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AGENDA REGULAR SESSION QUAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS July 28, 2025

9:00 A.M. Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes-Regular Session July 14, 2025

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Public Comment

New Business

- I. Sky Devore, Devore Aragon, LLC**
 - Request Approval of **Government Relations Agreement (Sky Devore)**
- II. Jason Lamb, Quay County Extension Agent**
 - Presentation of **Extension Quarterly Report**
- III. Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager**
 - Presentation of **Emergency Management Update**
- IV. Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent**
 - Presentation of **Road Update**
- V. Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager**
 - Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2 Certification of Capital Asset Inventory**
- VI. Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director**
 - Request Approval of **Payment Approval Report**
- VII. Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager**
 - Presentation of **Managers Report**
 - Presentation of **July GRT Report**
- VIII. Indigent Claims Board**
 - **Call Meeting to Order**
 - Request for Approval of **Indigent Minutes for June 30, 2025**
 - Request for Approval of **Indigent Claims**
 - **Adjourn**
- IX. Request for Closed Executive Session**
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) 7. The New Mexico Open Meetings Act Pertaining to **Threatened or Pending Litigation**
- X. Adjourn**



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Veronica Manley - County Clerk, County

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REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 28, 2025

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 28th day July, 2025 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:

Jerri Rush, Chairwoman
Brian Fortner, Member
Dallas Dowell, Member
Veronica Manley, County Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager
Sky Devore, Devore Aragon, LLC
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent
Jason Lamb, Quay County Extension Agent
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff
James Kleinsasser, Quay County Chief Deputy Assessor
Felicia Griggs, Administrative Assistant
Ron Warnick, Quay County Sun
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Dana Leonard, Quay County GSI
Erin Smith, Family and Consumer Science Agent
Joann Thompson, Tucumcari Tuesday Member
Warren Frost, Quay County Attorney
Steve Farmer, Tucumcari Tuesday Member
Ava Simpson, Student Intern
July Lafferty, Student Intern
Teresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the July 14, 2025, regular session minutes. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager, requested to remove the 5th item; Adrian Jones from the agenda. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the agenda as amended.

Public Comments: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sky Devore, Devore Aragon, LLC, requested approval of the Government Relations Agreement for lobbying services. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Agreement. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". See attached Agreement.

Jason Lamb, Quay County Extension Agent, presented the Extension Quarterly Report. See the attached report.

Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager, presented the Emergency Management update. See the attached report.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent presented the following road update:

- Crews are working on potholes, blading and repairing cattle guards.
- Crews are working on road repairs due to rain.
- Crews working on maintenance projects.
- Engineering design of Quay Road AR is complete.
- The representative from the State Engineer's Office is coming to view Quay Road 64 August 4, 2025.
- Met with the Engineer from Miller on crossing of Quay Road AF. The Engineer will meet with them to make a plan on the crossing.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director, requested approval of Accounts Payable. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Accounts Payable Report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager presented the following items for the Managers Report.

- Had an audit entrance conference with the auditors and preparing paperwork.
- Hospital design is completed.
- A trip to San Francisco for bond rating is set for August 20, 2025.

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager presented the GRT report.

Chairwoman, Rush called the Indigent Claims Board to order. Time noted 9:30 a.m.

--- INDIGENT CLAIMS ---

The Indigent Claims Board meeting adjourned, and the meeting was returned to Regular Session.
Time noted 9:31 a.m.

---EXECUTIVE SESSION---

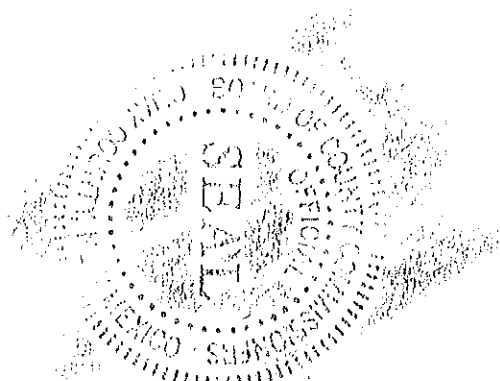
Return to regular session. Time noted 10:20 a.m.

