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AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
QUAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 27, 2020

9:00 A.M. Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes-Regular Session March 9, 2020

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Public Hearing

Franklin McCasland, Quay County Commission Chairman

- **Ordinances 6 & 19 - Dedication of a County Local Option – Gross Receipt Tax**

Public Hearing Adjourned

Public Comment

Ongoing Business

New Business

- I. **Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall**
 - Request Approval for **Jordan Fire Department PERA Application**
- II. **Daniel Zamora, Quay County Emergency Management Coordinator**
 - Request Approval of **FY 2019-2020 Resolution No. 44 - Declaring Quay County to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19**
- III. **Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent**
 - Request Approval of **FY 2019-2020 Resolution No. 43 – Action for Safety of Traveling Public on Highway 54 and Quay Road AI**
 - **Road Update**
- IV. **Richard Primrose, Quay County Manager**
 - Request Approval of **Adjusting Commission Meetings During Pandemic COVID-19**
 - **Presentation of NMSU Quay County Extension Service Quarterly Report**
 - Request Approval of **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**
 - Request Approval of **Ordinances 6 & 19 - Dedication of a County Local Option – Gross Receipt Tax**



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Quay County, NM Ellen White - County Clerk

V. Indigent Claims Board

- **Call Meeting to Order**
- Request Approval of **Indigent Minutes for the February 24, 2020 Meeting**
- Request Approval of **Claims Prepared by Sheryl Chambers**
- **Adjourn**

VI. Request Approval of Accounts Payable

VII. Other Quay County Business That May Arise During the Commission Meeting and/or Comments from the Commissioners

Adjourn

The County will strictly enforce social distancing and the restrictions set forth in the NM Governor's Orders issued on March 23, 2020. No more than 5 persons will be allowed in the meeting at any given time and 6 ft. distancing will be maintained.

Access to the Courthouse will be through the North Entrance only. Citizens entering the building will be subject to a series of New Mexico Department of Health questions.

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 27, 2020

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 27th day of March, 2020 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:

Janie Hoffman, Quay County Assessor
Daniel Zamora, Quay County Emergency Manager
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshal
Larry Moore, Quay County Road Superintendent
Ron Warnick, Quay County Sun

Chairman McCasland called the meeting to order. Lucas Bugg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular session as presented. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

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

Chairman McCasland called a Public Hearing to order at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of reauthorizing the dedication of a County Local Option-Gross Receipts Tax reflecting in the proposed amended Ordinances Numbered 6 and 19.

County Manager, Richard Primrose stated the State Legislature de-earmarked these specific Gross Receipts Taxes allowing the County to re-authorize and use where it's most needed.

With no further comments, Chairman McCasland closed the Public Hearing. Time Noted 9:07 a.m.

Public Comment: Ellen White, Quay County Clerk, thanked Daniel Estrada and the maintenance crew and the Sheriff's Department for their efforts in sanitizing the building and providing a secure entrance during the COVID19 Pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall requested approval of the Jordan Fire District PERA Application. A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the request. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Emergency Management Coordinator requested approval of FY2019-2020 Resolution No. 44; Declaring Quay County to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19. Zamora explained having this Resolution in place will allow Quay County to apply for Federal Emergency Funding if the need occurs.

Commissioner Dowell stated she appreciated the proactive steps being taken, as did the other Commissioners. A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the Resolution. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy will be attached to these minutes and distributed to the departments necessary at the state and federal levels.

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

Resolution No. 43; Requesting Action for Safety of the Traveling Public on U.S. Highway 54 and Quay Road AI. Moore stated the leadership at the NM Transportation Department had been made aware of their concerns and are in favor of Quay County submitting this Resolution.

Commissioner Dowell thanked Moore for making contact with the leadership at the Transportation Department. Dowell also thanked Ron Warnick, Quay County Sun editor for the article and public awareness he created in his article. Dowell submitted several sheets of documentation from the public she had gathered with concerns of the dangerous situation. Copies of that documentation are attached to these minutes.

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell, SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve Resolution No. 43. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy of said Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Moore gave the following report:

1. The 2019-2020 Close-Out of the Co-Op Projects has been submitted.
2. Millings are available from Mountain States Construction at Montoya. Moore is looking for a location to store them.
3. Crews are finishing up on Quay Road BH and blading where they can.

4. A Pre-Con meeting was held virtually for the CDBG Project on Quay Road AR with construction to begin on April 6, 2020.

Richard Primrose, Quay County Manager presented the following items for consideration and informational purposes:

1. Primrose asked the Board of Commissioners if they would consider holding only one monthly meeting in April, and perhaps in May, instead of the two regularly scheduled. Primrose stated he believes the County needs to adhere to the NM Health Department Orders and gather as a group less frequently if the business would allow.

Commissioner Dowell voiced opposition to holding a single monthly meeting stating the citizens can't be adequately represented with only one meeting a month. Dowell stated the citizens expect the elected officials to lead during this crisis and stay in communication with them by having the regularly scheduled meetings. Dowell stated she did not want to wait a month to bring the concerns of citizens to the attention of the manager or board.

Commissioner Cherry responded by saying he doesn't wait even the two weeks to bring issues of concern to the managers. He does it immediately to hopefully expedite the resolution.

Chairman McCasland stated his concerns for leaning towards public safety and adhering to the health department orders. McCasland stated if a county employee or a commissioner fell ill to this virus, they would not be able to serve the public.

A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Chairman McCasland to cancel the meeting scheduled for April 13th and meet again on April 27th. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", McCasland voting "aye" and Dowell voting "nay".

Commissioner Dowell asked Quay County Emergency Manager, Daniel Zamora to please continue to keep the public and elected officials informed. Zamora stated he would continue the service announcements and push the local messages to the citizens. Zamora stated he has already set up daily calls for all entities to continue a coordinated effort to battle COVID19.

2. Presented the NMSU Quay County Extension Service Quarterly Report for October-December, 2019.
3. Requested approval of a Proclamation on behalf of NM Children Youth and Families Department proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve the Proclamation. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy is attached.
4. Requested approval of Amended Ordinance No. 6; Amending the dedication of the County Local Option Gross Receipts Tax.(.375% tax) A MOTION was made by Mike Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy is attached.
5. Requested approval of Amended Ordinance No. 19; Amending the dedication of the County Local Option Gross Receipts Tax.(.125% tax) A MOTION was made by Mike

Cherry, SECONDED by Sue Dowell to approve. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Chairman McCasland called the Indigent Claims Board to order. Time noted 9:35 a.m.

---- INDIGENT CLAIMS----

Return to regular session. Time noted 9:40 a.m.

A MOTION was made by Sue Dowell SECONDED by Mike Cherry to approve the expenditures included in the Accounts Payable Report ending March 23, 2020. MOTION carried with Dowell voting "aye", Cherry voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye".

Other Quay County Business That May Arise during the Commission Meeting and/or comments from the Commissioners:

Commissioner Cherry stated he believed a special legislative session is inevitable to address the previously awarded capital outlay funding.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mike Cherry SECONDED by Sue Dowell to adjourn. MOTION carried with Cherry voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and McCasland voting "aye". Time noted 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen White, County Clerk.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

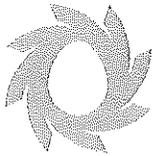

Franklin McCasland


Sue Dowell


Mike Cherry


Ellen L. White, County Clerk





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2019 Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Fire Chief, Reporter and County Fire Marshal Contact Information

SECTION A – CONTACT INFORMATION (COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS)

1. VFD Name: Jordan Fire District
2. PERA VFD Number (5 digit number): 09693
3. Fire Chief Name: Tedd Tatum Telephone Number: (575)760-5658
4. Reporter Name: J Randy Jennings Telephone Number: (575)914-1096
5. County Fire Marshal Name: Lucas Bugg Telephone Number: (575)403-6479
6. VFD Email Address/es: tedd@plateautel.net
7. VFD Telephone Number(s): (575)760-5658
8. VFD Mailing Address: 4073 St Hwy 156
City, State: Cuervo, New Mexico Zip Code: 88417

SECTION B – AUTHORIZATION

Name of VFD Fire Chief (print): Tedd Tatum

Signature of VFD Fire Chief: 

Please return this form on or before March 31 of each calendar year or as the VFDs administration changes. The form must be completed in its entirety and returned to PERA for processing. Please keep a copy for your VFDs records.



