

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 12, 2026

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 12<sup>th</sup> day January 2026 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, Commissioner  
Dallas Dowell, Commissioner  
Ellen L. White, Chief-Deputy County Clerk  
Daniel Zamora, County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director  
Felicia Griggs, Quay County Administrative Assistant  
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager  
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall  
Dana Leonard, Quay County GIS  
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent  
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff  
Rico Morano, Quay County DWI Coordinator  
Theresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer  
Bill Kardukos, Quay County Emergency Manager  
Senator Pat Woods  
Angelo & Stephanie Otero, Quay Road 63 Residents  
Charlie & Judy Aragon, Quay County 63 Residents  
Stephen Farmer, Quay County Resident  
Vickie Gutierrez, Trigg Hospital Administrator  
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari  
Ron Warnick, Quay County Sun

Via Zoom:

Verlyn Miller, President - Miller Consultants  
Michael Williams and Mariah Gresko – Stantec Architecture, Inc.  
Skye Devore – Devore Aragon, LLC (Lobbyist)

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the regular session minutes of December 8, 2025. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the special session minutes of December 29, 2025. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”.

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

Public Comments:

Stephanie and Angelo Otero, along with Charlie and Judy Aragon, spoke about the state of disrepair of Quay Road 63, that has been waiting to be resurfaced. Many residents have reported damaged tires and windshields due to the gravel. Chairman Rush asked Quade Fury, Road Superintendent, to address the situation during his road report.

Samantha Salas announced that Daniel Zamora will be featured in an article about being a County Manager.

Ellen White congratulated Stephanie and Angelo Otero on their son's recent appointment to the Naval Academy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Williams and Mariah Gresko, Stantec Architecture, gave an update on the completed hospital design and progress. A slide show of the design was displayed. It was noted that all relative permitting is complete except for the Health Care Administration and Pharmacy, along with FAA, which are in process review. Once all approvals have been received, those documents and plan updates will be incorporated in the packet. An RFP can then be issued for construction. It is about a month-long bid process followed by selection of a construction firm. Williams is hopeful an RFP can be issued before the end of January.

A request for approval was submitted for a Construction Administration Proposal between Stantec and Quay County for all services related to the completion of the hospital construction. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Proposal. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshal requested approval of the following documents:

- Professional Services Contract with Ronald Chad Carver, as Medical Director for the County's emergency medical services. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Contract. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- EMS Annual Service Report for District One (1). A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Report. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- EMS Fund Local Program Application for District One (1). A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Application. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- EMS Annual Service Report for Forrest Fire. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Report. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.

- EMS Fund Local Program Application for Forrest Fire. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Application. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”. A copy is attached.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent, presented the following items for approval and additional road updates:

- Fury, along with Manager Zamora, informed the citizens in the audience that Quay Road 63 was most definitely still on the radar and list of priorities to be completed. It was stated the funding from the State is still expected and the County is very hopeful the funding will be made available this year. Fury requested input from the residents that live there to help him express the severity of the problems to the State when requesting funding. Fury also committed to additional maintenance on the road prior to the reconstruction, to mitigate vehicle damage.
- Approval of Professional Services Agreement between Quay County and Miller Engineering Consultants, Inc. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”. A copy is attached.
- Approval of Bridge 1625 design. The settlement money from the insurance claim will complete the design and then a construction project will be proposed. Chairwoman Rush asked Skye Devore, the lobbyist for Quay County, if any progress had been made with the NM DOT to turn this portion of Route 66 back to the State. Devore reported the State will not take that portion of the road back due to the conditions of the bridges. Chairman Rush questioned if the County should consider the closure of that portion of Rte. 66. Devore suggested asking Adam Romero, Engineer, for the DOT to attend a meeting. Zamora reiterated the County still needs to continue to move forward with repairs, regardless of the position of the State allowing a transfer of ownership. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Bridge design. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”.
- The low water crossing on Quay Road AF is nearing completion with the forming and pouring of concrete this week. The estimated completion date is January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Fury met with the project coordinator from Desert West to discuss the micro seal and chip seal projects for the summer.
- Blade Report was distributed.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director, requested approval of the following items:

- Amended Resolution No. 25; NMFA Loan Debt Service Fund (Hospital Improvements) \$1,944,098.51. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Amended Resolution. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”. A copy is attached.
- Resolution No. 26; Budgetary Increase to Debt Service Fund (Emergency Communication Center) \$169,990.82. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Resolution. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”. A copy is attached.
- Payment Approval Report for the time period ending January 8, 2026. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Payments. MOTION carried with all members voting “aye”.