Chairwoman Rush reported No Action from Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Jerri Rush
Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

Brian Fortner
Brian Fortner

Dallas Dowell
Dallas Dowell

ATTEST:

Ellen White, Deputy
Veronica Manley, County Clerk

**Government Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and
Lobbying Services:**

Quay County New Mexico

Submitted by:

DEVORE | ARAGON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Devore Aragon LLC
1800 4th St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

July 20, 2025

July 20, 2025

Daniel Zamora
County Manager
Quay County Manager's Office
PO Box 1246
Tucumcari, New Mexico 88401

RE: Government Relations, Stakeholder Engagement and Lobbying Services

Dear County Manager Zamora:

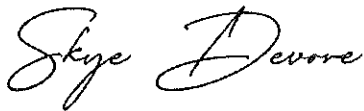
Thank you for your interest in the lobbying and government relations services provided by Devore Aragon, LLC. We possess the necessary experience, relationships, qualifications, and track record to provide quality, cost-effective service to achieve your legislative and regulatory goals.

Devore Aragon has worked with members of the New Mexico Legislature representing business interests, non-profit organizations, and associations for the last 12 years. We help our clients navigate the political and regulatory landscape and maintain strong relationships with both political parties working with elected and appointed officials.

We are eager to represent Quay County, assisting you with reaching the next level of advocacy and policy implementation, teaming with you to identify specific measurable objectives, working together to develop and execute a strategy that can be quantified with tangible results.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are grateful for this opportunity and hope we can meet to further discuss your goals and our experience and strategic ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skye Devore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Skye Devore
Kim Legant

DEVORE ARAGON EXPERIENCE

Devore Aragon works 12 months a year on behalf of its clients. We help to navigate issues with elected officials and state agencies that impact their business operations. For 12 years, we have maintained an excellent working relationship with both democrats and republicans working closely with the House and Senate Leadership, the Governor's Office, and the Cabinet Secretaries and staff from all state agencies.

Devore Aragon has an excellent track record of success for its clients that range from successfully securing funding support for programs and projects to designing and implementing legislative strategies that resulted in policy-related and regulatory victories for our clients. Below are few legislative examples in addition to securing millions of dollars in the General Fund and through Capital Outlay Projects:

STEP THERAPY GUIDELINES

Senate Bill 135/House Bill 185, Passed 2024

Bipartisan bill with significant health insurance company opposition.

Patients with cancer or autoimmune diseases no longer need prior authorization from their insurance provider to be approved for treatment or prescription medications.

Senate Sponsors: Craig Brandt, Siah Correa Hemphill, Daniel Ivey-Soto, Antonio Maestas, Michael Padilla, Liz Stefanics, Mimi Stewart

House Sponsors: Cynthia Borrego, Gail Chasey, Art De La Cruz, Joshua Hernandez, Jenifer Jones, Tara Lujan, Reena Szczepanski, Liz Thomson

Signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on March 1, 2024

LOCAL CHOICE ENERGY

Senate Bill 165, Tabled 2023

Worked with PNM internal team and others as a contract lobbyist to prevent bill from being heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill would "undermine the progress being made on the ETA, put reliable energy at risk and shift the financial burden of maintaining the grid onto the backs of our low-income and rural communities."

Senate Sponsors: Carrie Hamblen, Liz Stefanics

Passed Senate Conservation Committee on a 6/2 party line vote with 1 excused

UNLAWFUL ACCESS TO FIREARM BY MINOR

House Bill 9, Passed 2023

As a contract lobbyist for Everytown for Gun Safety, passed what is known as "Benny's Law" which increases penalties for improperly stored weapons that end up in the hands of children who then use them for purposes of intimidation or violence. Passed through four committees and two floor votes with prior vote counts within an accuracy of +/- one vote.

