

FINAL
Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 9:00 AM

Commissioners Present: **RYAN SCHWEBACH-CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 2**
KEVIN MCCALL-VICECHAIR, DISTRICT 1, ABSENT
LINDA JARAMILLO- MEMBER, DISTRICT 3

Other present: **JORDAN BARELA- COUNTY MANAGER**
MISTY WITT- DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
MIKE GARCIA- COUNTY ATTORNEY
SYLVIA CHAVEZ- COUNTY CLERK
KEVIN PHAM- ADMIN. ASST. II

1. Call to Order

Chairman Schwebach: Call the Regular Commission meeting to order at 9:00AM.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance lead by **Chairman Schwebach**.

Invocation lead by **Commissioner Jaramillo**

3. Changes to the Agenda

Chairman Schwebach: Is there any changes to the agenda?

County Manager Jordan Barela: No changes to the agenda.

4. PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

5. CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS - NONE

6. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A. COMMISSION: Request Review and Potential Appointment of: (1) Candidates for the Torrance County Fair Board to Fill a Pending Board Vacancy for the

Remainder of the Term (September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025); and (2) Candidates for the Torrance County Fair Board for a New Term beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Chairman Schwebach: We have two candidates, correct?

County Manager Jordan Barela: That's correct, Mr. Chair. We received 2 letters of interest, one from Justin Poff and one from Andres Chavez.

Chairman Schwebach: Mr. Poff will you come up and introduce yourself please?

Justin Poff: My name is Justin Poff. I have been a resident of Torrance County since 1984. I graduated from Moriarty High. I have 4 kids who went through 4H to show animals. I manage McCalls Pumpkin Patch at the moment, going on for eight years. Just looking at ways to start giving back to the community so appreciate it. Thank you.

Chairman Schwebach: Did you serve on the Santa Fe Fair Board?

Justin Poff: I did not serve on the Santa Fe Fair Board, but I am a member of the Fair Board. I've been on some of the Committees. I've coached shotguns and rifles through Santa Fe County, 4H. The reason why we moved to Santa Fe was when my kids were at the age of showing livestock. Torrance County was really shy on 4H groups. So, we ended up having to go with Santa Fe. I've enjoyed it. I've been coaching going on for 12 years. I've been working with a lot of kids and doing a lot of things like that.

Chairman Schwebach: Would you have time to dedicate to this? Are your kids showing now?

Justin Poff: Yes, and no sir. My youngest one just graduated high school and is aging out.

Chairman Schwebach: Thank you. Mr. Chavez would please introduce yourself.

Andres Chavez: My name is Andres Chavez; everybody knows me as (Chano) I've been in Torrance County all my life. I have been part of the fair and I started showing at nine years old. I've also helped the Commissioners with equipment and everything else. I know the facilities, every time something breaks there or anything else, it would be me and my father fixing it. We've built the wash racks there and the red barn. We've dedicated our lives to the County Fair. I've been there every year since I was nine years old. My kids now show, and I want their future to be greater. I want to be able to get the fair back to where it was. The numbers are down, and I want these kids to be able to see what the County Fair used to be. I want to get the Community more involved in it. I want to be able to work with the Commissioners to do better and get it back to where we were at. Thank you.

Chairman Schwebach: I'm extremely grateful that we have two solid individuals interested in this. I want the public to realize something here. These two individuals that came up here are looking to get on the fair board. It doesn't mean they haven't done anything for the fair. I encourage the public to get involved because I don't think people realize how much work it takes to put on a fair and what is involved. The Fair Board does the planning. It takes a whole village to put on this fair. I want to thank both you gentlemen for stepping up. I appreciate it.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to appoint Justin Poff to finish out the remaining term through December 31, 2025, and then to start a second term commencing January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the motion

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Comment limited to TWO minutes)**

Tracey Master: I'd like to address item 14. I am not going to oppose the contract with Valencia Shelter Services, but I have concerns. The contract lacks specificity. It says the Torrance County office will be open three days a week. But what days? The County website says it's already open Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Unless that started recently, it isn't. VSS has stated they are active in public outreach, but unless I miss it, there is no mention of Torrance County on either their website, or the past years on their Facebook page. As demonstrated by several Community polls shared with the Commission, more than 75% of Torrance County residents said they don't know we have a DV program in our Community. Please implement a provision in the contract where they must let the public know the office hours. As Executive Director, Wood said in her presentations, if people go to the office and it's closed they likely will not return. I understand services are provided based on funding. How much additional funding are they receiving from CYFD and CDRC to provide services for us. For FY26, it requires them to provide or attend documentable outreach events in Torrance County, so the public knows they exist. We used to have a very active DV task force in Torrance County with representatives from multiple local agencies, organizations and local community members. I would still like the opportunity to bring my documented concerns to a future Commission meeting. Please do whatever it takes so that our victims of domestic violence receive the services that they need and that they deserve. Thank you.

Tiffany Wong: My name is Tiffany Wong with Innovation Law Lab. The following is his translation of a statement by a man detained in TCDF by ICE and Core Civic contractors of Torrance County. Just as a warning, this material describes intense bodily injury, and my colleague will play part of the original in a moment. My name is Juan Carlos Perez. I had an accident here, in Torrance Core Civic. I lost a part of my finger on my right hand. We were playing dominoes, it was around 10:30 at night. They hadn't turned off the lights yet. They hadn't gathered the guards, and around 10:30 they turned off the lights and the guards started putting people in their rooms. So, I head to my bedroom door, I went to adjust the door for the guards to close it, and I actually pushed the door from the outside. I felt the impact on my finger. By the time I realized, I had already lost part of my finger. Part of my finger was on the outside of the room, and I was on the inside. It took about 15 minutes for them to open the door so they could take me to the infirmary. In the infirmary, I was bleeding and waiting for about an hour and 1/2 for the ambulance to arrive. There was no anesthesia, no morphine. There's nothing, not even an IV. I had nothing here in the infirmary. They put me in an ambulance, and they didn't have an IV either.

On the Instagram page testimonies from TCDF, Juan goes to describe the following from his arrival to the hospital through to some days ago. Back at TCDF quote. The doctor arrived, he finished the operations, he started to close the wound. It didn't close well, this morning I went to the doctor at Core Civic. They've taken me off the antibiotics, and the wound was infected. The doctors looked at it and they told me it's infected. I'm telling you because they took me off the antibiotics too early. You see. Now my finger is infected. My hand is swollen, and I have a fever. My hand is hot. Thank you.

Via Zoom

Ian Philabaum: I'm with Innovation Law Lab; this is the recording that my colleague Tiffany was translating there earlier by a man detained by ICE and Core Civic at TCDF. (Played the recording from Juan Carlos Mario Perez on Zoom)

In Person

Ariel Pardo: Thank you, Commissioners and the public. My name is Ariel Pardo. I also work for Innovation Law Lab. I'm actually here on behalf of the Torrance County Listening Project. I did submit a public comment with respect to the ICIP with a recommendation to include a Behavioral Health Center in the ICIP. As a Torrance County Listening Project, we did a series of door knocking surveys and interviews. Again and again in those surveys and interviews, where we ask people what makes a home, a home. What they love about living in the Community, what's hard about living where they live and what are the things they'd like to see change. Addiction and drug use or substance use and a need for treatment services and supportive services came up quite

often. For that reason, we submitted the recommendation for a Behavioral Health Center. I don't know if it was in the public comment that I submitted via e-mail that Behavioral Health Programs and Community Wellness Programs can take many forms. We've heard of different things from different people around youth intervention and youth diversion, working with support for family members who are in turn supporting people living with addiction and then actual like crisis. I just wanted it to be clear that the recommendation at this point, is not for a particular form of programming but is just to make the building a priority or space for such programming a priority. So that there can be more community engagement to determine what kinds of programming might be most responsive and most helpful. I appreciate the public comment and just the opening for people to make recommendations for the ICIP. That's all. Thank you.

8. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **COMMISSION:** Request Approval of June 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve the June 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **FINANCE:** Request Amendment for the Approval of Payables with a Date Range May 22, 2025, to June 5, 2025.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I just have a question. Why are we splitting them up like this? Before it used to be just one, and one that is dated June 11th. So, are we bringing those forwards to today that we missed at the meeting?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: What has happened with this one, Commissioner, is these are actually amended payables. There were some checks that came after the original check report was generated for the Commission meeting.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Payables.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. FINANCE: Request for Approval of Payables with a Date Range June 6, 2025, to June 18, 2025.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Jaramillo: Made a motion to approve Payables.

Chairman Schwebach: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PLANNING & ZONING: Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten Appeal of the Planning and Zoning Boards Decision at the May 7, 2025, Meeting to Grant the Manzano Mountain Retreat Application for Special Use: Modification of Land Use and Area.

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to enter into Public Hearing.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Enter into Public Hearing at 9:25 AM

Chairman Schwebach: We are now entering into public hearing to discuss this appeal of Planning and Zoning. We're going to turn it over to our Attorney. Those that signed in, you're going to come up, you're going to be able to speak on this matter. This matter is all we're dealing with, on this appeal. Our Attorney is going to swear you in, you'll testify. Then he'll take it from there at the end of it. If you didn't sign in, I will give you an opportunity to speak if it's pertinent on what has not been said already. The Commission will take it and deliberate it. We may call some individuals up for more questions, as we unravel the details of this and that's how this process works.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swore in Charlene Brown.

Charlene Brown: OK. Thank you. You need to listen to our appeal. Of course, we have to pay for the opportunity, but nonetheless the information we plan to present is based on facts and the law, with an emphasis on those words. This is not a popularity contest. This is not high school. First of all, in history of the existing permit. Ray Darnell, as we all have heard before, set up this summer camp and sold apples. When he sold the property to Scott Garrett in 1996. Scott Garrett required that Ray Darnell obtain the proper special use permit, a sports and wellness camp. Scott wanted to offer training facilities for elite athletes. Mr. Darnell was able to obtain a special permit for the sports and wellness camp. So, Scott went ahead and purchased the property. The zoning has never changed. The current zoning at the main property is a special use permit for sports and wellness camp, and the zoning at the Phippen house is C for the conservation district. The Phippen House is a separate property. The current operators are Realtors and should know about zoning, checking the zoning on any property is Realty 101 and Business 101. The responsibility for this situation regarding their inappropriate use of the properties is all theirs. If Scott Garrett told the operators that zoning was appropriate for weddings and events. The situation is between Scott and the operators. The local community should not have to pay for the operator's mistake. Also, if the zoning official told them that the zoning was appropriate, this situation is between Torrance County and the operators. The Community should not have to pay for something that is not their mistake. Also, I'd like to know where Scott Garrett is in all this. He is the owner. I think most of us that know Scott know what he's doing here. We have owned our property in Torrance for 24 years and we've lived site for the past 10 years. But before that we would spend loads up here.

Back to the matter at hand, the zoning official has allowed the operators to function outside the current special use permit for sports and wellness camp without proper zoning for over 2 years on the main property at 210A Los Pinetos Rd, and a separate property The Phippen House, located at 209 Las Pinetos Rd. In addition, former County Commissioner Schropp was informed of this violation. Instead of addressing this issue when alerted to this situation, the zoning staff and Commissioner Schropp allowed it to continue. It is the responsibility of the zoning director as outlined in the ordinance to

investigate resident complaints of violations and to issue notices of violation. Has a notice of violation ever been presented to the operators? What were the results of the zoning investigation and why weren't they sent to us since we made the complaint? Is the person who performed the investigation still on staff?

What neighbors need to understand is the zone. If this zoning change is approved, it directly relates to the value of your property, and your enjoyment of your property. People buying property here are for peace and quiet, not for the proximity to an event center. When property owners want to sell their property, they will now be required to disclose that there are environmental factors that impact their property. Since the operators are realtors, they should know this. We suspect these environmental factors include noise security, traffic and other issues that negatively impact on our properties. Guarantee this is just the beginning, with absolutely no controls in place. The number of weddings and events and associated damaging environmental effects, factors will only increase. What's been approved will allow any event to be held, concerts, a circus, anything. The other point we want to make is that, if this business ever moves out close, or they discontinue this zoning will still be in place. Who knows what the next operators would do with this kind of broad zoning. Two houses currently on the market have reduced their selling prices by 15% to 19% since 2022. I hope they understand the disclosures they will need to make when they sell the property. Otherwise, they leave themselves open to lawsuits.

The questions that we were required to answer in our appeal paperwork. We were required to submit an answer that there was an error by the zoning board adversely affecting us, our neighbors, and our properties. The error of the zoning board has led to a regulatory taking a right protected under the 5th Amendment of the US Constitution. This right recognizes that if there is a change in regulation in this case, that goes too far in this case is zoning. It will be recognized as the taking that has resulted in a devaluation of our property and others property due to the following. Noise. The first one is noise, the quiet time the operator suggests is not appropriate for this area, and amplified music doesn't belong. Period. The district is an agricultural area where people get up and go to bed early, quiet time at 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM does not fit with the district's character. We've experienced noise past 11:00 PM. We've even asked the operators to turn down the amplified music. The operators provided excuses and justifications, such as saying we're having a party on the last day of the festival. Sometimes after complaints after complaints, the music was turned down but later was back up again. When we investigated the noisy affair at the Pippin House, people were hanging out in the parking area, drinking. Cars were parked in the grass, parking on the grass is a dangerous situation at the best of times. With fire prevalent concern in our area, this is unsafe. Cars are also parked in the grass on the main property during the festival. The operators stated that their contracts include verbiage that music must stop at 10:00 PM. But in the wedding announcement that I've attached in figure 1 provides

information otherwise. It shows the reception going till 10:30. Other neighbors have complained to us even though they're not here. The operators and the zoning board at the hearing, they actually complained at the hearing about excessive noise.

The second one is traffic. Thousands of visitors are attending the Apple Festival now. Before the operators took over there's been about 65 to 200 cars attended, even at the busiest times on the two-day festival. I think I'm not 100% sure. We know because we have experienced some of the traffic during the 24 years. According to the operator's admission, hundreds of vehicles attended their festival, and they have now expanded to the four-day weekends. We counted 1000 cars on the first day of the festival last year. We watched cars try to navigate the twists and turns of our small roads. Especially at the intersection of 10 Pines Rd and Los Pinetos Rd, and Los Pinetos and MMR entrance. Other neighbors have complained to us about the excessive traffic. They're not here, they must not want to be involved. The influx of visitors during the festival has led to a significant increase on our narrow roads and compromises our safety and peace of mind. Reckless driving tailgating, speeding by the operators and their visitors and staff have become a common sight. They are creating hazardous conditions for us, especially when we are pulling trailers with livestock. These safety hazards are terrifying. We clocked one car leaving the Pippin House going 60 miles an hour, and that was before the road was paved. More activities are spilling over onto neighborhood properties, particularly the Pippin House, which lies outside the special use permit for two years. Further eroding the character of our Community. Their visitors have driven ATVs to our gate and on our private road. We know this because we've asked them where they're coming from. A public road is not to be used to support private commercial activities. We did a little traffic study of our own because primarily we can't afford to have someone to do a traffic study. The operators testified that there were only 24 or 25 cars per day. This is what we found. This is how we did this, because I don't want you to think I sat out there for 8 hours counting cars.

What both my husband and I, at different times sat out there for an hour or an hour and a half counting cars. That's how I did my study. I thought let me give them the benefit of the doubt. Let me see exactly what the traffic is. This little study that we did for over 4 days, we observed and calculated that between 67 vehicles to 480 vehicles drove on that road in one day. At another event, I went down to see exactly where the noise was coming from. As usual, the Pippin House. I decided to observe it, as it is my right. I was confronted by three family members and said that I could not park where I was, on the side of the County Road. As Realtors, I would think they would understand road right of ways. I did move to keep the peace so I could continue with my studies, but they tried to intimidate me by filming me and threatening to call the police, which they did. I have the report, and I'll share that with you. What I did find out was this. A lot of vehicles go back and forth between the Pippin House and the main property. That

part of the road, as I said, it is a public road and is being used for their private circulation route. The most significant thing was that when I was doing my survey that night, two county vehicles with sirens and lights flashing headed up toward the main property. Unbeknownst to me, those lights were for me because I was sitting out there, and they didn't like me sitting out there observing the traffic. Anywhere there's alcohol at parties, there are problems, and we know what those problems are. They don't have a liquor license, so we aren't sure where the alcohol is coming from. We don't want this in our neighborhood.

This led me to request information for calls of service. But before I go on to that, I want to discuss the report that was made on me. I did not specifically ask for this report. I made a public records request and what I wanted to know was if there was an increase in service calls from 2022 when they owned the property to now. What I did was request all the records and I got that. As I was going through it, I found the report on me, when I was sitting there and they called the cops, I don't know why the cops didn't stop and talk to me. This is what they said, Manzano Retreat. The reporting party calling about a woman blocking their gate. I was not blocking their gate. I was 20 yards away. Another thing the reporting party said, is that she had seen the female carry a weapon in the past. It is unknown if the female in question has one now. I've met this person three times, both times in a public forum. This is to me a false report. I've met her 3 times, the first time was at their meet and greet, at their MMR, the second time was when she was taking our order at their restaurant. The third time is at the meeting here. Those were all public meetings. I don't think anyone saw me with a gun. The calls for service have increased 300%. The operator from 2022 to 2024. The operators mention of traffic controls to limit traffic is a step in the right direction. However, the lack of clarity regarding these controls and how they will be defined has not been substantiated. The operators also claim that the County Road Department would chip seal the road, which would solve some road issues. Road repairs do not solve speeding, reckless driving or traffic fogging. They've performed the work, and it looks good. We doubt many Torrance County business operators would think that Torrance County Road Departments provide publicly funded improvements to the roads that benefit private companies. Let's say the cost of the road was \$150,000, that is \$150,000 that that could not be spent elsewhere. The public funds cannot be used to benefit a private fund. The volume of cars, trucks, delivery vans and even 18 wheelers delivering supplies also raises questions about the long-term viability of road conditions.

The next item. Viewsheds Natural Beauty is 1. characteristics of the Conserve characteristic When a rooftop appeared in our viewshed on the MMR property, we were curious and obtained information about the state to determine what was happening. After running a design and construction business for 20 plus years. We are aware of how shifty contractors can be. We have learned to use public information to protect ourselves. We found that the operators obtained a state permit to construct the

barn based on their social media information. It is an event hall for 300 people, and you can see it in Figure 2. The hall requires fire sprinklers, the appropriate number of bathrooms and location of emergency exit lighting and code compliant electrical and mechanical systems. Under social media, portable propane heaters were operating inside this enclosed building, an incredibly unsafe condition that puts customers at significant risk. The second illegal construction was for another barn to be converted into a gym. Again, a gym requires code compliant construction. Not paying actual cost of permits and fees represents a loss to Torrance County and the state of New Mexico.

Emergency vehicles exist in the neighborhood. In the past, Scott Garrett has contacted us regarding using our property for vehicle exiting in case of an emergency. I think it was by Fire Marshall or some other entity. We have not provided such authority. This was one of the sticking points regarding zoning change requests. Some of the neighbors will remember that most of the neighbors here are newer. Scott Garrett had to put in a separate road that was paved. He had to do a cattle guard. He had a lot of restrictions that were placed on his zoning appeal to protect the neighborhood. Unfortunately, he didn't do a lot of those things. What does the Fire Marshall say about this plan?