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2019 Volunteer Firefighters Annual Reporting Form

SECTION A – VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Name: Jordan Fire District
2. VFD Mailing Address: 4073 St Hwy 156
- City, State: Cuervo, NM Zip Code: 88417
3. PERA VFD Number (5 digit number): 09683 4. County Fire Marshal: Lucas Bugg
5. VFD Fire Chief: Tedd Tatum 6. Email Address: tedd@plateautel.net
7. Phone (work): (575) 760-5658 (home/cell): (575) 760-5658

SECTION B – DEPARTMENT TOTALS

1.	New VFD Members reported in 2019	1
2.	Current Active (Non-Retired) VFD Members reported in 2019	21
3.	Retired VFD Members reported in 2019	4
4.	Total number of Volunteer Firefighters reported in 2019:	26

SECTION C - CERTIFICATION

I, Tedd Tatum, Fire Chief of the Jordan Fire District
Volunteer Fire Department, affirm that the records submitted to PERA are true and correct and reflect 100% of my VFDs 2019 roster.

Tedd Tatum
Signature of VFD Fire Chief

3-10-20
Date

State of New Mexico

County of S Quay

On this 10 day of March, 2020, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Ellen L. Williams
(Notary Public)
My commission expires: 9/21/2023

L. Hamilton Westwood
Municipal Mayor or Chair of County Commission

3/27/2020
Date

Return this form along with the appropriate Qualification Record Form(s) by March 31, 2020 to PERA. Strikethroughs and white-out edits are not permitted. Keep copies for your VFDs records.



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2019 Volunteer Firefighter Service Credit Qualification Record

Instructions: Please print or type in dark ink. Check one box to indicate whether or not member met minimum qualifications for service credit for the year indicated. Return this form along with the Annual Reporting Form by March 31, 2020 to PERA. Keep copies for your VFDs records.

VFD Name: Jordan Fire Department

PERA VFD Number (5 digit number): 09693

County: Quay

Current Active (Non-Retired) VFD Members Only

Vol No.	Social Security Number (must be provided or no service will be credited)	Full Name of Volunteer Firefighter (Provide mailing address for each member)	Date of Birth (00/00/00)	Service Credit Eligibility Met? (Check one)	
				Yes	No
1.	[REDACTED]	Name: Mitchum Rush Address: 2701 Quay Rd AN Melrose, NM 88124	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	[REDACTED]	Name: Jimmy Joe Jester Address: 3754 Quay Rd AS McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	[REDACTED]	Name: Clyde E Moon Address: 5252 St Hwy 156 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	[REDACTED]	Name: Rachelle Moon Address: 5252 St Hwy 156 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	[REDACTED]	Name: Phillip Runyan Address: 3542 St Hwy 252 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	[REDACTED]	Name: Stoney R Shoemaker Address: 4082 Quay Rd BE Cuervo, NM 88417	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	[REDACTED]	Name: Terrill D Stowe Address: 2555 Quay Rd AT House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	[REDACTED]	Name: Larry Tedd Tatum Address: 4063 St Hwy 156 Cuervo, NM 88417	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	[REDACTED]	Name: Rodney S Sawyer Address: PO Box 868 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	[REDACTED]	Name: Cami Howl Address: HC 66 Box 28 Cuervo, NM 88417	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Volunteer Fire Department Certification

(to be signed either by the VFD Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, County Fire Marshal or other authorized person)

Signature: [Signature] Title: Fire Chief Date: 3-10-20

December 2019



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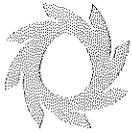
Current Active (Non-Retired) VFD Members Only

Vol No.	Social Security Number (must be provided or no service will be credited)	Full Name of Volunteer Firefighter (Provide mailing address for each member)	Date of Birth (00/00/00)	Service Credit Eligibility Met? (Check one)	
				Yes	No
1.	[REDACTED]	Name: Brady S Mimms Address: 5123 St Hwy 156 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	[REDACTED]	Name: Clay S Mimms Address: 5123 St Hwy 156 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	[REDACTED]	Name: Oscar L Lerma Address: PO Box 865 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	[REDACTED]	Name: Jeffery B. Montgomery Address: 1602 CR AM Melrose, NM 88124	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	[REDACTED]	Name: Patrica R Webb Address: 3219 St Way 252 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	[REDACTED]	Name: Donnie R. Sparks Address: PO Box 18 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	[REDACTED]	Name: William B. Runyan Address: 4698 Quay Rd 27 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	[REDACTED]	Name: Denese K Runyan Address: 4698 Quay Rd 27 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	[REDACTED]	Name: John B Snipes Address: PO Box 645 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	[REDACTED]	Name: Valerie K Snipes Address: PO Box 645 House, NM 88121	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Volunteer Fire Department Certification

(to be signed either by the VFD Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, County Fire Marshal or other authorized person)

Signature: [Signature] Title: Fire chief Date: 3-10-20



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VFD Name: Jordan Fire Department

PERA VFD Number (5 digit number): 09693 County: Quay

Current Active (Non-Retired) VFD Members Only

Vol No.	Social Security Number (must be provided or no service will be credited)	Full Name of Volunteer Firefighter (Provide mailing address for each member)	Date of Birth (00/00/00)	Service Credit Eligibility Met? (Check one)	
				Yes	No
1.		Name: Lee Griggs Address: HC61 Box 26 House, NM 88121		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		Name: Guy Kole Tatum Address: 3932 St Hwy 312 McAlister, NM 88427		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Volunteer Fire Department Certification

(to be signed either by the VFD Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, County Fire Marshal or other authorized person)

Signature: Title: Fire Chief Date: 3-10-20



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VFD Name: Jordan Fire Department

PERA VFD Number (5 digit number): 09693 County: Quay

Retired VFD Members Only

Vol No.	Social Security Number (must be provided or no service will be credited)	Full Name of Volunteer Firefighter (Provide mailing address for each member)	Date of Birth (00/00/00)	Service Credit Eligibility Met? (Check one)	
				Yes	No
1.	[REDACTED]	Name: Eddy R Shoemaker Address: HC 66 Box 28 Cuervo, NM 88417	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	[REDACTED]	Name: Jack A Akin Address: 4735B Quay Rd 36 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	[REDACTED]	Name: Jack R Jennings Address: 5633 St Hwy 156 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	[REDACTED]	Name: Phillip R Akin Address: 4735B Quay Rd 36 McAlister, NM 88427	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.		Name: Address:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: PERA has a 100% reporting policy. Retired VFD Members are not eligible to accrue additional service credit once pension benefits begin.

