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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
April 22, 2026 9:00 AM

Commissioners Present:

RYAN SCHWEBACH – COUNTY CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL- COUNTY COMMISSIONER
LINDA JARAMILLO – COUNTY VICE-CHAIR

Others Present:

JORDAN BARELA-COUNTY MANAGER
MICHELLE JONES-DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER - Absent
MICHAEL GARCIA- COUNTY ATTORNEY
SYLVIA CHAVEZ-COUNTY CLERK
GENELL MORRIS- ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK
DON GOEN – PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Schwebach called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:** Pledge led by Chairman Schwebach, Commissioner McCall said the Invocation.

3. **Changes to the Agenda:** None

4. **Public Comment:**

Donald Goen, County P & Z Director:

- Provided an update regarding letters of solicitation for:
 - Current vacancy
 - Upcoming vacancy on the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board

Public Notification Plan

- Announcements will be published in:
 - The Journal (for consecutive weeks: Sundays & Mondays)
 - The Independent
 - Working to include Mountainair Dispatch
- Additional outreach:
 - Posted on Torrance County website homepage
 - Featured prominently on the Planning & Zoning webpage

Vacancy Details

- Open Positions:
 - Two vacancies on the Planning & Zoning Board
 - Representing:
 - District 1
 - District 2

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must:

- Own or be purchasing land and reside in Torrance County
- Not currently serving on another board or Commission in the County
- Not be employed by Torrance County

Term Information

- Start Date: July 1, 2026
- Term Length:
 - 3 years per term
 - Eligible for one additional 3-year term
- Limit:
 - Maximum of 2 consecutive terms

Application Process

- Deadline:
 - Must be received by 5:00 PM on May 27, 2026
- Submission Methods:
 - By mail:
 - Torrance County Planning & Zoning
PO Box 48
Estancia, NM 87016
 - Hand delivery:
 - Planning & Zoning Office
 - County Commission Meeting Building
 - 205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia

Interview & Selection Timeline

- Interviews:
 - Conducted by County Commissioners
 - Date: June 10, 2026
 - Time: 9:00 AM (regular meeting)

Leanne Tapia, Community Member:

- **Core Position:**
Strong concern that the proposed purchase and broader water rights acquisition by *Amos*

Farms LLC extends beyond the stated benefit to *El Rancho Grande* and may impact the wider County.

- **Key Arguments:**

- The proposal is not limited in scope, despite implications that it only serves El Rancho Grande.
- Emphasizes that the issue is no longer about what is being said publicly, but what conditions the county is willing to enforce.
- Warns that approving without strict, enforceable conditions leaves the county vulnerable to:
 - Future reinterpretation of the agreement
 - Potential misuse or expansion of water rights
- Stresses that future leadership may interpret approvals differently, creating long-term risks.

- **Critical Concerns:**

- Without written conditions:
 - The approval effectively allows unlimited or undefined future expansion.
 - There is no accountability mechanism in place.
- Describes the proposal as potentially functioning like a “backdoor water system,” which, once implemented:
 - Cannot easily be reversed
 - May expand beyond original intent

- **Referenced Stakeholders:**

- Bobby Ortiz (EMWT) and Jordan Barela:
 - Previously stated the water would:
 - Not to be used outside El Rancho Grande
 - Not to be used for watering dirt roads
- **OSE (Office of the State Engineer) and County attorneys:**
 - Indicated that safeguards exist, but the speaker questions whether those are sufficient or enforceable at the county level

- **Requests / Recommendations:**
 - Require written, enforceable conditions *before* approval, not after
 - Ensure protections explicitly:
 - Limit geographic use (El Rancho Grande only)
 - Prevent alternative or expanded uses
 - Demand clarity and honesty about long-term intentions
 - Take proactive steps to protect water access for all residents of Torrance County
- **Underlying Message:**
 - Approval without conditions is effectively approval of future expansion without oversight
 - Commissioners have a responsibility to safeguard county resources, especially water

Key Issues Identified

- Lack of binding conditions tied to approval
- Risk of future expansion beyond stated use
- Potential county-wide impact, not just local benefit
- Concerns about long-term governance and interpretation
- Need for clear documentation and accountability mechanisms

Sylvia Chavez, County Clerk:

- Speaker addresses recent negative media attention surrounding Torrance County.
- Emphasizes that public narratives are incomplete:
 - “There is his side, their side, and the truth somewhere in between.”
- Notes long-term familiarity with the individual in question:
 - Has known him his entire life.
 - States that concerning behavior has existed for many years, not just recent incidents.

Community Impact

- Ongoing issues have caused sustained disruption, fear, and harassment in the community.
- Residents have been dealing with this situation long before it became publicized.

Specific impacts:

- County operations affected:
 - Alleged vandalism (including election warehouse).
 - Other disruptions impacting public services.
- Public employee safety concerns:
 - Workers reportedly feared for their safety.
 - Escorts required to enter/exit buildings.
- Family and community safety:
 - Parents no longer allow children to play outside unattended.
 - Atmosphere of fear and intimidation affecting daily life.

Speaker's Position

- Does not condone violence under any circumstances.
- Strongly supports:
 - Protection of children
 - Safety of families
 - Security of public servants
- Believes repeated behavior has created:
 - Fear
 - Intimidation
 - Harm within the community

Personal Perspective

- Speaks as a mother and community member:
 - Prioritizes the safety and well-being of children.
 - Will “stand up to protect” children and others from harassment.

- Frames issue as ongoing community concern, not an isolated incident.