Environmental degradation. Damaging environmental conditions decrease the property's value. The operators have installed many RVs for permanent living by family members. Do these living units have appropriate electrical mechanical, and sewer hookups approved by the state of New Mexico Environmental Health? A previous staff member told us this, and satellite imagery confirms it. At least we obtained our information legally from public sources and not by flying a drone over the property, as has been done on our property. A drone has surveilled our property for some reason, but I suspect it is not for an innocent reason. Hopefully the FCC straightened out the drone's owner. Realtors' own drones. The Chair of the Zoning Board stated in the hearing that no one would tell me what to do on my property. We adamantly opposed the statement and its implication of violating zoning and building laws as susceptible, especially when they involve the health, safety and welfare of the neighbors and unsuspecting public. This statement indicates a serious misjudgment. Again, if Torrance County allows anyone to do anything on their land at any time, Torrance County loses out on money and it degrades the Community, there is an obligation to consider all neighbors' concerns. To give you an example, someone could start a hazardous dump or feed lots next to your property. What is it to keep them from doing that if the zoning laws are not enforced. Obviously, the zoning board thinks this is OK. If a company must skirt the regulations to run its business, it should not be in business. If they try to do it and they get away with it, there'll be others that are going to do it. It's just going to continue to snowball.

The second thing that we had to do for our paperwork was to submit an answer as the following. This appeal relates to a specific inappropriate action by a zoning official and carrying out the provisions of the County Zoning Ordinance as follows. The zoning official inaccurately interpreted the ordinance that disclosures permit district. The current design for this special-use district is a Sports and Wellness camp, and I have attached the permit. A sports and wellness Camp is a structured program that combines physical activity with a focus on promoting overall health and well-being. This is not an Event Center. According to the zoning ordinance, the special use permit ceases to exist, which in this case, adding to the special use permit the current special use permit is no longer valid. It ceases to exist. A new request for a special use district must be made if the operators want to stick to the permitted Sports and Wellness camp use, then the current zoning can apply. According to the ordinances regarding removal of zones, it states and I'm quoting. If a use authorized as a specialist district is permanently discontinued, the special district can be cancelled and removed under the provisions for an amendment to this ordinance, the area delineated by a discontinued special use permit should be rezoned to the prevailing district. In this case, the Conservation District. The definition of the Conservation District is as follows. The zone protects and preserves areas within the County which are characterized by their limited access, minimal development limitations on water resources, natural beauty, fragile environment, and native wildlife populations. This first very low density, residential development and low intensity agricultural activities are allowed. Other agricultural related activities may be allowed. Commercial uses will not be allowed except on a case-by-case basis on which the primary concern of the zoning board will be to minimize the environmental impact on the area. This is what should have been the outcome of the zoning. A new special use district permit should have been made for the original property at 210A Los Pinetos Rd. Expanding the existing permit to include major events on the original property is not an option, the zoning official mentioned that this is what had been done at wind farms. We cannot find it in the regulation, we argued that. Even though this regulation may exist, it does not apply in this case. This request is in the middle of the conservation district. A new special use district permit must be made for the property at 209A Los Pinetos Rd., the Pippin House. Furthermore, the argument that a current special use district, currently in place, which is not actually at 210A Los Pinetos can extend to a different property is wrong and not supported in the ordinances and is unheard of in government planning agencies. The guidelines for applying for special use permits are as follows. The Zone district provides for singular developments, which requires special consideration because of their magnitude and unusual nature and frequent operation, questionable impact on the property or other such reasons. The boundaries of this district shall be defined as needed on a case-by-case basis. Special conditions may be imposed by the County Commission following recommendation by the PNZ board. The County Commission may not grant a zone change for the establishment of a special use district unless

satisfactory provisions have been made, and those include ensuring that the property uses shall be maintained in the general area. This is directly from the ordinance to preserve the integrity and character of the area in which the special use district will be located. The utility and value of the property of the special use permit, and the adjacent zone districts assure that the special use district will not become detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare of the County. The application for a new special use permit is as follows. It needs to show the site development plan, a signal of sufficient size and scale to show boundaries and topography of the property to be developed should appropriate for those size, location, use and arrangement of all structures, signs, parking and loading areas, drainage facilities, landscaping, traffic and pedestrians. Circulation routes and indicate the location, type, use and size of structures and adjacent properties within 100 feet of special use district boundary.

According to the appeal paperwork, we were required to submit and answer the following. The appeal relates to specific and appropriate action by the zoning official in carrying out the provisions of the zoning ordinance as follows. The notification of adjacent property owners was limited to about 10 adjoining landowners. This change impacts the entire neighborhood of 50 plus landowners who live off 10 Pines Rd. and Los Pinetos. It was confirmed that with the US Forest Service, who is an adjacent landowner, they were not notified. The proof of notification delivery has not been demonstrated. Leading to a total lack of transparency. Letters may have been sent, but there is no confirmation that they were received. A statement that the zoning does not offer registered returns is not justification for the lack of evidence that notification was not received. You can send a letter, but if you don't have something that says they have received it. You can't guarantee that they've received it. This is basic planning practice. The New Mexico law requires a public notice, also known as the legal notice or illegal advertisement, to be published in the newspaper to inform the public of it significant events and legal matters or government actions. We were unable to identify whether this was done or not in any newspaper, or any kind of platform. The Zoning Board and the Zoning Official have known about this inappropriate use since June 2023. When the 1st letter was sent to the Zoning Official, the Zoning Official elected to ignore it. The Zoning Official should have told the operators to cease their operation until their zoning was corrected. Especially because the permit was for a Sports and Wellness Camp, and it was established in 1997 and not as an event center. The argument that weddings and events have been held on the property for 25 years and should therefore be allowed to continue is inaccurate. There might have been 3 weddings in 2022. Maybe, if the owner had held these events in the past, the owner, Scott, would have been breaking the law. More noise and traffic and disruptions have occurred over the last two years from the previous 25 years. Scott Garrett also never had events at the Phippen House because it wasn't zoned for it. It is not routine for a Zoning Official to share an opposition letter, which was done.

The final section, I have is regarding what we were required to answer. A decision made by a Zoning Official of Planning Board was not supported by factual evidence by the following. The applicants present an unsubstantiated and unreliable presentation of the facts to show themselves personally in a good light at the expense of the truth. The zoning official and the board accepted those statements. The statements presented by the operators that were submitted as facts but are not. Those providing testimony supporting the applicant at the Zoning Board were mainly employed by the applicant and did not live in the neighborhood. Essentially getting a favor for testimony and implies a quid pro quo arrangement where someone provides testimony and return, they receive a benefit. This influences their truthfulness or objectivity. The Zoning Board incorrectly believes these statements to be facts, not as a quid pro quo arrangement. The truth is that many current and past employees have reached out to us with different reality. A current employee sent me this text, and I've paraphrased it here. I work here because I have to. I wish you success in your efforts. These people are untruthful and not as all as they appear. Some hired youths have also reached out to me. What they consider to be poor treatment; there is always another interpretation of reality. That is why decisions must be based on facts and the law. Some neighbors who live in the neighborhood have testified in support and benefited from their relationship with the applicant. For example, by doing business together or promoting their business. One of the neighbors runs a waste hauling business out of their house, and the operators promote their business. These neighbors also lack objectivity. This is actually a very good example of what happens when you don't follow the regulation. I don't know if this waste hauling business has the appropriate permit for what they're doing. But when we moved into our neighborhood 10 years ago. For a design and construction business, we had to get a license. We had to go to zoning, and they told us you cannot have equipment and materials. stored on your property for construction. You can have a home business, but you cannot store equipment or materials. We didn't do that. We rented a place to store our equipment and materials. At a great cost. It would have been easy for us to store our equipment and materials on our site because we're in the middle of a forest, no one would see it. But that's not how we operate. We follow the law. We also argue that Charlene Dietz's letter does not support the operator's request for expanded use for Sports and Wellness Camp. If the zoning board had bothered to read the letter, they could see clearly that there's other things. It's too overwhelming to go through their whole thing where they try to say that they do this, but it's unsubstantiated. No, it's not that they try to do it. They say that they do it. They say they have \$300,000 in payroll and that they're great Community members and some people might feel that. I don't know them. But I know what they're doing to our Community, and I don't like it. Most of the County Commissioners appear to understand business operations and appear to be leaders in the community, otherwise they wouldn't have been elected to serve on the Commission. Leaders have to make hard decisions, and this is one of them. The decisions need to be based on facts and

laws. Zoning is hard. It is complicated. That's why it needs educated and trained professionals to interpret the ordinances and explain it to the public. And that concludes my statements.

County Attorney Maika Garcia: May we have the representative for the applicant come up?

County Attorney Maika Garcia: Swore in Jesse Dudley.

Jesse Dudley: I am Jesse Dudley with the Manzano Mountain Retreat. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to respond to the appeal. To our friends and neighbors, those choose to attend this process in person or online. Into the hundreds more that have expressed their support for our family and the Manzano Mountain Retreat throughout this process, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and say thank you for your continued support. My family can never fully express how touched we are for the kind words of encouragement, thoughts and countless prayers expressed by so many throughout Community. This has been a process. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten have continued to harass and slander our family. Their approach is slinging manure against the wall, hoping that something will eventually stick. Their narrative arguments consistently change, Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten are entitled to their opinions, but as the saying goes, they are not entitled to their own version of the facts. The issue isn't about traffic, it's not noise, it's not about upholding the Conservation District or the Community or anything else that relates to activities or the venue. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten wanted to purchase the venue. Either portion of the orchard or the entire property. That didn't occur. They couldn't, so they adopted an attitude that if they couldn't have the property, then they would create problems and do everything possible to close the venue rather than see it thrive as a vital part of this Community. That, in my opinion, is not acceptable.

Subsequently, I want to address Charlene Brown's comments and to address her statements and documentation she's provided. The majority of which is fabrication made on assumptions of puffery. Little or nothing has to do with our special request for the special use permit for the modification of the Pippin House. I also want to clarify that our attempt through this process was to clarify the wording specified on the existing special use permit in the name of the previous owner, Sports and Wellness, which did not limit as far as the activity for the camp. That was the name of the company that acquired it. This specifically addressed the activities and the historical nature of the venue that did and always has included hospitality, camping, agriculture, tourism, to more accurately reflect the activities that continue to occur on the property. It is pertinent to point out it's very nature and foundation for this request is and was addressed and to address the continued harassment of Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten, and to call into question the very nature of the historic activities, the entire

foundation for her argument is that the Manzano Mountain Retreat expanded the venues activities, only after we purchased the venue in 2022 to include camps outside of those are Sports and Wellness. In addition to activities and events, which likewise all fell outside of the authority permitted by the existing special use permits, specifically weddings and events. As a result, Mr. Wooten and Charlene Brown argued the Planning and Zoning Board was remiss in upholding their fiduciary duties to our County, our neighbors and to the citizens by failing to issue the citations violations, effectively shutting down the Manzano Mountain Retreat. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten claim faulty, if and when it is substantiated by all these activities did in fact occur prior to 2023. My family and I purchased the Manzano Mountain Retreat. From that time, she issued her initial complaint. Moreover, her argument falters if I can substantiate all these facts were authorized under the existing special use permit, and these activities all reflect the continued, ongoing and historic nature events approved by and permitted under the existing special use permit. Moreover, her documentation and subsequent research don't dispel. She previously made arguments during our special use permit modification. On the contrary, shutting down comments, research, and statements affirm and support the unanimous decision of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Perhaps the only accurate and truthful statement I found in Charlene Brown's submission was, in fact, that she issued her initial complaint in 2023. Our full first year in operation. I know for a fact there was an anonymous letter that was sent to the Planning and Zoning Department complaining about the activities at the Manzano Mountain Retreat in 2023. I know that a certified letter was sent to at least one member of the Torrance County Commission and copied to the Planning and Zoning Board regarding the Manzano Mountain Retreat. I have never read or received a copy of either letter. I know they existed because of our Commissioner, Samuel Schropp. Showed up on his motorcycle, walked into our dining hall and approached me inside our commercial kitchen and introduced himself and proceeded to tell me that he was there to investigate claims stated on a certified letter he received. He was there to satisfy the claims for himself, and aside from the Planning and Zoning Board because he stated he wanted to ensure that he had full knowledge of the situation and any claims for when it was ever brought before the Commission. We understood the Commissioner was doing his job, much like the Planning and Zoning investigators were doing their job. They all need to remain unbiased and impartial specific facts. But in this situation, like in every situation since it didn't require a lot of effort to dispel Charlene Brown's fabricated narrative. Again, we're all entitled to our own opinions. We are not entitled to fabricate our own versions of the facts.

The Commissioner said, the complaint indicated that we were operating a restaurant without a license. I walked over to a clipboard, and I handed him a copy of our permit to operate, issued by the New Mexico Environment Department and explained that the

license issued by the state to a commercial kitchen doesn't distinguish as to whether that business sells food to an on-site restaurant, camps, or direct to the public due to events. It simply authorizes the responsible party and me to provide food to the public through a commercial kitchen. Manzano Mountain Retreat has been selling food and serving food in that dining hall for decades to camp through events. It doesn't represent anything new that we were doing. I handed him my license and certification for food handling for our staff. The Commissioner indicated that the complaint stated that we accommodate overnight guests, hold weddings, events and activities that are not authorized or approved by Planning and Zoning, or provided with a special use permit. To substantiate this fact, I gave a copy of the Apple Mountain Ranch and listed the owner being Sports and Wellness. It was stated for promoting picnics, events, barbecues, retreats and receptions. This was not new to something that we were doing. I explained that all these activities have been ongoing since the venue's inception since the 80's. The activities didn't represent new activities that we were doing under the previous owners. The most recent weddings, one of which included the Mescher wedding, were in fact contracted and scheduled under the previous owner. We simply inherited the event, and the fact that it had the pond, the wedding pavilion, the picnic pavilion, the Apple Store, bunk houses, cabins, RV hookups, etc.... were all already in place. When we purchased the property and all these activities were ongoing for years, prior to purchasing the venue. Our intentional activities were planned and discussed and made clear to the Planning Zoning Department, we stated before, during, and after our purchase. The Planning and Zoning Department felt that because all these activities were in fact in line and representing the continuation of the historic and ongoing nature of the business, everything was permissible under the existing special use permit. The Commissioner reviewed the facts and told me that he was going to fight with the Planning and Zoning Department. I assume that he could confirm my statements.

Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten are entitled to their opinions, but they're not entitled to create their own version of the facts. As the appeal process reflects, they simply refuse to accept the facts. The dispute counters their narrative, and they insist that everyone must conform and adhere to their opinion exclusively. My family's intention in choosing to purchase the property was communicated. We love this Community, Torrance County is and has been our home for more than 40 or 50 years. We believe that the venue presented an economic development opportunity for our County. Our plan was and still is, to grow and develop the venue to provide jobs and opportunities for the residents. The venue is in a hub, an opportunity zone or a rural economically depressed area within our state. Again, we grew up in Torrance County. We've seen our family members, friends, and neighbors leave over the years. In large part, due to limited job and economic opportunities available within this Community. That is not my opinion. That is a stated fact. When I was young, Estancia was thriving.

Businesses including the Star Theater, grocery store and attorneys' office, Frost Feed, Tillery Chevrolet, EMW Gas along with these other businesses. Families drilling new wells often hit water at 80 or 100 feet. The Edgewood School District was among the best in the state. No offense to my Estancia and Mountainair friends. We chose to invest our money in Torrance County; we don't regret that decision and we believe that more locals must begin to make investments in this County. The impact of quality of life for everyone in our Community. Taxes create capacity, enhance the quality and equipment for our first responders that help to improve our schools, and they help to improve the quality of life for everyone in this Community. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten could have invested in these things. They didn't. Instead, they chose not to move forward and now they want to penalize my family and our Community for doing so. According to Charlene Brown in her statements there was, quote unquote an error or judgment by the Zoning Board that adversely affect her or her neighbors and our properties. Our argument, again, is based on faulty, fabricated unsupported documentation.

Noise. Torrance County doesn't have a noise ordinance in place. The retreat couldn't have been cited for violating the County's noise ordinance that doesn't exist. The 10:00 PM shutoff time represents our organizational policy ensuring that the property is not now, nor will it ever become a nuisance to our neighbors. We consider ourselves ambassadors to Torrance County, like McCalls Pumpkin Patch, Wildlife West Nature Park, or Legacy Ranch. Businesses that serve areas of the Community low impact businesses, promote activities and tourism that draw people and money into our Community. They create a positive, memorable, impactful experience that elevates and enhances a positive perception of our collective Community. Regardless, Charlene Brown kids are entitled to their opinions. Miss Brown included a copy of a wedding invitation she found online. She copied the wedding invitation and saved the copy in her documentation. She went as far as circling the reception time, clearly, she felt this portrayed an example of smoke and guns. Insinuating our statements to Planning and Zoning that our parties do not in fact continue at night. This doesn't dispel our statement. In fact, it reinforces and affirms that our policy is in effect. Music was subsequently turned off at 10:00 PM goodbyes and the cleanup occurred between 10:00 and 10:30, and the plan was or is that everyone went home or back to their rooms. There is no partying into the night, and no excessive noises. In an effective and illustrative example of an orderly and professional event like the ones that continue to occur. To substantiate this fact, Miss Brown continues to point out. I've included an actual copy of the signed contract noted in her exhibit. I can hand it to you if you'd like. I've highlighted the policy and line stating that the music is turned off promptly by 10:00 PM, illustrating that this is in fact written in our contract, but this example, like so many of her points, has nothing to do with noise. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten don't live adjacent to the venue and there is not now, nor has there ever been an issue with our immediate neighbors. After we received letters of support from

Charlene Dietz and Kevin and Beverly Boyd, the immediate need is adjacent to the different property and they both supported the venue. I'm also aware of only one incident in which Charlene Brown investigated a noisy affair at the Pippin House. This occurred as she mentioned two weeks ago or several weeks prior to the incident. They did in fact park at the corner of the road and counted cars on weekends. But on this night, they parked outside the front gate of the Pippin property during a wedding reception. They obstructed and impeded traffic attempting to exit towards our main facility. This noisy affair. Which she mentioned was a wedding with 105 people in attendance. That number included 20 senior citizens, two of whom were using walkers or wheelchairs, and more than 20 children under the age of 10. No alcohol was served at that event, and we couldn't hear the music from the gate. And I know this because we also catered for the event. We also called the Torrance County Sheriff's Department in attempts to file a complaint. The Sheriff's Department responded to secure the occurrence. Her statement was one of two times that law enforcement has been called to our property since we purchased the retreat. The only alternate issue related was a licensed preschool teacher who was at the property with the preschool retreat. She had a mental breakdown or episode of some type. She placed her baby on the landing and her supervisor was standing in the room next door, called the police. They responded because she was licensed with the state of New Mexico. She was fired and lost her license as a preschool teacher with the State. Despite Charlene Brown's claims and statements, there isn't a history of issues. Law enforcement is not regularly called, and in fact, Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten now account for 50% of the calls, which have been poured over the last three years.

Traffic, according to Charlene Brown. Let me quote this directly from her submission. Thousands of visitors attended the Apple Festival now, before the operators took over, there may have been 100 cars, even at the busiest of times in the two-day festival. We know this because we have experienced this over the last 25 years. Let me reiterate my previous statement. We're all entitled to our own opinion. We are not, however, entitled to our own set of facts. In Charlene Brown statements, I find this one to be confusing and contradictory. In her first statement this supports the historical nature of events or festivals that have continued for the retreat for the past 25 years outside of the Sports and Wellness characteristics. I'm confused because I don't understand her narrative. She insinuates that these activities didn't occur prior to 2023 when we purchased the retreat, and that all these activities events begin to go only after. In 2023, we purchased the event. Prior to 2023, the activities and events were apparently all limited to Sports and Wellness exclusively. Since Charlene Brown substantiates this fact that they did in fact occur, I can only assume that she has also included documentation indicating that she has been objecting to these activities outside of the Sports and Wellness scope provided through the special use permit for the past 25 years. As she and Kenneth stated that she and Kenneth have resided at the property. If in fact she didn't object prior to 2023, then I failed to understand the basis

for her current and ongoing argument for why these objections started immediately after we purchased the property. Her premises at festivals, camps, weddings and events represent a change in the status of the special use permit, because they all fall outside of the scope of Sports and Wellness. These events represent new items initiated by us exclusively. But our statements substantiate the fact that these events have in fact been ongoing for more than 25 years. Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten know these facts to be true. We met them initially during the 2022 Apple harvest, when we were considering purchasing the property. They were in fact contracted by Scott Garrett, the previous owner, to oversee the 2022 Harvest Festival. I believe that they agreed to splitting the proceeds from the event with Scott. In my recollection, they were also selling food from a crock pot during the event. Charlene Brown continues to hold a narrative to the entire process unfounded and unfair, distorting facts from fiction. They instead promote a position that everyone else is wrong. The Commission, Planning and Zoning, Torrance County Road Department, and neighbors that don't support their position and opinion. The list goes on.

