

REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**May 11, 2026
9:00 A.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 11th 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
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall
Rico Marano, Quay County DWI Coordinator
Jordan San Juan, Court Compliance Officer
Alan Daughtery, Raw Hide Days
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager
Sky Devore, Devore Aragon, LLC
Warren Frost, Quay County Attorney
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff

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 April 27, 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: Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff Run informed the public that Run For The Wall® (also known as RFTW) will be traveling through Tucumcari on Friday on Camino del Coronado and 11th street. Run For The Wall is an organized cross-country motorcycle ride to honor our veterans, their families and friends and to raise awareness of those still missing – Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA). The ride, or “run” as many motorcyclists call it, starts in Ontario, California and ten days later ends at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C.

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to table Aric Costa, Wildlife Specialist, until next meeting. MOTION carried with Rush voting “aye”, Fortner voting “aye” and Dowell voting “aye”.

Alan Daughtery, Raw Hide Days presented the Raw Hide Days update.

Daughtery a representative of the Tucumcari Historical Research Institute asked the Commission if they would consider letting the organization manage the closed Quay School for three years while they seek grants to preserve and repurpose the historic building for the community.

Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager Requested Approval of the following items:

- Requested Approval of RFP Debris Removal 2026 #3. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve the RFP. MOTION carried with Rush voting “aye”, Fortner voting “aye” and Dowell voting “aye”. A copy is attached.
- Requested Approval of RFP Disaster Recovery Coordinator 2026 #4. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the RFP. MOTION carried with Rush voting “aye”, Fortner voting “aye” and Dowell voting “aye”. A copy is attached.
- Requested Approval of Assistance Listing 97.039: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve the grant. MOTION carried with Rush voting “aye”, Fortner voting “aye” and Dowell voting “aye”. A copy is attached.

Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant/Asset Manager presented the ICIP Ranking. A copy is attached.

Jones Requested Approval of Resolution No. 41 Adopting the FY 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP). 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.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director, presented the FY 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget (Draft).

Salas 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”.

Angela Gonzales, Quay County Manager Requested Approval of Appointment of County Valuation Protest Board (Richard Randals). A MOTION was made by Dallas Dowell, SECONDED by Brian Fortner to approve board members. MOTION carried with Rush voting “aye”, Fortner voting “aye” and Dowell voting “aye”. A copy is attached.

Gonzales presented the Blade Report. A copy is attached.

Manager Report:

- The restroom remodeling has begun on the 2nd floor for District Court.
- NMC lost prevention are very pleased with the improvements over the last year in the Detention Center.
- System MD started Wednesday as IT for Quay County.
- EPCOG meeting is June 3, 2026.

Commissioner’s Comments: Chairwoman Rush thanked everyone for the hard work on the Sparks Fire a couple of weeks ago. Commissioner Fortner congratulated all the Quay County Kids for a job well done at the State Track meet this past weekend.

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 10:38 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 11:25 a.m.

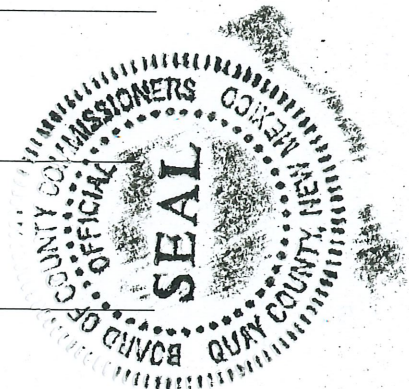
Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

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Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

Brian Fortner
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ATTEST:

Veronica Manley
Veronica Manley, County Clerk