

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 26, 2026

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 26th day of May 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

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
Jefferson Byrd, Quay County Assessor
James Kleinsasser, Quay County Chief Deputy Assessor
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant /Asset Manager
Theresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff
Lisa Selner, USDA District Supervisor
Aric Costa, USDA Wildlife Specialist
Glenn Evans, Quay County Crime Stoppers
Wanda Evans, Quay County Crime Stoppers
Gigi Parker, Quay County Crime Stoppers
Peter Hiles, Resident
Steve Farmer, RLEDC
Jessie Robinson, Quay County Crime Stoppers
Joseph Otero, Sheriff Deputy
JJ Otero, Resident
Jacob Otero, Resident
Kristy Briones, Resident
Austin Gibson, Bard-Endee Fire Chief
Pam Tompkins, Quay County Crime Stoppers
Aliyah Marez, Election Worker
Jamie Lauders, Quay County Emergency Regional Director
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Sherry Tellez, Quay County Sheriff Administrative Assistant

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order.

Jerri Rush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve May 11, 2026 regular session minutes. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve May 20, 2026 special 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 table Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator from Agenda until next meeting. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Stephen Farmer, RLEDC gave a brief Economic Development presentation. Chairwoman Rush presented a retirement plaque to James Kleinsasser for 24 years of service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Selner, USDA District Supervisor requested approval of USDA Wildlife Services cooperative program for FY27. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the cooperative program. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff presented a certificate of Appreciation to Quay County Stoppers for donation to K-9 program.

Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager requested approval of Resolution NO. 42 Ratify Emergency Declaration. 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.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Supervisor gave a Road Update:

- Repairs of Bridge 8514 on Quay Road AH will be completed and open in 3 days.
- Quay Road 62.9 has been chip sealed with first layer. Once rain has stopped crews will be working on second layer.
- Miller Engineer will attend June 8th meeting to give update on Bridge 1042.

Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshal requested approval of Purchase of Freightliner 10SD Plus (Bard-Endee). A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve purchase. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

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

- Requested approval of Resolution NO. 43 Budgetary Adjustment to General Fund Sheriffs Office. 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.
- Requested approval of Resolution NO. 44 Budgetary Adjustment to County Improvements. 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.
- Requested approval of Resolution NO. 45 Budgetary Adjustment to County Improvements. 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.

- Requested approval of the FY 26-27 Preliminary Budget. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve preliminary budget. 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 accounts payable report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Angela Gonzales, Quay County Manager presented the following items for the Managers Report.

- Worked on budget.
- Lucas Bugg and Gonzales met with contractor to create a plan for cleanup on Pajarito Bridge to prevent flooding.
- System MD (IT) will be here next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Auditor and Gonzales with be working together to work on processes and procedures on how to fix issues.

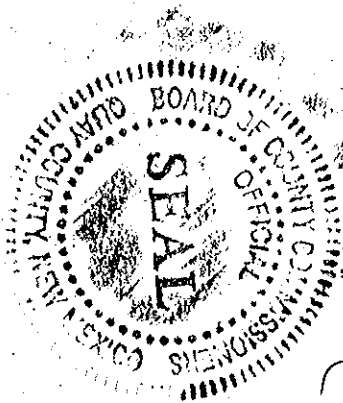
INDIGENT CLAIMS BOARD CONVENED. Time noted 10:00 a.m.

Return to regular session. Time noted 10:01 a.m.

Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Dowell asked about the status of Quay School. Angie Gonzales, Quay County Manager Informed Commissioner Dowell that they will be holding off on project until August. Commissioner Fortner informed everyone about the EPCOG meeting next Thursday.

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 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.



BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Terri Rush
 Terri Rush, Chairwoman

Brian Fortner
 Brian Fortner, Commissioner

Dallas Dowell
 Dallas Dowell, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Veronica Manley
 Veronica Manley, Quay County Clerk