

**REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**March 23, 2026  
9:00 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 23rd day of March 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  
Angela Gonzales, County Manager  
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  
Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator  
Esperanza Munoz, Quay County Maintenance Supervisor  
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari  
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall  
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant /Asset Manager  
Theresa Lafferty, Quay County Assessor  
Darla Munsell, Road Department Administrative Assistant  
Richard Primrose, Resident  
Margaret Young-Horner, Resident  
Carrie Sandoval, Lea County Clerk  
Cresley Barbre, Lea County Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order.

Ellen White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve March 9, 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 move Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager to end of meeting on Agenda. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Margaret Young-Horner asked for commissioners to tour the Quay School building inside and out.

Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager, joined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Rush, Quay County Chairwoman presented Ellen White a retirement plaque thanking her for 28 years of service.

Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator presented February RPHCA Report. A copy is attached.

Newcomb requested approval of February Invoice. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve invoice. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

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

- PERA Report for Fire District 2, Jordan Fire Department, Nara Visa Fire Department and Porter Fire Department. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- PERA Report (Fire District 3) A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Jerri Rush to approve report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "abstained". A copy is attached.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Supervisor requested approval of Resolution No.33 Annual Certified County Maintained Mileage. 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.

Fury has crews working on getting ready for LGRF Project.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director requested approval for the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 35 Budgetary adjustment to Safety Net Care Pool. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye". A copy is attached.
- Resolution No. 36 Budgetary adjustment to Juvenile Detention. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the resolution. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Salas, Quay County Finance Director, presented the Accounts Payable. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve accounts payable report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Andrea Page, Quay County H.R Director. Joined the meeting.  
Jefferson Byrd, Quay County Assessor. Joined the meeting.

Andrea Page, Quay County H.R Director presented the Summer Internship Program-New Mexico.

Angela Gonzales, Quay County Manager requested approval of Daniel Zamora Independent Contractor Contract Termination April 30, 2026. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortnr, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve Contract. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Gonzales presented the following items for the Managers Report.

- Working on reaching out to different contractors for IT contract and getting quotes.
- Thursday March 26, 2026 Open Meetings Act meeting at Mesalands Community College.
- Gonzales will be attending a Legislative review in Las Vegas NM on Thursday.

INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD CONVENED. Time noted 9:34 a.m.

Return to regular session. Time noted 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner's Comments: NONE

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) 7. The New Mexico Open Meetings Act Pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 9:40 a.m.

---EXECUTIVE SESSION---

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

Chairwoman Rush reported No Action from Executive Session.

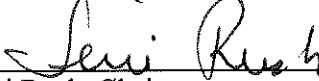
The Commissioners left the meeting to tour county roads. Time noted 10:05am.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to table Resolution NO. 34. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell 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 12:20 p.m.

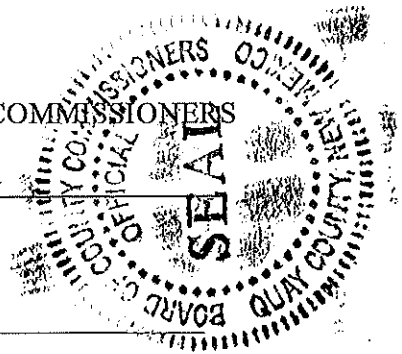
Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

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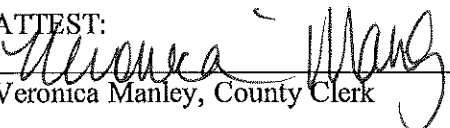
  
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Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

  
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Brian Fortner, Commissioner

  
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Dallas Dowell, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
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Veronica Manley, County Clerk