# SANDOVAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION CHAMBERS

1500 IDALIA ROAD, BUILDING D BERNALILLO, NM 87004 JUNE 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

### **AMENDED**

The meeting may be viewed online at

www.sandovalcountynm.gov.

Public comment will be taken in person and online at

http://sandovalcountynm.gov/commission/public-comment/

## 1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Meek called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block and via telecommunication were Commissioner Eichwald.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NEW MEXICO PLEDGE

Chair Meek led both the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Mexico Pledge.

#### 3. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Meek announced guidance on the proper protocol of how Sandoval County Commission expect all participants to conduct themselves while in the chambers. Commission Bruch added that all individuals that have signed up for public comment will be required to announce their full name and place of residence.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Heil made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Agenda Item 8A and moving Agenda Item 8B immediately after Agenda Item 5. Seconded by Commissioner Block.

Commissioner Block, Vice Chair Heil and Chair Meek voted yes. Commissioner Bruch and Commissioner Eichwald voted no. Motion to approve the agenda as amended passed. The vote was 3-2.

Further, Commissioner Bruch stated that she would like to address an item that is on the agenda that would be Agenda Item 10 as it is indicated as being presented from the entire commission, I would not approve of that and suggest that either someone represent it as their item or the county manager. Manager Johnson responded that we wrote that as a result of the workshop, I was going to make clear in our presentation that this was staff's interpretation of our direction from the workshop and at this point has no sponsor.

# 5. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

State Strategic Plan for Behavior Health/Court Diversion Program Presentation.

(Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch and Connie Vigil, Greater Albuquerque Business Alliance, Behavior Health Committee, Bernalillo County)

Commissioner Bruch introduced Connie Vigil and Connie gave her presentation. She was very informative and mentioned her extensive background and stated that she thanked the city for getting a jump on this problem of homelessness, further she recommended that everyone watch the video entitled "The Definition of Insanity" by PBS.

Commissioner Block thanked Ms. Vigil for all the data provided and went into very specific detail of how disgusting Coronado Park in Albuquerque is and addressed the mental health issues and the lack of leadership by Mayor Keller and the State Government both past and present. Vice Chair Heil asked Ms. Vigil to mention the video again so that those interested could observe. Commissioner Bruch thanked Ms. Vigil for coming to address this issue.

# 6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sandoval County Commissioners shall receive public comments regarding Agenda Items in person or by email at

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Several constituents voiced their concerns with the majority of speakers being from Albuquerque New Mexico, Bernalillo County. One individual did go on to say that she voted in two different states both Washington State and Texas in the 2020 elections. Again, the participants clapped and laughed. Most comments were in reference to the 2020 elections.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2022 Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022
- B. Approval of Resolution to Dispose of Tangible Property. This Tangible equipment is completely obsolete to the county
- C. Approval of the following Budget Resolution:
  - (1) No. 6-22-22.7C(1) / Senior Program Budgets / Increase Budgets to Reflect Actual Donations Received for Current Fiscal Year 2022 / \$21,572
- D. Approval of Resolution to ban the use of certain fireworks, in accordance with State Law, and re-emphasize the County burn ban.

Commissioner Block motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Heil. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil and Commissioner Eichwald voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### 8. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

(Wayne Johnson, County Manager)

- A. Request for a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-22-22.8A authorizing a notice of publication of the Commissions intent to consider an Ordinance Amending the Gross Receipts Tax Revenue ordinances for Sandoval County.
- B. Request for a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-22-22.9B authorizing a notice of publication of the Commissions Intent to consider an Ordinance authorizing a Local Economic Development Project (LEDA) for Project Sing. (Dora Dominguez, Director of County Business and Economic Development and Rob Burpo, County Financial Advisor)

Dora Dominguez Director of County Business and Economic Development presented directly after Agenda Item 5. Requesting a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-22-22.9B declaring the commissions intent to consider for adoption an ordinance authorizing a local economic development project (LEDA) for project SING

Commissioner Block motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Heil. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil and Commissioner Eichwald voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Request for a Motion to Approve a professional Employment agreement between Sandoval County and Wayne Johnson for the position of County Manager.

County Manager Johnson presented.

Vice Chair Heil motioned, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil and Commissioner Eichwald voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Request for a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 6-22-22.8D Appropriating Monies from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the Sandoval County Road and Sheriff's Office.

County Manager Johnson presented.

Vice Chair Heil motioned, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil and Commissioner Eichwald voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

# 9. DIVISION OF PLANNING & ZONING

(Kym Dicome, Director)

Request for a Motion to Approve VAC-22-002 this is a request by Keith Stickford, agent for Ron O. Smock, for Vacation of the Public Utility Easements locate within and adjacent Lots 327 through 336, San Pedro Estates, Unit 3. This property is located within Section 29, Township 23 North, Range 1 West, NMPM, in the vicinity of the community of Regina, Sandoval County, New Mexico.

Kym Dicome, Director of Planning and Zoning presented.

