

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 29, 2026

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 29th day of 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/Interim Manager
Daniel Zamora, County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Theresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer
Dana Leonard, Quay County GIS
Jefferson Byrd, Quay County Assessor
Felicia Griggs, Administrative Assistant
Andrea Page, HR/Payroll Clerk
Adrian Jones, Grant Administrator
Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator
Angie Coburn, Presbyterian Medical Services Director
Vickie Gutierrez, Trigg Memorial Hospital Administrator
Amanda Hammer, 10th Judicial District Court Executive Officer
Donald Adams, Quay County Resident
Matt Monahans, Quay County Resident
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Ron Warnick, Quay County Sun

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

Commissioner Rush requested the minutes from January 12th meeting be amended to reflect her comment regarding the closure of a portion of Route 66 was a question not a suggestion. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the January 12, 2026, regular session minutes noting the amendment. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the agenda after amending the date on the agenda for approval of minutes to be changed to January 12 and moving item No. 6 to follow Executive Session. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

Public Comments:

Donald Adams thanked Commissioner Rush for clarifying her comment regarding Route 66. In addition, Adams requested moving the detour sign to the Bard exit instead of by the Fire Department to slow the traffic by his house.

Matt Monahans thanked Mr. Zamora for all his efforts in Quay County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator presented the monthly RPHCA Reports for November and December. Along with the reports, the invoices for November and December were presented for payment. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the reports and pay the invoices. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". Copies are attached.

Amanda Hammer, 10th Judicial District Court Executive Officer, requested approval of Amendments to Agreements for Construction and Renovations to office space in the District Court Clerk's Office and second floor bathrooms. Hammer explained the scope of work has not changed but the Courts requested an updated Agreement to reflect the current date. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Amendments. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". Copies are attached.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent, presented the following updates:

- Crews continue to blade area roads and have installed some cattle guards.
- Crews have begun cleaning and grubbing on chip sealed roads in preparation for the upcoming 2026 projects.
- Quotes are being received for Quay Road 62.9 chip seal application.
- Crews have removed all the damaged timbers on Bridge 8514 on Quay Road AH. The DOT Bridge Inspector will be here on February 2 to view the frame before new timbers are purchased.
- The DOT Bridge Inspector will also view Bridge 1044 on Route 66 regarding broken deck timbers.
- Fury will be meeting with Miller Engineers on January 30th to view completed water crossing on Quay Road AF. Also at that time, Bridge 8514 will be viewed, and recommendations will be made for Bridge 1044.
- Fury said moving the road closure sign on Route 66 back to Bard isn't a problem. However, it will require signage on the north end of Quay Road K for re-routing back to the Interstate. Fury believes that it will be possible.

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

- Resolution No. 27; Budgetary Increase for Debt Service/Road Fund for upcoming LGRF Projects totaling \$438,075.00. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Resolution. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- Payment Approval Report for the time period ending January 27, 2026. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the payments. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager, presented a report from his office. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Daniel Zamora, Quay County Manager, presented the following Manager's Report:

- The Audit has been completed and sent to DFA for approval.
- The RFP for hospital construction is expected to be made public in early February.
- The RFP for the Dispatch Center Relocation is expected to be made public on February 5th.
- Zamora thanked everyone for the opportunity and experience he had while being employed at Quay County and most recently for the past five years as County Manager.

Commissioner Rush requested approval of the following items of business:

- Amendment to the Public Notice of the 2026 Quay County Commission Meeting Dates. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner, to approve the Amended Notice of Meetings. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- Request approval for Quay County to join the Coalition of Counties. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell for Quay County to join the Coalition of Counties. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye".

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 9:35 a.m.

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

- Section 10-15-1(H)2; NM Open Meetings Act to Discuss Limited Personnel Matters.
- Section 10-15-1(H)7; NM Open Meetings Act to Discuss Threatened or Pending Litigation.

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

Time noted 9:40 a.m.

---Executive Session---

Return to regular session at 10:25 a.m.

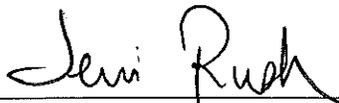
Ellen White, Quay County Interim Manager, requested approval of a Contractor Agreement between Quay County and Daniel Zamora. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Agreement. MOTION carried with all members voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Warren Frost, Quay County Attorney, requested approval to pursue an Agreement for a Hospital Consultant and the possibility of issuing Requests for Proposals for a Hospital Management Firm. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to authorize Frost to proceed. 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. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen White.

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Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

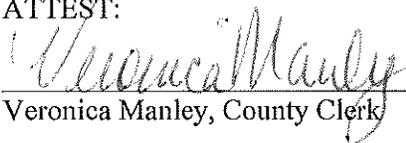


Brian Fortner, Member



Dallas Dowell, Member

ATTEST:


Veronica Manley, County Clerk