

## REGULAR SESSION-BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 24, 2026

9:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HONORABLE BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in regular session the 24th day of August 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  
Andrea Page, Quay County HR Director  
Ben White, Bank of Tucumcari  
Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshall  
Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff  
Jamie Lauders, Quay County Emergency Regional Director  
Bill Kardokus, Quay County Emergency Manager  
Adrian Jones, Quay County Grant /Asset Manager  
Jason Lamb, Quay County Extension Agent  
Erin Smith, Quay County FCS/4-H Agent  
Quade Fury, Quay County Road Department Supervisor  
Warren Frost, Quay County Attorney  
Teresa Lafferty, Quay County Treasurer  
Rico Marano, DWI Coordinator  
Frank Rusk, Resident  
Norbert Herrera, Ft Sumner  
Ty Jackson, N E Captain of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Andrew Teaschne, Sargeant of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Louis Brown, Resident  
Marianna Behrends, San Jon Schools Agriculture Teacher  
Leighauna Behrends, San Jon FFA Member

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 August 10, 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: Chairwoman Rush recognized Leighauna Behrends for being a Finalist at the National Agriscience Fair for her research project of Antioxidants in beef.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Lamb, Quay County Extension and Erin Smith Quay County FCS/4-H Agent presented the Second Quarter Report. A copy is attached.

Andrea Page, Quay County HR Director did a presentation on the Summer Internship Program. A copy is attached.

Lucas Bugg, Quay County Fire Marshal Requested Approval on the purchase of a new Command Unit. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve purchase. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Bugg Requested Approval of FY 2027 Fire Protection Grant Application. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve application. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". A copy is attached.

Jamie Lauders, TQRECC Director presented an update on Dispatch building.

Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff Requested Approval on Resolution No. 10 Authorizing the Donation of a 2016 Dodge Charger to TMS. 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.

HEARING FOR ROAD CLOSURE  
of Quay Road 49, Quay Road 51, Quay Road H and Quay Road I

PRESENT and SPOKE:

Frank Rusk, Resident

Norbert Herrera, Ft Sumner

Ty Jackson, NE Captain of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Andrew Teaschne, Sargeant of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Louis Brown, Resident

Quade Fury, Quay County Road Department Supervisor

Letters are attached.

Quade Fury, Quay Road Supervisor Requested Approval of Resolution No. 11 Closing of Road Quay Road 49, Quay Road 51, Quay Road H and Quay Road I. 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 presented the Road Update:

- Maintenance on Roads.
- The design of the Bridge 1042 is 95% completed.

Samantha Salas, Quay County Finance Director Requested Approval on the following items:

Requested Approval of Resolution No. 56 Budgetary Increase to Detention Center. 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. 57 Budgetary Increase to DWI Fund. 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. 58 Budgetary Increase to Juvenile. 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 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".

Jerri Rush, Quay County Commission Chairwoman had a discussion of BESS and Wind Energy Conversions Systems.

Angela Gonzales, Quay County Manager, Requested Approval of the Appointment of TJ Smith as a Member of the County Valuation Protest Board. A MOTION was made by Brian Fortner, SECONDED by Dallas Dowell to approve appointment. MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye".

Gonzales Requested Approval Resolution 9 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. 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.

Gonzales presented the Manager Report: NONE

Chairwoman, Rush called the Indigent Claims Board to order. Time noted 10:14 a.m.

--- INDIGENT CLAIMS ---

The Indigent Claims Board meeting adjourned, and the meeting was returned to Regular Session. Time noted 10:15 a.m.

---EXECUTIVE SESSION---

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) (2). MOTION carried with Rush voting "aye", Fortner voting "aye" and Dowell voting "aye". Time noted 11:30 a.m.

Return to regular session. Time noted 10:35 a.m.

Chairwoman Rush reported No Action from Executive Session.

Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Fortner attended the Department of Transportation meeting in Tucumcari. They complimented the Quay County Road Dept for a job well done. Commissioner Fortner sent Condolences to the Span Family for the loss of John Span. Commission Dowell attended a National Electrical Transmission Corridor meeting in Roswell NM on August 12, 2026.

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 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Manley, County Clerk.

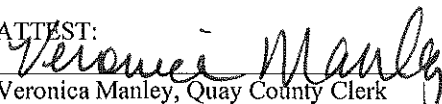
BOARD OF QUAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Jerri Rush, Chairwoman

  
Brian Fortner, Commissioner

  
Dallas Dowell, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Veronica Manley, Quay County Clerk