Their bullying isn't limited to the venue or our family exclusively. One neighbor that disagreed with their opinion received a text, in that text Charlene Brown states that the neighbor purged herself because she stated at the Planning and Zoning meeting that the Manzano Mountain Retreat does in fact have a written policy that music ends at 10:00 PM. Her basis for attacking that neighbor subsequently related to her finding of these smoking gun wedding invitations found online. She attacked Torrance County Road Department. Publicly stated that the pavement of 10 Pines represents publicly funded improvements intended to benefit a private company. She makes this statement even though nearly every neighbor in our Community attending the Planning and Zoning meeting intended to complain about the road. Torrance County had paved that road several months or even a year before this issue had even come up. Charlie Brown has written letters to our neighbors stating that we're flying drones above her home, stating that we continue to harass her and Kenneth Wooten. She posted it on East Mountain 411, that is her opinion. The fact is that we don't own the drone today and haven't since we had an office on San Mateo in Albuquerque more than 8 years ago. And as Realtors, we hired professional photographers we don't do it ourselves. Charlene Brown called her neighbor last month stating that the Manzano Mountain Retreat is harassing her, hovering drones above her house. Like most small communities, this call prompted another call down the line. Finally, a neighbor who happened to be working in our kitchen received a call and she told them it's not the Manzano Mountain Retreat. I'm working in the kitchen right now. They're all in front of me at an event. If there's one flying above you, it's not them.

In her opinion every ATV, semi and person driving on the public roads either coming to or leaving the Manzano Mountain Retreat. That's simply not true. In fact, the semi was lost last week and drove onto our property, which was from BNR

Construction in Moriarty. We gave the driver directions and sent him on his way. We had constructed a building in our property, and we followed the process in obtaining the proper building permit. For everyone that hasn't been to the property, we can assure that we had agreed that the property is not a blight on the Community or the neighborhood. This edition, like every alternative building on our property as a multi-use, a permit requirement. It's a metal building. It has dirt and gravel floors. Through the winter, we store golf carts and tractors. It smelled like a barn and served as a barn. No HVAC is present, but like a lot of our buildings on the property, it subsequently was transformed to host the EBACA prom, their prom theme was a barn dance. Like a temporary tent. It accommodates dinners, reception, and other items as needed. If you have attended the 2024 Harvest Festival, you would know that our current gym building served as the Pumpkin Barn during our Harvest Festival. Our camp bunkhouses likewise are transformed into private suites for weddings. Emergency vehicles exiting the neighborhood and the environmental degradation, I imagine you're beginning to recognize the unfounded arguments, logic and contradictions that we've been dealing with. It's a source of a lot of frustration for the past two years

Chairman Schwebach: Before we continue. I would like an explanation from our Planning and Zoning, exactly what happened. Correct me if I'm wrong. The Manzano Mountain Retreat applied for special use permits. To expand on the land. Give me some details on what they were applying for.

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: The purpose of the application was to modify land use within a special zone district, and we made it clear that we just clarify the language to more accurately reflect the type of activities that have been occurring there for decades. Two of the slots on the application are for areas and use. Our main goal is maintaining compliance. That is what they're asking for in adding different parcels. This is to clarify the language to more clearly reflect the types of activities that have been taking place.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Tracey Master.

Tracey Master: I stand here in support of Manzano Mountain Retreat. There seems to be questions as to how long the ranch has hosted weddings and other events. As a licensed Chaplain, I have officiated more than one wedding at this location. The furthest one back I can remember was in July 2013, and the most recent was October 2024. I don't know exactly how long they've been doing weddings, but I have a friend who was married there in 2002. This is nothing new. You already know about other things that they provide for the Community, in addition to providing services and what we call a lodging hazard, most of us don't like traffic, but they can't be held responsible for bad behavior of drivers and most businesses are located and benefit from maintenance on public roads. The Commission has appointed people that serve on the

Planning and Zoning board, and you require that board members meet certain standards and place them there to make decisions on their behalf. And while I don't always agree with them, you need to trust that they're doing what you need them to do. As the appellant says, this is not a popularity contest, and you aren't voting to decide whether you like the most your vote whether or not to uphold the decision to grant the changes to Manzano Mountain Retreat must be based on only two things. Is Manzano Mountain retreat compliant with any and all state statutes as they pertain to a business location of this type and is Manzano Mountain Retreat meeting all the requirements of the Torrance County Planning Ordinance. Your decisions rest solely on these two items and not the emotions of any one or two individuals. Thank you for your time.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Michelle Hutchison.

Dr. Michelle Hutchison: I am a Pediatric Dr. I care for children with type 1 diabetes. This would have marked my second year spending an entire full week at Manzano Mountain Retreat with eighty of our patients who have been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Which is a very chronic and high burden disease in which the kids have to count all their carbohydrates with every single meal, take insulin with every single meal and every time they feel sick. This is a high burden disease with a high rate of depression, so having the opportunity to be able to bring these kids out into a beautiful environment, giving them a break from worrying about their disease and have fun is incredibly impactful. Just from the senses of what they gain from it because they have diabetes. I understand that that falls under the Health and Wellness aspect of what they do there at Manzano Mountain Retreat. I just want to speak about a couple of things that I saw and hopefully that might be of use to you. Specifically, the barn I've been in that barn. I've chosen not to participate in activities in that barn because it's really not protected from the weather and it's very dusty. It is definitely a barn. I can confirm that. As to the protection of the environment, I was actually really impressed with how much the staff really impressed us and the kids to be mindful. Of the property and take care of the property and really that that was emphasized #3 the teenagers that were there working, I believe they were volunteers and getting some job training. As a pediatrician, I actually was really impressed with that, and I talked to some of those kids. They seemed to be having a great time, and I did not hear any complaints from any of those teenagers that were working there. what I want to impress on you was the benefit to the children of New Mexico, and there are multiple camps that happen there over the summer, not just our ADA sponsored American Diabetes Association sponsored diabetes camp. I got to see children who saw a chicken for the first time. They saw a Turkey for the first time, and they touched a cow for the first time. And I just can't express how important that is. I just wanted to say thank you.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Patty Alexander.

Patty Alexander: Just for the record, I do not work at the Manzano Mountain Retreat. I have taken advantage of hiking up there with my dogs. Several times I keep them on a leash because I don't want them chasing after the deer that they see up there and I end up losing them. It is a quiet place, beautiful place, and I know that they have designated parking spots. We can't just park anywhere. We had an event out there and we were told there were no live bands, which we weren't planning on because we couldn't afford to have a live band anyway. We had nothing but positive comments about how beautiful it was, how relaxing it was out there. I am in support of keeping Manzano Mountain Retreat in the area, because it is something that's positive for our Community. I am a Torrance County resident. And I enjoy having a place where I can just take my pooches and go hiking that doesn't have a whole bunch of people around all the time and you can see some wildlife out there as well. They have really nice apples as well.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Eric Lucero.

Eric Lucero: I'm a public educator for 14 years. I'm also the summer intern coordinator here for Torrance County, through the New Mexico Department education grant. We are in charge of placing high school students at Manzano Mountain retreat. If you were to go back and look at the applications. They have a top choice of where they would like to go. This year we had 44 students that applied for the job and 31 of those students are requested to go to Manzano Mountain Retreat. Part of my job is to go up and check on the kids, make sure that they're getting the job skills and training. Every single student that comes down from there, it's only a testament to what they do up there, especially with our high school kids, because every year it's more and more kids that want to go to Manzano Mountain Retreat, we could easily send 30 kids up there. They would want to work with them. Not only that, but I'm also a coach here at Estancia High School and a teacher here in Estancia. We have had several football camps and events held at Manzano Mountain Retreat before the previous owners. I also had a wedding there on August 13, 2014. We are actually the reason that Manzano Mountain Retreat cut their limit down from 400 because at my wedding we had over 500 people at that Apple Retreat and that was back in 2014. I know that they have gone down to the limit, and we were out of there by 9PM. I've got to witness the last two trips that I've been up there, our kids interacting, our high school students in the program, interacting with cancer patients with kids, with diabetes and also with kids with autism. They get to experience that, and they get to see a whole different aspect of life and that and I'm very passionate about what they do, they support our kids. They come to our kids' games at the high school, they go to the FFA events that are there and they support our kids financially through their business and donating to our School

and to our Community. So just thank you so much and I think it would be detrimental to our Community to get rid of them.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Guy Gemmer.

Guy Gemmer: Torrance County Zoning Ordinance allows the Planning and Zoning Director to interpret and administer zoning designations in accordance with Section 19-B, paragraphs 2 through 4. While the appellants suggest abuse or neglect of duty, courts recognize broad discretion in local zoning enforcement. The New Mexico Court of Appeals has consistently upheld this principle in cases such as Titus versus the City of Santa Fe from 1990. Quote from that case law administrative interpretation of zoning ordinance is entitled to deference if it is reasonable and not clearly erroneous. MMR has acted in reliance upon the zoning directors' interpretations and was never instructed to increase, to cease or suspend operations. The suggestion that a zoning violation has occurred merely because events have evolved in character or scale does not meet the legal standard for a violation. Particularly absent any formal enforcement action by the County. I think most of the other things we've hit on. What I would like to talk about is safety. She has made several claims about the safety of the property, and how we have made the area less safe. Five of our family members serve as volunteer firefighters for the Torreon District 4 Fire Department, five of us, which makes up the lion's share of the department itself. We, personally, had responded to three fires this year and helped to put them out before they got out of hand. Two of those, we were the first ones on scene because of our location. She makes claims that we've inaccurately stated that we provide water to the Forest Service, we do. We have an agreement with the US Forest Service to stage any sort of wildfire issue. There's wildfire stuff at our property, including landing helicopters, accessing the water that's on the property to refill tanks and to fight fires. So. We are actively engaged in preventing any sort of issue that way.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Max Almario.

Max Almario: I just want to start by saying that the video archive section of the County Commissioner website for this issue is empty and the meeting notes are either mislabeled or missing for certain dates, so I haven't been able to find anything from that event. Additionally, as a homeowner on 10 Pines, I wasn't notified of any zoning changes. I'm sharing my experience as a neighbor on 10 Pines with the limited information available to me, it sounds like there's a personal element to play to that I'm not Privy to, but I do find some of the concerns raised in the complaint valid. Firstly. Fire safety and traffic. I personally witness cars speeding down 10 Pines from the retreat, which gives me great concern about my family and my pet safety. And I'm growing increasingly concerned about drunk drivers in the area after events. Drunk driving in town is a large reason why I live out here. The recent repaving on 10 Pines is

appreciated, but it will only make speeding easier. We need a solution like speed bumps and lights to accommodate the additional new traffic to keep neighbors safe. As to fire safety, I find it also concerning if there's dozens of cars parked on the grass. And if there are propane heaters being used indoors, it is incredibly troubling. Nothing has happened yet, but it's always fine until it isn't. We've had other fire scares in the neighborhood recently, and fire safety is a growing concern with rising home insurance costs in the growing climate crisis. What concerns me most is my property value becoming a new homeowner is a massive investment and for that investment to be potentially degraded. Would be a gut punch.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Swear in Kelly Chumbler.

Kelly Chumbler: I'm a resident at 10 Pines Rd. as well, and I've been seriously concerned about the impact that the Manzano Mountain Retreat has been making in this area. I've become really fearful about my safety when driving on this road, which, sometimes I'm driving home late at night and there's been a lot of erratic drivers and what looks like drunk drivers and a lot of speeding. There's been an increase in trash. I've been really fearful of my animals. We've seen a lot of roadkill lately on 10 Pines, which has never been an issue in the past. With our slower and more cautious neighbors and their guests, we've also heard a lot of loud noise late into the evening that often goes past 10PM. From what's been presented, it doesn't feel OK for their business to continue without correct zoning as they're severely harming nature and a lot of the neighbors in the area who are raising complaints. I also didn't hear Mr. Dudley address anything about the alcohol license. Or the structures. It seemed like a kind of a loophole when it seems like a huge safety issue about not being up to code for individual safety and also fire safety. So, thank you.

Chairman Schwebach: Does that conclude Public Comment?

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Yes, except for the letters. We can either put those into the file or Don can read them.

Chairman Schwebach: Don, go ahead and read them in.

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: Read a letter from Peter and Stana Kopczuk and another letter from Shawn Martin, are here to attached. Don read a letter from Scott Garrett.

Donald Goen

From: Martin, Shawn - FS, NM <shawn.a.martin@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 2:17 PM
To: Donald Goen
Cc: Jannette Dudley
Subject: Re: [External Email]View shed complaint from our neighbor

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Good afternoon,

I have been asked to respond to a point that was mentioned in a zoning appeal filed by Charlene Brown and Kenneth Wooten. The point involves potential negative effects to the viewshed from the proposed zoning change in respect to fire. The property in question is outside of the Cibola National Forest Boundary, which borders to the west. In terms of fire viewshed, the area is monitored for fire activity by the Capilla Lookout Tower, which is located on the crest of the Manzano Mountains west of the properties in question. Whatever changes to zoning may happen on the properties will not have any effect on our ability to spot fire starts from the Capilla Lookout.

In reading the appeal, there is also mention of fire egress for neighbors and the public. Because the properties are located outside of National Forest System Lands and do require travel on Forest System Roads to access, that point is outside of my purview or jurisdiction.

Please reach out if you have further questions.

Thank you.

Shawn Martin
District Ranger
Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands



Forest Service
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From: Jannette Dudley <jannette@manzanoretreat.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Martin, Shawn - FS, NM <shawn.a.martin@usda.gov>
Subject: [External Email]View shed complaint from our neighbor

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Peter and Stana Kopczuk
85 Ten Pines Rd
Torreon, NM 87061

June 17, 2025
Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

In regards to the Special Use Permit Extension on the Pippin House:

Pete and I as well as our family have lived on Ten Pines Rd W since 1995 and we want to see the family at Manzano Mountain Retreat (MMR) succeed in living at their beautiful camp and ranch home as a neighbor and as their business grows. They have contributed to the community by coordinating with the local fire departments to respond to active fires, are developing a ranch with their cattle and horses, and making it a home for their family.

We had some concerns regarding the special use permit for the Pippin House prior to attending the planning and zoning board meeting we attended in early May. Our concerns were addressed at the board meeting and we request the special use permit extension on the Pippin House remains in approval status made by the planning and zoning board.

We do appreciate the work the family has been doing to continually improve management of their camp, farm and orchard in collaboration with our community.

We also appreciate the county resurfacing our road. However, I do hope the county will monitor traffic on the road as the camp grows in their ventures.

Thank you,

Peter and Stana Kopczuk
85 Ten Pines Rd. W
Torreon, NM 87061

Deer County commissioners.

My name is Scott Garrett; my wife and I own the Manzano Mountain Retreat, Mr. Prior to the Dudley's the business which purchased the Darnell property in 1998 was New Mexico. Sports and Wellness of business. I ran and was a partner. Plan.

We purchased a retreat which was called Applewood Camp from the Darnell family. Prior to our purchase, we looked at their business plan, which was operated as a typical residential camp, renting it to church groups, schools, adult business groups, picnics and weddings. All these activities are done by most residential camp facilities, including Inlow, Sufi Mountaineer, Assembly of God, along with most other camps in the state and nation. American camping association.

During our due diligence, we noticed while the building dining hall dorms were fully constructed and permeated our attorney's notice that they have not received the proper zoning permit we required as a condition of purchase that the Darnell's need to get proper zoning for such complex the Darnell's using their business plan proceeded to get approved zoning letters and notices. Or sent out and a hearing was set. I can't remember whether it was a zoning hearing or a full Commission. Thing. But approval was granted. It was confirmed that it could be transferred to my business should we complete the purchase. I believe that is why the permit stated sports and Wellness camp because sports and Wellness would be the new owners until it was renamed. The keyword is camp defined by Collins Dictionary "A camp is a collection of huts and other buildings that is provided for a particular group of people, such as refugees, prisoners or soldiers as a place to live or stay". Inlow camp is a camp and not subject to only doing Inlow activities, whatever that is.

Upon getting the property correctly zoned, we purchased a facility from the Darnell's and immediately over the next three years invested over \$1,000,000 in improvements, indoor basketball, gym, Olympic, outdoor and competitive swimming pool with restrooms and changing rooms soccer field. Course and more.

During the first year of operation, we served many groups, several church overnight groups and a train picnic where Randy Simmons made his future wife, Kim. I think diabetes camp came only to be followed in the next years by cancer Camp MDA autism along with Rotary Youth leadership camp and a slew of others. We did big events such as when Albuquerque Underground brought 400 plus staff for a day picnic. We did Estancia High school and almost all the private schools from multiple nights.

In 25 years, we served the Torrance Community, Albuquerque, Los Lunas and the State, very well. Hundreds of youths and adult camps, picnics and technics, and yes, weddings. Weddings for residential camps is an important element because most youth camps and special needs camps are tight on money. Weddings allowed us to use to those

excess. Weddings allowed us to use those excess proceeds to reduce the cost of youth camps.

Apples: the Apple Festival brings people to experience the beautiful Manzano Mountain area. The Dudley's have done a magnificent job developing their apple business. Manzano Mountains was where some of the first apples in America were planted, originally by the Spanish in the early 1600s. We should celebrate that fact and the Apple Festival does that.

Roads: When we knew, we were going to increase the traffic to the Retreat we met with County and provided over \$70,000 to help Chip seal the road. As a tax producing business, we provided the State and our County with annual revenue from property tax and gross receipts tax. Yes, the kind maintains the road to a private business, but I think the taxes which the business pays covers their repair and maintenance of the road. When I operated MMR, our annual tax to the government was in excess of \$xxxxxx annually.

Affecting value: I'm not sure about whether the existence of a business hurts or helps the value of the properties around you. Eight years after our zoning was granted, our neighbor, Mr. Boughton, requested and received zoning change from agricultural to special use permit for a similar retreat or RV park. He sales brochure on his 350 acres of land says that the property can be a Camp or Retreat. I'm sure he feels having the ability to sell his land with such zoning is an advantage. In that his land directly joins the Brown/Wootton there will be another possible problem in the future.

Other: It seems a lot of the arguments that the Plaintiff addresses our possible code violations with has very little to do with the property zoning, the proper zoning, and can be addressed elsewhere.

The zoning for a "Camp" was granted to Mr. Darnell in 1998 with no opposition and for 25 years it was operated without a lot of complaints. What happened? 1998 was the proper time to complain and submit an appeal. What happened?

I'm sorry that some people are unhappy, but it seems most are OK with the Retreat and if they are happy because they happen to work for the retreat, isn't that a good thing?

Sincerely, Scott Garrett.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Since it's an appeal, I should give the appellant 3 minutes rebuttal since they have the burden of persuasion.

Charlene Brown: Yes, I would like to address the point that the Dudley's brought up about us, for not being able to purchase the Apple Ranch. Scott had been really pushing us to purchase that property and he provided us with an appraisal, that we reviewed and

realized that he was asking way too much money for what was there. That's why we elected not to purchase the property. The other thing about Mr. Gemmer, I know you presented some facts about law and stuff. I don't know if you're a lawyer, but I don't think those have an application here. Maybe the lawyer can talk about that, I don't know. This is not about the great things that they do. Which is wonderful. It has to do with the permit and what is being allowed to do. They have had events and weddings in the past. But I can guarantee if this is approved, they're going to want to have a wedding every night. If they could, with amplified music and noise, and we don't want that in our community.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: Chair, Commissioner. If you all don't have any questions for the applicant or the appellant. You can close the floor.