Closing Message

- Urges the public and media to:
 - Avoid rushing to judgment.
 - Recognize multiple perspectives in the situation.
 - Reaffirms commitment to community safety and accountability.
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PJ Podesta – Innovation Law Lab:

- **Extended Detention Periods**
 - Detainees are being held for months at a time
 - Immigration court dates are frequently delayed, often with:
 - Initial wait of about a month
 - Last-minute postponements are pushing hearings back another month or more
- **Judicial Issues**
 - Mentioned repeated absences of Immigration Judge Ralph Gervin
 - Claimed he:
 - Oversees more cases than any other judge at TCDF
 - Is perceived by detainees as frequently denying claims quickly
- **Impact on Detainees' Decisions**
 - Many detainees:
 - Continue fighting cases despite low odds
 - Others abandon claims due to:
 - Harsh conditions
 - Uncertainty of detention length
 - Some choose voluntary deportation simply to escape prolonged detention

Testimonies from Detainees

Detainee 1

- Reports:
 - Repeated hearing delays without explanation
 - Desire for immediate deportation
 - Feels detained against their will
- Quote summary:
 - Expresses frustration and describes detention as being “kidnapped.”

Detainee 2

- Reports:
 - Lack of necessary medical care/medication
 - Detained for 5 months with continued delays
 - Requests:
 - Deportation or release
 - Reunion with family

Systemic Criticism

- TCDF described as:
 - “Warehousing human beings” for extended periods
- Allegations that detention serves:
 - Private prison profits (CoreCivic)
 - ICE deterrence strategy to discourage immigration claims

Call to Action

- Urged the County to:
 - Withdraw support for TCDF operations
 - Invest in alternative, community-based economic solutions

Overall Tone & Themes

- Strong emphasis on:
 - Human impact (emotional distress, family separation, health concerns)
 - System inefficiencies and delays

- Ethical concerns about prolonged detention
 - Message framed as both:
 - Advocacy for detainees
 - Policy recommendation to the local government
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Ian Phillipbaum – Innovation Law Lab:

- Presented an excerpt of a statement signed by 100+ detained individuals
- Clarified that detainees self-identify as:
 - “*Union of Those Kidnapped by ICE.*”
- Noted the statement was:
 - Sent to the *Albuquerque Journal*
 - Published as a Letter to the Editor
 - Shared with the Commission for awareness

Core Message from Detained Individuals (Quoted Statement Summary)

Identity & Humanization

- Emphasize they are:
 - Not statistics or numbers
 - Human beings with families, stories, and dignity

Criticism of the Immigration Enforcement System

- Claim operations:
 - Are not based on security or operational necessity
 - Function instead as a “business model built on human suffering.”
- Alleged detainees are being treated as:
 - “Merchandise”

Conditions of Detention

- Report being held in:
 - Maximum-security facilities
 - Under punitive conditions

- State lack of:
 - Access to bail
- Argue this contradicts:
 - Fundamental U.S. constitutional principles

Serious Allegations

- Describe the system as:
 - Mass detention
 - “Institutionalized human trafficking.”
- Warn it may become:
 - A “shameful chapter in U.S. history.”

Concerns About Governance & Rights

- Claim:
 - Institutions are weakened and politically influenced
 - A minority driven by racism and economic power shapes policy
- Assert:
 - Fundamental rights are being eroded

Call to Action

- Urge:
 - Public awareness and response
 - Citizens to:
 - Defend democracy
 - Protect the Constitution
 - Avoid silence or indifference
- Highlight:
 - Alleged family separations and dignity violations

5. Department/Program updates and Communications

A. TREASURER: Treasurer’s Office Department Update

Helen Gutierrez, Chief Deputy Treasurer:

Helen provided a progress report on the County’s bank reconciliation status, noting that the process is largely current with only minor outstanding issues remaining.

Key Points

- **Overall Status**
 - Bank reconciliation is mostly up to date.
 - Only a small number of outstanding items remain.
- **March Reconciliation**
 - The month of March has been fully closed out.
- **April Progress**
 - Reconciliation is current through April for:
 - Tax account
 - All other bank accounts
- **Outstanding Issues**
 - Remaining discrepancies are limited to the main account.
 - Issue involves ACH transactions:
 - Transactions have cleared the bank
 - Not yet recorded internally
- **Action Plan**
 - Treasurer’s Office is collaborating with the Finance Department to:
 - Obtain missing transaction details
 - Properly record and reconcile ACH items
- **Next Steps**
 - Once ACH items are entered and verified:
 - Main account reconciliation will be fully current

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. COMMISSION: Request Approval of the April 02, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve the minutes; **seconded** by **Vice-Chair Jaramillo**.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

B. COMMISSION: Request Approval of the April 08, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve the minutes; **seconded** by **Commissioner McCall**.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

7. Consent Agenda:

- a) **FINANCE:** Request Approval of Payables with a date range of April 02, 2026, through April 15, 2026.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve the minutes; **seconded** by **Commissioner McCall**.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

8. Administrative Building

A. MANAGER: Request Approval of the Final Site Plan and Floor Plan for the Torrance County Administrative Building Project.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

Key Objective

- Obtain final approval of:
 - Site plan, Floor plan
- Approval is critical to move forward to:
 - Construction drawings
 - Bid phase

Important Note:

- Any changes after approval will significantly impact:
 - Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP)
 - Engineering design
 - Costs and timeline

Participants & Key Contributions

Project Lead / Staff Representative

- Emphasized urgency of approval to proceed.
- Noted:
 - Even minor changes → major design implications.
- Introduced Mark Basic (Wilson & Company) for technical clarification.

