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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Special Commission Meeting
August 29, 2018
5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: JULIA DUCHARME – CHAIR
JAVIER SANCHEZ – MEMBER
JAMES FROST – MEMBER

Others Present: BELINDA GARLAND – COUNTY MANAGER
ANNETTE ORTIZ – DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
DENNIS WALLIN – COUNTY ATTORNEY
GENELL MORRIS – ADMIN ASSISTANT

Call Meeting to order

Madam Chair DuCharme: Calls the August 29, 2018 Special Commission Meeting to order at 5:05 PM
Pledge lead by Belinda Garland
Invocation lead by Noah Sedillo

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Frost: Moves to approve meeting agenda
Commissioner Sanchez: Seconds the motion
All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

***ACTION ITEMS**
ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON

*** Commission Matters:**

1. Approval of Lease Agreement between Torrance County and the Tajique Land Grant: Solid Waste Transfer Station

The lease agreement states starting September 1, 2018, Torrance County will pay \$200.00 a month for 3 years. In that time the County agrees to make a good faith effort to relocate the Solid Waste Transfer Station. The County shall provide quarterly reports to the Tajique Land Grant with updates of the progress of the relocation. If the County is successful in the relocation of the solid waste facility, this lease agreement shall terminate immediately.

Madam Chair DuCharme will abstain from voting, has not had time to review the Lease Agreement.

Commissioner Sanchez: Moves to approve Lease Agreement between Torrance County and the Tajique Land Grant: Solid Waste Transfer Station

Commissioner Frost: Seconds the motion

2 in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Madam Chair DuCharme: abstains from vote

2. Request for Funding Torreon Acequia Improvements

Commissioner Sanchez states the Torreon Acequia will be awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Interstate Stream Commission, this grant requires a 5% match for phase 2. The East Soil and Water Conservation District has agreed to half of the match. Torreon Acequia is requesting \$3,500.00 be included in the county budget for the other half of the match if no other resources are available.

The first phase will be completed in January 2019, the East Soil and Water Conservation District paid 100% of the match (\$7,000). Phase 1 included a water catchment area, revitalization of a cistern and piping from the spring to the water catchment. The East Soil and Water Conservation District will cover 50% of the match in the amount of \$3,500 for phase 2. Phase 2 will be a reutilization of acequia that goes into Torreon and feeds the various parcels where gardens are planted, approximately 60 acres benefiting all heirs along the acequia and entire village. The benefit goes beyond the acreage. The shape that it is in, is useless to the community. That's a breeding ground for mosquitos, when we have moisture. If the time comes the commission would still need to vote on its utilization of the funding, this is just a budget request. The only funding would be the PILT fund. Attorney Dennis Wallin's concern is if the Acequia has all proper documentation.

County Manager Belinda Garland and Attorney Dennis Wallin will gather the information needed to see if the county can help fund the improvements in the amount of \$3500.00.

3. 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan Work Session

Attorney Dennis Wallin explains why we can't represent Punta De Agua in the purchase of a building. They are a mutual domestic water association and the purpose of the mutual domestics is limited. Mutual domestic water association statute under the sanity projects act. The purpose is to improve the public health of rural communities by establishing and maintaining a public subdivision of the state to receive public funds for the acquisition, construction and improvements of water supply, reuse, storm drainage and waste water facilities in the community and to operate and maintain facility for the public good. The statutory purpose is so specific, we would be taking a risk and would need DFA approval to include a community building as water supply reuse, storm drainage and waste water facilities. Not sure a community building will fall within that purpose and allow us to apply for ICIP funds, unless we own the building. If this is done, the question is who is responsible for the repair and maintenance. La Merced De Manzano is a statutorily created land grant. The land grant council is waiting for the Attorney General's opinion as to the status of La Merced De Manzano and if money can be submitted to them. Attorney Dennis Wallin feels that under the Act that created La Merced De Manzano, it can be done.

Commissioner's top 5 choices were discussed, including a presentation from the County Fair board, Norman Gonzalez spoke in favor of Punta de Agua and Manger Garland states the need for upgrades to the County administrative building. The County Fair board, Marcie Wallin, Angela Redondo and Keira Encinas, requested to be on the top 5 for a multi-purpose building for year around training. We are the center of the county and state, this will promote economic growth, enrich the lives of all community members, enhance educational operations from birth to grave, preserve diverse cultural beliefs and heritages, provide a safer, healthier community environment, demonstrate Torrance County commitment to the citizens of New Mexico and pride in our community. The current location has many safety hazards especially when it rains and the cost of renting tents will go up because we are growing out of what we are currently using. This is not handicap or elderly friendly, unsecure area for vendor products with year around vandalism.

Phase 1 in the amount of \$300,000 for planning, design, construction of frame, roof and electricity.

Phase 2 in the amount of \$200,000 for construction of exterior walls, insulation, and rough in plumbing.

Phase 3 in the amount of @200,000 to finish interior design and top out plumbing.

Mr. Gonzalez informs the commission Punta De Agua does not have a facility for any community gatherings. They are requesting \$235,000 for a building, the County will own the building and the Punta De Agua community will maintain it. Manger Garland explains the boiler in the admin building is old and no parts can be found, the air conditioner needs to be updated and the building is not ADA compliant.

Commissioner Frost reminds everyone that the fair board and other entities are not asking for money from the county, they are asking the county to ask the legislature for money. The state has more money this year than years past.

Commissioner Sanchez: Motions the following order for the 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements

1. Sheriffs Vehicles \$90,000
2. Repairs to the Administrative Building \$250,000
3. Road Improvement to McNabb Rd. \$600,000
5. Punta De Agua Building \$235,000

Will vote on #4 in a moment.

Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Sanchez: Makes Motion that #4 for the 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements be

4. County Fair Building \$300,000

Commissioner Frost: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Frost: Makes Motion that #6 and #7 for the 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements be

6. Computer software \$300,000
7. Manzano \$185,000

Commissioner Sanchez: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

County Manger suggest #8 volunteer Fire Department \$ 200,000, Commission agrees.

Madam Chair DuCharme: Makes Motion that #9 for the 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements be

9. Moriarty Senior Center \$60,000

Commissioner Frost: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

County Manager and Deputy County Manger will create the following years.

4. Resolution 2018-043 Adopting a 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan

Commissioner Frost: Motions to approve Resolution 2018-043 Adopting a 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan

Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

As Per Motion and Roll Call Vote, Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1, the Following Matters Will be Discussed in Closed Session:

a) Discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property for Torrance County operations, Sec. 10-15-1 (H) (8)

Madam Chair DuCharme: Motions to go into Executive Session

Commissioner Frost: Seconds the motion

Roll call vote: All in Favor

***Entered into Executive Session 7:50 PM**

****Reconvene from Executive Session: 8:32 PM***

Commissioner Frost: Motions to reconvene from Executive Session

Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(J), Commission Report from Closed Meeting:

b) Consider and Act upon, if necessary the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property for Torrance County operations

No decisions were made.

****Adjourn***

Commissioner Frost: Motion to adjourn Special Commission Meeting.

Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion.

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM



JULIA DUCHARME – CHAIR



Genell Morris – Administrative Assistant



Date

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