Chairman Schwebach: Let close the floor. That concludes the Public Comments on that. I agree this is not a popularity contest. This has absolutely nothing to do with people coming in here, patting each other on the back. With that being said. I appreciate it when residents come out to show how good a business is. The facts show that this business was operating under our zoning, clearly. We can't control traffic on the roads. We can set speed limit signs, we can patrol it, but it's up to the individual. It doesn't matter where they're going, whether it's going to a business or anywhere else. It's up to the individual and how they conduct themselves. That's not the only road that we have drunks and speeders in this County, so that's a non-issue to me. The fact that Manzano Mountain Retreat is doing a good job with their business and looking to expand it and not really change, and correct me if I'm wrong, not change their special use permit. Simply making sure it's on the up and up.

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: That is agreed. Through business development, there is more activity than there have been at times in the past. That's what businesspeople do.

Chairman Schwebach: When you take all of the opinions out of this? The fact of the matter is they haven't changed what they've done. They have simply attracted more business. Which is good. Part of the County is on business, as far as the road is concerned. It is to make sure it facilitates businesses. That is part of what infrastructure does. That's what we're looking at in the entire County. To me, this is honestly a non-issue. I'll make a motion to uphold P&Z's decision to keep the permit.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to uphold P&Z's decision to keep the permit.

Commissioner Jaramillo: After reading all this that I was in my packet, I read the whole thing. I have total faith in Don Goen as our P&Z Coordinator, and I rely on his expertise in all of this. We don't have that much economic development, especially in the mountain areas. So economic development, this is a big issue in Torrance County, especially my District, District 3. I am concerned about safety, and the road going up there. If we can help in any way as a County to make sure it is safer.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to go back into regular session.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Enter back into regular session at 11:02AM

12. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/ AMENDEMENT TO COUNTY CODE- NONE**

13. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

A. FINANCE: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2025-25 A Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustments to the FY2024-2025 Budget.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: Most of these budget adjustments are going to be to our revenue line items and our special funds. It's just required cleanup for end of year, so we avoid any audit findings as far as budgeted revenues, there were two items that were expenditures, one being the Estancia Valley Solid Waste, one being the fire stipends, and one before the law enforcement retention bonuses.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, these are adjustments after the fact after we approve the interim budget?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: Most of this is the revenue that we received above and beyond what we budgeted for.

Commissioner Jaramillo: This is the actual numbers before the final budget. That's why the adjustment is here.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: That is right for our current FY25 budget, so these are necessary so we can closeout FY25.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 A Resolution Authorizing Budget Adjustments to the FY2024-2025 Budget.

Commissioner Jaramillo: The only reason why I ask this is because of our discussion about the money for the Clerk's books that wasn't rolled over because of some misunderstanding. Is there any way to add that to this budget.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: No Ma'am, this for FY25.

Chairman Schwebach: To address that question. We are going to roll that over.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We are going to try to request that from DFA.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Is that in the process right now, asking DFA to roll that over?

Chairman Schwebach: Correct, and that'll be in next year's budget.

Commissioner Jaramillo: For the Clerk's budget and rolling it over. When will it be decided?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We will be coming back before you in July.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

B. FIRE: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2025-26 A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2025-14 Removing a Declaration of a Fire Danger Emergency and Burning Restrictions.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: We'd like to remove the burn ban that was in place for the holidays that are coming up with all the weather we've gotten. We're kind of stepping in line with what the Sandia, Mountainair Ranger districts have done. They've reduced to stage 1 restrictions, so we'd like to do it, keep a close eye on it. See where we go after all this rain? I think we're good to do it now.

Chairman Schwebach: Just for clarity, what does it mean when this ban is removed? What is the ordinance for burning like when we get through? Does that mean anybody can burn anything on their property at any time? What does that mean?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Usually, it's a two-by-two pile. They've got to be in some type of fireplace, some type of open flames. We can break it into the stage restrictions where we use only propane or some type of accelerant. But this would just be allowing people to burn and specifically trying to get people to be able to go out.

Chairman Schwebach: Is there a lot of ranchers, farmers who burn at their site house and they want to burn with or without this ban in place, who do they need to contact? The fire department and ask, "Can I burn it."

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Yes, they just contact the dispatch center and inform them when there's open burn day and not and as we expand, we'd like to actually put an automated burn line that someone can call every day. Can I burn now? Can I not burn now?

Chairman Schwebach: That would be good, because I mean that is something a lot of people are talking to me about.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-26- A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2025-14 Removing a Declaration of a Fire Danger Emergency and Burning Restrictions.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. APPROVALS/ACTION ITEM

A. MANAGER/FIRE: Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Torrance County and the Professional Firefighters of Torrance County, Local 5441.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, this is the First Amendment to the contract between Torrance County and the Torrance County Fire Union. The initial agreement was reached on March 12th, we had set up the agreement in a way where economic openers, contract negotiations would occur starting at the end of February. So, any changes could be incorporated. As part of

the budget process and so with this contract amendment, it really serves 3 purposes. One, it implements a longevity pay scale for bargaining member units. That would be Firefighter EMT's, Basic EMT, Intermediates, Paramedics and Lieutenant Paramedics. With the longevity pay scale there would be 4 steps associated for the 1st 10 years of employment. Within those marks three years, four years they would get an incremental increase, and the intention of that is longevity. I'm currently working with our staff; we only have one employee who is not on Step 1. So, one thing in terms of talking to the bargaining unit as well as the Fire Chief retention is significant. In alignment with that, it changes the PERA rate plan for the Fire Department from a Municipal plan to a Fire Plan 3. You know that is very significant for our current employees, but also very beneficial to the department in regard to recruitment. They would be adding most of the time, five years to their retirement by coming to work here and whether it was a position such as the Chiefs level or a regular Firefighter, that is certainly a concern of people who are interested in coming to Torrance County. So, this will move them to the Fire plan, which would shorten the retirement window in alignment with most of the other is. And lastly, this agreement would amend the leave accrual rates for the Fire Department. Currently, Firefighters are accruing leave at a rate conducive to an Administrative Employee working 40 hours a week, generally speaking under a fire schedule, they work about 20% more hours than an Administrative Employee, so the accrual rate schedule was adjusted to account for that 20%, so they accrue leave out of 20% higher rate because they're working 20% more hours per pay period. And those are the changes proposed today.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I didn't know that you could opt out of being in the Union. What happens to those people that aren't in the Union?

County Attorney Maike Garcia: It kind of depends on which question you're asking, which part of it, but they're all still under the same PERA plan.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Torrance County and the Professional Firefighters of Torrance County, Local 5441.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. DWI: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the Local DWI Grant Program for FY26.

DWI Program Coordinator Myra Luna: We are requesting approval of the memorandum between Torrance County and New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the DWI grant for fiscal year 2026.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for the Local DWI Grant Program for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. DWI: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Torrance County and the Town of Estancia Police Department Under the Torrance County DWI Program to Work Towards Reducing the Number of Alcohol-Involved Crashes in the Town of Estancia for FY26.

DWI Program Coordinator Myra Luna: I'm requesting approval of the memorandum with the Town of Estancia for the DWI program.

Chairman Schwebach: I would like a little more explanation on this.

County Manager Jordan Barela: This MOU would allocate overtime money through the DWI program for DWI related activities in the Town of Estancia. Pursuant to the MOU, they're not to exceed \$1,500. We generally execute those to the municipal law enforcement agencies to increase the program parameters within the County.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, the Town of Estancia doesn't cover nights, right? Would the Sheriff's Department be covering issues after what time?

County Manager Jordan Barela: For the exact hours, I think it is 10:00 PM. The Sheriff's Department is currently handling emergency calls for services in the Town when Estancia PD is not available, which is after 10:00 PM. This would be specific to overtime hours. For example, outside of the regular working hours for law enforcement officers in the Town of Estancia. If they wanted to come in on a weekend night at 10:00 PM to midnight to execute DWI saturation patrol, things along those lines, they could charge the DWI program not to exceed \$1500 through the fiscal year.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and the Town of Estancia Police Department Under the Torrance County DWI Program to Work Towards Reducing the Number of Alcohol-Involved Crashes in the Town of Estancia for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. DWI: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Torrance County and the City of Moriarty Police Department Under the Torrance County DWI Program to Work Towards Reducing the Number of Alcohol-Involved Crashes in the City of Moriarty for FY26.

Chairman Schwebach: Same thing, different city.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and the Town of Estancia Police Department Under the Torrance County DWI Program to Work Towards Reducing the Number of Alcohol-Involved Crashes in the Town of Estancia for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. DWI: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Waves Behavioral Health to Provide Counseling and Comprehensive Community Support Services for Uninsured Individuals Referred by the Misdemeanor Compliance Officer for FY26.

Chairman Schwebach: explain this one to me.

County Manager Jordan Barela: This is for people that have behavioral health issues, substance abuse issues. We have a couple of MOUs in place with service providers in the Albuquerque area. Through Misdemeanor Compliance and the DWI program. This makes resources available where individuals without insurance can be referred to getting those substance abuse or behavioral health services. It's a direct referral made through the program, and we formed these MOUs because we don't have a local service provider. Waves is one of those organizations that we've been referring individuals to for these types of services for some time.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Do they have to go to Albuquerque to do this?

DWI Program Coordinator Myra Luna: No, they go to Edgewood. If they have a conviction, they have to do an assessment. They are able to do those assessments there. Pinwheels can do it over zoom.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Waves Behavioral Health to Provide Counseling and Comprehensive Community Support Services for Uninsured Individuals Referred by the Misdemeanor Compliance Officer for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. DWI: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Pinwheel Healing Center, LLC to Provide Substance Abuse Treatment Services to Uninsured Individuals Referred by the Torrance County Misdemeanor Compliance Officer for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: This is the same thing as the other. They can get counseling in Edgewood also

DWI Program Coordinator Myra Luna: No, they are located in Rio Rancho, but they are able to do it over video or zoom.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Pinwheel Healing Center, LLC to Provide Substance Abuse Treatment Services to Uninsured Individuals Referred by the Torrance County Misdemeanor Compliance Officer for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. DWI: Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement Between Torrance County and Gilbert Adrian Ortiz to Provide Services as the Teen Court Coordinator/Prevention Specialist, Extending the Term Through FY26 and Increasing the Total Maximum Compensation by \$48,000.00 (RFP #24-25-001).

DWI Coordinator Myra Luna: I am requesting that this item be tabled for now, because DFA wants a specific language and we're working on that right now.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to defer Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement Between Torrance County and Gilbert Adrian Ortiz to Provide Services as the Teen Court Coordinator/Prevention Specialist, Extending the Term Through FY26 and Increasing the Total Maximum Compensation by \$48,000.00 (RFP #24- 25-001).

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

H. PROCUREMENT: Recommendation of Award and Request of Approval of a Contract Between Torrance County and Rebecca Armstrong to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Continuum Coordinator (RFP # TC FY25-26-003).

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: I actually have 7 contracts that we are requesting for award. The first one is for the RFP T2526003 to recommend Rebecca Armstrong to provide services as the Juvenile Justice Continuum coordinator.

Chairman Schwebach: How does this all work? Does the committee review potential contractors and makes recommendations?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: Right. So, they have a score sheet, and they would view each individual proposal that has been submitted. They go through the RFP; they match up the proposal with the RFP and then they score it accordingly. The Evaluation Committee then submits each proposal for recommendation or rejection. I do look at the proposals as well before I give them to the Evaluation Committee, just to make sure that the proposals are responsive. If there are any non-responsive proposals. I then reject them on that basis.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Rebecca Armstrong has been doing this before. It's just a continuation of her work.

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: She was selected by the Evaluation Committee.

Chairman Schwebach: Is this an annual contract, and not a multi-year contract?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: It's annually. In order for the contract to be renewed, the Commission would have to provide their approval comes July 1st of 2026.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Recommendation of Award and Request of Approval of a Contract Between Torrance County and Rebecca Armstrong to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Continuum Coordinator (RFP # TC FY25-26-003).

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

County Manager Jordan Barela: If I could speak on Miss Saavedra's comments about the multiple contracts, just so the Commission's aware of how this is broken up on the agenda. There's one item listed per RFP. So, item 14-H and 14I, there was a single award, so those are going to be recommendations for single awards of contracts. Items J&K. There are multiple awards so there are multiple individuals that were requesting approval of contracts to execute those services, and the approval items are broken up based off the RFP, right. So, RFP item, J, there's multiple contracts on there but that was multiple awards based off of a single procurement, which is why it's written the way that it is.

I. PROCUREMENT: Recommendation of Award and Request of Approval of a Contract Between Torrance County and Flame NM, Inc. (Lyndsi Donner) to Provide Services as the Restorative Justice Facilitator (RFP # TC FY25-26-004).

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: The Evaluation Committee is recommending award to Lyndsi Donner with Flame, New Mexico for the restorative justice facility.

Chairman Schwebach: Do we have multiple contractors that apply, or is it just one? And what are we dealing with?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: For RFP Juvenile Justice we actually had two that had submitted proposals one of them was rejected due to lack of experience for the facilitator. We only had one submitted proposal, and the Evaluation Committee recommended it for the boys, we had two for the girls, we had three. For the boys and the girls, we have multiple awards. The evaluation committee chose to award all of them. If we had more than three or four, they could have still chosen to award all of them. But what happens is it has the total budget and that ends up getting divided between each contractor.

Chairman Schwebach: They're not limited to a position they're limited to dollars, correct?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: Correct.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Recommendation of Award and Request of Approval of a Contract Between Torrance County and Flame NM, Inc. (Lyndsi Donner) to Provide Services as the Restorative Justice Facilitator (RFP # TC FY25-26-004).

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. PROCUREMENT: Recommendation of Multiple Award and Request of Approval of: (1) a Contract Between Torrance County and Robert Chavez, and (2) a Contract Between Torrance County and FLAME NM, Inc (Sterling Donner) to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Boys Council Facilitators Pursuant to RFP # TC FY25-26-002.

Chairman Schwebach: These are so we got the coordinator up here, then we got the facilitator now these are the actual boots on the ground in the classroom.

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: Correct.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Recommendation of Multiple Award and Request of Approval of: (1) a Contract Between Torrance County and Robert Chavez, and (2) a Contract Between Torrance County and FLAME NM, Inc (Sterling Donner) to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Boys Council Facilitators Pursuant to RFP # TC FY25-26-002.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

K. PROCUREMENT: Recommendation of Multiple Award and Request of Approval of: (1) a Contract Between Torrance County and Jessica Love, (2) a Contract Between Torrance County and Serena Ortiz, and (3) a Contract Between Torrance County and FLAME NM, Inc (Lyndsi Donner) to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Girls Council Facilitators (RFP # TC FY25-26-001).

Commissioner Jaramillo: Are there two different Categories? Is that why there are different contracts for the same person? Then there's another one here. Why is it split up like that?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: They're separated for different funding; it's completely separate like the scope of work. It's two different jobs. I don't know if I can request this, but under agenda 14K for the Justice Girls Council Facilitator, it's actually Girls Circle Facilitator.

Chairman Schwebach: You telling me that's a misprint?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: Yes.

Chairman Schwebach: Please take note. It is Justice Girls Circle Facilitators. Is that correct?

Chief Procurement Officer Kristen Saavedra: Yes.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Jaramillo: Made a motion to approve Recommendation of Multiple Award and Request of Approval of: (1) a Contract Between Torrance County and Jessica Love, (2) a Contract Between Torrance County and Serena Ortiz, and (3) a Contract Between Torrance County and FLAME NM, Inc (Lyndsi Donner) to Provide Services as the Juvenile Justice Girls Council Facilitators (RFP # TC FY25-26-001).

Chairman Schwebach: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

L. FINANCE: Request Approval of: (1) a Master Equity Lease Agreement Between Torrance County and Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc for Three (3) Fleet Vehicles, Fleet Maintenance, and Other Services; and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Execute the Lease Agreement.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: This is pertaining to the fleet vehicles that we have spoken about during budget cycle. This is for a pickup truck among other

vehicles that we're going to use for the County Administration Building Staff, those will be shared vehicles. We do have on the line, Christine Spears from enterprise if you have any questions regarding the contract specifically on the program. She would be available to answer. This lease agreement would include those three vehicles and maintenance for all County vehicles. And then also there was some additional services to the vehicles, such as key fobs that could show who was driving the vehicle, things like that.

Chairman Schwebach: So, this removes all maintenance on our vehicles. All we have got to do is get it too where?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We need to take all of the vehicles to an authorized dealer. If it's a Ford, take it to the Ford dealer, Chevy, you take it to the Chevy dealer. What they will do is start negotiating discounted pricing for us for maintenance on all of our vehicles. So not just these three that we lease, but all County vehicles. We should have some saved maintenance costs there as part of their program.

Chairman Schwebach: We're looking at a close dealer to limit travel time and all that stuff.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes, as far as I know, Tillery is already in their network, and they are looking at some of the mom-and-pop shops that we do vehicle maintenance with into network as well. The other side of the maintenance component is they actually use that process to complete some data analysis on your vehicles. How old are they? How much are you paying in maintenance cost? What's the value of the vehicle versus the value of maintenance that you're putting? And they redefine those things. You know, if we have a vehicle where we've had \$1,000 repairs and now, we're putting in a \$6,000 transmission and the value of the vehicle is \$3,800. Those are things they start to flag to notify the County of potential processing out of some older and more expensive vehicles.

Christine Spears: I'm sorry. I'm not there in person. But yeah, from the maintenance side of things, those maintenance programs, I mean they really nailed it, but the big thing is the visibility part of it. Right now, the way that you guys are tracking your maintenance, there's not a lot of visibility into how much you're spending on a per unit basis. But those vehicles are going to go to Tillery, for example, to get, let's say they go in for an oil change and the mechanic says, OK, it needs oil change and tires and fluid tops off, and it needs all these maintenance repairs. We have ASC certified techs that are working directly with that shop to negotiate those repairs. So, if it actually doesn't need 2 tires, maybe it only needs 1.

That's another way just to get additional eyes when the vehicles do go in for maintenance and all that maintenance data, whether it's on the leased vehicles with Enterprise or the vehicles that the County currently has. All of that data is going to be pulled directly into that client website. Like Mr. Barela said, you guys will be able to see 2, 3, \$4000 of repairs in the vehicle on 12, maybe it's time that we retire that vehicle. You guys will also have a local account manager who's going to be monitoring that. Again, it's just additional eyes and additional ears monitoring of the vehicles and your spending.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, the different departments will be scheduling how they use these vehicles because it's a shared vehicle, right?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: With three that we're leasing will be a shared vehicle. Ideally, we'll probably do something like the Managers' Office do where they could come in and they could sign up for a vehicle, request the keys they can schedule in advance if they want, they could pop in if it's a last-minute needing and request it. But the manager's Office will probably hold the keys just so that we can ensure everybody has equal access.

Chairman Schwebach: What's the cost of it?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: This was the cost proposal that was proposed in the budget, and then Christine, do you have our quote in front of you?

County Manager Jordan Barela: I believe it is in the ballpark of \$24,000 for next fiscal year. \$24,000 plus or minus a few dollars but \$24,000 was the number on the contract.

Chairman Schwebach: That includes normal wear and tear maintenance.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes, that includes the maintenance services as well as the three new vehicles.

Chairman Schwebach: What kind of mileage are we limited to?

Christine Spears: It's not like a traditional lease where you have mileage penalties or damage, penalties, wear and tears. It's nothing like that. We estimated that you guys are going to go about 10,000 miles a year, but if you go more, that's fine. If you go less, that's fine. We put them all on a five-year hold, but it's an open-ended lease. So, if we look up at Year 3 and you guys are like we're ready to get out of this. Vehicle we can term early or vice versa, we may look up at Year 5 and you're

like we went less miles than we anticipated. Maybe the resale market isn't super strong. So, we can always extend the lease as well.

Chairman Schwebach: This lease is for how long?