Mark Basic (Design Team – Wilson & Company)

Site Plan Clarifications:

- Third west-side exit:
 - Technically possible
 - Not included due to:
 - Added paving costs
 - Limited necessity (existing loop circulation is sufficient)

Floor Plan Updates:

- Reduced building footprint (shown via dashed lines)
- Improved:
 - Symmetry & flow
 - Department layouts with:
 - Waiting areas
 - Clear entry points
- Added:
 - Larger storage areas (Clerk's office)
 - Dedicated election equipment storage with direct access

- Incorporated:
 - Existing cubicle sizes (e.g., Assessor's office)

Design Progress:

- Architectural design: Nearly complete
- Next steps:
 - MEP team engagement
 - Structural detailing

HVAC Plan:

- Zoned system by department
- Fan coil units allow individual temperature control

Vice-Chair Jaramillo (Question – West Exit Concern)

- Asked why there is no west-side parking lot exit
- Concern:
 - Traffic flow & uniformity

Mark Basic (Design Team – Wilson & Company)

Response:

- Not necessary due to loop circulation
- Would increase costs unnecessarily

Staff / Project Team (General Site Plan Improvements)

- Changes since last meeting:
 - Relocated dumpster for easier truck access
 - Added:
 - Commissioner & staff parking (north side)
 - Controlled gate access (east & west)
 - Planned future parking expansion area
 - Added Sheriff's access gate (north side)

Commissioners – Floor Plan Feedback

Positive Feedback:

- Improved:
 - Flow and accessibility
 - Defined waiting areas
 - Efficiency and usability

Safety Highlights:

- Multiple exit routes from offices
- Enhanced active shooter safety design
- Secure service windows with lockdown capability

Commission Chambers:

- Same size as current room
- Designed for:
 - After-hours public use
 - Restricted access to office areas
- Added:

- High windows for natural light
- Mono-pitch roof (simpler, fewer leak risks)

Staff (Design Development Process)

- Conducted department-by-department consultations
- Measured:
 - Existing storage
 - Cubicle needs
- Adjusted spaces based on feedback:
 - Expanded where requested
 - Maintained where sufficient

Discussion: Extension Office

- Not included in the new building

Future Considerations:

- Potential relocation to fairgrounds
 - Better suited for:
 - Activities
 - Space needs
- Exclusion reasons:
 - Budget limitations
 - Not part of the current project scope

Design Improvements Summary

- Reduced corridor size → increased usable space
- Better departmental layout and flow
- Increased storage capacity
- Improved safety and security features
- Future expansion (parking + other facilities) considered

Consensus / Sentiment

- Strong agreement that:
 - Design has improved significantly
 - Space is efficient and adequate (with slight room for growth)
- General readiness to proceed:
 - “Ready to move forward.”
 - “Good set of plans.”

Next Steps

- Final approval of:
 - Site plan
 - Floor plan
- Proceed to:
 - MEP and structural completion
 - Construction documents
 - Bid phase

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **seconded** by **Commissioner McCall**.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

9. Pattern Project Presentation:

A. MANAGER/ROB BURPO: Introductory Presentation to the Palomas Wind Project.

1. Project Funding Gap & Next Steps

- Current estimated funding gap: ~\$2.47 million
 - Based on preliminary estimates only
 - Actual gap may increase or decrease depending on contractor bids
- Key strategy:
 - Complete full construction drawings
 - Issue RFP (Request for Proposals) to contractors
 - Obtain real bid numbers
- Critical milestone:
 - Use bid results to:
 - Determine true funding gap
 - Identify gap funding solutions
 - Select a contractor
- Takeaway:
 - This is a decision point phase before committing funds or finalizing financing.

2. Introduction to Palomas Wind Project

Rob Burpo (Municipal Advisor, First American Financial Advisors)

- Purpose: Introductory overview only (no approvals required)
- Presentation structure:
 1. Project overview
 2. Developer presentation (Pattern Energy)
 3. Legal/financial structure updates (PILOT distribution changes)

Project Team

- Developer: Pattern Energy
- Bond Counsel:
 - Developer: Rodey Law Firm
 - County: Taft Law Firm (Jill Sweeney)
- Municipal Advisor: First American Financial Advisors

3. Project Location & Scope

Rob Burpo

- Project spans:
 - Torrance County
 - San Miguel County
- Turbine distribution (tentative):
 - ~43 turbines → Vaughn School District
 - ~8 turbines → Moriarty School District
- Important: Location determines school funding allocation

4. Project Details & Timeline

Taylor Schendel (Pattern Energy)

- Total project size: ~800 MW
 - ~30% (~230 MW) in Torrance County
- Status: Development phase
- Upcoming:
 - Permit application in 1–2 months
- Grid connection: PNM (Western Spirit switchyard)
- Power buyer: Not finalized yet
- Timeline:
 - Construction start: Mid–late 2027
 - Operations: Late 2028–2029
- Estimated financing:
 - ~\$900 million Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB)

Key Risk:

- Final turbine layout and output still subject to change

5. Workforce Development & Economic Impact

Jeremy Turner (Pattern Energy)

Current Impact

- ~4,600 construction workers brought into the region
- ~150 long-term jobs statewide
- Entry-level wind tech salary: ~\$59,000/year
 - Above local median household income (~\$45,000)
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Local Hiring Focus

- ~76% of workers on SunZia are New Mexico residents
- Goal: Improve retention by hiring locals

Education & Training Initiatives

- Partnerships:
 - Explora Science Center (teacher training → classroom exposure)
 - Clean Power Institute (CPI)
 - American Association of University Women (STEM camps)
- New pathway:
 - Short-term micro-credential (45–50 hours)
 - Leads to:
 - Guaranteed job interview (GE, Vestas, Nordex)

- Employment in <1 year

Military Transition Program

- “Veterans in Renewables” initiative
- Provides career pathways for transitioning service members

Key Insight

→ Shift from 2–3 year degrees → fast-track certification programs

6. Mesa Lands Program Update

Speaker: Jeremy Turner (Q&A)

- Program slowed due to:
 - Leadership changes
 - Longer training timelines (12–36 months)
- Industry shift:
 - Preference for faster workforce entry
- Mesalands is still active but less aligned with the current hiring model

7. 2023 Legislative Changes – PILT Revenue Distribution

Speaker: Rob Burpo

Major Change

- Previously: Equal split among 5 school districts (20% each)
- Now: Formula-based distribution

New Allocation Formula

1. 50% → Based on turbine location
2. 40% → Based on land acreage in the district
3. 10% → Based on student enrollment

County vs Schools Split

- County: ~60.81%
- Schools: ~39.19%

Impact

- Districts with turbines (Vaughn, Moriarty) receive significantly more
- Others receive smaller shares via acreage + enrollment