Senate Sponsors: Mimi Stewart, Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez

House Sponsors: Pamelya Herndon, Janelle Anyanonu, Joanne Ferrary, Tara Lujan, Patricia Roybal Caballero

Signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on March 14, 2023

LIQUOR LICENSE REFORM

House Bill 255, Passed 2021

Co-authored and passed the first sweeping, bipartisan liquor legislation in over 40 years to allow home delivery of alcohol, create a new class of restaurant liquor licenses, expand alcohol tastings, and bring reciprocity and parity to craft beer, wine and spirits manufacturers. Testified as an expert witness and created talking points at all stages.

Senate Sponsors: Daniel Ivey-Soto (passed 29-11)

House Sponsors: Antonio Maestas, Javier Martinez, Joshua Hernandez, Day Hochman-Vigil, Rod Montoya (passed 41-27)

Signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on March 17, 2021

LIQUOR EXCISE TAX INCREASES

Tabled Since 2021

Legislation to increase state alcohol excise tax by as much as 312% to \$0.25 per serving.

Consistently stopped in both the House and the Senate at the committee level. Craft beer, wine and spirits have been excluded from all proposals, however the industry has stood with industry partners (wholesalers, retailers, restaurants) in opposition.

RESUME/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kim Legant

Kim Legant brings a broad level of experience to Devore Aragon, LLC, including public affairs, coalition building, community relations and professional media relations. She is an exceptionally versatile, innovative, organized communications and government relations professional with over 15 years of experience providing account development and project/campaign management.

Kim's specialties include managing controversial issues with governmental and corporate reputational challenges. She has an award-winning record of implementing innovative and creative communications campaigns, strategies, and tactics. She is also a persuasive educator and advocate who successfully leverages strong written and interpersonal skills to promote business objectives, products, and programs to diverse and occasionally adversarial audiences.

Other areas of experience include lobbying, crisis management and response, strategic planning and counsel, research and development, advertising campaigns, media relations, social media, media buying, public affairs, community outreach and grassroots organization, external stakeholder engagement and corporate/employee communications. Kim received her B.A. from New Mexico State University.

Skye Devore

Skye Devore, a native of southeastern New Mexico, has built a successful career as an entrepreneur and government affairs professional. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics, followed by an MBA in Marketing and Operations Management from the University of New Mexico. Her career spans industries such as military mission systems, nuclear weapons tooling, injection molding, and craft beverages.

Since 2011, Skye has focused on government affairs, particularly in tax policy related to alcohol excise taxes. Her ability to navigate regulatory challenges and influence policy has made her a trusted advisor in her field. Skye's diverse experience allows her to provide strategic guidance to her clients, which include TXNM Energy/PNM, Pew Charitable Trusts, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, and the American Diabetes Association.

Skye's blend of business expertise and knowledge of government processes has established her as a respected leader in her industry. In addition to her professional achievements, she is deeply involved in her community and balances a busy career with family life in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. She continues to make significant contributions in both business and public policy, while staying connected to her community.

CLIENT LIST

Devore Aragon is one of the strongest, most effective, and most respected lobbying and government relations firms in New Mexico. Devore Aragon currently represents several top tier clients, ranging from healthcare to energy to technology. These clients all come to Devore Aragon with complex issues and concerns, and they expect successful resolution and prompt and professional execution of tactics and strategies.

Adelante
ALS New Mexico
AMAFCA
American Diabetes Association
AMR Ambulance
Capital RX
Cigar Association of America
City of Espanola
Clayton Public Schools
Elephant Butte Irrigation District
Golden Apple Foundation
Good Samaritan of New Mexico
Home Modification Solutions
Just Right Reader
KidsKare Dental
LKQ Corporation
Maximus
Mescalero Apache Nation
New Mexico Psychedelic Science Society
New Mexico Society for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine
NextEra
Nexus Health Care
NM Child Care Education Association
Oceans Behavioral Health

Peak Behavioral Health
Pew Charitable Trusts
PNM/TXNMR
RedMane
Sacramento Mountains Foundation
Smith Bagley
Southwest Gastroenterology Associates
Village of Los Ranchos

BASIC OUTLINE OF A LOBBYING/CONSULTING PLAN

Engaging the New Mexico Legislature will be a critical operation of the campaign. Public perceptions and political policies go hand in hand and have a strategically tailored. government relations plan is central to influencing public policy and campaign outcomes. Devore Aragon's knowledge of New Mexico's political landscape and established. relationships with key political players at the state and local level is second to none and the firm is ready to put its resources to work for you. The government relations strategy should include a detailed education and stakeholder engagement strategy.