Christine Spears: So, we put everything out of a five-year term. So, all three of these initial vehicles are on for 5 years, but it doesn't mean we can't term out early. It doesn't mean we can't extend out, that's just based off of what your mileage patterns are and what the buy is. We break it down to what the optimal time to hold it is just based off of the current industry, but it's flexible.

Chairman Schwebach: What type of vehicles are we looking at?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We have one pickup truck. We have one SUV that's all-wheel drive and one smaller car.

Christine Spears: For the pickup truck, we have a 2026 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab 4x4, then we have a 2026 Chevy Equinox for that's an all-wheel drive mid-size SUV and then we have a 2026 Chevy Trax that's more like small compact SUVs. That's a front wheel drive.

Chairman Schwebach: You'll put labels on them and all that stuff.

Christine Spears: Absolutely.

County Manager Jordan Barela: We did ask a number of questions related to that, Mr. Chairman and not part of this lease agreement, but even things such as Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles can be incorporated as part of this lease agreement moving forward. So, it is pretty wide expanding in terms of what modifications you can make to a vehicle, what decals you can put on them and still incorporate them as part of the lease.

Chairman Schwebach: I think I'm good with it.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We also want to mention that this is an open-ended equity lease, and Christine can explain that a little bit more, but we do get equity back at the end of this term. So, whatever the resale value of the vehicle is, we get that equity back to either apply it to a new vehicle that we would like to lease or to get it returned to the County.

Christine Spears: I just want to touch base on the equity part of it. The big part is we want to help you guys find the optimal time to replace your vehicles. When we're replacing them, that's why we put it on a five-year hold, because that is the optimal time. As for all of that equity, we're going to sell these vehicles on your behalf and all of that equity, like Misty said, is going to get funded. Either into a new vehicle or you guys can take it and put it back in your general fund.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve (1) a Master Equity Lease Agreement Between Torrance County and Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc for Three (3) Fleet Vehicles, Fleet Maintenance, and Other Services; and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Execute the Lease Agreement.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

M. FIRE: Request Approval of an Unauthorized Purchase in the Amount of \$803.96 to AutoZone for Vehicle Batteries Used for Two (2) Chevy Tahoe's.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: This was kind of a mix up on our end, ultimately my problem. I didn't realize that batteries are going to cost \$800 bucks. We had an open PO at AutoZone, but our limit is \$500.00. So, we needed 2 batteries for each Tahoe, that's why it exceeded that \$500 mark. We understand what needs to be done with that now. I had no idea there were two batteries that are needed in each Tahoe.

Chairman Schwebach: So, it's a 2-battery system.

County Manager Jordan Barela: These two are not new vehicles to the County, but new vehicles to the Fire Department. They were transferred from the Sheriff's Office to the Fire Department and the Fire Departments trying to find a way to deploy them on the EMS side.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Unauthorized Purchase in the Amount of \$803.96 to AutoZone for Vehicle Batteries Used for Two (2) Chevy Tahoe's.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

N. MANAGER/EVSWA: Request Review and Potential Approval of Amendment No. 5 to the Lease Agreement Between Torrance County and the Tajique Land Grant for Property Associated with the Tajique Transfer Station, Extending the Term Through June 30, 2026, and Increasing Monthly Rental Payments by One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Per Month.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Our current lease agreement with the property where the Tajique transfer station is currently located, is set to expire at the end of this month. Amendment #5 indicates there's already been four amendments to this lease agreement, each one which has extended the term of the lease to an additional year. The property is actually owned by the Tajique Land Grant, so that would be the landlord. Pursuant to the lease, they have provided us with a proposed amendment which would increase the monthly rental payments on the property from \$300.00 per month to \$400.00 per month as it relates to the transfer station itself, Director Cabber with Solid Waste is here and I believe somebody from the Land Grant is here as well.

Chairman Schwebach: I actually have some questions about this.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: I'm from the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority. Can you give me that question again?

Chairman Schwebach: Are we renewing the lease on the same property? Are we talking about moving it to a different property?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: I went with the manager, Jordan. We went out to look at properties. We're OK with where it's located. I think the newer property is going to be a little bit more if I'm not mistaken. That's going to be more acreage that we don't really need.

Chairman Schwebach: We don't have to worry about moving equipment. So, we're looking at a one-year lease, how long do we have this lease?

County Manager Jordan Barela: I'm imagining a minimum of five years that we've had it. With the annual renewals it could have been longer if we entered into a whole new lease.

Chairman Schwebach: So, we're just leasing land to put our equipment on there. Is that correct? It's all Solid Waste, not Torrance County.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: Correct.

Commissioner Jaramillo: And this is just for one year. Are they willing to go another year after this, or are they wanting us to move?

County Manager Jordan Barela: So as proposed, it's the initial year, and generally with the lease terms, we will do annual extensions and it's really a two-way street. The Land Grant may have other opportunities in terms of what they want to do with the property, and the County and Solid Waste may find another location. Which is why my suggestion would be not to necessarily lock in a long-term lease. It is common practice to do annual renewal on these leases to make sure that everybody's still comfortable with the location and the terms of the agreement.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I got a call on this, and I think they're thinking that they want to move this, after this year's contract. So where is this other property that you're thinking you might move it?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: We went and take a look at Tecolote Loop area which is still owned by the Tajique Land Grant. It's four acres, if we do decide to occupy 2 acres of it. However, that's quite a bit.

Chairman Schwebach: How much acreage is the property in the Northern?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: I want to say about two acres, one maybe.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Is there any way of splitting those four acres in that area.

Chairman Schwebach: It's not our decision. It's up to the Land Grant because it's all Land Grant property.

Chairman Schwebach: Did they give us an offer. On the other property.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Mr. Chair, we did not get a formal offer, but there were some initial discussions, as we were discussing this lease and knowing that this is the second busiest transfer station as far as traffic. The Land Grant did say they purchased a new parcel right outside of town on Tecolote Loop, and it was about four acres and the potential there to divide that. Which is why Director Cabber, and I went out there just to take a look, to see what the property was like, and to see if it would work better for the operations of the Solid Waste Authority. But the price side of that hasn't been discussed. There were some discussions about the potential to lease an acre or two acres of that particular parcel.

Chairman Schwebach: So, we didn't go and have negotiations?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes, it was just looking at the property. We wanted to see if it met the needs of the Solid Waste Authority, or if there were some provisions, grading trees, things that were a little bit prohibited, even just the location of it, to make sure that it was adequate for their services.

Chairman Schwebach: That's a conversation to have possibly within this year.

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: I finally figured out zoom. This is Andrew Gutierrez Land Grant President. I've kind of heard your discussions in and out while I was figuring it out, but I'll answer any questions if needed.

Chairman Schwebach: I'm glad you're on air now. Do we lease all of all of the stations? Does Torrance County or is it kind of a hodgepodge between Solid Waste either owning property or leasing the property?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: Yes, you guys' own certain properties that we utilized.

Chairman Schwebach: What property are the County leasing on behalf of Solid Waste?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: The only property you guys are leasing on behalf of us is Tajique. because we pay directly for our station. We pay directly for our northern station and then we of course on central and then we own the one in Duran. Then you guys' own Indian Hills and Hills and Valleys that we have our stations on.

Chairman Schwebach: Andrew, this is a question for you because I know this has come up in the past because this is the one right by the Community Center, correct?

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: Yes sir.

Chairman Schwebach: Because of the traffic and everything else, do you think at a different location would benefit you or are you guys thinking that the other location would be good?

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: Three years ago, we did a three-year extension hoping that the location would be changed. In our efforts to change location, we've purchased 4 acres. We fenced it and we put what we've kind of established a road going in there. Gravel with base course foundation to kind of start the process. We've invested about \$50,000 into that property. Designating whether the County or Solid Waste would want to get into a lease agreement, proposing that the property would be for a potential lease to the Solid Waste Authority or to Torrance County to move that transfer station. In good faith, the Land Grant has allocated that land for that purpose, unless the County or Solid Waste says we're not interested, then we'll move on with that property on doing something else.

Chairman Schwebach: Has that been proposed to the County?

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: When we purchased that property after closing, I got hold of the previous County Manager, Mrs. Barela, and I let her know that the Land Grant has made on purchasing and we're allocating that land. Since then she's left. I don't know where the conversations have gone from when she's left and transitioned to. So here we are today.

Chairman Schwebach: So, Andrew, we have no idea what it would cost. What you guys are proposing or anything on that other land.

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: No, and we're not going to know. Our intention isn't to force the County into an agreement if they don't want to, if they don't need all four acres cool, they don't need all four acres. If they need an acre, we'll lease an acre. If they need a half-acre 2 acres. If they need all four, that's up for negotiations. The Land Grant knows the importance of having the transfer station in the area. The Land Grant doesn't want neither does the County want the trash all over the area, down dirt roads and stuff. We are up for negotiations with the County, if they're interested in that, or Solid Waste. Whoever would be interested in leasing that property. It would be for a long-term lease. Just from a business standpoint, I know the investment that it would cost to move that. So, a short-term lease wouldn't

be fair to whoever leases it, it would be fair market and a long-term lease for the return on the investment would be fair for both parties. So just kind of letting you guys know where we're at, and if the County finds property elsewhere then we're good with that.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, Andrew, what are your feelings about where it's at?

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: It's right behind our Community Center and we've been trying to get that thing moved for the past three to five years. We've talked about it, it comes up for renegotiations on the lease. There's some traction on it, and then all of a sudden it goes to the waste side and there's no traction on it and here we are again.

Chairman Schwebach: Andrew let's just settle this now. One, we need to move forward with this lease, and I'm looking at this good faith effort to relocate. I'm assuming we can terminate this lease at any time. Is that correct?

Land Grant President Andrew Gutierrez: Yes, it's termination at any time for both parties. That's why we didn't change any of that language.

Chairman Schwebach: Upon approval of this, I want to go into direct negotiations with the Land Grant and solve this once and for all. In the meantime. I want this on the next agenda for Solid Waste to discuss this.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: OK

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Request Review and Potential Approval of Amendment No. 5 to the Lease Agreement Between Torrance County and the Tajique Land Grant for Property Associated with the Tajique Transfer Station, Extending the Term Through June 30, 2026, and Increasing Monthly Rental Payments by One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Per Month.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

O. GRANTS: Request Review and Potential Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Valencia Shelter Services for Domestic Violence Services in Torrance County for FY26.

County Grants Administrator Luke Fields: I want to take care of some housekeeping business. With us in the audience and my replacement for the Grants Department, Jody Cornwall. She comes to us from the USDA of Mountainair. She was on the other side of the wall at the Clunch Pinto. Actually, she visited with Commissioner Jaramillo when she was looking at a reduction in force over there, and Commissioner Jaramillo, who invited her over to the County, so that's how we got her. She's an excellent asset to the County. In addition to that, we have some legends in the audience. Amanda Lujan is my predecessor, and County Management as well. I'm very happy she's here today because I really don't know a ton about Valencia Shelter Services, so I'll be referring to her. This is one of our grants that we contract out to Valencia Shelter Services and this is a renewable agreement. This agreement has been in place for three years. I will stand for questions. If you have any questions.

VSS operation director Amanda Lujan: I'm Amanda Lujan, former Grants Administrator. I would like to introduce our Executive director, Stephanie Wood, our deputy Director. Catalina Nunez and our Torrance County Advocate Sydney Olivas

VSS Deputy Director Catalina Nunez: Good afternoon, everybody. I want to start off with just some of the numbers that we've had for the past year here for Torrance County residents. We were able to service 98 clients with 826 home services. Out of those services, we were able to see 14 clients in our Child Advocacy Center, which three of those were forensic interviews for children who were disclosing any type of abuse. Through our legal advocacy, we seen 19 clients with 33 contacts. Crisis intervention with 40 clients with 56 contacts. We waited to see four clients for 13 sessions of counseling. More advocacy that we did besides the legal advocacy would be on 90 clients with 305 sessions that we did contact for them. For our family peace initiative program that is also called the battery intervention program, we have 8 clients with 133 group sessions for them. We had 10 clients in our emergency shelter. One of those clients moved on to permanent housing, who is currently housed for the next two years through our housing program. We were able to do 1 domestic violence medical examination for a Torrance client. And were able to provide 23 transportation services for Torrance County clients. Out of those clients served, we were able to get clients from Edgewood, Estancia, Encino, McIntosh, Moriarty, Mountainair, and Torreon.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Thank you, Catalina, for giving us a overview of what services look like over the years. And I do want to stand for any questions or comments for us today.

Chairman Schwebach: What's the bag for?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: The bag is what we call our crisis intervention response bag. Those are usually in the back of a law enforcement vehicle, and when they respond to domestic violence calls, they provide the victim with that information. It's intended to look somewhat like trash. It's a separate effort to have safety for the victims so it wouldn't be very outstanding wouldn't be really noticeable for maybe somebody who's perpetrating violence so that they could seek support and it wouldn't cause any safety for them. That's why they're intended to look a little bit like normal everyday items so you wouldn't see it coming.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, it's the victim that would be in the car with this.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Law enforcement usually responds, and the law enforcement is the one that provide the victim with that information.

Chairman Schwebach: I guess we'll just cut to the chase. We've made improvements in communication here within Torrance County, and actually having an individual here from Torrance County. It was 4 or 6 months ago that the Commission questioned a lot of this MOU. I'll sit here and say I've seen improvements. And I think the most important thing is that the public needs to know is that after talking to officers, this program is working. Can it be improved? Absolutely everyone can. I'm glad you brought this documentation. I look forward to having more of this, more of an understanding and I want to see the training with our law enforcement. Possibly our paramedics. I don't know, that's a question that needs to be asked by our Chief because nine times out of 10. Those are the individuals that they see first-hand, and I think it's crucial that they have the training, the understanding what we're about with having an individual here in the County that's on call that is available. That'll help me quite a bit.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: I totally understand. Yes, we did talk a little bit about training for first responders on that. We were able to facilitate an emergency response training for Torrance County, and we did have some members of Estancia come to our training and we provided what does VSS do. How does that look? How does it respond? What services do we offer? What is it like really walking them through the other side of what the victim's response truly does look like in hopes that they'll understand that we're a part of their tool belt here that they

get to use and deploy whenever they find someone that they really want it to be for, and how that looks. That was a really successful training that we put on, definitely looking forward to having more participation and. I would say that the first one was successful.

Commissioner Jaramillo: When an incident happens and a police officer is called to the scene, and a person is hurt. Do you come that night whenever it happens, are you there? Do they call you and you come and help the victim?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: No, they'll call our hot line, the 24-hour access to hotline. We worked through a safety assessment immediately to try to figure out, does this person need the emergency shelter? How does that look? Would that be a hotel stay here? What kind of services do they want? Because sometimes when they call law enforcement, they really just want the abuse to stop at that moment. And so sometimes they're not ready to really be done with that relationship. It's more of an educational safety planning with them. Just the response of leaving and making sure that they know how to access services when they are ready.

Chairman Schwebach: I have a question about that. So, in incidents happening they get this. 9 times out of 10, later the victim thinks about it. That's when they make the phone call. How do you answer the phone? What do you say when you answer that phone.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: First off, because we get the lethality assessment completed, we have a separate team that will call them 24 hours after the incident, so our hope is that they don't have to call us. Our hope is that we are the first to reach out, we're following up 24 hours after we get the call.

Chairman Schwebach: OK, my question was when they make that call, how do you answer the phone? What do you say?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: This is VSS, how can we help you. Because you don't know if it's a law enforcement person. We don't know if it's an offender yet, and so we're trying to gauge kind of what the situation is under, so we can respond. That's the hotline.

Chairman Schwebach: I've heard from some of the constituents that they don't make phone calls in the first place. Now they're sitting here. Did I call the right person? Is this who's going to help me? I'm just kind of curious if Torrance County

residents decide no this is the right one, and they never call back. Do you have any idea if that happens?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: No.

Commissioner Jaramillo: In the contract, it says you're here three days a week. Do you come to Torrance County three times a week?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: We have a staff member here and if it's for whatever reason we need to deploy some of the Valencia office staff, we can deploy them to the office that we have here. So, we don't have to travel much.

Commissioner Jaramillo: You have an office here? Three days. Where is it Located?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: If you look at that report, there's a couple of pictures for you to look at. That office currently looks like that right now. You can see the kind of welcoming environment that we're trying to create. We want it to look like you're coming over to somebody's house because it's very New Mexican culture in that way, trying to limit a lot of barriers and making sure that they feel comfortable and they can talk to us because it's really intimate. It's down the street at the old Hope Medical.

Commissioner Jaramillo: You come three days a week and then you schedule a time to come and see you or do you have an ongoing clientele that comes for counseling?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: They could come for support with resources. They could come because they want assistance with preparing for their order protection hearings. They could come because they need help filling out applications for school. We don't limit what they need support because the point is we're really trying to wrap them and individualize their case. So that whatever it is that they need help with, whatever they're identifying the readiness is. That's where we take our initiative to really try to intervene so that we don't have this cycle continue to happen.

Commissioner Jaramillo: What are the hours of operation?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: 9-5, three days a week.

Commissioner Jaramillo: What are the days?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Tuesday through Friday.

Chairman Schwebach: So, that's four days a week. I thought you said three days a week.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: In the contract, we say three days a week, but we are trying. To do 4 days.

Chairman Schwebach: So, in the contract it is three days a week minimum, I understand now.

Commissioner Jaramillo: How many people are taking advantage of your services right now? Are they coming regularly to you, and is it showing success? Are the numbers dropping?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Yes, the report will show you the number of services that we've provided. When we attached the numbers in that way, it's hard because right now we're trying to just support what has been a need for a really long time. We anticipate that the numbers will go higher before they can go down. We're opening the doors to them understanding, then it will start coming through word of mouth. Say this place really helped me. They'll be able to help you. And they're very similar. Track to what we've seen in other communities.

Commissioner Jaramillo: The secret is for the person who's being victimized is to leave the situation totally unknown.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: It depends, really on each individual situation. It depends on what they want out of it. It depends on where they want to go. Sometimes it's not so simple. Sometimes there's children involved, sometimes there's Court related visitation that they have to share. So, it's all about what's going on in this person's mind and trying to think about how we can employ safety mechanisms. So, if you do have to exchange your child with this other party, are we doing it in public places so that we know that we're safe? Do you have 911 ability to where you know you have a phone? Do you have access to those things? All about that. Sometimes I think a lot of the clients on that list aren't ready to leave yet, and so we're working with them. I wouldn't say like in secret, but kind of to where they're getting things ready to be able to leave if they want to. A lot of them try to come to us to support the abusive person who is seeking support also. So that's where we have our Family Peace Initiative to offer.

Commissioner Jaramillo: You offer that too, for the one that's abusing?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Yes, we're really just trying to do it in a whole wrap around family picture.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Well, that's good.

Chairman Schwebach: Do you find that the majority of your calls and individuals substance abuse is involved somewhere within the family?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Alcohol usually seems to be the one that we do pick up on a lot, but the newest, and I think all of us in this room have heard this before, is for the last five years in my career. I've been able to see that fentanyl is on the rise more and more and now.

Chairman Schwebach: That's clear across New Mexico, not just here in Torrance County.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: I'm not saying that it is, but those are the two elements that when it comes down to substance use.

Chairman Schwebach: When you're talking about numbers, I have the tendency to agree. You'll see the numbers go up and it will correlate with officer calls, domestic violence calls going up. And then if it's working, those calls will start going down and then your calls will follow up again. I don't think we're at that point yet where even the calls aren't being made to begin with.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, do kids get to come with their moms to this or whoever's being abused?

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Yes, and the other thing that we offer through the Child Advocacy Center is that usually when domestic violence is prosecuted, it's prosecuted by the uniform officer who is the one that's doing the investigation. Not necessarily like a detective. We offer domestic violence child witness interviews for kids to really try to figure out what's happening in that home. If the victim isn't willing to prosecute, and that's trying to get into an evidence-based prosecution. If the victim isn't ready to prosecute and the DA's office decides that they would like to, based on community safety, then we are able to ask those kids what's been going on in your world and get that disclosure on tape for prosecution or law enforcement for the case.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Because they could be abused too.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Yes.