8. Financial Overview

Speaker: Rob Burpo

- Estimated IRB: \$866 million
- Payment structure:
 - Starts at \$2,800 per MW/year
 - Increases 2.5% every 5 years
- Turbine output estimate: ~4.5 MW each (subject to change)

9. Legal & Approval Timeline

Speaker: Jill Sweeney (Taft Law Firm)

Approval Steps

- Likely 2–3 commission actions:
 1. Inducement Resolution

2. (Optional) Notice of Intent
3. Final Ordinance

Estimated Timeline

- Inducement: May–June
- Ordinance approval: ~August
- Final closing: ~September

10. Infrastructure & Expansion Discussion

Speakers: Commissioners & Pattern Energy

Current Capacity

- Existing transmission lines: At capacity
- New transmission required for:
 - This project
 - Future developments

Future Development

- ~360,000 acres still under lease
- Additional projects possible in 4–5 years

11. Technology & Environmental Considerations

Turbine Evolution

- Older turbines: ~2–3 MW
- New turbines: ~4.5 MW
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Lifespan & Recycling

Speakers: Taylor Schendel & Jeremy Turner

- Lifespan: ~35 years
- Recycling:
 - The majority of components are recyclable
 - Blades:
 - Cut and transported (currently to Texas)
 - Used in:
 - Cement kilns (high-efficiency fuel)
 - Alternative uses (e.g., snow fencing)

Responsibility

- Developers and manufacturers cover recycling costs

12. Key Risks & Open Questions

- Final power purchaser not secured
- Transmission expansion required
- Final project layout & turbine specs not fixed
- Workforce pipeline still evolving

13. Overall Takeaways

- Project is early-stage but progressing
- Significant economic and workforce benefits
- Legislative changes create uneven funding distribution

- Critical next steps:
 - Finalize permits
 - Secure power buyer
 - Advance transmission planning
 - Move through the bond approval process

Don Goen:

- Shared that they received a message from Amanda Dunlap (Corona Public Schools).
- The message was in response to an earlier discussion about Mesalands’ mobile trailer initiative.
- Highlighted new information relevant to expanding similar opportunities.
- Reported that NMU Ruidoso has acquired a wind energy training trailer for Region Nine.
- Noted that:
 - The trailer is mobile and can travel directly to school districts.
 - This resource could support hands-on training and education in multiple locations.

B. MANAGER: Request Appointment of a Member of the Torrance County Commission to be Included in the County Negotiations Team for the Palomas Wind Project Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Agreement.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

1. Negotiation Process Overview

- The team is beginning to develop and move through the negotiation process with the Pattern team.
- Anticipated increase in meeting frequency as negotiations progress.

2. Commission Constraints

- The commission consists of three members, requiring a formal quorum.
- This structure makes impromptu or informal meetings difficult.

3. Proposal: Commission Representation

- A request was made for the commission to:
 - Appoint a single commissioner to act as a representative on the negotiation team.
- Purpose:
 - Streamline communication.
 - Allow more flexibility in ongoing negotiations without requiring full quorum attendance.

4. Meeting Frequency & Participants

- So far, one meeting with the Pattern team has taken place.
- Expectation:
 - More frequent meetings in the near future.
- Internal coordination:
 - Likely regular meetings involving:
 - Mr. Burpo

- Ms. Sweeney
- External coordination:
 - Periodic meetings with the Pattern team, increasing over time.

5. Meeting Location & Format

- Meetings are expected to occur:
 - Primarily in Torrance.
 - With remote/virtual options available, given that the Pattern team is geographically dispersed.

- Commissioner McCall volunteered to be the representative for the negotiation team.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to appoint Commissioner McCall; **seconded** by **Vice-Chair Jaramillo**.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

A. ROADS: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2026-17, A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2026-2027 New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Funding for the Greene Road Project.

Leonard Lujan, County Road Superintendent:

- Provided update on TPF (Transportation Projects Fund) applications, noting these projects are submitted annually to secure available funding.
- Confirmed Green Road project is a priority:
 - Located outside the main area (known locally by most attendees).
 - Proposed improvements include:
 - Full asphalt resurfacing
 - Road reclamation
 - Placement of base course
 - Final repaving/stripping
 - Estimated project cost: \$490,004
- Explained project linkage:
 - Green Road connects to Martinez and the historic Route 66 corridor (behind TA).
 - Intended to support broader regional connectivity and roadway upgrades.

- Shared that Moriarty stakeholders previously expressed a strong interest in including this roadway segment as part of the Martinez-related improvements.
- Noted that the project spans approximately one mile.
- Raised issue of road ownership uncertainty:
 - Some discussion about jurisdictional responsibility.
 - Described the situation as “back and forth” between entities, with no fully settled ownership clarity.
 - Acknowledged that some prior expectations or “deal structure” may not have fully materialized as initially discussed.
- Reported recent coordination efforts:
 - Held a meeting with Martinez representatives regarding project alignment.
 - Participated in a Zoom meeting with RTPO and State representatives.
- Indicated:
 - Overall feedback is positive and progressing well.
 - No major objections raised so far.
 - Continued documentation and procedural compliance required.
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Action Items / Next Steps

- Submit and approve required resolution to advance funding consideration.
- Continue TPF application process and supporting paperwork.
- Clarify road ownership/jurisdictional responsibility.
- Maintain coordination with:
 - RTPO
 - State partners
 - Martinez project stakeholders
- Proceed with project readiness in anticipation of possible funding approval.

Motion: Commissioner McCall moved to approve Resolution 2026-17; **Vice-Chair Jaramillo** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

B. ROADS: Request Approval of Resolution No. 2026-18, A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2026-2027 New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Funding for the Lexco Road Project.