Commissioner Block motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Heil. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Heil, and Commissioner Eichwald voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

# 10. SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSION

Motion to Approve and Adopt resolution No. 6-22-22.10 Calling on the New Mexico Legislature to enhance the faith of the voting public in election outcomes through improved election processes.

County Manager Johnson presented.

Vice Chair Heil suggested that "unsupervised" drop boxes be added to the verbiage. Commissioner Bruch read into the record a comment from another elected official as is as follows:

"Commissioners, I ask to be placed on record opposing the proposed resolution on elections. Although there are some valid points, the overall tone of the resolution is problematic. The tone suggests widespread fraud that does not exist. Rather than fan the flames that divide us, why not initiate honest, open conversations with communities across the county—municipal, tribal and rural. If the goal is honest, fair elections let's initiate candid conversations that reflect reality from across the county, not a resolution based on perceptions of a loud minority who were allowed to present to the Commission." Respectfully, Mayor Jack Torres.

Commissioner Block also stated for the record:

"I hope the democrats support this, when we had the meeting, the work session, the supporters did support the photo I.D. This is an American issue, and the Americans want voter i.d. they want secured elections and I'm right there with them. You need a valid i.d. when you drive a car, you need a valid i.d. boarding an airplane, visiting the doctor's office, applying for a job, picking up a prescription and applying for schools examine, store credit and establishing utility account, purchasing car, car registration, outpatient testing, COVID testing, by the way you need an i.d. to attend the national committee, the convention, you needed i.d. too. Medicare and medical you need i.d. to vote in union, donate blood you need i.d., buy a fire arm you need an i.d. social security service, you need i.d. you visit pawn shop, you need i.d. using credit card, they ask for i.d. buying train tickets, i.d. buying tickets to amusement park, you need an i.d. checkout book at the library, you need i.d. applying for professional license, you need i.d. buy a house, you need i.d. you buy cigarettes or alcohol, you don't just sign an affidavit saying "Yeah I'm 21," you need an i.d. if you want to enlist in the military, you need an i.d. if you want to go in to certain government buildings, you need an i.d. you want to purchase certain types of nail polish, or certain types of cold medicine, you need an i.d. you want to buy a mature rated video game, you need an i.d. you want to buy a cell phone, you need an i.d. apply for a hunting license, you need an i.d. adopt a pet, you need an i.d. apply for a marriage license, which we will be getting married soon, you need an i.d. opening as bank account, you need an i.d. apply for food stamps, you need an i.d. apply for unemployment, you need an i.d. other welfare benefits, you need an i.d. Voter i.d. is so simple people". Commissioner Block also voiced his opinion on ballot boxes stating that the ballot boxes are ripe with fraud, we don't know the chain of custody, we don't know how many ballots are in there, you can destroy ballots that are in there, our own deputy clerk democrat Joey Dominguez has even said that these drop boxes are high risk, everyone knows it. Chain of custody is critical. We have to make it hard to cheat and easy to vote.

One more thing that I would like to read in to the record "Mr. Dominguez our deputy clerk, talked about the risk of chain custody with the drop boxes and he is exactly right, even our Deputy Clerk said this is resolution was reasonable". And it is common sense. Chair Meek spoke on the resolution that was created. Everyone had their input.

Vice Chair moved to amend the resolution to amend and include the word "unsupervised" to the drop boxes. Seconded by Chair Meek. Commissioner Bruch and Commissioner Eichwald voted no, Commissioner Block, Vice Chair Heil and Chair Meek voted yes. Motion to amend and include the word "unsupervised ballot boxes" passed. Vote was 3-2.

Commissioner Eichwald commented this resolution as it stands, has a lot of open area as to what should be done and posed the question to the Chair, County Manager and Counsel "how many other counties are sending in resolutions that are definitive to this type of action to the legislature?" Manager Johnson said that he was not aware of this type of resolution at this point, but further explained that it is not unusual for counties to send legislative agendas.

Commissioner Block motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Heil. Commissioner Bruch and Commissioner Eichwald voted no. Commissioner Block, Vice Chair Heil and Chair Meek voted yes. Motion as amended passed. Vote was 3-2

# 11. COMMISSION VOTE ON USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURES AND SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS Commissioner Eichwald approved his digital signature.

#### 12. COMMENT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Heil advised that the election integrity group will not have an impact of the upcoming elections and advised that changes to the election law can only be done at the legislative level and not specifically Sandoval County. The Legislative Session does not resume until January, 2023. Vice Chair Heil went into detail once again with questions from the integrity group and explained what could and could not be done.

## 13. ADJOURN

Chair Meek adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

DONE IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF SANDOVAL, THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2022

ANNE BRADY-ROMERO, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL ESHLEMAN, County Attorney

MICHAEL MEEK, Chairman | District 3

DAVID J. HEIL, Vice-Chair | District 4

KATHERINE A. BRUCH, Commissioner | District 1

JAX C. BLOCK, Commissioner | District 2

F. KENNETH EICHWALD, Commissioner | District 5