It is critical to establish an immediate collaborative, working relationship with the Quay County due to the current schedule of the legislative and budgetary process in New Mexico. Devore Aragon will work quickly to jointly develop a specific strategy to include a set of legislative activities that meet the identified key outcomes including identifying legislative priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session.

We will immediately set up meetings with various stakeholders regarding Capital Outlay, the County Hospital and others as issues arise. The 2026 budget is already being developed and it will be important that Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), Governor's Office and other Legislators are well informed on the counties needs as it relates to Quay County. Additionally, we will want to work with both staff and legislators on the LFC to educate and communicate our request for funding.

Devore Aragon will provide the following services:

Participate in the strategic planning process to develop a government relations strategy to support identified goals and objectives. The strategic plan will be aligned with the key outcomes provided by Quay County and include an overview of the political and economic climate, a list of targets including state agencies, elected officials, and members of the Governor's office, identify key stakeholders including service providers, coalitions, champions, and partners.

Establish and maintain regular communication with local government, state agencies, elected officials in the New Mexico House of Representatives, the New Mexico Senate, the New Mexico Governor's office, their Staff and Aides.

Work directly with appointed and elected officials and staff members of targeted State Agencies regarding lobbying efforts to gain support for identified initiatives and growth strategies.

Plan and coordinate meetings between the organization and state agencies, governor's office, and elected officials to discuss legislative issues and proposals and allow officials to respond to concerns.

Assist in building a coalition that is made up of like-minded associations, non-profits and businesses to help communicate targeted messages and assist with moving the organization's legislative agenda forward.

Maintain a stakeholder database with key contacts that can be called upon for various requests both during the interim and legislative sessions.

Participate in trade organizations and /or other similar organizations to maintain and expand knowledge and awareness of relevant issues.

Work with individuals or groups having similar interests to encourage them to also contact legislators and express their views.

Track identified initiatives throughout legislative sessions and during the interim keeping the organization apprised of all hearings aligned with the organizations initiatives and coordinating efforts to testify.

Devore Aragon will track all legislation of interest, provide analysis on the bill and updates throughout the legislative session.

Monitor appropriate information sources including tracking legislation, monitoring the New Mexico media and political blogs.

Attend legislative sessions, interim committees, political conferences, meetings with local and state agencies and other events to gather and communicate information relevant to the organization's interests.

Assist in identifying merits or weaknesses on specific bills to influence passage, defeat, or amendment of measure, or introduction of legislation more favorable to the organization's interests.

Contact and confer with members of the legislature and other holders of public office to persuade them to support favorable legislation or oppose unfavorable legislation.

Devore Aragon will testify at interim committee hearings and standing committee meetings to express and advance interests on proposed legislation.

Schedule meetings (in-person, phone and written reports) with the organization to update and discuss strategy during the legislative and interim sessions.

Devore Aragon will provide the organization monthly status reports as requested. Also, we will attend and present to the organization upon request.

Devore Aragon will provide the organization opportunities to meet with key members of the legislative and executive branch to discuss issues and needs.

Communicate with the organization on a regular, timely basis any relevant information obtained with respect to any of the above listed duties and activities.

Monitor political developments and advise of the potential effects on relevant business interests. Provide feedback on presentations and collateral pieces.

Immediately following the legislative session, a meeting with the Governor's office will take place to discuss targeted legislation that the organization supports or opposes.

Lobby the governor to sign or veto legislation affecting the organization as directed, particularly with respect to budgetary line items.