Leonard Lujan, County Road Superintendent:

Funding Request Overview

- The discussion centers on requesting TPF funding for a road improvement project.
- Two possible funding levels were mentioned:
 - \$1.6 million
 - \$940,000 (alternative or reduced scope consideration)

Project Scope and Design

- Proposed treatment is a 2-inch asphalt overlay across the roadway.
- Roadway width:
 - Existing width: approximately 24 feet
 - Planned expansion: widening by about 1 foot on each side (improving safety and capacity)

Project Length and Location

- Total project length: approximately 7 miles
- Route begins at U.S. Route 66
- Extends eastward to the Bernalillo County line

Key Points Emphasized by Speaker(s)

- The speaker highlighted that this is a continuation-style funding request, similar in structure to prior TPF-funded projects.
- Emphasis on incremental widening and resurfacing rather than full reconstruction.
- The corridor is being targeted for maintenance and safety improvements over a long rural stretch.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve Resolution 2026-18; **Vice-Chair Jaramillo seconded.**

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

11. Approvals/Action Items:

A. MANAGER: Request Approval to Utilize Torrance County Park for the 49th Annual Cache Le Plew Mountain Man Rendezvous at the Big Horn Gun Range from August 2 through August 9, 2026.

Ryan Schwebach, County Chairman:

- The item was presented as a previously discussed agenda item for approval.

- The request concerns hosting the 49th Annual Cache / Tulu Mountain Man Rendezvous at the Big Farm Gun Range within Torrance County Park.
- Event dates confirmed: August 2 through August 9, 2026.

Donald Goen, County P & Z Director:

- Talked about the condition and history of the event site usage:
 - “Have they been in good shape?”
 - “No problems?”
 - “You haven’t heard anything?”
 - No reported issues or complaints.
 - No negative feedback from prior events.
 - Noise acknowledged due to shooting activities, but:
 - No formal complaints received.
 - Cleanup and site restoration have been consistently satisfactory:
 - “They clean up... there’s never even been a sign that they’ve been there.”

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **Vice-Chair Jaramillo** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

B. LEGAL: Request Approval of the Restrictive Housing Report for the Torrance County Detention Facility for the First Quarter of 2026.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **Commissioner McCall** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

C. MANAGER: Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement Between Torrance County and Tracey Master to Provide Domestic Violence Services in Torrance County.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

1. Background and Contract Structure

- The County previously contracted two providers for domestic violence services:
 - Miss Masters: focused on strategic planning, marketing, and funding development
 - Miss Medina: focused on direct client services (court support, protection orders, client visits)
- Funding for the fiscal year was initially split between both contracts.

2. Current Contract Status & Funding Reallocation

- Miss Masters confirmed she has met her contractual obligations and no longer anticipates using remaining funds.
- Remaining balance in Miss Masters' contract: \$2,547.31
- Proposal:
 - Liquidate Miss Masters' remaining contract funds
 - Reallocate the full amount to Miss Medina's contract
 - Purpose: support ongoing direct domestic violence services for the remainder of the fiscal year

3. Payment and Operational Concerns Raised (Miss Masters)

- Miss Masters provided detailed concerns regarding delayed payments and administrative delays, including:
 - Invoices not processed on time (e.g., March invoice delays, January invoice mailed March 3)
 - Approximately one week of unpaid gap each month
 - Delays in basic procurement (e.g., printer cartridges, vehicle licensing)
- Expressed frustration with uncertainty in payment timing:
 - Stated preference for no payment rather than delayed/uncertain payment
- Confirmed:

- She will no longer submit further invoices
- March payment will be her final reimbursement
- She will remain available in a support/backup capacity through June
- Emphasized decision is for personal peace of mind while still supporting the program informally.

4. Role Transition and Service Continuity

- Miss Medina is actively performing front-line domestic violence services, including:
 - Court accompaniment
 - Protection order assistance
 - Client engagement and support services
- Miss Masters clarified:
 - Miss Medina is the primary service delivery provider
 - Increased funding will allow her to be properly compensated for actual hours worked
 - No operational burden expected from transition
- Miss Masters will continue informal support if needed.

5. Contract Amendment Correction

- Error identified in contract effective date:
 - Incorrect: November 10, 2026
 - Correct: November 10, 2025
- Agreement reached to:
 - Correct the date prior to execution
 - Treat as a clerical amendment not altering contract substance

7. Closing Remarks

- Commissioners acknowledged:
 - Appreciation for Miss Masters' service and transparency
 - Recognition of administrative and payment challenges raised
- Miss Masters reiterated:
 - Decision is voluntary and based on personal workload and payment concerns

- Strong support for Miss Medina continuing service delivery
- Miss Medina was noted as performing critical ongoing work, though absent due to court obligations.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve with an amended date, changing November 10, 2026, to November 10, 2025; **Commissioner McCall seconded.**

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

D. MANAGER: Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement Between Torrance County and Jarrah Medina to Provide Domestic Violence Service in Torrance County.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **Commissioner McCall seconded.**

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

E. MANAGER: Request Approval of a Prior Year Invoice to Pitney Bowes in the Amount of \$293.57 for the Purchase of Red Ink Cartridges.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

- The office has experienced a high level of turnover in the Manager’s Office over the past few months.
- Due to this turnover, staff have been working to reconcile and review existing contracts under management.
- One of the key contracts under review is with Pitney Bowes, which is used to support the organization’s mailing system and related services.

