

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 14, 2017

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 14th day of August, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Quay County Commission Chambers, Tucumcari, New Mexico, for the purpose of taking care of any business that may come before them.

PRESENT & PRESIDING:

Franklin McCasland, Chairman
Mike Cherry, Member
Sue Dowell, Member
Ellen L. White, County Clerk
Richard Primrose, County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Rural Addressing
Christopher Cothran, Project Director NextEra Energy Resources
Gail Houser, Tucumcari MainStreet Director
Curtis Simpson, Quay County Emergency Management Coordinator
Russell Braziel, KTNM Radio Station
Rusty Shafer, Quay County Sheriff
Janie Hoffman, Quay County Chief Deputy Assessor
Patsy Gresham, Quay County Treasurer
Cheryl Simpson, Quay County Manager's Office
Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent
Vic Baum, Quay County Assessor
Thomas Garcia, Quay County Sun

Chairman Franklin McCasland called the meeting to order. Larry Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2017 regular session as printed. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye", and Dowell voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

A Public Hearing regarding the Quay County Infrastructure/Capital Improvement Plan was opened for discussion by Chairman McCasland. Time noted 9:05 a.m.

County Manager, Richard Primrose distributed the items of interest on the plan and asked for audience and Commissioners input. The list is attached.

Commissioner Dowell asked if the County would add other roads to the plan outside of the area around the recently completed Quay Road 63. Dowell said she thinks a lot of emphasis has been placed in that area and would like to diversify where funding is spent. County Manager, Richard Primrose said the ICIP request is simply a wish list and any areas of concern can be added and items changed. He asked Dowell to get him a list of the roads she would like to add. Chairman McCasland stated the ICIP is for Capital Outlay funding from the State and more than likely won't get funded. McCasland said he thinks the County does an excellent job of spreading out the CAP, COOP and School Bus Projects throughout the County.

With no further comments, the Public Hearing ended. Time noted 9:15 a.m.

Chairman McCasland opened a Public Hearing regarding the closure of the 3400-3750 block of Quay Road 51. Time noted 9:15 a.m.

County Manager, Richard Primrose stated the request to close this portion of Quay Road 51 came from Gary Massey. Massey is the sole land owner adjacent to this Road. Primrose said registered letters were sent to nearby land owners and one response was received from Robert Abercrombie supporting the closure. Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent reported the road serves no purpose but access to the Massey property. Moore said there is no State Lease Land affected by the closure.

With no further comments, the Public Hearing ended. Time noted 9:20 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

ONGOING BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Christopher Cothran, Project Director for NextEra Energy Resources presented an overview of the current New Mexico Wind Energy Center project. Cothran explained the equipment has served its purpose for the original project that became operational in 2003, but several improvements need to be made at the project.

Cothran explained the improvements will require a significant monetary investment but will provide for a longer life of the equipment and increase productivity for substantial benefits to Quay County and their landowners.

Cothran informed the Board the original project consisted of 86 turbines in Quay County. The initial construction included the installation of all components including the turbine generators, collection systems and substations.

At this time, NextEra will be requesting a new 30-year IRB for the renovation (repowering) of the equipment at the facility. The repowering will consist of larger rotors for higher productivity. As well, each Nacelle will be replaced. The existing equipment that will continue to be subject to the original IRB's from 2002 will include the foundations, towers and collection system/substations.

In addition to the renovations, NextEra will begin their new wind ranch, Casa Mesa, which will be located due east of the current NM Wind Energy Center. Cothran said the operation date for both the repowering renovations and Casa Mesa are slated to begin December 31, 2018. The Casa Mesa project will be home to nineteen 2.5 MW turbines and two 1.75 MW turbines. Of

those turbines, 12 will be located in Quay County and 9 in De Baca County. The two 1.75 MW turbines will be stationed in Quay County. Cothran said Quay County will have the first of the higher capacity turbines installed and operational by NextEra. Cothran said it's exciting to be installing this cutting edge technology in Quay County, which is lucky enough to have the North American Wind Program at Mesalands Community College.

The Casa Mesa project will consist of new turbines, collection system, substation and a new battery storage component. Attached is the IRB analysis for the project.

Chairman McCasland requested a ten minute break. Time noted 10:00 a.m.
Return to regular session. Time noted 10:10 a.m.

In conclusion, Cothran requested approval of the following Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 9; Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Repowering of the NM Wind Energy Center in the amount of \$107,100.00. A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve said Resolution. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy of said Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.
2. Resolution No. 10; Proposed Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Casa Mesa Project in the amount of \$48,500,000.00. A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve said Resolution. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy of said Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Cherry asked Mr. Cothran what happened to Florida Light and Power, the original constructors of the NM Wind Energy Center. Cothran responded it was a name consolidation/change and now known as NextEra.