Provide post session reports as directed and present them to the organization's board, members or staff as requested.

Respond to requests for information via appropriate communication methods (i.e., e-mail, phone call, individual or group meeting, etc.)

Devore Aragon will file all necessary reports with the Secretary of State's office on behalf of the organization. As well as complying with all lobbying requirements set forth by the Secretary of State.

Maintain a professional demeanor, a character of high ethical standard and credibility and represent a positive presence in the community.

Other duties as assigned.

COST OF SERVICE

Devore Aragon shall provide the services described above and may also engage in other activities as mutually agreed upon for a 12-month period. Devore Aragon proposes an annual fee of \$12,000 + Gross Receipts Taxes paid monthly.

Signature

Skye Devore

Skye Devore
Principal



Quay County Extension Service

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Quarterly Report – April – June 2025

Jason Lamb, Agriculture Agent, County Program Director
Erin Smith, Family and Consumer Science Agent
Brittany Gibbs - Administrative Assistant
Tammy Lopez - Program Assistant

These are major accomplishments during this period which do not account for the many hours in preparation and program management that the Extension office undertakes.

Quay County 4-H Program

The FCS agent hosted Project Academy for 4-H members from Quay, De Baca, Curry, and Roosevelt counties. 24 members and 7 volunteers attended, and they could choose from attending workshops in Cake Decorating and the New Mexico projects. The agent led the New Mexico projects where participants learned how to make cornhusk dolls, sand paintings, and painted recipe boxes to hold New Mexico based recipes. Members also learned about how each of these projects has significance to New Mexican culture and the historical development of this item. Following the workshops members reported that they would take what they learned back to their counties to help them complete their projects and share the information with other members.

The Agricultural agent with the assistance of the Program Assistant began the "Egg to Chick Program" again at Tucumcari Elementary School with all third-grade classrooms. The Agent presented information to the kids about chick development, managing the incubators, the natural process of hatching eggs, and information on the poultry industry. Though the use of pre-and post-tests, youth gained an 82% of knowledge gained over the 5-week period. Youth also gained an interest in hatching out their own chicks and/or raising chickens themselves. The program was a great success, and the youth are always enthusiastic about the program.

The program assistant hosted the 2025 Quay County 4-H Summer Fun Party that was held at the Elks lodge swimming pool in Tucumcari. The party is a Fun activity for 4-H members to relax and have "Fun". About 15 Youth and their parents participated in the activity. The program assistant advertised, set up and ran the event.

4-H Shooting Sports

The senior Archery shoot off was hosted by the Agricultural agent for senior age 4-H members to qualify on teams to attend the State 4-H shooting sports contest. Seven seniors competed in the Sighted Compound Bow and one in Archery recurve. Three volunteer leaders assisted with the shoot off.

The Agricultural agent held several county contests competitions for novice and junior age divisions in the shooting sports which included the Archery, Rifle, and Air-rifle disciplines. Nine youth attended the contests and received awards at the regular county contest awards presentation. Participants also qualified to attend the Southeast District 4-H Contest.

The State 4-H Shooting Sports competition was held at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM where eighteen youth from Quay County participated in 5 different events. 4-H Members competed in muzzle loader, archery, air rifle, rifle, and pistol competitions. The archery team was tenth overall. The muzzleloader team was 5th and had the second high individual in the shotgun competition. Practices were held from February through May in all disciplines. Youth learn shooting sports safety, teamwork, responsibility, and sportsmanship through these contests. Twenty parents and adult leaders assisted the agent in getting youth and equipment for their events.

4-H Contests

Quay County 4-H hosted County Contest on June 1, 2025, where 4-H members can learn about the different personal development and judging contest available to compete in through 4-H. Around 40 4-H members participated in contests ranging from Public Speaking, Fashion Review, Livestock Skill-a-thon, Agronomy, and Horticulture. Parent volunteers helped to run contests, and the County Council officers presented awards following the conclusion of contests. Following the awards the Ag and FCS agents met with members and parents to discuss registration for District and State contests. Many 4-H members that participated will continue to compete at District and State contest.

