

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Arthur J. Padilla called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 P.M., at the Commission Chambers on the 2nd floor of the San Miguel County Courthouse. Upon a call of the roll by the Clerk, all five County Commissioners were present, and a quorum was duly established and noted as follows: Chairman Arthur J. Padilla, Vice-Chairman Gilbert J.B. Sena, and Commissioners Marcellino A. Ortiz, and Rock G. Ulibarri, and Nicolas T. Leger.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION OF THE NM FLAG**

Joined by staff and all in attendance, the Commissioners pledged allegiance to the U.S. flag and offered their salutation to the N.M. flag.

**REGULAR ORDER**

**ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION OF SAN MIGUEL BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PLAN TO COMPLETE COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**

The San Miguel Board of County Commissioners is planning to authorize the development of a 3.5 million dollar (\$3,500,000) Revenue Bond to be spent on San Miguel County Road Improvements. This funding initiative is possible based on the County approving the use of Gross Receipts Tax for road and drainage projects. The process to complete a revenue bond and establish funding is approximately a three month time frame. With the increase in GRT the Commission chose to set up a Debt Service Payment of roughly \$400,000 a year to support the Revenue Bond of 3.5 million dollars to be used towards road improvements. San Miguel County has over 500 miles of roads throughout the County and approximately 4,700 square miles of area to responsible of. San Miguel County Manager Les Montoya provided the Commission with a menu of roads from the experience of the Transportation Foreman, the

County Road Inspector and the County Manager in which what roads require maintenance. Along with the improvement of roads, the Commission chose to address Economic Development within San Miguel County. \$75,000 was set aside from the projected revenue of the GRT increase for initiatives of Economic Development. In addition, the Commission set aside \$22,000 for Senior Citizen programs in San Miguel County as well as \$13,000 for health initiatives within San Miguel County.

**ITEM 2: PUBLIC INPUT BY COMMISSION DISTRICT, REQUESTING ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES**

Chairman Arthur Padilla informed the public input would be broken down by Commissioners District and anyone who had concerns on County Roads was welcome to take the podium. Due to time constraints, Chairman Arthur Padilla stated in the matter of more than one individual speaking on issues of the same County road that a spokesperson speak on behalf of all residents of that County road. District 1 was the first district up for public input and no citizens from District 1 were present for the Special Meeting. District 2, which is in the Pecos, Rowe and Gonzales Ranch area, had a few constituents express problems within District 2. John Cunningham expressed his concerns on County Road B 35 A and being able to pass back and forth on the Volunteer Fire trucks. Thomas Gonzales who is a bus driver in the Gonzales Ranch area spoke to the Commission on drainage problems on County Road B 30 B, B 36 and B 36 C. District 3, which is in the Rociada, Sapello area had citizens present to voice their opinions on the County Roads in District 3. Ray Zimmer of Las Dispensas spoke on Las Dispensas Road or also known as County Road A 2 and County Road A 3. Tino Martinez, who is a resident of Las Dispensas, informed the Commission of the road project that was not completed in the past was still not yet complete. Cathy Swedeland who travels on County Road A 6, expressed her concerns on the County Road which it being impassable for school buses and emergency medical services if it so happened to rain. Jeff Gallegos who also spoke on County Road A 6, stated County Road A 6 has not received any maintenance in over 20 years. Amanda Lucero, another citizen who travels on County Road A 6 expressed her concern of Rocky Mountain Gravel Co. traveling on the County Road with large semi-trucks, making the ruts worse. District 4, had several citizens come forth and speak on the issues of the County Roads. Jim Horn, who lives in the San Geronimo area off of County Road A 17 A, explained to the Commission of the problems when it rains, and the ruts made after. Kenny Lujan, who resides in Ojitos Frios and travels on County Road A 20, claimed the County has not maintained County Road A 20 whatsoever. In addition to claiming the road never being maintained, Kenny Lujan also stated the blade men are not knowledgeable in blading the roads correctly. Bob Whitters, who lives along County Road A 19 A expressed his concerns with the road conditions on County Road A 19 A. Ron Mahaphy, resides on County Road A 18 A, praised San Miguel County for the maintenance done in the past. Mr. Mahaphy requested that a culvert be inserted on the first