Volunteer Fire Department Certification

(to be signed either by the VFD Fire Chief, District Fire Chief, County Fire Marshal or other authorized person)

Signature: [Signature] Title: Chief Date: 3-10-20



QUAY COUNTY
FY 2019-2020 – RESOLUTION NO. 44

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING QUAY COUNTY TO BE AN EMERGENCY AREA
AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially declared there to be a global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and Quay County significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Quay County, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property and the public peace.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Quay County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution declare the following:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10,), we do hereby declare Quay County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico; and
2. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,
3. As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of Quay County officials to control County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and,

4. The County Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for all employees during the period of this emergency.

Done this 27th day of March, 2020

Board of Quay County Commissioners



Franklin McCasland
Franklin McCasland, Chairman

Sue Dowell
Sue Dowell, Member

Mike Cherry
Mike Cherry, Member

ATTEST:

Ellen L. White
Ellen L. White, Quay County Clerk

Quay County Government

Resolution No. 43

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION FOR SAFETY OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC ON U.S. HIGHWAY 54 AND
QUAY ROAD AI

WHEREAS, The County of Quay has a significant portion of U.S. Highway 54 than runs through the County; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Quay County utilize U.S. Highway 54 for daily transportation and commuting to and from everyday work, appointments and activities; and

WHEREAS, A significant number of travelers and semi-trucks travel U.S. Highway 54 through Quay County; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 54 is primarily a narrow, two-lane roadway with a high volume of traffic; and

WHEREAS, Quay Road AI is widely used by local residents and has become increasingly used by semi-trucks and tourists as a connecting road between U.S. Highway 54 and Interstate 40; and

WHEREAS, The approach to Quay Road AI from U.S. Highway 54 does not allow traffic to approach at a slow and safe rate, creating numerous vehicles to be forced off the Highway and numerous accidents; and

WHEREAS, A Quay County family lost a child at that intersection due to a Semi accident as she entered U.S. Highway 54 from Quay Road AI in May, 2002.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioner is responsible for the general control and management of all roads, highways and bridges within its jurisdiction; the County has an obligation to maintain and keep in safe repair all public highways, except those owned and operation by private corporations and those highways within the corporate limits of any incorporation city or town including exception to federal and state highways and roads; (NMSA 67-2-2)

NOW THEREFORE,

The Quay County Commission, respectfully requests the State of New Mexico, Transportation Department to swiftly exercise their authority with establishing acceleration and deceleration lanes at the intersection of Quay Road AI and U.S. Highway 54 in Quay County, New Mexico.

BE IT RESOLVED,

The Quay County Commission would encourage a Joint Coordinated effort between Quay County and the State of New Mexico Transportation Department to plan, design, and construct the acceleration/deceleration lane at the intersection of Quay Road AI and U.S. Highway 54 in Quay County, New Mexico.

DONE at Quay County, New Mexico this 27th day of March, 2020.

Board of Quay County Commissioners


Franklin McCasland, Chairman

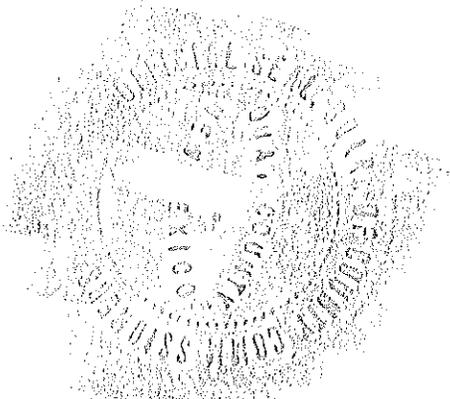

Sue Dowell, Member


Mike Cherry, Member

ATTEST:



Ellen L. White, Quay County Clerk



- Shelley Henry Wallin I DO NOT travel this road unless absolutely necessary because of the danger!
-
-
- Katie Hammack That is one of the most dangerous roads anywhere!
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- Kristy Maestas I do travel it everyday coming and go to work. The travelers including semi truck drivers don't pay attention when there is a no passing zone. They will still pass and they will also pass on the bridge going into Logan.

Frank Perea Well I will say this as a truck driver and I travel through there often when I go to Stratford Texas it is a dangerous road people in patient passing when they're not supposed to I've had several Close Encounters on 54 Texas from Nara Visa to Dalhart on the Texas side are putting in passing Lanes they're about three miles long but it allows traffic to pass at these passing zones I wish u.s. 54 was a four-lane but maybe passing Lanes could be Puttin on the New Mexico side it would help.

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Frank Perea U.s. 54 being a Federal Highway should have funding every year for it to improve it for road projects I think the bridge and Logan is taking a lot of that money but I think it should be brought up to the nmdot about it

Marty Martinez Thank you Mrs Sue Dowell for making a difference

- Robert Alarcon Lost a friend in a head on collision back in the late 70's.
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- Matt Angie Mckinney It needs to be a two lane on both sides
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- Lori Shoulders There's my Cuz. Know of a couple of bad wrecks.
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- Geraldine Downing We are in deep conversation about this road since Jordan got his driver's license. I think he's too young (16) for such a busy dangerous road, as a adult I hate and worry when I'm behind the wheel, and been forced to drive off the road to avoid a head on collision, because someone trying to pass. Too many times I had to slam on my brakes for someone who was passing me who didn't see a vehicle coming from the other lane to squeeze back in .
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- Sue Dowell Thank you all for commenting. I will keep list of concerned citizens and will use your comments and concerns. I know I have had near misses more than once, I have seen semi's going to fast to make the left turn onto Airport road then stop and back up on the highway to make the turn, and have seen vehicles forced off the road many times. I agree with you parents who have real concerns about our youth driving this road to school. I appreciate comments here, texts, and emails I have already received today.

Debra Armstrong Mitchell Once when I was taking Lisa to school in Logan, this semi was right on my bu**mper, I had to turn onto Mr. Franklin's road, I ended up pulling to the right and stopping to breath for a bit, another time the same situation and then all of a sudden the truck wasn't there and I looked in my rear view and he was totally driving in a cloud of dust in the right of way.

- Crystal Terrell Amanda

- Tammy Lucero Sonya Reid
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- Morgan Southard Kristen Wright Southard
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- Danny T. Bason Paul Corky Bason
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- Lace Littell They need to put signs on airport road that say no thru traffic and call goolge and tell them that is not a short cut. That road is not built to carry the heavy loads of the semis. That road started as a farm to market road and thats how it needs to stay. Besides going the extra 5 miles to the light actually gets u to 40 faster
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- Marsha White Twyla Sliger
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- Darlene Garcia Jordan Salas
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- Loretta Antoinette Torres We were headed home to Logan from Tucumcari one day & a semi was cruising along on the wrong side of the road! We had to completely pull off the road to avoid getting hit head on by him! Some of those semi drivers are just plain crazy!
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- Alyssa Kenton Bowling Jessica Vest

- Lisa Griggs Blue Olivas
- William Gronemeyer 54 is an issue from Tucumcari to Dalhart Tx. Txdot has a 2.5 yr project repaving and adding passing lanes to the nm border. It would make the road safer if nmdot picked up at the border, and extended the rework to Tucumcari. But it will be expensive.
- Betty Coslett All of us who have traveled that road know how dangerous it is. That's why we call it Blood Alley! It needs to be four lane and has for years, but evidently that's not going to happen. We've had several close calls on that road, both in our car, pickup and the big truck! It's scary every time you travel it. You certainly have our support to lobby for a wider, better road. Summer is almost here and the traffic will pick up. I will never forget when a friends granddaughter was killed there.
- Billye Leigon traveled it many times..always with uneasy caution.

Wheeler Hughes I get passed daily by folks going too fast on curves and blind hills

- Renee Gutierrez My parents always used to call it Slaughter Lane.mark nolan was killed on 54
- Tammy Lynn Husman From a truck drivers perspective, you have some companies who govern their trucks at 55-62 mph. They ride each other's butt so close that you couldn't get a car between them for miles! If you try to pass in a semi they won't give you the room to get in! I have even had some speed up on me while trying to pass in my cattle truck and hold you out there-almost like they are trying to force you to hit someone. Also, I have had many CRST and Fed Ex that will ride the line so you can't see around them and only move over when traffic comes... this highway is a death trap and needs to have long passing lanes at the very least but really needs to be 4 lane all the way through!
 - Tammy Lynn Husman Also, the way traffic flies through Nara visa at well over the speed limit we could really use more enforcement out there!