Eighteen 4-H contest practices were held by the Ag. agent for youth in livestock evaluation, entomology, and wildlife contests. The practices assisted in preparing 4H members for the district contest to be held in June. These practices build decision making skills and assist youth in learning topics to a mastery level that they are interested in.

The FCS agent provided practices twice weekly for members participating in Agronomy, Horticulture, and FCS Skill-a-thon. Several field trips were taken to local grocery stores and farms to help members get hands on practice in Horticulture and Agronomy. 18 novice and junior 4-H members attended the Southeast District Contest in Curry County on June 17-19, 2025. Members participated in contests such as Horticulture, Agronomy, Wildlife, FSC Skill-a-thon, Livestock Skill-a-thon, Livestock, Horse, Entomology, and shooting sports with members placing in most of their contests. The FCS agent was the superintendent for the Horticulture, Public Speaking, and Poetry at the District Contests. The agent continued judging practices for senior 4-H members following the District Contest to help them prepare for the NM State 4-H Conference in July. Members participating in these contests build life skills and are provided opportunities for personal development.

Quay County 4-H youth participated in the Southeast District contest located in Curry County this year. Eighteen members participated. The Junior Agronomy team placed 1st, Wildlife Junior team was 5th, Horticulture Junior team was 1st, FCS Skill-a-thon team was 2nd, Junior Entomology team was 4th, Second high individual Novice in Livestock judging and 2nd high individual Junior in Meats. 1st high Novice individual in Poetry. Youth learn reasonability, teamwork, decision making skills, public speaking, and a spirit of competition through these contests. Youth also gain self-confidence and develop a strong knowledge base in these subject matter areas. Approximately fifteen parents and volunteer leaders also attended to assist youth. The agent was the superintendent of the Entomology, 4-H Horse Bowl and Horse Judging contests.

The 4-H County Council officers presented a leadership workshop "Lead Like a Hero" for 4-H members. Officers worked with the Ag and FCS agents and the program assistant to develop workshops focused on developing leadership skills such as perseverance, being adaptable, teamwork, and pushing through barriers. Members attending the workshop, at the conclusion, stated what they learned and what "will help them in their 4-H clubs" and to "come up with a plan and use it to help me be successful". Officers set up and organized their presentations with the assistance of the Extension office. 12 4-H members participated in the fun activity learning about leadership.

Quay County 4-H livestock tag-in was held June 4th in San Jon, June 5th in Logan, and June 6th in Tucumcari. 29 goats were tagged, 33 lambs, and 16 hogs. The agent along with members of the Quay County fair board, Ag. Teachers and the brand inspectors assisted with the validation.

The FCS agent also helped the rabbit and poultry superintendents for verification of layer hens and baker rabbits for 4-H and FFA members in Quay County. All youth who want to participate in the youth rabbit and poultry show at the Quay County Fair must have their animals verified, make them eligible to show. Ninety-three-layer pullets and 17 baker rabbits were verified.

4-H Cloverbud

The Cloverbud members attended a "Slime Time" workshop in April where they learned to make edible slime. The agent worked with adult volunteers to help Cloverbud members learn about chemical changes as part of the "Fun with Science" project. Members stated that they enjoy the hands-on STEM projects, and the agent is working to develop different science-based workshops for Cloverbuds that align with New Mexico educational standards.

Following the development of the current Cloverbud program in Quay County the FCS agent was asked to present to parent volunteers at Youth Get Away in Glorieta, NM on April 12th. The agent discussed how to build a successful Cloverbud program and how encouraging parental involvement in Cloverbud can lead to an increase in long term 4-H member and volunteer enrollment. 35 parent volunteers and extension staff attended the presentation and were able to participate in a group discussion where leaders were able to brainstorm ideas about how to increase participation and possible workshop ideas. The FCS agent will follow up with county agents to provide a list project ideas and resources created during the discussion to Cloverbud leaders.

