machine, or you start with another lease.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Today, there's a net savings of \$50,000 if you were to buy the blade, versus leasing it for five years. What's that blade at the end of five years' worth?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: CATs don't go down. The blades are probably still worth \$250 - \$300.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: With that being said, the purchase makes sense.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: How many hours are you putting on these machines annually?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: I average them right at about 65-70 hours. They don't run 10 hours a day. They run about eight. I've been trying to make a fleet that one person can take care of. I don't have to have different services coming out to work on our machines.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: It makes sense. How much are we going to use a skid steer and a mulcher?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: Quite a bit. We purchased one a few years ago. We purchased it not to put a mulcher on it, which I can buy a mulcher for, but it's not a big enough mulcher to mulch trees that are outside of the road. When I go to do trimming, I have to take almost all my guys, because I got to put four guys on sods. I got to put guys playing and I got to put guys hauling brush away, or we take a mulcher, and I don't mulch more work this way, with the skid steer with the mulcher, I can send two guys, one guy in the machine, one guy watching traffic. We can just continue mulching and clear all the roads. I was asked to get a price on the Mini X for \$179,000 with a mulcher.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Have you checked to see what a subcontractor or renting would cost?

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: I haven't.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I would like to see all options.

Rubber wheel roller

Leonard Lujan-County Road Superintendent: We have to have a rubber wheel roller when we chip seal. A steel drum is afterward. You can't steel drum it first, because you need the rubber to massage the rock into place. We use it on that, and then we do use it on some of our gravel roads, depending on the road. It helps to smooth off the road a lot more than just a steel drum on the road.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I agree with the concept and what you're doing. It boils down to overall dollars.

Administrative Office

Fleet

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Do you have any more information on the lease option for the two or three vehicles?

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: We touched on that a little bit earlier. I know we got feedback during individual Commission meetings, look at three different-sized vehicles. A 4-wheel drive pickup truck, potentially an SUV, in a smaller car for the fleet. If that's the direction the Commission would like to go, I can work on getting those quotes.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Yes, Please.

Salary increase

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: We have a few options that we discussed for the county-wide salary increase and/or PERA pickup. There are a lot of options. I wanted to provide the Commission with numbers as to the impact of the budget. For example, for a \$1 an hour increase and PERA pickup, versus maybe \$2 an hour with no PERA pickup. I know those were a few of the ideas that were kicked around in initial discussions.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: I'm with Option A, the dollar and PERA pickup.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: That's kind of where I was leaning with our individual meetings.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: Is the Department Head's suggestion not taken into account from our staff meeting?

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: Yes, they were.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: I don't recall us talking about these two options.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: As far as?

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: As far as the increase, we decided that it was unanimous that we would go with the salary increase over the PERA pickup. PERA wasn't mentioned. As far as being an option, because we all chose to go with that one.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: It's always an option. Of course, it's at the discretion of the Commission as to what they choose to improve, as far as salaries and PERA pickup. I think this route provides benefits to employees. They still get a \$1 an hour increase, but they also get more take-home pay with the PERA pickup.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: I understand that, but when information comes out contrary to what we discussed before, then I wonder what significance our opinion is as the department, if it's not going to be taken into consideration.

Misty Witt-Deputy County Manager: I think it's taken into consideration, the Commission chair can step in if you would like to. I think that we do look for feedback as to preference from departments, but we do have to take into account the budgetary concerns as well.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: This being a discussion, and I don't know if you've been privy to all of the department's requests. All three Commissioners sat down separately within the department request, and within that, when we came to a close consensus, is when we came up with what we have before here. Does that make sense?