- **Jay Robinson** Cars and semis stop suddenly in the middle of the road to turn onto airport road. Not a matter of if but when this will cost someone their life! Then what? Lawsuit will happen guaranteed, then the State will be forced to do something, too late!
Same with that curve north of the tank farm slowing traffic to 55mph. THAT, is going to get someone too
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- **Amy McKinley Smith** Never seen an actual accident happen but lots of almost ones at the airport road turn off and Hw 54 and I not sure what the road going North is. Same with the turn to get on 11 mile road.

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- **Marla Job** Could you please make this shareable for us?
 - **Sue Dowell**  Maria, Group page doesn't have shareable. You can copy and paste, but then I would not be able to see comments you get. I do plan to use information from comments to prepare to share information with our Senators, Representatives, and Transportation department. This is a story it is time for them to LISTEN to.

- **Relissa Dustin Nials** My family travels 54 every day for work or school. Very scary! People pass on hills. Semi trucks pass on the Canadian river bridge. Needs to be 4 lane
- **Cade R Michaels** I just passed a "wide load" truck that had some equipment that went several feet into the oncoming Lane and there was no shoulder at the particular spot. Don't know what would have happened if an RV or bigger truck was incoming
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- **Lila Grace** I nearly had a head on collision trying to pass someone, they wouldn't let me in and there was oncoming traffic. Safe passing areas are scarce.

Jana Rogers My family has been hit by a semi once and my Dad has been hit twice. Both times the accidents were caused by semi trucks going too fast and hitting us from behind when trying to make a turn off the highway. Once at mine canyon and once on airport road. The 2nd time my dad was hit he was trying to turn off onto airport, he saw the semi coming up too fast and he was pulling off onto the side of the road to let it pass and it still hit him. It is a very dangerous road!!

- **Glenda Stallings Reid** Si was on the Chamber many years ago representing Conchas, so over 20 years ago. We picked up Travis Nelson and went to Kansas to have a meeting with officials there to four lane U.S. 54. I wonder whatever happened to that plan?
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- **Sue Dowell** That was talked about some years ago, and there was a lot of buzz about it. Then, the talking stopped, and it got no more attention. I think it is time to speak up loudly about this issue.
- - **Karen Foote** I agree iv driven that road lots an lots of times it is a very dangerous road!!!
 - **Rodney Paris** The intersection that you are speaking of is very dangerous, although to fix the problems on 54 you must look at the entire road from Tucumcari to the state line. There have been similar accidents at Mine Canyon. Due to the congestion, we continue to have issues, a fix should be looked at on a large scale and not one intersection at a time.
 - - **Sue Dowell** I agree, Rodney. The Airport Road problem has been complicated by the fact that GPS tells travelers to cut across both from 54 and from I 40. That road is not built for concentrated semi traveling, but it is getting it. Also, when semi's will be going too fast and then stop and back up on the highway to turn onto Airport Road, it is really dangerous. I have seen that happen more than once. I do fully agree that all intersections on it are problems.
 - **Linda Griggs** I would like to see turn out lanes on airport road, it's very scary having to pull off the road to go north on Quay Road Ai or turning left onto airport road with on coming traffic coming at you or behind you! Also GPS is showing that turn off as a shorter rout which is causing traffic to come to a complete stop with traffic coming at them or behind them going 65 mph. Have seen way to many accidents on this road in the past 20+ years!
- **Lane Bradley** Texas is putting in sections of passing lanes going both directions from Dalhart to the state line. These are a huge help because of the trucks. They are in place between Dalhart and Dumas and believe me they are used because of the slow trucks holding things up. NM needs to do this from the State line to Tucumcari as well. I've had to go onto to shoulder many times because of the trucks not being able to go the speed limit and dangerous passing going on.

Susan Dean Elrod I travel 54 between Logan and Tucumcari everyday. Seen people pass and then you're right in front of you almost a head on so you have to slow down. People stopping very Suddenly at airport road to turn. Really needs to be four lanes because it is a major highway.

- **Shirley Faver** Many years ago I was rear ended turning off 54 to that road going to our house.

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Brenda Howard McDonald I always bring my last passenger to the front because it is dangerous, people don't slow down fast enough and even try to go around when I turn left YIKES I turn blinker on about quarter mile sometimes still not enough warning

- Janet Griffiths I'll have to take a picture of the black marks on the pavement at our turn off on AF. Nearly got rear ended by a semi when I was trying to turn off. Say a prayer every time I turn off.

- Sue Dowell I talked about that set of marks at Commission Meeting Monday as I pointed out that these near misses are our citizens! Glad you ended up safe that day.

- Tammy Lynn Husman I think there should be a sign at airport road that says no thru trucks about 1/2 mile before the turn and then right at the turn... might stop some of it!

- David Peacock Hi Sue. I have had many near misuses. I will give you the latest near miss for an example Our turn into quay road AI has had many accidents. Many trucks and cars are turning on to and off of the airport road. I was attempting to turn on north bound AI from Tucumcari. East bound. Traffic was Coming into the intersection north bound from airport road.
<https://www.facebook.com/164720644174464/posts/495687521077773/> eighteen wheeler and a car were stopped west bound waiting to turn on airport road. Had a line of traffic behind me running fast. My left turn onto AI was blocked by the truck and car. I had no choice but to hit the ditch to avoid a head-on. I will get this to you in a letter form if it is helpful.

- Sue Dowell Dallas saw that happening to you. Email letter would be great.

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- Corlie Leonard I know we have had to drive into the ditch numerous times over the years to avoid a head on crash w semis trying to pass when there was clearly not enuf room for them to do so.

- Corlie Leonard I agree w everyone. Trying to turn off 54 to a side road takes careful calculation. Sometimes it's safer to slow down far ahead of time and let all the trucks pass you before your turn comes.

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- Judy Cochran I've been run off the road when a car was trying to pass a semi truck if I didn't get off the road it would have been a head-on collision.

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- DonSharon Rich Prayers for getting it fixed. Abd all who travel on it.

- - Cynthia San Roman Acker That road is scary to travel on!!!

 - Lila Grace Ive come close to being hit when trying to turn off 54. Even with 200 yards of turning signal, people at the back of line will pass because they dont realize someone is trying to turn

 - Brittany Molyneaux Airport road and 11 mile road definitely should have turn lanes!! It's nerve racking trying to turn down 11 mile road to get home with oncoming traffic and traffic coming up behind, I have had to pull off on the shoulder several times to prevent getting ran over!!

Nancy Poel Mueller It's beyond me why they are building the new bridge with only two lanes. I would have thought they would make it wide enough to be a four lane bridge at some point.

- Ann McMillan Hall Nancy Poel Mueller saw a semi pass a vehicle on the bridge in snow packed icy conditions, then he was rode my bumper. In my UPS truck we only have side mirrors I couldn't see him in my left mirror but if I looked in my right mirror all I saw was a big black hood. I needed to turn to go to Sue Dowels that day, but I drove all the way to Tucumcari and turned around and went back.

Connie Loveland We have had numerous close calls on 54! The turn offs to Airport road and 11 Mile Road are especially dangerous. More than once I have had people pass me on the shoulder of the road because they were driving too fast and there was oncoming traffic so to avoid a collision went around me on the shoulder. I know there have been numerous wrecks at the Airport turnoff due to inattentive drivers and no turning lanes. We take Airport road to my parents now to avoid having to turn north off of 54.

Yvette Peacock I'm thankful David no longer hauls milk to Dalhart. Every day he told me how hazardous that road was. He said the only time it was pretty safe to travel it, was at 4am. His truck was governed at 62mph and there was no way he could ever get around the old people in RVs because he didn't have time to pick up enough speed once he was in the other lane because of too much oncoming traffic. Sometimes I had to pick him up in Logan just because he would run out of hours trying to get back with the traffic.