Chairman Schwebach: If we could have an introduction to our individuals, I'd like that and then we'll move on.

VSS County Advocate Sydney Olivas: I am Sydney Olivas, Torrance County Advocate.

Chairman Schwebach: Welcome. Do you live here in the valley also.

VSS Executive Director Stephanie Wood: Thank you. Yes, I live here in Estancia.

Commissioner Jaramillo: How long have you lived here?

VSS County Advocate Sydney Olivas: For almost two years.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Thank you so much. Thank you for all that you do. Thank you all of you.

Action Taken:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to approve Request Review and Potential Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and Valencia Shelter Services for Domestic Violence Services in Torrance County for FY26.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

15. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

B. MANAGER: Discussion Regarding a Potential Agreement Between Torrance County and the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority

County Manager Jordan Barela: We just wanted to have a preliminary discussion with the board regarding the agreement between the County and the

Solid Waste Authority. The agreement has been expired for some time, and we are working on getting another one drafted together. But it did pose a couple of questions and so currently as it stands. We are using a baseline number of estimated operational costs per month and for that please correct me if I misstate this for County collections pursuant to the agreement. The County provides several locations just like the location we approved. If for some reason there's a shortfall in monthly collections, the Solid Waste Authority comes to the County and the County subsidizes the difference specifically for County collections. Some of the discussions we've had regarding how that process is set up moving forward is potentially using a three-year average of the monthly collections as the baseline rate to determine it. Danette and I have also talked about just using actuals. But the one question that came up through that process specifically when we're talking about potential shortfalls for County collections, is the collection that was evaluated was in 2014. My understanding of what the rates are for County collections. One of the questions that I have for the Commission is that. Especially since the County is subsidizing the shortfall of operations and operational costs have gone up for the Solid Waste Authority. Is there any consideration to evaluate by looking at the current rates and perhaps making a change to that as well in alignment with a new agreement with the Solid Waste Authority?

Chairman Schwebach: I'm just giving you an opportunity before I jump in because we know where this is going really quick.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: I did mention to Jordan that the rates haven't been looked at for almost 11 years. I think in the agreement it was talked about how we would do it, if there was any subsidizing. I like to look at actuals like at the end of the fiscal year, what our actuals are. Right now, I am looking at our budget.

You guys aren't in any rears right now as it stands as the 25th of June, we however have payables that are due today. So that number might change a little bit. When I do the budget, I take the last three years, that's what I think the agreement mentioned, the last three years and then we divide that by four, which is the quarters of the year. I don't like the back-and-forth money being transferred back and forth to the County and then to us, if we could just do it in one.

Chairman Schwebach: When referring to the back and forth, you're referring to the collections and in the rears type things.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: The last agreement stated was that. We would collect \$200,000 a quarter and if there was anything over \$200,000 would

give back to the County and if there was anything under \$200,000, we would collect it from you guys.

Chairman Schwebach: I want to stop you right there. Because this is the same thing, we both hit on. This is the same coverage within that contract that has caused pain and grief for how many years now. The Commission is thinking one thing, the reality of the cost is a different thing. Yes, we're a member of the JPA that Solid Waste has. However, the transfer stations are for the County. That's why we have land for the transfer station. We hired Solid Waste to operate those; we hired Solid Waste to take that to the dump. We get a discounted tipping fee. But Moriarty residents Estancia residents, they don't have access to those stations correct. If they have service.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: They have service, they do have access to the stations, if they purchase a tip ticket, yes.

Chairman Schwebach: We need to make all of that clear, I've sat on that board and I feel that this whole contract is not realistic. In my opinion it is confusing because we also hire Solid Waste to get those collections, but they have no say so on what that amount is. What I would like to evolve in this agreement and future contract is that it's real numbers, monthly. In a month's time frame, if you do \$150,000 worth of services based on how many loads you haul, hours of service for our transfer stations and the number of tons of trash that we take, that's what we owe you. If you collect \$200,000, \$150,000 is applied, \$50,000 goes in the coffers to next month. We get squared every month, and we see monthly real time data on all of that. Vice versa, if you did \$250,000 and you only got \$150,000, we get a bill for \$100,000. That's how I want this approach with real time billable. It is our responsibility to change those prices, and this Commission has to see how much we're subsidizing. Where we can go to the public and say this is what it costs to haul trash. Now, I've been on the book side of Solid Waste and you guys have come under attack time and time again on too expensive, this and that. That's not the case. The numbers that are being presented are listed. I would like the County to be able to manage some services. I don't think it's Solid Waste decision to up play or downplay what we do with our transfer stations, that's up to the Commission. I think we just heard we can close that station up there. I don't think that's realistic because it's one of the busiest ones, but that's an example. That is what I envision with this contract moving forward, because I think it would give Solid Waste better management tools to do things that will give the County better management tools. Just like you said. We haven't raised those prices since 2013. We have to look at it and say. Are we going to raise prices for every resident to pay for this service? Are you going to cut back services and run the risk of more dumping? Are we going to

pull some of that PILT money off to subsidize it? We have to have those answers, and I don't see how to do it unless we get monthly real time cost.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: Reducing services probably might not be an option just because we've seen a flux of intake at our land field. We used to be at 120 tons a day and now we're at 200 tons a day.

Chairman Schwebach: Just coming from the transfer stations?

Executive Director Danette Cabber: Just coming to our landfill.

Chairman Schwebach: That doesn't matter. That's what I want to get away from. What the County needs to manage is the transfer stations getting trashed.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: The Tajique station is our second busiest station. It does see a lot of traffic. Northern, of course, is our number one station that gets the most. But just by taking it we have more pools coming out of the stations, making more trips to the landfill and our girls in the office are setting up newer accounts. That tells me that there's more people moving into our County.

Chairman Schwebach: I just feel that the existing template on the original contract does not do anybody service. I think the public needs to know exactly what it's costing, and what they're getting. That's all I'm asking.

County Manager Jordan Barela: We could certainly do that, and we've also had some discussions. I've been doing some data analysis, looking at that time period specific to the rates. There's a number of ways you can go about it. But if you look at it like the cost of living in factor on the rates between 2018 and 2019, I looked at the area median income. It's a little bit difficult because we're part of the Albuquerque statistical areas. So that's not really good. But if you look at the CPI indicator or Social Security that have gone up, they've gone up 30% since 2018 to current. So, there may be a mechanism in place to set a standard where periodically you're looking at those and evaluating it. Or maybe it's just looking at the operational cost and getting it to a point where you're somewhere in the ballpark of getting those two things to balance. What does that look like as a number? I don't have that number today, but that is something that is being worked on.

Chairman Schwebach: The reality is that every bit of trash that goes in there costs more due to inflation. We were foolish to think we shouldn't look at inflation to take care of the trash. It's honestly that simple, those are the discussions. Thank

you for showing up, it's all there. I got to say, Danette runs a pretty tight ship, when we start looking at the numbers, it's accurate.

Executive Director Danette Cabber: I'll be willing to meet with Jordan at any time. I met with the last manager and showed the numbers. I told him I would show him actuals, and we could go over all those as well.

Chairman Schwebach: I want to get it done this time. It seems like this is falling through the cracks for multiple reasons, primarily on our side, on the County side.

County Manager Jordan Barela: We'll continue to work on that, and we will bring some numbers back. Looking at actual operating costs, what are those rates. What would an adjustment look like? So, you will have some hard data to actually evaluate.

A. GRANTS/MANAGER: Presentation on the 2027-2031 Capital Infrastructure Improvements Plan

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Presented the 2027-2031 Capital Infrastructure Improvements Plan (ICIP)

Discussion was made between Chairman Schwebach, Commissioner Jaramillo, County Manager Barela, Deputy County Manager Witt, and Grant Director Fields to prioritize the ICIP list for 2027 through 2031. This is the list that was recommended during the discussion.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: This is a continuation of basically what we've been discussing about the ICIP for about the past month. These are not any updates that we've agreed on in mission meetings or anything like that. This is basically as it was and that's what I want to go through today, are the changes. I also want to go over the new projects. Some of these came from public comment and as Mr. Ariel said. The first one up here is actually from the project they did where they surveyed about 120 Torrance County residents and that was very common. The last time that we met, I didn't go over the 2031 projects, so I'm just going to briefly mention these. The first one under 2031 is a new EMS Building.

The second one is Water Wells with Storage Tanks, storage tanks for use by the Fire and Road department. And this one is located in 3 or 4 optimal locations where it wouldn't be deep to drill and where it would be strategically located for the Fire Departments. New Mexico 41 Rail to Trail, we have an excellent opportunity there. That is a very expensive project.

Chairman Schwebach: Where did that one come from? What is rail to trail? Wasn't there a concept behind that? Somebody didn't just come up with that.

County Manager Jordan Barela: No, that project has been on the ICIP since I've seen it, but the historical context of it, I haven't seen any documentation related to the Rail Trail.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Develop Torrance County Parks and Road. That got put on there because of COVID, we're utilizing the public spaces more frequently. My background in outdoor recreation. I would like to push that forward because as Jordan and I discussed, as much as we want to renovate the park, we really do need to look at the road to the park to make sure that it's successful and people can actually use that piece of property that the County owns. Torreon Well and Water System. That's similar to the Abo Water System, and then also the Duran Water System improvement. But that's pushed up a little bit further, I know that the Fire Station in Torreon does have a catchment system and a storage tank there, so that might need to be updated and modified. Mescalero Reservoir Dam Remediation is a shovel ready project that is basically just removing the dam there to decrease the possibility of catastrophic flooding in case the dam fails, and Mr. Goen is actually an expert on that project. If you have questions. And then finally, Municipal Airport improvements, I wasn't aware that there was an airport here in Estancia. I know that over on Allen Ayers, there's an area that is labeled as an airport. But I don't know too much about it other than that.

Chairman Schwebach: With Municipal I'm assuming we're talking about Moriarty. We have an airport operating there.

County Manager Jordan Barela: It has an airport, it's mostly operated for emergency traffic and stuff like that, with just the Municipal Airport. I imagine that's Moriarty too, but it could be either or.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: It was actually Mountainair Airport, and it actually does get use. That's what this one is for. The improvements that are planning to be made would have to be designed by our engineers to be incorporated in with the existing structure.

Chairman Schwebach: Where did that come from?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: It came from Susan Brazil, Town Clerk in Mountainair.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I know they have a helipad out there.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I do want to go over the new projects as well, like I said, the Behavioral Health Treatment Facility Telehealth, and Mr. Ariel was kind of speaking on that a little bit. That providing behavioral help services may not be a stand-alone structure or clinic. It may be a room with telehealth facilities so that they could speak to a specialist outside of the County. Like we were talking about with Pinwheel where they can do some of that over zoom. Next up here is the Willard Fire Station for us to renovate. Additional TCSO security fence upgrade. We've gone over that with the new building plan. And that's one that's pretty much shovel ready as well. One of the public comments that we got was from an individual who didn't necessarily want to concentrate so much on the new Behavioral Health Facility, but on transportation options for County residents to existing medical and behavioral health providers around the County so they'd be able to access those services.

Next, TC Fairgrounds and RV water hookups came from the County constituent, me, named Luke Fields. This is very similar to what we intend to do at the Mountainair Rodeo grounds. And the Mountainair Rodeo Grounds is a shovel ready project. This one is just an idea because we really are lacking some facilities at the Torrance County Fairgrounds and if we were able to make those improvements, we'd be able to rent out the facility much more frequently and at higher values. In my opinion, that's a project that could eventually pay for itself. Indian Hills Fire station fire suppression system. Scott Cuffey approached me after the initial ICIP meeting and asked me about that because he has mentioned that to the Commission and I felt it was reasonable to put it on. Willard ADA accessible improvement is a request from the Clerk's Office, and very important for us to maintain our voting integrity and make sure that there's equal access to voting. And this final one, Jordan came to me before the meeting. We talked about including it to the ICIP, the Economic Development Plan. But he spoke with the FFA, and it needs to be tied to a project. This was just my knee jerk reaction was that it could easily be placed with turning this building into a business incubator. Though I know we've kind of promised this building.

Chairman Schwebach: There's no promises for this building to anybody.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Not promised, but there are lots of ideas for uses for this building.

County Manager Jordan Barela: The new projects here, these are ideas that came from staff and from the Community. There's no obligation to add them to the ICIP at all, it is up to the Commission to determine whether or not they think that's a good idea and it should be added.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Those were the new projects. The next thing I would like to do, is what I kind of realized and what I was messing with the ICIP process, is that everything that is currently listed in the 2027 column. If it's fully funded or if we're not seeking additional funding that can actually stay in 2026, and it wouldn't go into 2027 through 2031 plan. It would still be listed in the ICIP database, but if it's pretty much funded. The best example that I can give you guys. Is the animal shelter improvements that's been fully funded at \$75,000. We're looking at a regional animal shelter, that's a separate project. This one can probably just be moved off and kept in 2026 because that's what we're going to be doing this year with the improvement of animal shelters. And there's a few others that we could possibly leave in 2026, County Fairgrounds improvements would be one or deprioritized. If we put it into 2026, we're kind of saying we're not seeking additional funding, but since some of that is being funded by loans, if we could get a grant to offset those loans, it might behoove us to actually keep it in 2027 but maybe deprioritizing it. But that's really up to you guys also, the County Manager and I have discussed possibly removing this project for the Road Department. Water collection system for fire suppression, just as a backup if we run out of water from other facilities. There are other similar projects such as putting one into the Fire Department or onto other buildings. If this one got funded, I think we'd be a little disappointed that the money wasn't going somewhere else, because if you look at the actual numbers for the square footage that the Road Department building. Our bang for the buck isn't significant, and so that's my only recommendation as far as moving the project would be this one or we could also push it out to 2031 or 2030 as well. That would be the other option. So, I guess the first question is. What will be pulled out?

County Manager Jordan Barela: I just wanted to provide an update to the Commission. The other project that we discussed at the last go round was the roads assessment. Leonard's County Road improvement, it was a \$17 million request. That included a bunch of different roadways on it. Leonard's suggestion from roads was to identify his highest priority road right now, which was Martinez Road. To get that on there as a specific road. with a specific dollar amount and actually phase that in, that would be 1 1/2 million dollars. But rather than asking for blanket money in the amount of \$17,000,000. Fine tune the scope of that to the highest priority needs of the road department right now.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: We have the new item listed as Judicial Security Fence, we do have money set aside from the County infrastructure. I think that was intended to be their entrance way to the building, their segregated entrance from the Sheriff's Department

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Is there anything you want to pull off of 2027 to create some space because that's kind of a hot topic area.

Chairman Schwebach: TC Fairground improvements. We want to keep it on, but we need to move it down because we're basically fully funded. Don't want to move it until it's completed. The new County Government Offices Admin Building needs to be on top. That's our biggest deal right now. I'm leaning a lot on the conversation Kevin had, strategically speaking to Legislation. Is that water collection system that's kind of general, what is that referring to?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That refers to a 20,000-gallon water tanks, wells and pumps at the McIntosh, and Duran Fire Stations, including water collection capabilities.

Chairman Schwebach: For McIntosh and Duran?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That's what it says.

Commissioner Jaramillo: A well included for them?

Chairman Schwebach: I think we have two separate deals. McIntosh is one project. The fire suppression along with water. When we're talking about the water collection system we are referring to what?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Catching.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Rainwater. You know the Soil and Water Conservation Districts have nice one. They have it on the outside.

Chairman Schwebach: We can apply for that, and I recommend we do that. I'm all about water collection systems. When was the last time you saw a fire pop up in the rainy season. To me that doesn't make any sense to me. We're talking about looking at wells partnering with farmers wells where we have access to high volume of water in a secure location. I think we need to look into that. When you start running with that and have the proper training where we can tap into anywhere from 300 to 1,000 gallons per minute. Now we're talking about real water coverage. Now we don't have a pipeline, but the potential is there. It just has to be identified. I don't know if it's been done anywhere. I think that's something I would like to look into briefly talking with the Chief about. You're not talking about large volumes of

water. You're just talking about a time frame. Are we talking about water collection systems for Duran also.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That one mentioned the Duran Fire Station, we also have this one down here that we can probably remove entirely. That was the opinion of the County Manager. We completed the water tanks, as we said previously. The other issue with that is what feeds their water system. There is 2.5-inch PVC pipe, but that might not necessarily be the County's purview to address that issue.

Chairman Schwebach: As of right now, it's not as far as I am concerned. Are you good with that Linda?

Commissioner Jaramillo: I'm good with that.

Chairman Schwebach: If they want to come back to the table with another plan, then I'm all for it. With the information we have right now, it does not satisfy me.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: What do you want to do with this project?

Chairman Schwebach: On that one, I think we need to bring it in-house and go to the Water Conservation Districts. Because they have cost share programs for that.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: So, should we remove it from the ICIP or deprioritize it or move it for the future?

Chairman Schwebach: Why was it put up there? Was it trying to find ways to get more water?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I think so. I think it was just an effort to address the firefighting response in the County and worst-case scenarios.

Chairman Schwebach: The fire station water production system is that of value to be put up here on the ICIP.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: This is news to me. Melissa asked me about it. I don't know anything about that, no one's told me about it.

Chairman Schwebach: I would leave it on there, but I would encourage us to go to the NRCS and visit them. It's all about conservation, that sort of thing. But if all of a

sudden, we're shoving a bunch of leaves and stuff into their water systems, plugging up their pumps. I don't think they are going to be very happy.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Wherever we can get water would be beneficial for sure.

Chairman Schwebach: We mentioned partnership with the farmers as well.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Absolutely, I think that would be a great idea.

Chairman Schwebach: I would like something worded in there to pursue that to see what it looks like.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: So almost a firefighting water management plan.

Chairman Schwebach: Plan and implementation, I think. When you start looking at ISO, it's about where water is available. We need to take that plan, on how you want to identify it. Then we need the ability to think outside of the box to do it. The common go to is to put up a bigger tank at our fire stations or put in a water system with hydrants. We have that coming to McIntosh, we have fire hydrants here; we have fire hydrants there. Do we have connection points, similar views, and the ability to tap into at any given time?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: I believe we do.

Chairman Schwebach: That's what I see. That's all part of the plan. Then we go outside of here, whether it's Willard, and there's a lot of farm locations in the Euing area, McIntosh, Pumpkin Patch Rd.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Should we deprioritize that or do you still want that at number 2 in 2027?

Chairman Schwebach: Based on our conversations on the collection systems. I want to home in on what we're actually trying to do, because that tells me we just want to put some gutters and tanks in. I would like that to expand to an overall comprehensive planning implementation for fire suppression, water stations within the County. Somewhere along those lines.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Then we'll leave it right where it is. I think I mentioned, I'll pull this one off. This will remain in 2026 that was fully funded.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Which one is that?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That is the Animal Shelter improvements for \$75,000, basically for the Band-Aid for the current location. Next, I know we need more money for it, but the ASK for the P25/700 MHz Public Safety Radio System Upgrade was \$350,000. We have been funded for \$350,000 for FY26. So, just on the surface I would say that this should be pulled off and be kept in 2026. However, we do know that there are additional funds that we need. So maybe this just needs to be modified and maybe even pushed out a little bit. This is funded right now for 2026, but maybe we should put in 2028 as far as additional we're keeping.

Chairman Schwebach: I'll keep that for 2026, and there are additional funds. What do we need the funds for?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Unfortunately, there was a bit of an organizational error in that. The previous Fire Chief wanted to handle his own upgrade himself, and so the funding was not anticipated to cover every element of Torrance County and the fire services. It was basically for the Fire Departments getting their own, and the \$350,000 was just for the 700-system upgrade. But we're also looking at upgrading the consoles at dispatch to interact with the 700-system.

Chairman Schwebach: All of a sudden that's partially funded.