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: That's a fair statement, yes.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Now, what we're doing is we're directing to get the actual numbers to go together with these. I honestly don't know what you're referring to, but what I can say is that we had a lot of requests from various departments. This was narrowed down separately by the three Commissioners. If there was an individual hard no on something. I'm sure you can start talking to other departments that have requested but aren't here. That's because there were three hard no's before it ever got here. That's how we're operating this. Within this, we're going to develop a potential budget on these numbers.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: That's fair. I understand that process, and every department does have its requests. When we were talking in our Senior Staff meetings about the agenda and what that was going to look like, we were told as department heads what our preference would be. On behalf of our employee, we were asked for either a salary increase or PERA, or both, and the majority consensus was that we do a salary increase. That being heard, and said, if you feel like that's not the best course for the County to take, I certainly understand that. That's and that is fair.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: When I look at the overall raises and what's happening between the PERA pickup and the dollar on a percentage on the positions we have, I feel it's more than equitable. I'm not quite sure what you're requesting and where, but when you start looking at percentages, and overall, this is where I am.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: Simply, we weren't given, or maybe I didn't hear the options that you guys provided. My takeaway from that meeting was that the majority of the department heads voted for salary increases.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: That's correct. There was a discussion at the last Senior Staff meeting to discuss, from a department head perspective, what the departments wanted to see more: PERA pickup contributions or a salary increase? Collectively, they said a salary increase. The bigger picture of that was that every department in the County asked for a salary increase for their employees. That ranged from \$1 an hour to \$5 an hour. As part of the individual meetings, when we were looking at that. The thought was, I think everybody's asking for a salary increase, and to be fair and equitable, let's provide one across the board. What those numbers came down to.

Linda Gallegos-Chief Deputy Assessor: We're talking about individual meetings with you all, with the Commissioners or department heads, with you all in the Commission.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: Individual meetings with us and the Commissioners, but those individual meetings reviewed every individual request that departments put together themselves.

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: The next step is going to be at the next meeting, with the interim budget, then a public hearing, and the final budget at the following meeting.

D. MANGER'S REPORT:

Jordan Barela-County Manager: This was related to some of the items that were brought up earlier regarding the roads. We have been working with Taft, that's the attorney firm, the bond council we brought on to aid us through the Special Assessment District process. They have finalized a draft ordinance. The intent was to try to get a working group together. It's a relatively generic ordinance, but they want the Commission to provide feedback to sort of tailor that to Torrance County. Once that feedback is in place, we can schedule that working group. The next step would be to move forward with the ordinance, to enact a Special Assessment District. We would have to post an approval item to publish the title in the general summary, wait 30 days, and then that ordinance would come back to the Commission. Those processes are happening. I can reach out regarding schedules to see when we may be able to get that working group scheduled with the law firm. In addition to that, based on those conversations, one of the feedback that we got from the Commission is that Special Assessment Districts were one public financing tool, but it was only one. There are several other tools, PIDs, tips, and other items. Taft will be back on May 28th to give a presentation to the Commission. We have the wheels moving towards the Special Assessment Districts, but they wanted to give the Commission a broad overview of everything else that's available and what that would look like for the County and what types of infrastructure projects those would apply to.

I also wanted to make the board aware that we will likely have to do a reappointment, one of our County members on the EMWT board, Ronnie Reynolds' term has expired. I don't know if the last time the Commission

appointed Mr. Reynolds, or if there was an advertisement process that happened associated with that.

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: As for the appointments, we don't necessarily have to have an advertisement. We ask for them, just because we don't know who's out there. I think at this point, let's have individual Commissioners speak with you to see if they have a candidate, in which case we'll bring it before the Commission.

Jordan Barela-County Manager: Sounds good. I'll have those discussions, and then we'll be moving forward with that reappointment once we have a potential candidate lined up for that. Lastly, we're also approving the Senior Center ICIP. At this meeting, we're also moving to approve the County's overall ICIP. Right now, that schedule looks like we will be doing a baseline ICIP presentation to the Commission on June 11th, take any feedback or make any adjustments we have to do as part of that process, and then the final County ICIP would go before the Commission on June 25th for approval. I believe it's due July 11th to get that into the state.

E. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

1. Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman, District 1

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: We met with DOT two weeks ago. This is the meeting that was to address the fact that now DOT wants us to maintain the white line of the state highway. The meeting was with DOT representatives, Leonard, me, legal counsel, and Jordan. Our legal counsel scared him a little bit. Once they figured out we had legal counsel and he answered a few questions or asked a few questions, they went silent on that and said they needed to get their legal counsel on the line. To this date, we still haven't heard from them or reached out to us with their legal counsel. It was decided that I was going to call the DOT Commissioner out of District Five. In the discussion, this has always been the case. Leonard was sitting there saying, "No, it hasn't." I asked the question, well, "Who put the cattle guards in?" They said we did. I said, "So now you want us to maintain them or remove them?" "No, don't remove them." Well, you just told us to stay to the white line. I don't know. I think the fact that hasn't always been the case, and we know that to be a fact. They're just going to hide behind the fact that it has, and they're not going to maintain it. I went down the road of, then this is an

unfunded mandate. If you're going to mandate us to do this maintenance, then where's our funding? For those citizens who live on the Salt Mission Trail to Highway 41, there's a decent amount of property there that is not being maintained by anybody, and that's why it is eroding. I don't want Leonard to do it yet. We want something in writing from the DOT that says this, and we also want to make sure that every County is being treated the same throughout the state. They say they are treating us the same. I just don't know. We'll continue to fight, and I'll continue to keep pushing on the political side of things.

2. Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman, District 2

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Those of you that are still listening, I'm sure you have noticed we had some new contenders here today, some people from New Jersey talking about the prison. Some new faces are talking about the prison, and how this Commission needs to close it. Our moral right, obligation to do it. They're wrong. Their stories are exaggerated. They're unfounded. They had an opportunity because the city of Estancia had some wells go down, and it created an emergency, in a roundabout way. By the end of the day, there was never a total out of water. The detainees were indeed asked not to flush their toilets at will and to flush with a bucket. Because nobody knew at the time, but within a matter of five days between Core Civic, the town of Estancia, and this County Commission, we evaluated what the system had. Right now, the two tanks, Core Civic one is full. The other one's almost half full. Mayor Dile told me he's at 33 feet on these tanks. We have real-time boots on the ground, addressing it, fixing it. Another pump is online. I'm appalled that these individuals will come in here and state that they're going to help our residents. This problem with the water system started happening seven years ago. The existing town council was looking to fix it, but when the prison was closed down, the state said, "You don't need that much water. What about the residents of Estancia? What about the people on this water system who pay the taxes and are here? They're never talked about. They were on restricted water use. I guess I'm preaching to the choir right now. I chose not to speak at that time because my temper was up. The reality is these people are not doing anything for the residents of this County. They're doing nothing but trying to provide, but to tear it down, and nothing more. They took advantage of a national situation in New Jersey to come after this. It has nothing to do with anybody here. It has to do with their little head projects, patting themselves on the back, and nothing more. You've got to ask yourself, Where are they getting funded? These nonprofits get paid. Where's that money coming from?

3. Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner, District 3

Linda Jaramillo-County Commissioner: Absent

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Discussion on the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property Pursuant to NMSA § 1978 10-15-1(H)(8).

B. Discussion of Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between Torrance County and the Professional Fire Fighters of Torrance County IAFF Local 5441 Pursuant to NMSA § 1978 10-15-1(H)(5)

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to go into Executive Session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan

Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -

Yes: MOTION CARRIED

12:02 PM

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: Motion to move into regular session.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan

Schwebach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: -

Yes: MOTION CARRIED

12:57 PM

Ryan Schwebach-County Chairman: No Action with what was discussed in Executive Session.

16. Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting: May 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

17. Signing of Official Documents.

18. Adjourn.

Action Taken:

Ryan Schwabach-County Chairman: Motion to adjourn.

Kevin McCall-County Vice Chair: Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Linda Jaramillo – County Commissioner: - Absent: Ryan Schwabach – County Chairman: – Yes: Kevin McCall – County Vice Chairman: - Yes: **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Ryan Schwabach – Chairman

Date

May 28, 2025

Genell Morris – Admin Assistant

Sylvia Chavez – County Clerk

The video and audio of this meeting are available upon request.