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Nadine Collins My father, his brother and nephew were about killed on that same stretch due to semi going head on, in my father's lane. Thank God for my father's quick reflexes, he was able to barely miss the semi by yanking the car to the shoulder and back on his lane. I also had a dear friend lose his daughter due to a semi on the same road!

- Jeffrey Elofson I don't understand why they have not made the Mine Canyon turnoff with turning lanes... it is treacherous as well!!
- Todd Duplantis I was side swiped the other day. Took off my fender.

Michelle Shipley Jaynes  I don't know how many wrecks I've been called out to on 54. Very dangerous

- Sandra Allred Question becomes what will it take?

Johnny Sewell My cousin Mark Nolan was killed in a head on collision on 54 between Logan and Tucumcari. His brother Mike would be a good one to write a letter. I'll talk to him.

Johnny Sewell It's famous enough as a bad road that my friend Wayne "The Train" Hancock even wrote a song about it!

https://youtu.be/Dgt5K6Iy_Z4

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Wayne Hancock - Highway 54

Wayne Hancock - Highway 54

Johnny Sewell Mike Nolen

- **Sam Scrubby** We live on Road Ai by Airport . This road is a very busy road with lots of traffic. We see lots of semi & vehicle traffic all day and night long. Unbelievable!
- **Toby Willis** That stretch of 54 is a deathtrap, I'm amazed we don't have more fatalities. I've lost count of the number of times I've been forced onto the shoulder or into the ditch because of fool drivers trying to pass when they shouldn't. There are only a few ...See More

- **Sheryl Bason Chambers** I have had several close encounters with semis and had to move off the road to keep from being hit. It is a scary road to drive on and I avoid it if possible.

Sharon Reid After driving that road to work for almost 19 years - there are alot of Semi wrecks but there are also alot of wrecks with the vehicles that are being towed back from auction. Sometimes they tow two vehicles - and one or both break loose and end up going across the road or in the ditch. Some times they just go off and leave them where they stopped!

- **Ann McMillan Hall** Sharon Reid saw lots of those vehicles towing unsafely.

- **Donna Avent** I've had to take the ditch a couple of times when a semi tries to pass in spite of no passing zones and then when a car is coming in the opposite lane pulls back in and forces me off the road.

Sharon Reid Donna Avent I have had that happen too. Last weekend it happened twice between Tucumcari and Logan. Was so mad no passing zones mean nothing to people they are in such a rush 😡

- **Donna Avent** I know! And I think the semis think they can see because they are taller, but there are a couple of places that they can't!

Sharon Reid Donna Avent exactly!

- Carol Corbin Sue one time coming from Kansas 3 semis were racing on 54 we ended up on a frontage road, that road is dangerous!

- Jenny Warren The wind is really bad out there almost blew

David Hale Lace Littell I wondered why any truck traffic ever went through airport road. Google is just wrong, no long distance truck has any business there.

- Lace Littell David Hale thats what i want to know. I guess when google did their maps thru here they found that to be a "short cut" but it has no business having all the semi traffic on it. It wasnt built for that.

- me off the bridge.

Renee Gutierrez My parents always used to call it Slaughter Lane.mark nolan was killed on 54

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- Tonya Cox-Cone Exactly at Airport road I believe..
- Johnny Sewell Tonya Cox-Cone Mark was my Cousin. 😞

Renee Gutierrez Johnny Sewell my boyfriend when he wrecked

- Johnny Sewell Renee Gutierrez I didn't know that! Mark was a great guy!
- David Hale Tammy Lynn Husman When I was on the City Commission on the early-mid 90s, the NM State Highway Dept had it on their 5 year plan to complete highway 54 as 4 lanes completely through the state. Somehow the money was reallocated and it never happened.

- Sue Dowell  David Hale, I have mentioned that movement and how it was a big deal at the time and then it just faded away. Thanks for your input on that. I had forgotten specifics on it.
- David Hale Sue Dowell I believe, but I might not remember correctly, that those funds were diverted to build 4 lane highways to the WIPP site in Carlsbad, primarily to placate the opponents of the project.

Jay Robinson Cars and semis stop suddenly in the middle of the road to turn onto airport road. Not a matter of if but when this will cost someone their life! Then what? Lawsuit will happen guaranteed, then the State will be forced to do something, too late!
Same with that curve north of the tank farm slowing traffic to 55mph. THAT, is going to get someone too...

- Tammy Lynn Husman Jay Robinson I don't understand why they have that marked 45... anyone can take that safely at 65...
- Jay Robinson Tammy Lynn Husman exactly!  Dangerous, especially when you have a tailgater.
- Lila Grace Jay Robinson there was a young girl who was killed at airport rd turn off about 10 years ago.
 - Jana Rogers May, 2019 Highway 54
 - Sue Dowell  Jana Rogers, I arrived at intersection on Airport road right after this happened. I would have not believed anyone in that vehicle would have lived. I was SO thankful Jim was alive.

Jana Rogers Sue, it's only by God's grace that he wasn't critically hurt and thank God no one was in the car with him.

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Highway 54 Comments from Messenger:

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Misti Gibson: My cousin, Lorna Strand, was killed at intersection 54 & Airport Road when hit by a cattle pod due to no turning lane onto Airport Road.

Debbie Sims: Although I don't remember all the details, my cousin Mark Nolan lost his life on Highway 54 between Tucumcari and Logan.

Bonnie Smith: My husband travels 54 three times a week to Dalhart. He has nearly died several times. He says he rides the white line so he can swerve into the ditch if needed. A few weeks ago, my husband, sister and I were going to check horses and we had to swerve into the ditch due to a semi trying to pass and almost hitting us head on.

Tina Salazar: My mother travels from Logan to Tucumcari and back to Logan several times a week. She has had many instances of being run off the road by semi trucks.

Hwy 54

kboney14 <kboney14@gmail.com>

Wed 3/11/2020 10:24 AM

To: s.dowell49@hotmail.com <s.dowell49@hotmail.com>

Good Morning Sue.

I absolutely HATE traveling Highway 54. It seems no matter what time of day I travel from Logan to Tucumcari I almost have a head on collision.

The trucks will slow down on the hills and it causes a line of traffic to form behind them. Invariably someone will try passing them. Sometimes it is the last car in line that tries to pass several cars and the truck. When there isn't time for them to pass (there NEVER is) they speed up to pass or abruptly cut back in the line of cars causing mass chaos. The car they are cutting in front of has to slow down suddenly, which causes more people to have to brake to keep from hitting the car in front of them. If that doesn't happen the passing vehicle stays in the wrong lane in the path of oncoming traffic.

I have seen both scenarios played out multiple times on that road. Many times I have seen motorists move over to the shoulder so the passing vehicle doesn't hit them. Often times just in the nick of time. It isn't unusual to see all 3 vehicles pass each other while parallel with each other.

School busses, parents taking their kids to school and high school age kids taking themselves to school travel that road regularly.

Not to mention 54 is a popular route for the "snowbirds" travelling from cold northern regions to the warm sunny south in the fall and traveling back north in the spring. They travel with large motor homes and RV's they use to live in while they are away from home. They naturally drive more cautiously due to the size of their rigs which also causes traffic to back up.

Kelly Boney

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Rodney Job
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 5:07 PM
To: s.dowell49@hotmail.com
Subject: 54

I drive to Tucumcari once a week to pick up my Meds, it does not matter time of day, most problems seem to be with the semi's.

1. Excessive speed
2. Unsafe passing, I have been forced onto shoulder many times
3. Following way too close

Things in hwy 54 are out of control and really needs extensive enforcement.