In May, the FCS agent led the Cloverbuds workshop where members made a bouquet for Mother's Day using spoons and paper plates. Members personalized their bouquets for their mothers, and they received a family tree to take home and fill out with their parents to learn more about their families as part of the Family, Friends, and Community project.

The 4-H Cloverbuds also took a field trip during their June meeting to the Tucumcari Fire Station to learn about emergency services and fire prevention. Cloverbud members were able to explore ambulances and firetrucks, operate a fire hose, and tour the firehouse. They also learned about all the things that the first responders do and how they work with local law enforcement officers.

Several Leather craft project workshops have been held with the assistance of a volunteer leader and the program assistant. Youth learn to stamp and work with leather and complete their 4-H project for exhibit at the fair. Youth learn a valuable skill they can develop into a career through this project.

Family & Consumer Sciences

The FCS agent presented information about reading food labels and using the information to help make healthier food selections to the Tucumcari Citizens Center Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents cohort. This presentation is inline with the aging in place programing that the FCS agent is developing in conjunction with agents from Eddy and Grant Counties. The agent will be working with members of the cohort to develop programming to meet their needs and work to provide resources for members that are not readily available in our community.

On April 8th the Extension Association of Quay County hosted their annual Cultural Arts Day where members from the three clubs in Quay County entered different projects for judging and the opportunity to advance on to the District Cultural Arts contest. The FCS agent served as the county cultural arts chair and helped facilitate the judging of 133 entries and created certificates for category winners. The agent helped with the judging and reporting the results to the district president. All categories are developed around traditional homemaking skills that members continue to use and pass on to future generations. 31 members attended the meeting and participated in a rock painting workshop followed by a lunch provided by the Conchas Dam club. Members were reminded about the registration deadline for the District II meeting which will be held in Clayton on May 13th.

On April 30th the FCS agent met with Quay County Fair indoor superintendents to discuss possible changes to rules and categories in each division and possible changes to the fair book they would like presented to the fair board. The superintendents also discussed positives and negatives from the 2024 fair and provided suggestions on how the negative occurrences might be corrected. The agent will present the proposed changes at the May fair board meeting.

Members of the Extension Association of Quay County participated in the EANM District II meeting held in Clayton, NM. Association members from Quay, San Miguel, and Union counties participated in the meeting. The FCS agent served as the Cultural Arts chair for the district and helped with the judging, reporting, and awards for the 147 entries. The agent reported the results to the state cultural arts chairs and will assist with cultural arts at the state meeting in October. Members of the EAQC will be hosting the EANM Annual State Meeting in Tucumcari and committee members are working on planning the meeting agenda.

In May the agent participated in the Quay County Health Council's Community Health Plan to discuss possible causes of anxiety and depression in the county and factors that contribute to health issues. The agent was able to gain information to better understand the health needs of the county and plans to use this information to help develop programing to meet clientele needs and provide resources to meet these needs. One area the agent will focus on is seniors' needs and resources that are lacking in rural communities in New Mexico. The agent is also using this information to help develop programming for the Tucumcari Senior Citizens Center cohort.

Agriculture

The Agricultural Agent assisted with the New Mexico Cattle Growers Regional Meeting held at the Quay county fairgrounds in April. The agent assisted with set-up, technology operation, and running

of the program. Approximately 75 people attended the program with presenters covering Beef Quality Assurance, Legislative updates, Kansas Natural Resource Coalition, and other beef related topics.

The agent hosted a Vegetable Gardening Workshop with the NMSU gardening specialist conducting the presentation. Seven interested community members attended the program learning about vegetables right for our climate, best times to plant, planting tips, and problems with each vegetable type that could arise. Participants also got answers to gardening questions that they had.

The Agricultural agent conducted a small grain grazing assessment for the USDA Farm Service Agency. The agent collected Wheat and Triticale samples from across the county and determined the percentage yield. Samples are determined at random on dryland fields. The information was reported to the FSA County Committee for their final recommendation for the program.