Key Issue Identified

- During the reconciliation process, Geneva identified a previously unprocessed invoice.
- The invoice details:
 - Vendor: Pitney Bowes
 - Item: Ink cartridges for mailing system use
 - Amount: \$293.53
 - Fiscal Year: Prior fiscal year (not the current one)

Current Problem

- The invoice was:
 - Not processed in the prior fiscal year
 - Not captured or billed in the current fiscal year services cycle
- As a result, the payment does not align cleanly with current fiscal year obligations.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **Commissioner McCall** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

F. MANAGER: Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Torrance County and the Torrance County Fair Heritage Association for the Execution of the 2026 Torrance County Fair.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

- The County presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Heritage Association for the execution of the 2026 County Fair.
- This expands on last year’s MOU, which was limited to the livestock auction, and now includes:
 - Junior livestock auction
 - Full fair operations and broader responsibilities
- Term of agreement: From execution through completion of the 2026 County Fair

County of Torrance Responsibilities

- Maintenance of fairgrounds facilities
- Payment of utilities and ongoing maintenance costs
- Coordination of public safety with the Sheriff's Office
- Insurance and risk management coverage (already maintained by the County)
- General administrative support for fair operations

Heritage Association Responsibilities

- Full fair management, including:
 - Planning, organizing, and operating the 2026 fair
 - Entertainment, vendors, and programming
 - Scheduling and coordination
- Procurement responsibilities:
 - Awards, judges, and related fair materials
- Execution of:
 - Junior livestock auction
- Financial and operational duties:
 - Financial administration of fair activities
 - Recruitment and management of volunteers and staffing
- Community engagement requirement:
 - At a minimum, one dance event
 - At least one additional community event
- Insurance requirement:
 - Maintain their own general liability coverage as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including livestock regulations

Financial Structure

- Unlike last year, no administrative fee will be charged to the Heritage Association
- Funding will come from:
 - Remaining FY26 fair budget

- Potential FY27 budget allocations for fair-related services
- Current financial snapshot:
 - Approximately \$12,400 remaining in the fair budget (with some clarification needed due to potential adjustments)
 - Fair fund balance: approximately \$14,500
- Note:
 - Budget will decrease as the County no longer processes the junior livestock auction fees
 - Those fees now go directly to the Heritage Association

Procurement Approach

- Split procurement model between County and Heritage Association:
 - County will handle certain purchases (e.g., awards, marketing materials) during FY25/26
 - Heritage Association will take on more direct purchasing moving forward
- Future structure (next fiscal year):
 - County likely to establish a direct purchase order (PO) with the Heritage Association
 - The association will make purchases more independently
 - County will reimburse after verifying compliance and documentation
- Small purchase threshold: \$5,000
 - Purchases below the threshold may be handled more flexibly
 - Larger purchases must go through County procurement for compliance verification

Kevin McCall, County Commissioner:

- Question raised:
 - Why is the County still handling some procurement instead of fully transitioning to the Heritage Association under the MOU?
- Jordan Barela, County Manager:
 - Determined by procurement thresholds and compliance requirements
 - Larger purchases must remain under County oversight to ensure proper procurement procedures

- Smaller purchases may be delegated depending on cost and volume
- Follow-up clarification:
 - Buckles and similar items may exceed the threshold, requiring County handling

Financial Clarity Discussion

- Commissioner McCall asked whether the MOU specifies a fixed dollar amount for the Association
- Jordan Barela, County Manager, responded:
 - No fixed dollar amount is specified
 - Instead, funding is tied to:
 - Approved budget allocations for the fair
 - Reasoning:
 - Avoids discrepancies due to financial adjustments and donations (including a \$15,000 reimbursement/donation correction mentioned)

Key Takeaways

- Transition continues toward a hybrid operational model between County and Heritage Association
- Heritage Association is taking on greater operational control and financial responsibility
- County retains:
 - Oversight of compliance-sensitive procurement
 - Infrastructure, safety, and administrative support
- Financial structure remains flexible but constrained by available budget and procurement rules
- Long-term direction suggests increased autonomy for the Heritage Association in future fiscal years

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to approve; **Commissioner McCall** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

12. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION:

A. MANAGER/PLANNING AND ZONING: Discussion on Tajique Transfer Station and Related Zoning.

Jordan Barela, County Manager:

1. Zoning Overview

- Provided clarification on zoning within the land grant:
 - Two zoning designations exist:
 - VCP (Village Community Preservation) – more restrictive zoning, original township area.
 - RCP (Rural Community Preservation) – less restrictive, allows broader conditional uses.
 - The current Tajique Transfer Station site is in VCP, which has stricter limitations and more prohibited uses.
 - The proposed new site is in RCP, which allows more flexibility through conditional use processes.

Key Points:

- Neither VCP nor RCP explicitly permits commercial uses like a transfer station without special use authorization.
- A transfer station would still require a special use or overlay designation even in RCP.

2. Zoning Authority & Legal Interpretation

- Under state statute:
 - The land grant is the zoning authority for common lands within its township.
 - Because the proposed parcel is land grant–owned, it is considered common land.
 - Therefore, the land grant council has the authority to zone the property for a solid waste use.

Donald Goen, County P & Z Director:

Clarification:

- The County is not the zoning decision-maker for this parcel.

- Any objections or support from land grant members must go through the land grant council, not County Planning & Zoning.
- County role is limited to:
 - Executing a lease agreement after zoning/approval decisions are made.
- Development oversight remains with the County, but zoning authority rests with the land grant.

3. Precedent for Transfer Stations

- There are approximately eight (8) active transfer stations in Torrance County.
- None are located in areas specifically zoned for transfer stations or commercial use.
- All existing sites operate under:
 - Special Use District overlays
 - Justified by community benefit (solid waste services)

Key Interpretation:

- Transfer stations are treated as special-purpose infrastructure, not standard commercial development.
- If a facility is relocated or removed, zoning typically reverts to the original designation.

4. Site Conditions & Current Progress

- Observations:
 - Approximately 4-acre site has undergone significant brush clearing.
 - Base course and millings have been placed.
 - Site is largely prepared for development staging.

Operational Planning Needs:

- Installation of dump-access ramps so users can dispose of waste without steps.
- Development of an operational layout plan (currently in draft form by Danette's team at Solid Waste).

5. Security Fencing Discussion

- Current fencing exists but is not security-grade.
- Proposed upgrade:
 - 6-foot chain link fence with barbed wire topping
 - Intended to secure the operational area, not necessarily the full 4-acre perimeter.

Key Considerations:

- Exact linear footage still being determined based on final layout.
- Comparison made to other facilities:
 - Central site referenced as a model (noted higher fencing for security due to past theft/vandalism issues).
- Tajique site concerns:
 - Limited visibility due to trees and location off a major roadway.
 - Security fencing seen as administratively necessary.