Commissioner Dowell thanked Cothran and NextEra for their continued projects in Quay County.

Chairman McCasland said Quay County is eager for the new project and looks forward to the possibility of the jobs this could provide. McCasland encouraged Cothran to schedule tours of the new facility as it's being built and at completion to keep the public aware and informed. Chairman McCasland also introduced Cothran to Larry Moore and said Quay County will do whatever is in their means to make sure roads are prepared to handle the equipment needed to be delivered to the location and to work with Moore and Primrose directly if he needs anything.

Cothran said NextEra prides itself on providing local people with jobs. They go to great lengths to employ and keep their jobs for New Mexico residents.

Quay County Sheriff, Rusty Shafer presented the monthly report from his office for July. Shafer said he will have one officer returning to modified duty on the 21st of August. Sheriff Shafer informed the Board that Deputy Ben Gates will be retiring at the end of September.

Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent requested approval of the following items:

1. Closure of 3400-3750 block of Quay Road 51 as discussed in the Public Hearing at the beginning of the meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the closure. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". Commissioner Dowell asked if corresponding paper work needed to be signed by the Commission regarding this closure. Ellen White, County Clerk responded saying all closures and additions are noted on the Certified Maintained Mileage Reports that are signed each March. Primrose responded saying all the proper documentation is also included in the commission meeting minutes.

Moore gave the following roads update:

1. Quay Road BH will be at two miles completion today.
2. The close-out of the 2015-2016 CAP, COOP and School Bus Projects will be tomorrow.
3. The environmental studies for Rt. 66 and the Road Department yard are ongoing.

Chairman McCasland said he received a call regarding weeds on Quay Road AD. McCasland informed the caller it would need to dry out some before a mower could get into the bar ditches to mow.

Commissioner Dowell said the calls she has received have already been passed on to Mr. Primrose including Doyle Frasier regarding trees; Chris Koehler regarding weeds; Veronica Montano regarding weeds and an issue with asphalt at the entrance to her drive-way on QR 63; and Larry Hines.

Richard Primrose, Quay County Manager presented the following items for approval:

1. Requested approval to accept the quote of \$11,953.75 for locked fencing and canopy on the back parking lot of the courthouse to secure Sheriff Department vehicles. The quote is from Pacheco Construction and Trucking, Inc. This will include 10 parking spots.

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the project. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

Primrose distributed the following correspondence:

1. Letter from NMAC regarding their focus for the 2017-2018 year.
2. Letter from State Fire Marshal regarding first payment of Fire Protection Funds. Quay County received \$223,815.00 on July 28, 2017.
3. Email from EPCOG regarding a free Brownfield Workshop to be held in Tucumcari on August 31. This event is co-hosted by EPCOG and NM Environmental Department.
4. A public meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Liberty Room of the Tucumcari Convention Center on August 17 to discuss the Ute Reservoir Watershed Based Plan.
5. A picnic has been planned for Friday, September 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for county employees and their families. Also invited to attend is the District Court staff, Domestic Violence staff, Magistrate Court staff, District Attorney employees and Extension Office employees. The picnic will be on the lawn of the Courthouse.

Chairman McCasland asked Primrose to begin moving the portion of the agenda for "Commissioners Comments and Other Business" to be prior to Executive Session. Having said that, Chairman McCasland asked Quay County Treasurer, Patsy Gresham about the process for properties that are delinquent in taxes to make the sale list. Gresham replied, she has learned of several things the County can do to ensure properties stay on the list and aid the County in

getting them sold. She plans to visit at length with a representative from Taxation and Revenue to assist her with ideas and get answers for the Commissioners.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the expenditures included in the Accounts Payable Report ending August 10, 2017. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry SECONDED by Sue Dowell to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)7 to discuss Threatened or Pending Litigation MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Time noted 11:00 a.m.

-----EXECUTIVE SESSION-----

Return to regular session. Time noted 11:45 a.m.

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry that only the items listed above were discussed during Executive Session and no action was taken. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

Other County Business/Comments from Commissioners: NONE

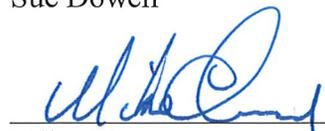
There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to adjourn. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen White, County Clerk.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Franklin McCasland


Sue Dowell


Mike Cherry

ATTEST:


Ellen L. White, County Clerk