County Manager Jordan Barela: As the result of the estimate put together. The initial estimate covered all County departments, excluding Fire, because at the time Samantha was putting that together and she was told Fire was pursuing their own grants. Those grants never came to fruition, so now if we add in the radios for the fire department, it certainly lifts up the total cost of the project. So underfunded at this point to include everything we need for the Fire Department.

Chairman Schwebach: I'll move that up.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: I think Samantha's estimate for that was about \$250,000.

Chairman Schwebach: Additional?

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: Yes

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: We are looking at other options.

Chairman Schwebach: Do you have your own radios?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: I don't want to do it on my own.

Chairman Schwebach: I guess that's my question though. Is the system the same system for the Fire Department and everything else?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Yes, along with the Sheriff's Department we're in the same.

Chairman Schwebach: If we take that funds and put them on Fire if we so choose, then partially fund.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Chief. We have got to keep this up here. I really like that change out system that you're talking about, with keeping the truck and just changing out the box. If we can get that into a 10-year plan and put that on here, I think that would be great.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Yes, and we got lucked out too, that Valencia County Rescue says last week they will swap out that box as well. We can have these rescues for the next 15-20 years.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: So, it probably just needs to stay right where it is. Fire Department comprehensive plan is something we need to push out because we're kind of doing this piece and it might depend a little bit on the eventual consolidation of the districts.

Chairman Schwebach: It needs to stay.

County Manager Jordan Barela: And that is partially funded. We got less than we asked for. I think there's about \$75,000 available for the comprehensive plan.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Like I've said at the beginning too. There's not a bad idea that's up here.

Emergency Management facility and shelter that's currently funded at \$50,000 for a study. But I think we still need to keep it on here, but it might need to get pushed out because if we were funded for the facility, I don't think we'd be shovel ready.

Chairman Schwebach: We're funded for the study.

County Manager Jordan Barela: We are funded for the study. We're using that money right now specifically to look at the red building in Moriarty, and what capabilities that potentially have. So, if that comes to fruition and the Commission says yes, this is a good idea for the training facility, Sheriff's Office and building, then we can modify that request funding for the facility itself.

Chairman Schwebach: I think that is critical. We need to leave it on there, because this is going for the next session. If we get the planning done.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We were just talking about Road Department equipment. I don't know how much this has changed based off of what we're doing with leasing the blade. I don't know.

Chairman Schwebach: You can let that stay on there. I resort to what Commissioner McCall said, so we need to listen up. We now have the funds to purchase those blades. If we got some legislature up there and say, I can stomach a \$250,000 blade, here you go. Leave it up there. Just because we're buying it doesn't mean we're not going to ask for funding.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Restoration and preservation of historical records. That's a \$175,000 request from the Clerk's office. I know it's paperwork, but without the historical backing for these properties, we're kind of dead in the water and we need to make sure they are preserved. I know that Madam Clerk has specifically asked for top 10 for 2027, but that is of course up to you folks.

Chairman Schwebach: I want that in the top 10 but I'm scratching my head. I would like it phased.

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: We actually do have it in phases, and it's in four different phases.

Chairman Schwebach: So that item needs to be continued, but they automatically move over, right?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Within the project itself, it will live in 2027, but within the project description it has either yes or no for phasing and then it phases it out for the rest of the years. But the project title will remain in 2027. Or we could put it in 2031. Not saying we would, and we could phase it out for five or four years.

Then go forward from there, but that's just how the process works. We're obviously going to keep it in 2027.

Commissioner Jaramillo: If you do it in phases? How much money would you need in the phase, \$175,000?

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: \$175,000 would be the fruition of all the phases.

Chairman Schwebach: The theory is, to say. Somebody like the Legislation say I don't have \$175,000, but I have \$50,000 and I want to work on this to some sort. Perfect. We actually have \$50,000.

Commissioner Jaramillo: OK, I got it.

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: With that preservation, I think it's important for you guys to understand that within the preservation we are digitalizing all of our records. Our records start from 1910 to current. So, the goal is to have from 1910 to current recording available on a computer. As it is now, it's from 1985 to current that we can access on the computer, but anything prior to that has to be done in our vault. That's where our books take the beating.

Chairman Schwebach: \$175,00 will get you all of that.

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: Yes, exactly.

Chairman Schwebach: I would like to move that up. Let's stick it between County roads and P25/700 MHz Public Safety Radio System Upgrade. There's too much potential liability. Especially when we're looking at the growth in the County, and what we're trying to do.

County Manager Jordan Barela: The same process as we go through the Legislature next year, we'll do the same thing we did this year. The Commission can pass a resolution saying we're going to move this into the session, what are our big priorities for ASK. The placement in the years is pretty important, but we can make some changes to the Commission's priorities as we move into the Legislature session.

Chairman Schwebach: I assume the Town of Estancia is still looking at Arthur Park and Lake/Pool improvements. I'll leave it on there.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: 24/7 Urgent Care Facility. We all agree this is important, but this needs to be studied and it might be an emergent priority. I just don't know.

Chairman Schwebach: Why do you want to pull stuff off of 2027?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: There isn't actually a good reason to do it, because the Commission will go in September, October and basically give us our top five.

Chairman Schwebach: My line of thinking, that study right now is going to be applied in 2030. We need to be showing, this is the direction we're going. Which brings us down to the incubator. That one's new. You have an old courthouse. I'm thinking we will move it up because we want to send a message in the direction we're going. I'm doing all the talking here, Linda.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I'm thinking that we need to fix our Fire and Rescue first. Get all of that done. Then we move onto urgent care because we have the basics.

Chairman Schwebach: I want to be tracking it in two different things. I don't want to say; we're not going to do any of this until we get to the fixed fire station. We're going to increase the Fire; we're going to increase our Sheriff. We're going to increase our economic development. We're going to multiple paths. That's why I put them in different categories and what they mean to the County. I want them all there and in it's different sections.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So, you want them all to move forward together?

Chairman Schwebach: Absolutely. If we can ever get to that snowball effect. And we've seen it a little bit in the last three years. That's the snowball effect. Things start moving pretty quick. That's where we want to get to a lot of this to be prepared.

County Manager Jordan Barela: For the things that we're talking about our studies, but our priority getting it up to 2027 is probably a realistic thing because you're talking about the study component that has to happen. Then you talk about the design component that has to happen and then predevelopment and then development. That process is a four-phase process that takes a little bit of time. If you're not starting that process until four years down the road, you're really saying this isn't going to come to fruition for another 8 to 10 years.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Ok. I see.

Chairman Schwebach: So, now the Road Department water collection system. That's just for their building?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes.

Chairman Schwebach: For the Fire Station water collection system. I envisioned something more County wide, tie into our ISO ratings. That's what I envision with that. So, I would like for when we finalize this a little bit more detail than what we're actually asking for. Somebody Please remember that because I'll forget.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We have minutes.

Chairman Schwebach: The New Regional Animal Shelter, that's in the study phase or has there been studies yet? I know there's been talks.

County Manager Jordan Barela: It's in the studies.

Chairman Schwebach: To actually see if it's viable for that needs. I think that needs to be pushed through. When I say push through. It's for the 2027 plan. The final point on that plan will give it a viable concept to pursue. When we start talking regional, we'll need outreach. We need to present it to Edgewood, Mountainair, Estancia, all of them.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We have been talking about that. We've already built capacity with partnering with these other organizations and even with Torrance County Cares, we had the Moriarty Animal control officer, come out and help us and everybody's in the same boat and everybody's facing the same problems.

Chairman Schwebach: On a selling point, I think we have an ability when you start talking regional, we have things that Edgewood and other places can't offer. So, I think we need to try to account for that.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Such as?

Chairman Schwebach: 1 is our director, 2 is our space, 3 is our County Ordinance. You know when you get into cities? It's a different animal. There's a reason they don't have shelters for them. There's a reason they're calling us to say; can you facilitate for us?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: There has also been discussion and granted it can change overtime. Having the new regional shelter located next to possibly the new Administration Building. Not that it has to happen, but there are options for that. If that were to happen, the idea is kind of a one stop shop. You can stop by and pay your taxes and adopt a cat. So, it would be higher visibility for all the County answers.

Chairman Schwebach: About the Road Assessment. What does that mean?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Depending on how the wording is. I kind of vision that project as like an assessment and a road maintenance plan, which is something we don't have. So, what are our most highly traveled roads, which ones are in the worst condition? So, not only would that sort of give us a general understanding of where the need is. But also from a prioritization perspective, if we're chip sealing something, a plan like that does give you some identification of their qualifying criteria based off of this, these are our most traveled roads in the poorest condition. This is how we may be able to address it. I think comprehensively looking at it like a road assessment maintenance plan, and it would be kind of beneficial.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I think it's a great idea. That's what I get most of my calls for is roads, and I can't say when they're coming. Currently, we need that.

County Manager Jordan Barela: To put it in the triage component of it, because I get a lot of calls too. Like, this road is done. How come that road isn't done. If you have a standardized mechanism which you identify roadways based off of need. Then it's a little bit easier to make that argument to say yes, these are the ones that we're shooting for and there still may be some discretionary calls in there, but it gives you a baseline and it gives members of the Community a baseline. If we're looking for those types of upgrade road projects, this is the criteria that we're looking at when we're making those determinations.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Will this cover when they're working on the roads, like a maintenance schedule. That's really important too, because when you're getting the calls because you have no idea when they're going to be in a certain area.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes, and I've even seen them to the point where they cover clearing processes for snowstorms. What is our priority one, priority two, priority three, types of roads things like that.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Can we move it to the top as well?

Chairman Schwebach: Let's move it to 2027.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Who would do that?

County Manager Jordan Barela: It would be a contractor that would work in conjunction with the Road Department and Leonard together.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Multi-generational facility with a gym.

Chairman Schwebach: Looking at the history and where that came from or was it just a thought.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Some of these I think are just kind of a wish list with this sort of approach.

Amy May Town of Estancia Trustee: What we're trying to do with our pool is we want to include in the next few years a gym, weight facility, and a workout facility. That is something we were thinking about.

Chairman Schwebach: Go ahead, have you guys changed your ICIP?

Amy May Town of Estancia Trustee: We're working on it right now. We're working our budget.

Chairman Schwebach: Change it now, tell us what you are doing. We can incorporate it in the general improvements. Let's leave the multi-generational facility with a gym. Now we know what's on there. I have mixed emotions about that.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: I believe from prior discussions this one was something that Commissioner McCall was looking at for Moriarty. Potentially incorporating it into the Senior Center project in Moriarty.

Chairman Schwebach: This is on discussions of something for the kids.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: Yes. So. It'll be seniors and multi-generational facility.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We do have some hurdles to jump with the Moriarty Senior Center. Keeping that in 2028 is probably a good idea because we won't be able to move forward.

Chairman Schwebach: Now there is Mountainair Rodeo Grounds Improvement and Mountainair Housing on there also, correct? They're shovel ready, correct?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Actually, partially funded. I think they got \$100,000 for at least the first phase of it from this past Legislative cycle. So, they're just a short fall of it for now.

Chairman Schwebach: Duran Schoolhouse Feasibility Study I'm fine with that. Abo Water System Development. I'm fine with that.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Emergency Management Equipment, and that probably needs to be grouped with the study.

County Manager Jordan Barela: I know what you're talking about, but I would keep those separate because that one we're looking at. It's like fixed assets, and that one is when we're looking at buildings.

Chairman Schwebach: Asset Management Plan.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That could be possible. I know that we're doing a physical inventory right now and that the physical inventory needs to be completed prior to the Asset Management Plan. 2028 might be a good place to put it. For 2030, would you like a new Fire Station?

Chairman Schwebach: In 2030 that's irrelevant until we get there.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: In reality, geographically located fire stations are somewhat in order. So, whether we should make a whole new fire station or we just focus on upgrading the stations we have and make it more fiscal. That's a more responsible decision.

County Manager Jordan Barela: A new Fire Administration Building with a deployable Fire Station associated with it, so that was the other part of it. I mean, we have Fire Stations that are functioning. One of the areas that is a bit of an issue right now is capacity at the dispatch building and having Fire Admin, Emergency Management and Dispatch and putting them all in that same space.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Do you want to change the wording on that?

Chairman Schwebach: No, there was a discussion for dispatch.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Yes, Dispatch did receive funding for the security system. I think that was expended.

Chairman Schwebach: OK, so let's back up a little bit here. We're talking about Dispatch and the Fire Departments, that all fall together. We all know that's an issue, we're going to have to address that to incorporate it. I don't know what that means. Logically speaking, there is going to be a new Fire Station.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: All Fields Developments. I don't know if we want to keep that on there.

Chairman Schwebach: Are we still on Estancia?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: This is not in Estancia. This is somewhere else in the County to be determined. Do you want to pull off completely?

Chairman Schwebach: Did you want an outdoor recreation, and all the others within the County?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I manage a campground with a ball field on it.

Chairman Schwebach: That's my issue with it. I think it's a slap in the face. We want to put more ball fields to where we can add another 3 acres of dead grass.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Commissioner Jaramillo spoke with the Life Flight when they came out to the EMS event. Speaking with Samantha, she doesn't necessarily think this is necessary because they try to do the evacuations as close to the accidents as possible. I spent 10 years with National Park Service. I don't know why we can never talk to the helicopters when they're coming in. Having a dedicated facility where they can land without having to have a direct line of communication. I think this would be a good idea. That's just my personal favorite. It's probably not as emergent as some of these other ones.

Commissioner Jaramillo: When I went to the Manzano Land Grant meeting, they're putting the helipad there. Mountainair also has a helipad. So, you have two helipads that are there. I was thinking more of a helipad towards Willard and those places where windmills are.

I talked to the guy from one of the wind farms, and he said he'd be willing to talk to us about creating a helipad.

Chairman Schwebach: I'm not opposed to it. I think where my opposition for the helipads is that I don't feel we have had a good plan on where to place these. I mean, we have every city that has some. We have plans in place for certain intersections to block off if we need to put them there. I was also hit with what the helipad's going to cost. It's going to be a lot of money, and without a plan, I'm reluctant to say Yes.

Commissioner Jaramillo: There was a gentleman at the Manzano Land Grant meeting that he's helping Manzano get their helipad off the ground. He said some of the Aviation Department will help foot the bills for these helipads.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Where you're placing it, is a pretty critical thing too. Because this is State money coming to Torrance County for the purpose of a project. While we don't own a lot of property in that area. This is going to have to be private property for the most part where we would have to put this, and you're going have to get permission. We're going to have to work out a lease agreement, those types of things to even get to the point where we can filter state funding. Location is critical where you put it and knowing where those locations are going to be, it does mean a lot in terms of if you were to receive ICIP funding.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Let me see how this one goes, the helipad in Manzano and I'll be in touch with this guy that's helping them.

Chairman Schwebach: Let's move that to 2028, because it has been a consistent task.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Is that an actual helipad or are they talking about PHI having some type of Station up here with the helipad.

Chairman Schwebach: Just the helipad and the lighting.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: I agree with your thought process. It'd be nice if it was mobile, we could just take it where we knew where the helicopter land.

Chairman Schwebach: Basically, identifying the key locations.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Historically, with my years of service, we usually just block off an intersection somewhere.

Chairman Schwebach: With your emergency vehicles, those are the lights that they're going to see.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: We do have ground communication with them. That is another thing that's tied to those 700 megahertz to make it better. If it was mobile to where we can move it? Then it'll make more sense.

Commissioner Jaramillo: How many times have you called for a helicopter?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Since I've been here two months, I think we've called about twice.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Twice, and that's in your area.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Where is your actual emergency? Where is the actual patient? Where are you going to get to? That's the hard part with having a static helipad.

Commissioner Jaramillo: The two that were called. Were they in the Moriarty area?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: They were in Torrance County, I believe they are further down south.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I guess we could get the stats on how many times they've been called.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: How many times are we going to use that? How far would they wait? Are they going to use that for the actual emergency we're having? So that's my only concern is do we put it up there. We'll have to do some research on what makes sense.

Willard Mayor David Dean: One of the things I want you to remember about these helipads is that we're talking from an operator. The problem is when they take off, they'll have the blast coming down and then the dust comes out. Then it gets sucked back down into it. That's why if you had a pad, an asphalt pad, that's the purpose of a pad is for the actual take off, not as much the landing as it is when they actually take off.

Commissioner Jaramillo: We'll see how this will transpire for the helipads in Manzano.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We're going to call this a plan, or a study right now is kind of what we're planning.

Chairman Schwebach: With the ability to study.

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: I just had a comment from Samantha, and she's saying that from 1/1/25 to 5/30/25 Torrance County requested a helicopter 24 times, not all 24 times resulting in flight. That's just five months.

Chairman Schwebach: Why were they turned down?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: The patient status is not as critical, and they're going to take them by ground.

Chairman Schwebach: So, there's some changes in the patient's status.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: That's usually on our end. Once they're enroute, they're committed.

Commissioner Jaramillo: You're the one that calls them. That was 24 times?

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: In five months, that's what Samantha just said, yes.

Commissioner Jaramillo: I think that's a lot.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Local hospital could alleviate that. 24% of urgent care facilities in Albuquerque. Those are fully functional emergency rooms. So, that might be something that we could look into.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: That would be exponentially helpful for us, when we're running these rescues into the ground due to transports.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Absolutely, if we do build a 24/7 Urgent Care Emergency Facility, there should be a helipad located next to it for immediate evacuation if it's required.

Willard Mayor David Dean: There was another question I wanted to ask. You've got several things up there like trying to get a new Fire Station at the same time you're talking about where you want to put a helipad in there as well too. Can you kill three birds with one stone. We're going to ask for a new Fire Station, at the same time you want to put a helipad in there also. At the same time, we want to put water transfer stations down in the southern part of the County. You have got the Willard Fire Station renovation and then it is just below you got the ADA compliance. So, why couldn't you do two things at once. This is the type of thing where you could group them together.

Chairman Schwebach: Willard Voting ADA Access Improvement. What is it getting? What I don't understand is that it has worked fine for years.

Commissioner Jaramillo: We got dinged for it in the last election. ADA came out and checked all our polling places. They dinged that one, Tajiue and Torreon. They took care of their issues, but Willard was too expensive.

Willard Mayor David Dean: We didn't have a handicapped parking space that was not placard correctly, and they also went to the wrong door thinking it was the front door. There was a big crack underneath one of the double doors.

Commissioner Jaramillo: But the sidewalk is gone.

Chairman Schwebach: What building is this?

Willard Mayor David Dean: It is the Community Building. We could put something together, where we could come up with an ADA compliance for voting purposes.

Commissioner Jaramillo: And right now, Sylvia will have to have the election at the City Hall. But they said we couldn't continue doing that.

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: They haven't said anything about it. It's obviously a new polling location. So, they haven't had the opportunity to go out and inspect it. We may run into issues at that point.

Commissioner Jaramillo: It's not actually the City Hall itself, right?

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: It's the building next to the post office.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Is that where they have a fitness center? Is it ADA compliant that you can, see?

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: I mean, there's a little seal on the door, but we bought those ramps for that purpose. Once we install that ramp, there shouldn't be an issue.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Is there a bathroom available?

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: No, they'll have to use the Town Clerks bathroom. The Mayor of the village has been gracious enough to allow their Town Clerk to be available during the hours that their office is not open, so they'll be there at 7:00 in the morning and they'll be there till 7 O'clock in the evening.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Your precinct workers can go there?

Madam Clerk Sylvia Chavez: Yes. Correct your person.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: 2031 Separating EMS from Fire.

Chairman Schwebach: I was talking about this.

County Manager Jordan Barela: That's because we're leasing the Superior building right now. So having a facility that's County owned, I think that's the intent of that project.

Chairman Schwebach: Water wells with Storage Tanks.

Deputy County Manager Misty Witt: I think that was for the purpose when we were looking at buildings for the new Fire Station and the Road Department. It needed to have an additional well and storage tank to meet the Fire Department capacity.

