

**MINUTES
OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011,
BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M., AT THE DETENTION CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman David R. Salazar called the special meeting to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the meeting/conference room of the San Miguel County Detention Center, 26 NM 283, south of Las Vegas. The Clerk called the roll of the Commission and all five Commissioners were present, as follows: Chairman David R. Salazar, Vice Chairman Nicolas T. Leger, and Members Marcellino A. Ortiz, Arthur J. Padilla, and Ron R. Ortega. Noting that a quorum was present, Chairman Salazar proceeded with the meeting as follows:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION OF NM FLAG

Joined by all in attendance, the Commissioners pledged allegiance to the U.S. flag, and offered the salutation to the NM state flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Padilla moved and Commissioner Leger seconded, approval of the Agenda as presented by the County Manager, without change. The motion was duly adopted. **(UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL FORMAL ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, PURSUANT TO A MOTION DULY SECONDED.)**

INSPECTION OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Salazar noted that the special meeting of the Commission was called and convened for the purpose of inspecting the San Miguel County Detention Center, as required by Section 33-3-4, NMSA 1978. Whereupon County Manager Les Montoya informed the Commission that Warden Patrick W. Snedeker, accompanied by his staff, was prepared to make a general presentation to the Commission and answer any questions and concerns.

Chairman Salazar then invited Warden Snedeker to make any presentation he deemed appropriate. Thereupon Warden Snedeker addressed the Commission, and made a general presentation concerning the operation and maintenance of the Detention Center, and the capital improvement priorities intended by staff. (The Warden provided the Commissioners with written information setting forth with particularity the capital improvements project envisioned for the Detention Center.)

Chairman Salazar then asked the Commissioners to ask any questions or express any concerns. Whereupon all Commissioners propounded questions to the Warden. The Warden, together with several members of his staff, answered questions and concerns raised by the Commissioners, and relating to the operation and security of the Detention Center.

Thereupon, at approximately 11:00 o'clock a.m., Chairman Salazar advised all in attendance that the Commission would undertake a tour and inspection of the Detention Center, as required by law. The five Commissioners, accompanied by the County Manager and the Warden, and other staff, then proceeded to an inspection of the Detention Center. (The tour and inspection included a walk-through of the entire facility, including kitchen, laundry, cell blocks, control station, and all premises related thereto, as well as an inspection of the outer perimeter of the facility, and the premises located outside the main facility; and during the entire tour and inspection, Warden Snedeker and his staff made presentations to the Commission and answered questions propounded by individual Commissioners and the County Manager.)

At approximately 12:00 o'clock p.m., the Commission, the County Manager and other staff in attendance – as part of the tour and inspection – sat down for lunch prepared and served by Detention Center staff.

Thereupon, Chairman Salazar and other Commissioners thanked Warden Snedeker and his staff for their cooperation and Chairman Salazar directed the County Manager and the Warden to prepare a report of the inspection, for presentation and approval at the next regular monthly meeting of the County Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Commission at the special meeting, Commissioner Padilla moved and Commissioner Ortega seconded, that the special meeting adjourn, the motion carried, and the special meeting was duly adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2011, as the official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, of its special meeting held Tuesday, September 13, 2011, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the San Miguel County Detention Center, 26 NM 283, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

David R. Salazar, Chairman

Nicolas T. Leger, Vice Chairman

Marcellino A. Ortiz, Member

Ron R. Ortega, Member

Arthur J. Padilla, Member

Attest:

Melanie Y. Rivera
San Miguel County Clerk

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