mile of A 18 A and maintenance to be done within miles two through four on County Road A 18 A. Elaine Baca, who lives along County Road C 55 A, explained to the Commission there is roughly 4.5 miles of road that need to be maintained. John Chavez, who resides on County Road A 19 A, requested the Commission maintain the County Road and repair the arroyo. Tim Nix is the Cabo Lucero Fire Chief, notified the Commission of an Emergency Service vehicle getting stuck on County Road A 17 A. County Road A 16 C causes problems for the Fire Department on a daily basis. Jan Chester, who lives along County Road A 19 A, explained to the Commission of the problems she faces in taking her child to the school bus drop off. Daryl West, who resides along County Road A 16 C, asked the Commission if the County would bid out projects or would the County be the ones to complete the road projects. District 5 has a couple constituents come forth and express issues related to County Roads. Gabriel Lucero lives on County Road 23, requested the Commission distribute the Revenue Bond according to the mileage within each District. San Miguel County Manager Les Montoya, told the commission of the extra work that must be done in order to make the job complete. Although

**ITEM 3: CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS AND DIRECTION PROVIDED BY COUNTY MANAGER**

San Miguel County Manager Les Montoya informed the general public San Miguel County will need to work with Bond Counsel to prepare documents necessary to be approved of by the Board of County Commissioners and taken to the bond market in order to generate the revenue, this process normally takes a three month time period. The Revenue Bond process is done step by step, each step would be required to be on the agenda of a public meeting. In most cases, some road projects will be put out to bid to contractors in order to expedite the process of completion.

Chairman Arthur Padilla advised the general public he would like the Revenue Bond to provide adequate road maintenance to where little to no maintenance would be required for an extensive amount of time. Chairman Arthur Padilla requested that the maintenance of County Roads be done sufficiently upon initial repairs.

Vice-Chairman Gilbert Sena began by thanking the general public for being courteous with the complaints given to him. Vice-Chairman Gilbert Sena explained to the general public the Commissioners receive numerous calls on issues with County Roads and every phone call is important as the next. Vice-Chairman Gilbert Sena notified the public he is aware of how bad the County Roads are first hand as he travels these dirt roads regularly.

Commissioner Rock Ulibarri also thanked the public for expressing their frustrations and thanks brought to the Commission. Commissioner Ulibarri also answered some questions asked by an

individual on the Revenue Bond being dispersed among districts as well as bidding out to contractors for these road improvements.

Commissioner Marcellino Ortiz thanked the general public for their presence for the Special Meeting as well as the school bus drivers in attendance.

Commissioner Nicolas Leger as well thanked the public for their presence which reflected their concerns for the various roads within the County. Commissioner Nicolas Leger also informed the public of his knowledge of poor road conditions from campaigning and the complaints from the citizens within his District and every not every will be addressed. Commissioner Nicolas Leger informed the public the purpose of the meeting was to hear the concerns from the constituents of San Miguel County and see what roads are in need of maintenance.

San Miguel County Manager Les Montoya informed the general public that he and San Miguel County Staff are aware of the severity the road conditions are and San Miguel County will put forth their best effort to repair the County Roads. San Miguel County Manager Les Montoya also informed the general public San Miguel County has expanded the Road Department with the hire of a new Grader Operator, purchases made through a loan received to assist all areas of the county. In the Road Department, a Vibratory Roller, a Packer Truck, a Solid Waste Chasse and Packer Body, and two Roll off Trucks and Lifts will be purchased. San Miguel County Detention Center will be purchasing Transport Vans. San Miguel County Sheriff's Office will be purchasing multiple vehicles.

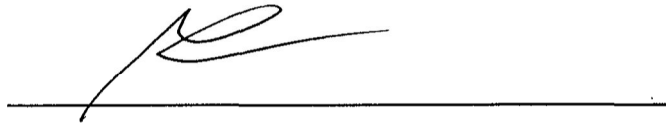
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sena, and a second by Commissioner Ulibarri, the motion carried and the meeting was duly adjourned.

