

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**June 8, 2026
9:00 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 8th day of June 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
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall
Rico Marano, Quay County DWI Coordinator
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Kristine Olsen, Quay County Chamber of Commerce Board Member
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Toni Stoner, Village of San Jon
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Supervisor
Verlyn A Miller, P.E. President Miller Consultants
Brent Miller, P.E. Miller Consultants
Jamie Lauders, TQRECC Director
Kassie Kotara, Non Partisan Election Observer
Carol Keith, C.R.A.F.T Club Member
Patricia Cooksey, C.R.A.F.T Club Member
Terry White, C.R.A.F.T Club Member
Franklin Gibson, Quay County Resident
Tresa Gibson, Quay County Chamber of Commerce Board Member
Steve Farmer, Quay County Resident
Austin Gibson, Quay County Resident

Chairwoman Rush called the meeting to order.

Brian Fortner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve May 26, 2026, regular session minutes. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner to change the 2026 Canvass of Local Election Results to 2026 Canvass Primary Election, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve Agenda. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".



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PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ben White, representing the Quay County Chamber of Commerce as a Board Member, informed the Commissioners that the Chamber is currently in a rebuilding phase. He noted that a new group of board members has recently been appointed and is committed to making the Chamber a successful and active organization. Mr. White explained that the new board is developing a strategic plan to recruit new members and revitalize Chamber activities. He emphasized the importance of restoring the Chamber's role in supporting the local business community and expressed confidence in the board's efforts moving forward. He concluded by thanking the Commission for providing Kristine with the opportunity to give a presentation during today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephanie Newcomb, Quay County Family Health Center Administrator Requested Approval of RPHCA Report. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

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

Terry White, C.R.A.F.T Club President requested approval of reduced rental fee for use of the Quay County Fairgrounds. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the request for a reduced rental fee. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Verlyn A Miller, P.E. President Miller Consultants presented the update on Bridge No. 1042 and No. 1625.

Warren Frost, Quay County Attorney, joined the meeting. Time noted 9:38 a.m.

Kristen Olsen, Quay County Chamber of Commerce Board Member, presented a request for funding approval for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Chairwoman Rush informed Ms. Olsen that the Board would not be approving the request at this time and recommended that the Chamber return for consideration after a staff member has been hired and measurable results can be demonstrated. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell and SECONDED by Brian Fortner to table the funding request for consideration at a later date. The MOTION carried unanimously, with Rush voting "aye," Fortner voting "aye," and Dowell voting "aye."

Veronica Manley, Quay County Clerk Requested Approval of the 2026 Canvass of Primary Election. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the Canvass. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Commissioner Fortner thanked the Clerks office for a job well done with the Election.

Rico Marano, Quay County DWI Coordinator Requested Approval of Grant Agreement for the Count DWI Program No. 27-D-G-21. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the agreement. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Marano Requested Approval of Grant Funding No. 27-D-G-21. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve grant. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Jamie Lauders, TQRECC Director Requested Approval of the Recommendation of Weil Construction Inc Price Agreement to begin construction on building. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve recommendation. 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 Purchase of Freightliner M2 106 Plus (District 1). A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the purchase. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Superintendent presented the Blade Report. A copy is attached.

Fury presented the Road Update. A copy is attached.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director, presented the following items for approval:

Requested Approval of Resolution No. 47 Budgetary Increase to Emergency Communications. 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.

Requested Approval of Resolution No. 48 Budgetary Increase to Emergency Communications. 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.

Requested Approval of Resolution No. 49 Budgetary Increase to Emergency Communications. 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.

Salas presented the Accounts Payable. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the Accounts Payable Report. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Dowell voting "aye" and Fortner voting "aye".

Jerri Rush, Quay County Commission Chair Requested Approval of Resolution No. 46 Expressing Affirmation of the Commission's Commitment to Protecting County Assets, County Budget, and the Interests of County Residents. 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.

Angie Gonzales, Quay County Manager, presented the following items for Manager Report:

- Budget Submitted on time.
- Getting ready for final budget.
- System Md was here Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.
- NMC Conference will be held next week in McKinley County.
- The County decided to stay with same Auditing company after going out for quotes for the FY Audit.

The Commissioner's Comments: NONE

A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to go into Executive Session. The closed meeting is to discuss items subject to attorney client privilege concerning possible litigation and discussion of competitive sealed proposals pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (6) and (7) MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 10:22 a.m.

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell SECONDED by Brian Fortner to adjourn. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerri Rush
Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

Brian Fortner
Brian Fortner, Commissioner

Dallas Dowell
Dallas Dowell, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Veronica Manley
Veronica Manley, County Clerk