Zamora had the following Manager's Report:

- The Audit Exit hearing should be coming up soon.
- The Quay County Detention Center continues to have plumbing issues. Georgia Gallegos has been promoted to Detention Center Administrator, and she is promoting within her department to fill upper-level vacancies.

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to go into Executive Session pursuant to the following item(s):

- Section 10-15-2(H)2; NM Open Meetings Act to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters.

THE MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye". Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

Time noted 10:30 a.m.

---Executive Session---

Return to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to table action on Item No. 7 of the Agenda. (Contractor Agreement). MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

Chairwoman Rush requested discussion to amending Resolution No. 20; Establishing Dates and Times of Regular Meetings. Rush wanted to address the end of the calendar year with an additional meeting to avoid items that arise in late December. Commissioner Dowell suggested adding back the second meeting in November and moving the December single meeting to later in December. The following schedule was suggested and will be presented at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meeting dates suggested are as follows:

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December 21<sup>st</sup>

Commissioner's Comments:

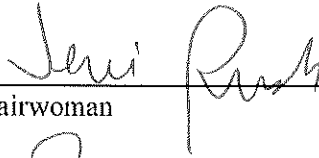
Commissioner Rush requested a discussion at the next meeting regarding the Coalition of Counties.

Commissioner Fortner stated he had attended the Quay County Health Council Meeting, and a series of meetings are being scheduled over a 3-day period.

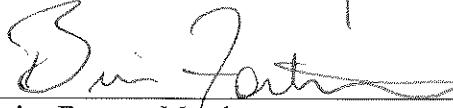
There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to adjourn. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". Time noted 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen White.

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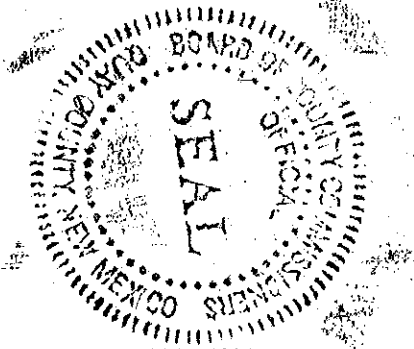
Jerri Rush, Chairwoman



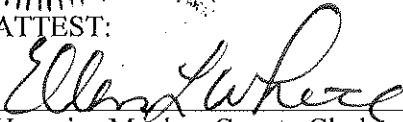
Brian Fortner, Member



Dallas Dowell, Member



ATTEST:



Veronica Manley, County Clerk

HOSPITAL INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD

December 8, 2025

9:56 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HOSPITAL INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD met in regular session the 8th day of December, 2025 for the purpose of taking care of any business that may come before them:

PRESENT & PRESIDING:

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

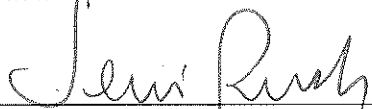
Chairwoman Rush presented the minutes from the November 10, 2025 meeting for approval. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

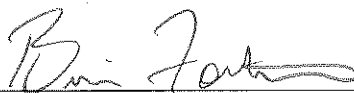
Claims totaling \$8,759.52 were submitted for approval. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve claims. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

There being no further business. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to adjourn as the Hospital Indigent Claims Board and return to the regular session of the Board of Quay County Commissioners. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

Time noted 9:58 A.M.

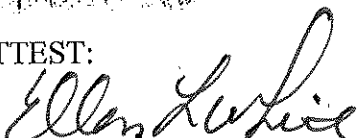
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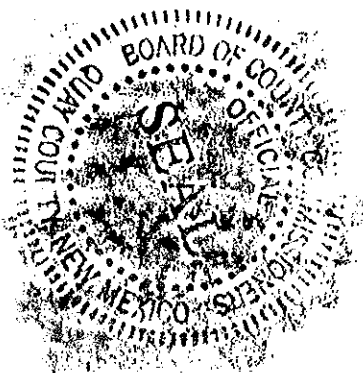
  
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Veronica Manley, Quay County Clerk



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