Rodney Job
Logan

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Commission chair asks for road resolution

□ Resolution requests safety improvements to U.S. 54 and Airport Road.

By Ron Warnick

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The Quay County Commission's chairman on Monday asked road superintendent Larry Moore to draft a resolution requesting safety improvements at U.S. 54 and Airport Road.

Problems at U.S. 54 and Quay Road Ai (aka Airport Road) have been discussed at previous commission meetings. Truckers and other travelers, relying on online navigation systems, often use the road as a shortcut to Interstate 40.

Commissioner Sue Dowell said any sort of left turn from U.S. 54 onto that road often proves hazardous because of large trucks barreling down the highway. She said the side of U.S. 54 also contains a drop-off that's unsafe for motorists to pull to the side.

Dowell said she's seen truckers miss the turn at Airport Road, then back up on U.S. 54 so they can make the turn. Several county residents have been involved in accidents there, with one fatality in recent years.

"We're getting to a point where it's a dangerous intersection," she said.

Dowell said commissioners and other county officials need to relay their concerns to the New Mexico Department of Transportation and document them.

County manager Richard Primrose said state Sen. Pat Woods spoke to state road officials at Quay Day about problems at the intersection.

Audience member Harry Heckendorn, a former county road supervisor, lives near the intersection and advocated adding a U.S. 54 turn lane at the intersection.

Moore said a cooperative agreement led to a turn lane on U.S. 54 at the landfill road northeast of Tucumcari, but it cost the county more than \$30,000.

Commission Chairman Franklin McCasland, noting he saw seven out-of-state vehicles during a brief trip on Airport Road, asked Moore about drafting a resolution for safety upgrades at the intersection.

FW: US 54 traffic information.

Richard Primrose <Richard.Primrose@QUAYCOUNTY-NM.GOV>

Wed 3/25/2020 10:32 AM

To: Franklin McCasland <fmccasland79@yahoo.com>; Mike <mwcherry@hotmail.com>; Mike Cherry <Mike.Cherry@QUAYCOUNTY-NM.GOV>; Sue <s.dowell49@hotmail.com>; Sue Dowell <Sue.Dowell@QUAYCOUNTY-NM.GOV>;

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CountyMap_Quay.pdf;

From: Larry Moore
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Richard Primrose <Richard.Primrose@QUAYCOUNTY-NM.GOV>
Subject: FW: US 54 traffic information.

Richard ,

This is what I have received from Gabriel so far. He is still working on more information, and I will send it to you when I receive it.

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 Quay County Road Superintendent
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 Cell # 575-403- 7735

larry.moore@quaycounty-nm.gov

From: Lucero, Gabriel M, NMDOT <GabrielM.Lucero@state.nm.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Larry Moore <Larry.Moore@QUAYCOUNTY-NM.GOV>
Cc: Herrera, John, NMDOT <JohnA.Herrera@state.nm.us>
Subject: RE: US 54 traffic information.

Here is some additional information I was able to find in reference to crashes. I've requested actual data as well.

Looking at the maps the number of crashed in a given year for the are you are interested in are listed below:

2018- 5 crashes
 2017- 4-5 crashes
 2016- 1 crash

2015- 2 crashes
2014- 2-3 crashes
2013- 2-3 crashes

Gabriel Lucero, P.E.

District 4 Technical Support Engineer

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From: Lucero, Gabriel M, NMDOT

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:41 AM

To: Moore, Larry <larry.moore@quaycounty-nm.gov>

Cc: Herrera, John, NMDOT <JohnA.Herrera@state.nm.us>

Subject: US 54 traffic information.

Larry,

Attached is some information in regards to US 54. The average annual daily traffic is between 3000 and 7999 vehicles per day. I requested for the actual counts and will provide them when they are received. The average annual daily truck traffic is 677 per day. I also have a request in for crash data.

Thank You,

Gabriel Lucero, P.E.

District 4 Technical Support Engineer

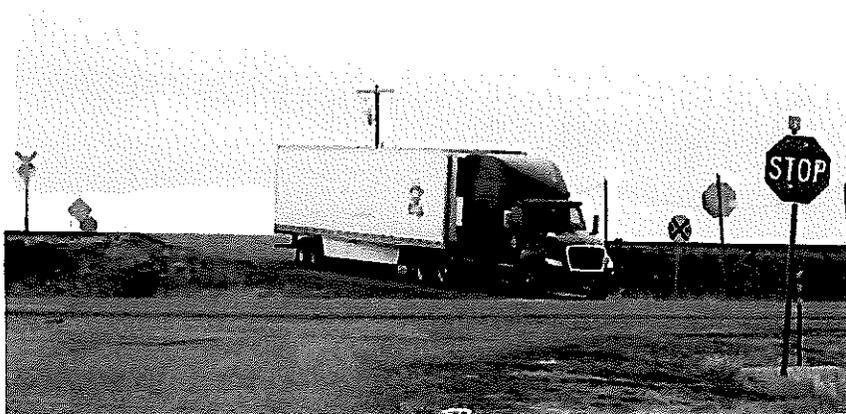
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Problems at U.S. 54 crossroad proving tricky

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Ron Warnick

The driver of a large truck prepares to enter U.S. 54 from Airport Road on Wednesday afternoon. County commissioners, noting the increase in traffic on the county road in recent years, likely will consider a resolution asking for safety improvements at the intersection and U.S. 54 in general.

A closer examination of the much-discussed U.S. 54 and Airport Road intersection northeast of Tucumcari reveals it to be multifaceted problem because of usual and unexpected traffic volume, design quirks and other factors.

Quay County Commissioner Sue Dowell repeatedly has brought up constituents' concerns about U.S. 54. The commission during its regular meeting Friday may consider passing a resolution asking state or federal authorities to make safety improvements on the highway.

A Quay County Sun reporter watched the intersection from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. A total of 111 vehicles during that time entered or exited U.S. 54 via the south intersection of Airport Road, aka Quay Road Ai.

By contrast, 19 vehicles exited or entered from the north side of the intersection with Quay Road Ai.

Dowell said Airport Road wasn't always that busy. She said two to three years ago, drivers' online navigation systems began to guide them onto the road as a shortcut to Interstate 40. Since then, traffic numbers on the road have swelled and subsequently increased the accident risk on U.S. 54.

Those navigation systems also have led to an increase of large trucks on the road. Because of those heavy vehicles, Dowell said Airport Road is starting to see more ruts and deteriorating shoulders, despite the county resurfacing it less than two years ago.

"That road is not meant to carry a semi," she said.

She said weight-limit signs were installed on an Airport Road curve near I-40, but there is no place where semi drivers can turn around if they're already on it.

Local motorists certainly use Airport Road. But plenty of evidence surfaced that non-locals drive on it, as well. During the four-hour period Wednesday, two large trucks, two large RVs towing cars and three U-Haul vehicles used the road.

The U.S. 54-Airport Road intersection presents other complications, as well.

The highway's shoulders are narrow and include a drop-off of several inches, making it more difficult for motorists to safely pull off the roadway to avoid an accident.

"The drop-off is too much," Dowell said. "If someone tries to get out of the way, they're liable to wreck in the bar ditch."

A drop-off also exists from the highway to Airport Road, forcing motorists to slow more than normal to make the turn. This raises the risk of rear-end collisions.

During the four-hour period Wednesday, four long freight trains passed on the tracks parallel to U.S. 54. That adds to the possibility of Airport Road traffic backing up onto U.S. 54 waiting for the train to pass.

The railroad crossing contains no automatic gates or lighted signals. Dowell said the state highway department told her no gates would be installed because Airport Road is not a school-bus route.

U.S. 54 often becomes busy with semi tractor-trailers, as it remains a vital link to El Paso, Texas; Wichita, Kansas; and the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. The highway also becomes busier during the summer with RVs and boat-towing pickups heading to Ute Lake. The New Mexico Department of Transportation estimates U.S. 54 carries 3,000 to 8,000 vehicles a day from Tucumcari to Nara Visa.