Chairman Schwebach: Pull it up.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That should really go underneath the Comprehensive, Firefighting water system plan for the entire County.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Is there still more land available where the Road Department building is, and how much?

Chairman Schwebach: 20 acres, water Wells and Storage Tanks, leave it there. It needs to be redefined, because the concept behind that was, let's go drill some new

wells, put some tanks up. The Town of Estancia has 2 tanks. Do you know the depths for them?

Amy May Town of Estancia Trustee: Right now, we are sitting around 63 feet.

Chairman Schwebach: Where can we go with that? We also have a \$100,000 filling system with VFD and high-pressure homes. For Fire Suppression purposes, a system that can't even handle it if you ever turn them on. So why not retro fit that for fast filling station, and or multiple fill station coming off the same tank. I would like that to be redefined. I would like some commonsense conversations when it comes to water. Fire suppression home, I feel like you can't do that. Rail to Trail; that's fine. Torreon Well and Water System; we've talked about that. The questions need to be asked on that and the same with the Abo Water System. Because it needs to be clarified. Whose property are we working on? We need to have more details.

Commissioner Jaramillo: So how is the water system now? Doesn't everybody just have their own well.

Chairman Schwebach: No, there's actually a water system. Originally, it was to build a new water system, but the Torreon well water system was an improvement. Down the road, all of that, in my opinion, can fit into EMWT's.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Because we're dealing with this with the EMWT right?

Chairman Schwebach: No, I think that's later on. I think everything needs to be moved up here accordingly. So, let's go through the new, keep or not keep.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I did want to mention that since this is shovel ready, and it is kind of a public safety issue. I recommend putting that into 2027.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Where is that at?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: It's near the Indian Hills transfer station.

Chairman Schwebach: Is it like a \$110,000 deal or something?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Mr. Goeon, Mescalero Reservoir Dam Remediation. What is the ASK on that?

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: The last time I saw it on the list was \$133,000. I believe that is what it was asked for. I'm thinking about the estimates

that I have from the services that would be provided by Acme Engineering that we've already dealt with. And with the cost of materials and other services that he's unable to provide himself. I think it'll be safe to say \$75,000. It is about what we'd be looking at. This is utilizing the Road Department, but that would give us a cushion.

Chairman Schwebach: So, you're telling me you can do it for less than \$75,000.

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: More than likely, but I don't want to cut myself short either. We could definitely do it for less than \$133,000.

Commissioner Jaramillo: To restore it, or to get rid of it because it's not necessary.

Chairman Schwebach: A Sub Development put it up. The problem is, the dam has not been maintained. If it holds water and it bust. Now we have a liability.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Ok, so you just get rid of it.

Willard Mayor David Dean: Are you talking about removing it completely or just punching a hole in it?

Planning and Zoning Director Don Goen: We're just making a total breach, and the engineering plans that have already been approved by the OSC. So, it's shovel ready, we just got to go in and do it.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Municipal Airport Improvements just leave that one there.

Chairman Schwebach: Yes.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Ok, we do have our new ones. Do you want me to move some of these up and over?

Chairman Schwebach: Let's do the new ones.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: These don't have to go on, but I mean the Willard Fire Station, obviously. TC Fairground doesn't have to go on there. We could wrap it into another project. We could possibly connect the Behavior Health Treatment Facility with the 24/7 Urgent Care Facility. But as Mr. Ariel mentioned in the initial e-mail, it could, there's a couple of different ways we could do that.

Chairman Schwebach: Who did that study?

Ariel Pardo: That was an outreach project, that Innovation Law Lab helped launch for the Torrance County Listening Project.

Chairman Schwebach: Do you have the full plan?

Ariel Pardo: There's not a full plan, but I can't give you the six priorities that came out of the service and some of the policy proposal. One of them was health related.

Chairman Schwebach: What is the full plan? You guys took this upon yourself to take this study. I need some background on what the questions were asked. How was the study found? Before I can apply it to the constituent. Before I can put that up there, I want to know where it came from.

Ariel Pardo: I can get you a copy of the questions.

Chairman Schwebach: Right, and the details of how it was. I would like to see all that. I'm not opposed to it. If we're going to defend this. I need to know where it comes from.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I don't know if this necessarily needs to be in the ICIP, it's a priority for the County, just so we can expand full-time services.

Chairman Schwebach: That is one of those things where we can put it into phases.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: So, pull this one off.

Chairman Schwebach: No, I don't want to pull it off. It just needs to be 2029. I want it there with the concept of putting these in phases. We have too many different things.

Commissioner Jaramillo: What exactly does that mean? Indian Hills Fire Station Fire Suppression System.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We can't station firefighters at the Indian Hills without a fire suppression system.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Just for the record, Indian Hills is a volunteer station. It would be nice to have the ability to have people in there more often, but the chances of that functioning as a 24/7 operating Fire Station, that's not likely.

Chairman Schwebach: Let me defer to the Fire Chief. What's your thoughts on this Chief?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Down the road, we'd like to have eight members at every station, but we're having a real hard time with the Sate Fire Marshall. We can't stay there 24/7 because we don't have the sprinkler system. Even though Indian Hills is two separate buildings from where the apparatus is to where the living quarters are. Their zone, that's residential. So, I'm trying to get them to understand a couple of things. The Willard Station with that sprinkler system, that building was built before 1990. What I've always known is you get grandfathered in that sprinkler system. So, those are the problems we're having. I'll tell you right now because I'm doing on call at night sometimes, and I'm coming. I don't want to stay in Albuquerque to run out here in 35 minutes to the call. So, trying to get make it for our Chief Officers, when we're on call at night to be able to stay at that Indian Hills Station. Those are the things we're dealing with, is trying to get them to understand.

Chairman Schwebach: Here's my argument, it's all about liability. By not being at the station, due to the lack of funds. It just didn't make any sense, ideally, we would like to have a fire suppression system.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: If our station catches fire, we've got 5,000 gallons in the units.

Commissioner Jaramillo: How expensive is the sprinkler system? Do we know? Does anybody know how much it would cost?

Chairman Schwebach: It's about a quarter million.

County Manager Jordan Barela: Storage tank is associated with that, has to have the capacity to support this system. In the sense that I've had some conversations with the constituents and I think there's a misconception that if that system got put in place tomorrow it would be fully staffed with four people on a permanent basis, and long-term planning that sets the goal. But the reality of it is that it's not the position that we're in right now.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: We do need to put this probably under 2027.

Chairman Schwebach: Yes.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Yes, if we could start with a Fire Suppression in Willard. That would start the process and show that people would stay there. We'd have

better coverage if we could start with Willard and ask the Legislators to help us with that. It would set the precedent for this. McIntosh never got done either, right?

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: They do have one at their station.

County Manager Jordan Barela: McIntosh got some legislative funding available for fire suppression system.

Chairman Schwebach: So, the same thing with the security fence upgrades. Did we get funding for that?

Grant Administrator Luke Field: This is the newest topic that was just scoped.

County Manager Jordan Barela: If you scratch out the fence component on that. The fence project would be a County Infrastructure project. That's the fencing in the back area for the Judicial Complex to extend that parking lot and add that additional fencing. The project that would be included in the ICIP would be the security project that was funded by County Infrastructure this year but was underfunded and that was separating the Sheriff's Office entrance from the courthouse so they would have their own point of entry. At the Sheriff's Office there would be a secure door between the two.

Chairman Schwebach: Were we underfunded for that?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Well, I don't feel that we underfunded it. I think the ASK was \$50,000 and we put \$50,000 in the budget. But when a contractor actually went out there to look at it, it came in at about \$100,000. The timing of it didn't pan out. We were meeting with contractors in June; there was a very tight timeline. But even then, when they got the quote back from the contractor to do the electrical and put the wall up, it came in at over \$50,000.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: One thing I don't think that was brought up in the upgrade for this new Torrance County Sheriff's Office. they had to have it was a bathroom.

County Manager Jordan Barela: When I talked to the Sheriff about that too, just ensuring that if there's public access to the building, is there a restroom facility in there? And I think in terms of talking, the Sheriff and the Undersheriff, the intent was to allow people to use the restroom that's in the Sheriff's office. To not have to redo the plumbing and put a new restroom in the front of the facility. So, I think they have to look from a code perspective to make sure that works because there are

bathroom facilities in the Sheriff's Office, they're just not in the front entryway. So, it's almost like a code issue. You separate the buildings by putting up this dividing wall where people can't cross. You're going to have to have some degree of public restroom access, and so they would have to figure that out by at least allowing people in the building to use the restroom that's behind the Administrative Offices.

Chairman Schwebach: So, it may not be as simple as we thought.

County Manager Jordan Barela: No, they dealt with the ADA issue in terms of the sidewalk improvements and all those types of things.

County Attorney Maike Garcia: There was a discussion on that, seems like a couple of years ago about having an accessible ADA bathroom in the Sheriff's Office. I just remember that now feeding into this.

Commissioner Jaramillo: How much money was allocated for the water suppression in McIntosh?

County Manager Jordan Barela: I'd have to pull the grant agreement. I want to say \$125,000 is my recollection of it.

Commissioner Jaramillo: OK, so \$125,000 was allocated.

County Manager Jordan Barela: That's a good point though. That's why the estimates on these types of projects are so critical, because you may get what you asked for.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: So where would you like to put that project? As far as the security upgrades?

Commissioner Jaramillo: Isn't that already approved to upgrade the fence?

Chairman Schwebach: Yes, let's put it in 2027.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: This was the only other public comment that we received on ICIP. When I look at this, I think of the equivalent in Albuquerque of the Sun Van, I just don't know if we can support something of that nature. Medicaid does have reimbursements for medical transportation, but I don't know if we have providers in the County. It's a great idea.

Chairman Schwebach: I know there's some private organizations, I think we need to facilitate that more and try to take that under our hat. We can facilitate, but that's kind of outside of our scope of expertise.

County Manager Jordan Barela: It is, and specifically because this is the ICIP. There're some things that are projects and that's what this is. There are other things that are program related and that's not what the ICIP is about. If you have to set up a staff member or a contract and there's a operational concept. You could use this money to buy the vehicle, but you have to have a plan in place to support the long-term operational cost of something like that.

Chairman Schwebach: for the Behavioral Health, is That program or is that infrastructure?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Depending, if it's a facility. It falls under infrastructure.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: When I heard about this and Ariel actually mentioned it. Ancora Café in Albuquerque, they're actually using a private facility, they're partnering with private business to provide that telehealth service at that location. When I heard about this and read that e-mail. I was thinking of a telehealth conference room because the Fire Stations are located all throughout the County. They're County owned facility. If with the telehealth, if the providers wanted to have vitals taken, that's something that the Fire Department would do.

Torrance County Fire Chief Gary Smith: Absolutely.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: That could be Capital Improvement Countywide. That could help a lot of people. But maybe just because it is so new, we stick it under 2031. I mean, it is an emergent need, and it does tie into what we're trying to do with waves and Pinwheel. And you know, that's where people are referred to and are uninsured.

Chairman Schwebach: Let's put in 2028. OK. I feel that we are hopefully getting a little out of our scope of what the ICIP is really for.

Ariel Pardo: On the Urgent Healthcare study. Are studies also included in the ICIP?

County Manager Jordan Barela: Yes, if it's a study, that's a component of a capital project. At the end of the day you're thinking, the intent is to have a Medical

Facility here, then, yes. The study, the planning, the designing to get you to that point is an eligible expenditure.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: I can take this off.

Chairman Schwebach: When you put too much up there. You run the risk of them saying, really guys where's your plan. They look at the whole list. It's important to have a list that is shovel ready and planned in place. The last thing we want to do is commit money, sell bonds, and it's not even built. That is where it gets dicey.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: This could easily be wrapped into other projects. I don't know if it needs to have its own project.

Chairman Schwebach: Put it in 2029. I don't think there's any point doing that until we actually get the programs. Willard Voting ADA Access Improvement. It really doesn't say what building it is on here.

Willard Mayor David Dean: It's the Community Building, that's the building that is used for voting.

Chairman Schwebach: Are you going to put that same thing on your ICIP?

Willard Mayor David Dean: Yeah, that would be ideal because it is shovel ready. You could do it tomorrow, basically.

Chairman Schwebach: Is it on your CIP?

Willard Mayor David Dean: We are in the process of doing this at the time.

Chairman Schwebach: If it is not on your ICIP. We're going to have problems with that. We don't want the same thing that happened with the fairgrounds. Because we want to improve the Fairgrounds, but do we own the property. No, so a year later, we had done a negotiation of some sort. I think we need to shift gears and look at a permanent place for a different voting location. Pull it off the board.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Do you want to move around? I don't know how much priority within the outline years actually matters. It's more just listed out there. I do have to rank them and you kind of change the ranks. It would be 2027, making sure that our upper ranks are our priorities, but again it was very effective. We got funded on the projects that the Commission passed as a priority.

Chairman Schwebach: We'll leave it like this, and this is discussion. We're going to pass it in the next meeting. We'll have a full Commission here; we'll hash it out. I don't know if I want to go through this board again, we need this list presented. For me, this is handy moving things around to where you can visually see it. Let's put this on the presentation. What I want to see is a list of the year, the dollar figure tied to it, and then later I want to see the details like this packet. The theory is, changing it. We can put it where we need it, we look at the details. Are you good with that, Linda?

Commissioner Jaramillo: Yeah, I like the board.

Grant Administrator Luke Field: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Madam Commissioner.

Commissioner Jaramillo: You're welcome.

Chairman Schwebach: You know, with that ADA compliance stuff, it can be shoveled ready, but if you don't have it on your ICIP. I don't want to put it on ours. I would say we just need to move on.

2027

- 1 New County Government Offices
- 2 Fire Station Water Suppression System plan and implementation
- 3 County Road Improvements (Martinez Rd \$1.5M)
- 4 Restoration and Preservation of Historical Records (\$175K Clerk)
- 5 P25/700 MHz Public Safety Radio System Upgrade (\$250K)
- 6 Purchase/Equip Medical Response Vehicles
- 7 Fire Department Comprehensive Plan
- 8 Emergency Management Facility and Shelter
- 9 Road Department Equipment
- 10 Business Incubator and Economic Development Plan
- 11 New Regional Animal Shelter Study
- 12 Road Assessment
- 13 24/7 Urgent Care Facility Study
- 14 Mescalero Reservoir Dam Remediation(\$75K)
- 15 Arthur Park and Lake/Pool Improvements
- 16 TCSO Entrance Security Upgrades
- 17 Willard Fire Station Renovations
- 18 County Fairgrounds Improvements

2028

- 1 Emergency Helipads Study and Implementation

- 2 Asset Management Plan
- 3 Multi-Generational Facility with Gym (Senior Center in Moriarty)
- 4 Mountainair Rodeo Grounds Improvement
- 5 Duran Schoolhouse Feasibility Study
- 6 Abo Water System Development
- 7 Behavioral Health Treatment Facility/Telehealth

2029

- 1 Emergency Management Equipment
- 2 Indian Hills Fire Station Fire Suppression System
- 3 TC Fairgrounds RV/Water Hookups

2030

- 1 New Fire Station

2031

- 1 New EMS Building
- 2 Water Wells with Storage Tanks (Fire/Road)
- 3 NM41 Rail to Trail
- 4 Develop Torrance County Park and Road
- 5 Torreon Well and Water System
- 6 Municipal Airport Improvements (Mountainair)

Remove

- 1 Animal Shelter Improvements
- 2 Duran Water System Improvements
- 3 Road Department Water Collection System (Fire)
- 4 Ball Fields Development

Info Needed

- 1 Abo Water system
- 2 Torreon Well and Water System
- 3 Behavioral Health Treatment Facility/Telehealth

New Ideas not Approved

- 1 Medical Transportation/County Transit
- 2 Willard Voting ADA Access Improvement

C. MANAGER REPORT

County Manager Jordan Barela: I'll keep this kind of short, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of updates. We're still moving forward with the DFA process on that \$700,000. The PO was cut yesterday, we received an invoice from Franken, so that check will be cut by the end of the week. And then we just have to submit to DFA for the reimbursable side of that before the 10th of July. So, everything's still moving smoothly. Also wanted to make the board aware, we had an investment committee meeting yesterday, The Treasurer, Deputy Manager and myself, met with Rob Burpo, one of the things that Rob worked on with us is doing a thorough review of our investment policy. He's suggesting we make a couple of changes to it for through statutory language and allowable investments. So, our intent was to come and do a presentation of that to the Commission to let them know what that revised investment policy would look like and why. And we're going to ask Rob to be here for part of that conversion. The other component of that, Rob brought up as we were talking specifically about PILT Grant revenue and the long-term financial health of the County, was potentially setting up a permanent fund where the Commission would set that up. You set the parameters around it, where revenue would come in. You could set it up to where a certain percentage of that would come out for operations or capital, but a certain percentage of that fund is going to stay there for a period of time and as you talk about long-term financial health, the State has one. A few other Counties have one. Even though the Commission can decide to set up that fund, the dissolution of it would have to be based off a majority of voters as a ballot question. So, it's something that has to be dismantled by the constituents. There's not a lot of political discretion once that's in place, to liquidate, you could change the parameters around it but completely liquidating it and get rid of all that money. It's not something that's easily done. If that's something that you would like us to do a presentation on. I can coordinate that as well.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

1) Commissioner McCall, District 1- ABSENT

2) Commissioner Schwebach, District 2

Chairman Schwebach: 4th of July is coming up. We're blessed with the rain, the wet weather. But do be conscientious. What comes with the weather is the dry is going to come. We're going to have a lot more fuel, but hopefully we're going to have a fun and safe 4th of July weekend. My parents are turning 80, my mom did. We're having a party on the 5th. You guys aren't invited, but you can surely crash it.

3) Commissioner Jaramillo, District 3

Commissioner Jaramillo: I attended the Duran Fiesta's and gave a speech on behalf of the County. There were lots of people, lots of good food. They didn't have the dance, but it was well attended. I got to meet the people who funded some of the money for the building there, they were very nice people. Then I visited the Torrance County Detention Facility yesterday. I went on a surprise visit at 9:00 in the morning. I met with the Warden Assistant and the facility maintenance people. There were about seven people who met me there and we discussed issues about the facility. I watched the pods on the screen; I watched all the different pods to see how they were doing. Everybody seemed fine. I'll be going again sometime on Sundays, maybe to their services, because I don't disrupt the whole place with them having to come and meet with me. I can go to their services and make a showing there with the detainees and get to know them that way. Make a good faith effort. And then I went to the Manzano Land grant meeting. That's where they discussed the helipads. They're moving along with that. The helipads went down the line, and that was a long meeting. In fact, I was supposed to go to the Manzano Retreat after that, and I'm glad I didn't because we have this meeting today. So, I. Opted not to go because of this judicial thing that we did today. I think I'm going to go spend the weekend there sometime just because it's a nice place to go to. Other than that, I'm just getting a lot of calls about the road conditions. I'm getting a lot of calls from all over the Country about our detention facility. I try to answer as many calls as I can, I try to answer emails.

Chairman Schwebach: The report I got on what came out of public comment. He didn't lose his finger. He was cleaning around his cell and the door got shut. Not quite sure by who, exactly? But it nicked the top of his finger off. Yes, not an intentional thing, just completely an accident. So that's the story I got on that same incident. I have to bring it up. You know, there's a lot of stories about that, that they are sensationalizing it. I notice none of those individuals are sitting here listening now. It was an accident. I haven't verified whether it's infected now, or if he got pulled off antibiotics, or if he chose not to take antibiotics. I don't have that part of the story.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None**

17. **Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting: July 9, 2025, at 9:00AM.**

18. **SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

19. **ADJOURN**

ACTION TAKEN:

Chairman Schwebach: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Jaramillo: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: District 1 Absent, District 2 voted yes, District 3 voted yes. All Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Schwebach: Adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM



Ryan Schwebach - Chairman



Sylvia Chavez - County Clerk

July 24, 2025
Date



Kevin Pham - Admin. Asst. II