

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2026

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 9th day of February 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, Member
Dallas Dowell, Member
Veronica Manley, County Clerk
Ellen White, Interim County Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director
Felicia Griggs, Quay County Administrative Assistant
Ron Warnick, Eastern New Mexico News
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Supervisor
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall
Theresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer
Jamie Luader, Quay County Emergency Regional Director
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Rico Marano, Quay County DWI Coordinator
Dr Allen Moss, President of Mesalands Community College

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order.

Jerri Rush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve January 29, 2026 regular session minutes. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve Agenda. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff requested approval of a Grant Agreement between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Quay County Sheriff's Office for the Buckle up and STEP program. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve agreement. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Jamie Luaders, TQRECC Director informed Commissioners an RFP will be issued this week for the renovation of the dispatch center. The bid deadline is projected to be March 26 with awarding the contract by April 20th.

Rico Marano, Quay County DWI Coordinator requested approval of Resolution No. 28 Application for Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Supervisor Fury presented the road update:

- Crews installed cattle guards and cutting trees.
- Crews also began preparing 15.5 miles of chip seal roads by reestablishing ditches to improve drainage prior to micro seal application this summer.
- Quay Road Z in Logan has been completed.
- Crews have begun work on Quay County Road AK.
- Crews have removed the decayed timbers from Bridge 8514 on Quay County Road AH. Department of Transportation inspectors viewed the bridge and took measurements on the bridge frame to determine the size of deck timbers to reinstall on the bridge.
- Department of Transportation will reschedule a time to view Bridge 1044 on Route 66 to make recommendations for how to repair the bridge deck. Traffic control devices directory traffic around the damaged portion of the deck.

Fury presented the blade report. A copy is attached.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director requested approval of Resolution No. 29 Budgetary Increase to County Improvements. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Salas, Quay County Finance Director, presented the 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".

Ellen White, Quay County Interim Manager presented the Manager Report:

- A re-occurring zoom has been set up with Daniel for all employees to participate every Wednesday from 5:10 pm to 5:40 pm to get any help employees might need that Ellen is not able to help with. If something comes up that needs immediate attention, employees can email him at his county email address and CC Ellen as well. He will respond when he has time.
- A zoom meeting was held on February 4, 2026 to go over the vehicles the county has leased, their maintenance program and what the future looks like for additional vehicles.
- White and Daniel will meet with Stantec today at 5 pm for Hospital RFP and update.
- Bill Kardukos organized a meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 9 am with an AT&T representative for all department heads to discuss the county owned phones throughout the county employees and discuss upgrades, IPRA's involving phones and any additional concerns.
- Bill Kardukos is hosting Local Emergency Planning Committee next week on Wednesday, February 11 at 9 am in the Commission room.
- White thanked all employees and department head for running their office as usual.
- White and Georgia Gallegos, Quay County Detention Center Administrator ordered a dryer for the Detention Center.
- Work will begin on the Mis Amigo Building roof.

---EXECUTIVE SESSION---

Return to regular session. Time noted 3:30 a.m.

Chairwoman Rush reported No Action from Executive Session.

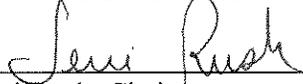
Other Quay County Business That May Arise during the Commission Meeting and/or comments from the Commissioners: NONE

Commissioner's Comments: NONE

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 3:32 pm

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

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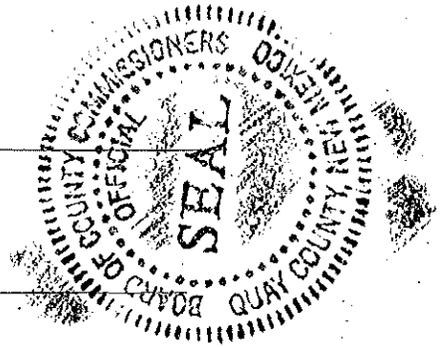
Jerri Rush, Chairwoman



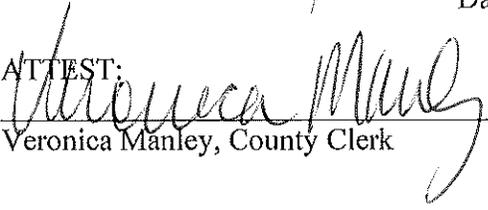
Brian Fortner, Commissioner



Dallas Dowell, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Veronica Manley, County Clerk