Former county road superintendent Harry Heckendorn, who lives north of the intersection, said the intersection wouldn't be an easy fix.

He noted Quay Road Ai isn't contiguous while crossing U.S. 54. The road jogs to the south after crossing the railroad tracks so it's perpendicular to the highway. As a result, the north intersection of Quay Road Ai sits several dozen feet to the northeast.

"They don't line up exactly right," he said.

Heckendorn said that would necessitate double center turn lanes at the intersection or outer passing lanes on both sides of the highway. A single turn lane by itself wouldn't work, he said.

Heckendorn said the intersection long has been troublesome. He said a few northbound non-residents would drive too fast over the tracks and lose control. Satellite images of the intersection still show tire tracks from vehicles that ended up in a nearby ditch. A few motorists have barreled across the tracks, crossed out of control onto the highway and crashed into a nearby pasture. He said the county adding a stop sign just before the tracks has largely alleviated that problem.

Dowell posted on Facebook a recent Quay County Sun story where commissioners discussed problems with U.S. 54. It had drawn more than 70 comments, including stories from locals who'd experienced crashes or close calls. She said she would collect those comments for this week's commission meeting.

One comment came from Tucumcari resident Jana Rogers, who said large trucks hit her and her father's vehicles on U.S. 54, including once at Airport Road. She posted a photo of her family's smashed-in car after a rear-end collision.

"Both times the accidents were caused by semi trucks going too fast and hitting us from behind when trying to make a turn off the highway," she wrote.

Logan Police Chief Rodney Paris weighed in: "The intersection that you are speaking of is very dangerous, although to fix the problems on 54 you must look at the entire road from Tucumcari to the state line. There have been similar accidents at Mine Canyon (Road). Due to the congestion, we continue to have issues; a fix should be looked at on a large scale and not one intersection at a time."

A New Mexico State Police public information officer reported officers investigated 17 accidents on U.S. 54 between Tucumcari and Logan from July 1 to March 15.

Dowell agreed U.S. 54 in the eastern part of the state needs an overhaul. But she said she would advocate safety improvements at one intersection for now.

"Sometimes, with getting money out of the state of New Mexico, you have to take baby steps," she said.

During the time a reporter counted vehicles near the Airport Road intersection, a local heading north on the road stopped his pickup and asked whether help was needed.

When told about the project, he said: "I wish they would put a turn lane there. It's dangerous."



Quay County Extension Service

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Quarterly Report – October – December 2019

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Agriculture

Sustainable Agriculture

The Boll Weevil Eradication program in Quay County assists local cotton farmers in keeping the pest eradicated in Quay County. Fields were monitored from August through October through the use of Johnson traps. No Boll Weevils have been detected in the past six years since the agent has been assisting with the program. Cotton fields have been continually monitored by placing one trap every 640 acres of cotton. This year approximately 8000 were monitored every two weeks. Because of Boll Weevil eradication program Quay County Cotton growers can sale cotton in Texas which is the nearest ginning facility. Also, pest control costs have been reduced by as much as \$30 per acre annually according the National Cotton Council.

The annual private applicators training was held in which 25 private applicators participated. About 120 producers in Quay County have private applicators licenses and must attend continuing educational programs to maintain their licenses. Producers need these licenses to purchase restrict use pesticides to control weeds and insects in their production practices. The annual Pesticide Applicators training is designed to teach producers safe pesticide application and provide CEU's. Producers attended a five hour presentation on NMDA updates, pesticide hazards, the worker protection standard, rodent control techniques, and reducing weeds in alfalfa.

The agent worked with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union in conducting their annual meeting in which 13 people attended. Participants discussed legislative priorities for Farmer Union members for Quay County. Several positions were voted on and changed. The agent assisted in advertising and setting up the program. The annual meeting discussed the upcoming regional convention and election of officers.

Quay County 4-H Program

Livestock Program

Sixteen Quay County 4-Hers exhibited at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Youth competed in rabbits, poultry, swine, goats, lambs, heifers, and steers. Over 40 parents and 4-H leaders assisted youth with their livestock. The agent assisted with declaring weights on animals, feeding projects, showmanship, and advised youth feeding livestock. Five youth qualified and sold their livestock at the Junior Livestock sale earning about \$15,000 dollars that youth will use to purchase projects for next year. Youth learn life skills such as responsibility, competition, and work skills that will contribute more successful leaders in the future.

Achievement Night

4-H Achievement night awards 4-Hers for completing their record books. 94 youth and parents participated in the Achievement program which was held at the Quay County Fairgrounds. Local supporters received the friend of 4-H award and volunteers were honored for their service. The Agent presented the Outstanding Youth Awards, set up the program, conducted the officer instillation ceremony, and assisted the script. The award program is the culmination of the years events. Youth complete a record book and learn valuable record keeping and documentation skills. Youth also gain knowledge in financial record keeping, subject matter areas, and documenting leadership, citizenship, and community service and why these actions are important.

4-H Record Books

4-H Record Books were due to club leaders on October 18 and to the Extension Office on October 21. The Program Assistant provided a club list to each club leader with their members and projects. The same list is used to track completed projects by member. All projects require a record book or completion form in order to take the project again. A spreadsheet is used to enter the information by club for each member and all projects taken. The Program Assistant contacted Roosevelt County to exchange record books for judging with required forms and guidelines, made arrangements to transport record books and scheduled a date to judge record books for Roosevelt County. After record books are delivered, the Program Assistant contacted club leaders about members that did not submit record books to verify their status and remind them about completion forms. Completion forms are due at the November Council meeting.

The Program Assistant contacted the bowling alley and made arrangements for the party and the cost for each person to bowl. Council pays for 4-H members that submitted a record book. Everyone else that wanted to bowl paid the reduced price. A list is made by age group of 4-H members that turned in a record book. The family is contacted for an RSVP. On the day of the event, the Program Assistant greeted families as they arrived, had them sign in and got their drink order. Then they were directed to get their shoes and pick a bowling lane. After everyone is bowling, she gives the drink order totals to the concession. Once the order is filled, each person's name is written on it and given to the right person. She also takes pictures during the party for record books next year. At the end of the event the Program Assistant figured out the total for all bowlers, collected money from non-record book bowlers and paid for everyone that bowled. The money collected was deposited after the event. There were 47 people that attended.

4-H Recruitment

For National 4-H Week the Program Assistant made arrangements with the local radio station for Council Officers to talk on the FM and AM radio programs in the morning on October 8 and 10. The

schools were notified that students would be representing 4-H and a letter was sent with each 4-H member to be excused. Officers learned valuable speaking skills and promoted 4-H in the community. Five officers attended.

For National 4-H week Council Officers held a Customer Appreciation Day on October 15 at Tractor Supply Company during their Fall Clover Days. This event supports Quay County 4-H through customers purchasing a paper clover for any dollar amount. Over 90% of the funds received comes directly to our 4-H program in Quay County. Officers and club members baked cookies and gave them away to customers with lemonade. The Program Assistant made a display board with information about 4-H activities and open enrollment. The display was at the store for the entire event. Council also decided to encourage participation with all clover purchases being entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card from Tractor Supply.

Hi-Plains 4-H Club – The Program Assistant and Ag Agent scheduled a trip to meet with parents and kids from House to re-organize their 4-H club. Enrollment packets for leaders and members were taken out. An overview of the 4-H program was given and expectations of membership, fundraisers and opportunities. Discussed new volunteer training and asked them to pick a date to bring the training to their club. Parents were able to ask questions about projects and other topics covered. The new club picked a meeting date and a club leader and helper. There were 22 people that attended the meeting.