Financial Issue:

- The fence is expected to cost tens of thousands of dollars.
- Concern raised that:
 - If site location changes in the future, fencing investment may not be reusable.
- Discussion of potential:
 - State funding sources
 - Possible lease amendment or cost-sharing clarification

6. Commission Discussion

- Confirmed general agreement that:
 - Land grant controls zoning decisions.
 - County has limited authority in the zoning approval process.
- Commissioner raised clarification questions regarding:
 - Whether fencing specifications (height, barbed wire) are statutorily required or an operational preference.
- Staff clarified:
 - Requirements are largely driven by operational/security needs, not strict statutory mandate (pending confirmation).

7. Operational Site Planning Update

- Using a cleared area as the designated operational footprint.
- Site is now effectively double the usable area of the current Tajique facility.
- Planning focuses on:

- Equipment placement
- Traffic flow
- Operational readiness requirements

B. CLERK'S REPORT:

Sylvia Chavez, County Clerk:

1. Election School / Open Primary Clarification

- Attended election school last week; reported it was highly informative and helped clarify prior confusion about the new open primary system.
- Key clarification: definition of "Open Primary" in New Mexico has now been officially confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Open Primary Rules (Final Interpretation)

- Only voters registered as "Decline to State (DTS)" are eligible to choose either:
 - Republican primary ballot, or Democratic primary ballot
- Voters registered as Libertarian or Independent:
 - Do NOT automatically qualify for open primary ballots
 - Must complete same-day voter registration to:
 - Change affiliation to Republican or Democrat, OR
 - Switch to Decline to State and then select a major party ballot
- Clarified misunderstanding: all 33 counties initially interpreted rules similarly, but this is now the final standardized definition

2. Voter Education & Ballot Guidance

- Strong recommendation to DTS voters:
 - Request sample ballots (both Republican and Democrat) before voting
 - Purpose:
 - Prevent selecting a ballot that does not include preferred candidates
 - Avoid needing to reissue ballots or use provisional voting
- If an incorrect ballot is chosen:
 - Voter may need to be issued a provisional ballot
 - Provisional ballots are still counted, but create additional processing steps
- Goal: ensure voters can cast ballots directly into tabulators without delays or complications

3. Registration Deadlines & Same-Day Registration

- Voter registration rolls close: May 5
 - Coincides with the start of early voting
- After May 5:
 - Changes still possible via Same Day Registration
 - Requirement: voter must vote immediately, the Same Day Registration is completed
 - Cannot register same-day and return later to vote

4. Voter Registration Breakdown

- Decline to State voters in the County:
 - Estimated in the thousands
- Minor parties in New Mexico:
 - Libertarian
 - Independent
- Structure clarified:
 - Major parties: Republican, Democrat
 - Minor parties: Libertarian, Independent
 - All others are effectively treated under broader classifications depending on registration status

5. Early Voting Information

- Early voting begins: May 5
 - Location: Torrance County Administration Building
 - Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Additional early voting period:
 - May 30–May 31
 - Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Alternate Early Voting Site

- Starts: May 16
- Location confirmed: Civic Center (Moriarty)
- Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Site has been secured with assurance of no scheduling conflicts

6. Absentee Voting

- Currently:
 - 398 voters on permanent absentee list
- Those voters:
 - Have received notification letters
 - DTS absentee voters received additional instructions for selecting party ballots
- Absentee ballot applications:
 - Available to all voters at any time

7. Election Preparation & Public Access

- Tabulator certification scheduled: Thursday at 9:00 AM (may extend into Friday)
- Open to the public:
 - Citizens may observe the certification process
- Emphasis on transparency in election preparation

8. Legislative Background & Process Notes

- Open primary law was passed through recent state legislation
- Initially:
 - Limited guidance available for Clerks statewide
 - Caused uncertainty across all 33 counties

- Update:
 - Final procedural clarity was provided only recently by the Secretary of State
- This is the first election cycle implementing the system
 - Expectation of adjustments in future cycles based on real-world application

C. MANAGERS' REPORT:

1. Budget Process Update

- The budget process is underway.
- Proposed next steps:
 - Scheduling individual meetings with each commissioner next week for preliminary budget review.
 - Department heads will be on standby during those meetings to answer questions.
 - Staff will follow up with commissioners after the meeting to confirm availability and scheduling preferences.
- Goal: Initiate early engagement to streamline budget review and feedback.

2. ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) & Legislative Changes

- Upcoming ICIP presentations planned for May and June.
- Significant update: House Bill 247 (Capital Outlay Reform) impacts the ICIP process and grant management.

Key Changes under HB 247:

- Grant Encumbrance Requirement
 - At least 10% of awarded funds must be encumbered within 6 months (contract or PO required).
- Expenditure Requirement
 - At least 85% of funds must be spent and reimbursed within 6 months prior to the grant term ends.
- Failure to comply
 - State will freeze funding if deadlines are not met.
- Reauthorization limits
 - Projects may only be reauthorized once, and only for up to 2 additional years (not a full new cycle).
- Acceptance warning
 - If a project cannot meet early requirements (e.g., 10% encumbrance), agencies are advised not to accept the grant agreement.
- Funding availability window
 - Funds remain available for 12 months to begin project readiness, after which they may be reclaimed.
- Policy intent:
 - Strong emphasis on “shovel-ready” projects only
 - State aims to reduce unused, frozen appropriations totaling billions of dollars

3. Implications for County ICIP Strategy

- Emphasized the need to reassess the ICIP project list.