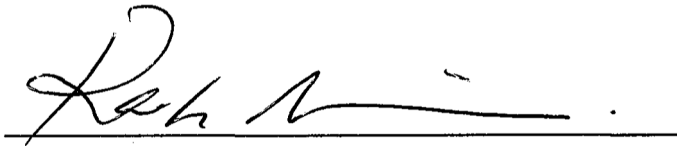
**MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of September, 2015, by the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, as the official minutes of a special meeting held August 25th, 2015.



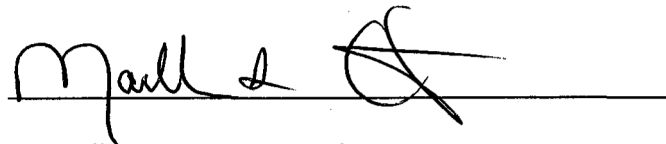
Arthur J. Padilla, Chairman



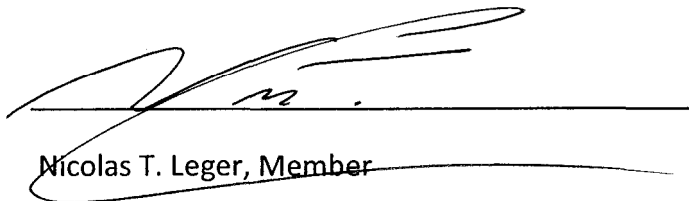
Gilbert J.B. Sena, Vice-Chairman



Rock G. Ulibarri, Member

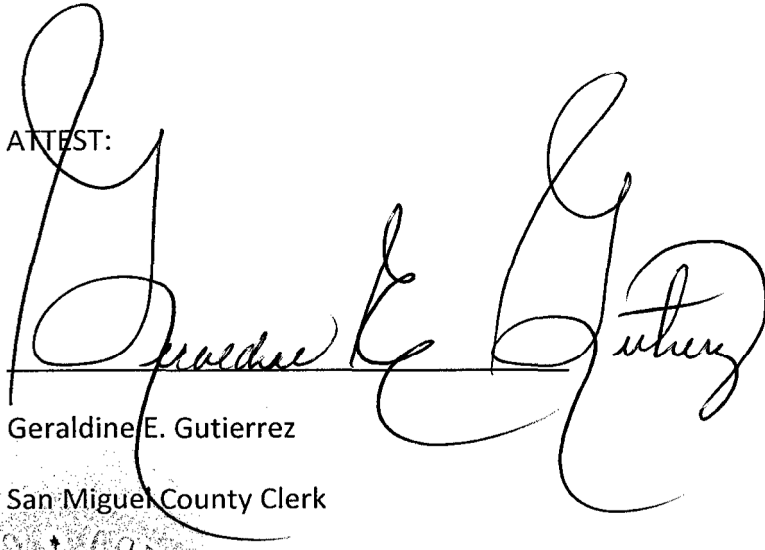


Marcellino A. Ortiz, Member



Nicolas T. Leger, Member

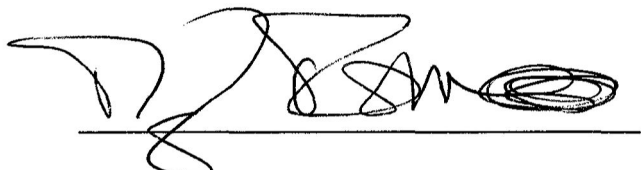
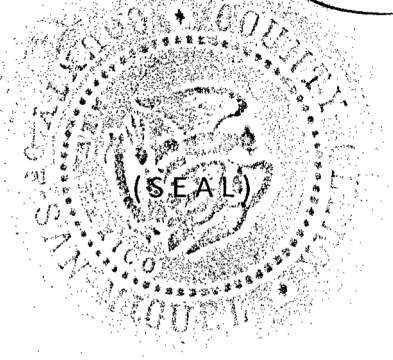
ATTEST:



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Geraldine E. Gutierrez

San Miguel County Clerk



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Minutes prepared by Diego Romero