4-H Trainings

NM 4-H Working with Minors Training - This is a new requirement from NMSU and the State 4-H Office for all adult leaders to receive training annually. In order to make training easier for 4-H clubs, the Program Assistant made arrangements to attend club meetings and provide the training. She held trainings for five of the six clubs. This training should be available in an online format in the near future. A total of eighty nine volunteer leaders and parents were trained.

The agent attended a Farm Safety Day Training in Ardmore, OK to become certified as a coordinator for the Farm Safety program which is a national program that educates youth on safe practices around the farm and home. Quay County has been a part of the program in Guadalupe County for several years.

The agent attended the State 4-H in-service professional development training held in Albuquerque. 4-H agents learn about suicide prevention, personality types and leadership styles, updates on the 4-H program, 4-H pathways program, and planning district contest. About 82 agents attended the four day training. Agents gain new ideas for programs, network with other agents and gain knowledge in youth education.

Community and Economic Development

The Table Top Cooperative conducted a tour of the "Mixing Bowl" Commercial Kitchen in Albuquerque and the Socorro, NM Commercial Kitchen. Ten members gained information on the cost of commercial kitchens, how they are operate, equipment that is used, grants that can be obtained, and ideas that could be implemented for the Table Top Commercial Kitchen project. The program was set up by the agent and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Development specialist.

Home Economics

Community Service Baking Workshop – The Program Assistant worked with the FCS Agent to prepare for this workshop. Recipes were chosen. A list of supplies was prepared to purchase. The Program Assistant contacted the Methodist Church to make arrangements to deliver the cookies for the Christmas Cantata. Baking stations were set up. The 4-H members were divided into two groups to prepare the recipes. They made no-bake cookies, rice crispy treats, chocolate chip cookies and snowballs. They helped arrange the cookies on platters, made a plate of cookies to take home and helped with clean up. There were 15 members that attended.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Annual Extension advisory committee meeting was conducted to gain stake holders in-put on the priorities of the Extension program in the county. The agent presented a power point presentation on 2018-2019 Quay County Extension programs. 20 people discussed and made recommendations on programing needs. Recommendation to continue major program area such as the Pesticide Applicators program, Beef Quality Assurance, Value added producer programs, weed and grass identification training and Gardening workshops.

Administrative

During October the Agent set up a NMSU human resource training and interviews for the Family and Consumer Science Agent position that was open. Annual reports, evaluation documents, and Promotion and Tenure documents were also prepared during October.

A staff meeting was held to update the federal civil rights files. The civil rights files are a requirement for federal funding and Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunities, and Americans with Disabilities compliance. All staff work together to complete the task and systematically get the files up to date.

Total personal contacts by staff at the Quay County Extension Service for October – December 2019 was 2,745. Social Media contacts was 15,247 for a total 17,992.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, New Mexico and Quay County value the health and safety of all our children our most valuable resources, and

WHEREAS, from February 2019 through March 2020, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department received 21,512 screened in reports involving alleged child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people and everyone in the community; and be more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, stable and nurturing environment ; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in the government and in the community know that support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective tool they can have in their efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect by New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, it's up to all of us in our community to make the lives of children better. Every mother, father, young person and community members has the ability to be there for the children and success will not occur overnight, our patience and continued commitment to child abuse education and prevention are imperative; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon was chosen as the symbol commemorating the child Abuse month to represent the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Campaign was established to promote this belief and encourage a child abuse free lifestyle and involvement in child abuse prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Quay Blue Ribbon Campaign and Quay County to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Quay County Blue Ribbon Campaign theme promotes family and individual responsibility for living healthy and child abuse-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, there are activities planned during the Blue Ribbon Campaign in Quay County;

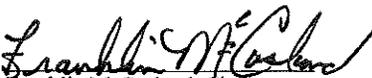
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Quay County do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as:

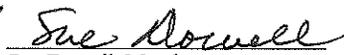
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

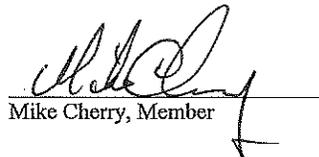
And, encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, religious and educational institutions to wear and display Blue Ribbons and **PULLTOGETHER** in Child Abuse-free activities on April 03, 2020 from 12:00PM – 2:00 PM at Dunn Park on Washington & 4th Street, Tucumcari, New Mexico and to work all year to protect our community from child abuse and neglect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Franklin McCasland, Chairman


Sue Dowell, Member


Mike Cherry, Member

ATTEST:

Ellen White, Quay County Clerk



ORDINANCE NUMBER 6

AMENDING THE DEDICATION OF A COUNTY LOCAL OPTION

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

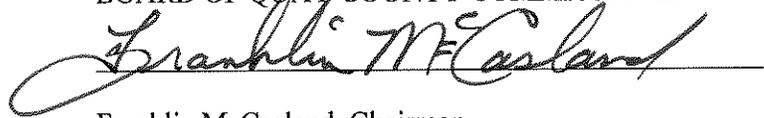
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF Quay County that Section 4 of Ordinance No. 6, effective January 1, 1988, and imposing three-eighths of one percent (.375%) is amended to read:

SECTION 4: Dedication. Revenue from the County Gross Receipts Tax will be unrestricted:

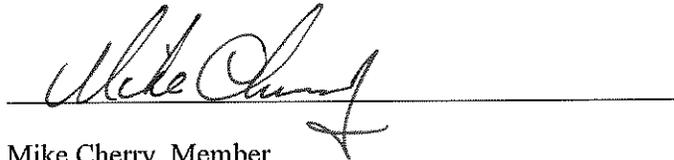
The effective date of this amendment shall be (January 1 or July 1), whichever date occurs first after the expiration of at least three months from the date this ordinance is delivered or mailed to the Taxation and Revenue Department.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF QUAY COUNTY THIS 27 DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



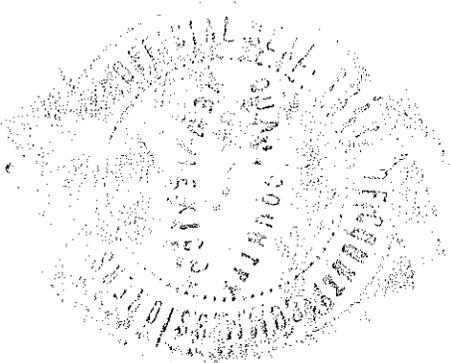
Franklin McCasland, Chairman



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ATTEST:



Ellen White, Quay County Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 19

AMENDING THE DEDICATION OF A COUNTY LOCAL OPTION

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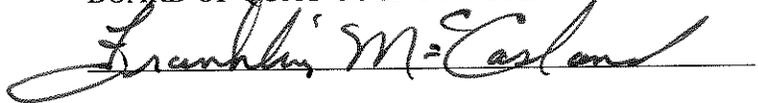
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF Quay County that Section 4 of Ordinance No. 19, effective July 1, 1994 and imposing one-eighths of one percent (.125%) is amended to read:

SECTION 4: Dedication. Revenue from the Environmental Services Gross Receipts Tax will be unrestricted:

The effective date of this amendment shall be (January 1 or July 1), whichever date occurs first after the expiration of at least three months from the date this ordinance is delivered or mailed to the Taxation and Revenue Department.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF QUAY COUNTY THIS ____ DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

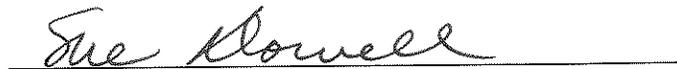
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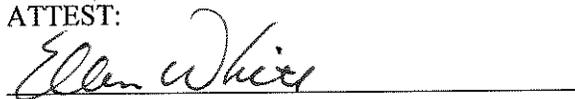


Mike Cherry, Member



Sue Dowell, Member

ATTEST:



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