- Proposed actions:
 - Develop a “shovel-ready” scoring/criteria system.
 - Evaluate which projects:
 - Can realistically meet new funding timelines
 - Should remain on ICIP list
 - May need to be removed due to readiness or funding risk
- Recommendation:
 - Prioritize actionable, ready-to-execute projects
 - Deprioritize long-term or undeveloped “pipe dream” projects

4. Board Discussion & Questions

Commissioner McCall

- Question raised regarding:
 - Whether funds tied to delayed projects can be recovered or redirected.
- Manager Barela Response:
 - The DFA holds funds for up to 12 months if the project is not immediately ready.
 - After that period, unutilized funds may be recaptured by the state.
 - Rationale:
 - Prevent idle funds
 - Allow the state to reallocate or invest unused capital

5. Example Highlight (Fairgrounds Project)

- Staff cited the fairgrounds project as an example of a funding mismatch:
 - Initial grant: only a few hundred thousand dollars
 - Actual project cost: multi-million dollar scope
 - Issue: Early funding would not have supported the full design or execution timeline (~3 years)
- Used to illustrate the risk of accepting insufficient or premature grant awards

D. COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Kevin McCall, County Vice Chair:

- Rhonda informed him that the New Mexico State Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will be taking official ownership of East Martinez Road.
- This transfer means the road will transition from Torrance County responsibility to state control.

Route Designation

- NMDOT plans to assign a state route number to East Martinez in the near future.
- This formal designation will complete the transition into the state highway system.

Impact on Torrance County

- Torrance County will no longer be responsible for maintenance or oversight of this roadway.

Ryan Schwebach, County Chairman: None

Linda Jaramillo, County Commissioner:

1. Water Planning & Infrastructure Updates (EMWT / City Council Meeting)

- Attended a minority City Council meeting where Donald Worthington provided an update on:
 - 40-year water plan
 - County water system planning
- Observations:
 - Impressed with the overall organization and structure of the water system planning
 - Noted strong system management and coordination
- Learned valuable insights from the presentation and discussions

2. EMWT Meeting – April 14

- Updates provided on:
 - Macintosh Water Plans
 - Homestead Estates water system
 - Sunset Acres water system
 - Melody Ranch water system
- Discussion topics:
 - Water rights issues in southern county areas
- General focus:
 - Continued monitoring and planning of regional water infrastructure and rights management

3. Community & Behavioral Health Meeting – April 16

Legislative Background

- New Mexico passed SB 3 – Behavioral Health Reform Investment Act
 - Signed: February 27, 2025
 - Response to high “deaths of despair” in NM (substance use, mental health, suicide)

Regional Structure

- Torrance County is part of Region 7, along with:
 - Catron County
 - Sierra County
 - Socorro County
- Region aligns with the 7th Judicial District
- Socorro serves as the accountable regional entity

Key Purpose of SB 3

- Establish a regional planning model for behavioral health services
- Improve coordination between:
 - Local governments
 - Healthcare providers

- Community organizations
- Build integrated community behavioral health centers

Meeting Highlights

- Presentation by Jackie Muncy (Socorro) explained the grant process and regional structure
- Prior workshop held in Socorro (3-day session)
- Follow-up community meetings held locally across districts
- Strong community attendance, including:
 - Mayors
 - Father Jordan (Catholic Church)
 - District court judges
 - Behavioral health agencies (some newly identified participants)

Funding Overview

- Initial regional allocation: ~\$7 million
- Torrance County share:
 - \$643,746 per year for 3 years
- Purpose:
 - Establish foundation for long-term behavioral health system development

Key Concerns & Goals

- Address:
 - Substance abuse
 - Suicide rates
 - Mental health needs of youth and adults
- Emphasis on collaboration and sustained planning
- Commitment to active participation in behavioral health initiatives

4. Public Safety Announcement

- Suicide Prevention Training
 - Date: Tomorrow
 - Time: 5:30 PM
 - Location: Dispatch facility
 - Open to the public
 - Free training

5. Community Event Attendance

- Attended Lincoln Day Dinner at Manzano campground
 - Keynote speakers:
 - Ant Thorten
 - Stephanie Lord
 - The event was well attended with many candidates present
- General note: Strong community political engagement observed

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. COMMISSION: Discussion on the Purchase and Acquisition of Water Rights and Real Property Pursuant to 10-15-1.H(8) NMSA 1978: McIntosh Water Rights Acquisition and Potential Land Acquisition Related to the McIntosh Water Project.

B. COMMISSION: Discussion on Collective Bargaining Strategy Pursuant to 10-15-1.H(5) NMSA 1978: Professional Firefighters of Torrance County Local 544.

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to move into Executive Session; **Commissioner McCall** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried 11:14 AM

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motioned to move into Regular Session; **Commissioner McCall** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried 12:11 PM

Ryan Schwebach, County Chairman:

Item 13A – Water Rights & Land Acquisition (McIntosh Area)

Discussion Points:

- The Commission reviewed matters related to:
 - Purchase and acquisition of water rights
 - Real property considerations in the McIntosh area
 - Water rate implications associated with acquisition
 - Potential land acquisition strategy

Key Discussion Outcome:

- Consensus direction provided to staff/administration:
 - Proceed with land acquisition negotiations

- Bring the final proposal back to the Commission for formal approval or disapproval

Action Item:

- Staff to continue negotiations and return with a completed package for Commission decision.

Item 13B – Informational Item (Local 544)

Discussion Points:

- Item was presented strictly as informational in nature.
- Details reviewed regarding prior presentation and discussion with Local 544.

Commission Direction:

- No action required at this stage.
- Authorization given to move forward, consistent with the presentation and discussion already held with Local 544.

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

Next meeting: May 13, 2026, 9:00 AM

15. Signing of official documents

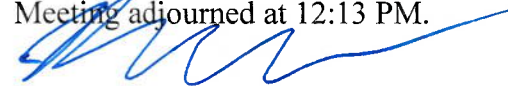
16. Adjournment:

Motion: Chairman Schwebach motions to adjourn. **Vice-Chair Jaramillo** seconded.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Schwebach – Yes
 - McCall – Yes
 - Jaramillo – Yes

Motion Carried

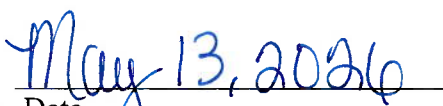
Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.




Ryan Schwebach - Chairman



Genell Morris – Admin Assistant



Date



Sylvia Chavez – County Clerk

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