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The agricultural agent answered many yard and garden questions throughout the period. Questions were answered on weed control and identification, mowing lawns, tree problems, and insect ID, Ant control and European Corn Borer recommendations, and grasshopper control. The agent answered 33 calls and 17 home visits throughout the three months.

Program Management and Professional Development

The Agricultural agent attended a hands-on Large Animal Rescue training hosted by the Southwest Border Food Protection and Emergency Preparedness Center. The training lasted for three days, in which the agent as a first responder trained on lifting large animals out of situations, what to do when a cattle pot turns over, proper euthanasia procedures, and risks associated with an emergency. The Quay County Emergency Manager also conducted the training so both can benefit the county. The Agricultural agent attended the Easter District training in Clovis, NM. The training covered the evaluation process for employees and reporting procedures for the Extension Offices. Promotion and Tenure was also covered for newer employees. Twenty-two agents attended.

The Agricultural agent was selected to be part of the selection committee for the new NMSU State Water Resource Specialist position. The agent attended organizational meetings and participated in interviews for the position. The agent also conducted reference interviews for the position. The process is still ongoing.

The FCS Agent participated in two professional development training courses in April focused on health and wellbeing. These trainings covered ag safety to help with cancer prevention and suicide prevention. The information will be used to help develop programming to meet the needs of clientele.

FCS and community development efforts for June began with the opportunity for the FCS agent to present at the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association Midyear Meeting in Ruidoso. The agent teamed up with agents from Eddy and Grant counties to discuss topics of aging in place and succession planning for those living in rural New Mexico. The presentation covered topics related to aging in place such as physical and mental health, preparing your home so you can live comfortably as you age, financial preparations for retirement, and succession planning. A post-presentative survey provided to the audience determined that 93% found the information helpful and they would like more information about the topics. The agents involved are working to develop the program into a series to be presented in late fall/early winter.

The FCS agent also participated in the summer session of Strong Seniors Stay Young and Wednesday Walkers. New participants joined each group and stated that they plan to participate in the fall session as well.

Another FCS related program the agent worked on was presenting about "How to Stay Hydrated" to the Tucumcari Senior Citizens Cohort. Members learned about the danger of becoming dehydrated, especially to seniors and they were provided with a list of resources to help ensure that they stay hydrated and protected from too much sun exposure.

The final FCS related effort for the month of June was attending a capacity training hosted by the Quay County Health Council which discussed a study of risky behaviors among Quay County youth in sixth to twelfth grade. The agent spoke with the health council about possible future programming collaboration with the middle school and high schools in the county and will use the information to help plan future outreach and programming.

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Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities class; Technical Large Animal Rescue training; Red Cross meeting to discuss shelter needs & expectations in Quay County; Caprock Windfarm exercise with Tucumcari Fire, Forrest EMS and Quay County SO; First meeting of the Interstate 40 Coordination Group; Taught L0105 PIO; NIMS Meeting with Tucumcari Fire, Quay County Dispatch, Quay Fire, Quay SO; Hosted PSPS discussion with Excel Energy, City of Tucumcari, Quay SO, Quay County Manager; Began preparation for hosting regional tabletop discussion with NMNRD (likely to be in September); Hosted Tornado Awareness AWR-326; After Action Report after 4 major crashes involving 2 fatalities in a 14 hour period; Participated in Affiliate Meeting at NM Counties Conference; Completed QCCEM Executive Guide for Quay County Elected and Executive Officials; Updated IPP; Hosted State Fire Marshall's office training for 3 Fire Departments (Extrication); Participated in formation of I-40 Corridor Planning/Information Group; Worked with Red Cross to assist residents of the Pow Wow motel to receive assistance following fire.

Appendices to the Emergency Operations Plan that are in various stages of development: Distribution Plan, General Active Shooter Plan for Tucumcari, Critical Incident Plan for Quay County Courthouse, Extreme Weather Emergency Plan, Large Animal Rescue Plan, Hazmat Emergency Operations Plan, Pipeline Emergency Plan, Flood Response Plan, Wildfire Response Plan, EOC Staffing Plan