

SANDOVAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1500 IDALIA ROAD, BUILDING D
BERNALILLO, NM 87004
February 22, 2023 – 6 P.M.

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 Heil called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Present were Chair Heil, Vice Chair Meek, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Bruch.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG

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

3. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Heil wanted to welcome all attendees for the February 22 meeting of the Sandoval county commission. meetings purpose is to conduct the business of the county, we expect all participants to conduct themselves with the proper decorum appropriate for this business meeting. This means that those attending will not interrupt the process of the meeting or interrupt the ability for others attending to hear and observe the conducting of county business. Commissioner Block was excited and honored to have three people here today to introduce, and they are either active-duty air force officers or retired air force and they are from Louisiana who are up visiting, if they could stand when called, lieutenant colonel Schmidt. Welcome, colonel, Victoria gains major, united states air force. And then last, but not least, is a friend of mine I've known for a long time, his name is Shane finders. Shane is a retired chief sergeant for many, many years and is continuing to make great things happen as a retiree working as a contractor for the new intercontinental ballistic missile to ensure our nuclear deterrence is robust until at least 75 with a new sentinel missile. When I say chief master sergeant, I want everyone to know what that means, it is the highest enlisted rank in the air force and only the top 1% make that rank to my good friend, chief finders, honor. Thank you.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Meek made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PROCLAMATIONS, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

No proclamations, certificates and awards

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Rio Rancho Regional Chambers Presentation
(Jerry Schalow, President/CEO)

Jerry Schalow presented on behalf of Rio Rancho Regional Chambers to discuss Sandoval's employee workforce. Sandoval's workforce in an effort found talking to nonmember businesses in Sandoval County and what it amounts to is there has been a shortage of employees. Mr. Schalow stated Sandoval County doesn't have the talent to fill the positions, what he is going to run through is Sandoval County's workforce. Mr. Schalow went through the opportunities he has found, as well as branding and marketing.

B. Sandoval Economic Alliance (SEA) Progress Presentation
(Fred Sheperd, President & CEO)

Fred Sheperd and Dora Dominguez presented on behalf of Sandoval Economic Alliance. Ms. Dominguez discussed the commitment to provide a quarterly report to the commission. Ms. Dominguez and Mr. Shepard presented from SEA to give us the second contract year report per the county reporting requirements our thanks to SEA for accommodating requests for this commission. Expertise on economic based job creation, existing business retention and expansion, along with outside project recruitment. Sandoval county commission has been working in partnership with SEA candidates back to the founding of the organization. SEA is currently in its second contract year in a four-year agreement that was awarded in 2022. Ms. Dominguez directed the rest of the presentation to Mr. Sheperd from SEA to provide their quarterly review of work accomplishments, including existing business retention and expansion, leads, and prospects reports.

7. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No Board and Committee Appointments

8. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Several people from the public voiced their concerns.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Board of Finance Minutes of 02/08/23

B. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 02/08/23

C. Approval of the following Budget Resolutions:

(1) No. 2-22-23.9C(1)/Legislative Appropriations / Budgets to be set up for new funding from Legislative Fund for St. Felix Pantry, Regional Recreation Centers Quality of Life and Senior Program Kitchen Equipment / \$218,707.00 in total funding.

(2) No. 2-22-23.9C(2) / DWI Budget / New Funding has been awarded from the US Dept. of Health & Human Services / \$750.00

(3) No. 2-22-23.9C(3) / Legislative Appropriations & 2019 GO Bonds / Transfer of expense from Legislative account to GO Bond / \$704,587.36

(4) No. 2-22-23.9C(4) / Legislative Appropriations / Increase to Sheriff's Office Body Cameras funding due to reimbursement / \$19,252.00

Commissioner Bruch made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES / PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request for a Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2-22-23.10A Amendment to an Official zoning map adopted pursuant to the Sandoval county Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

ZNCH- 23-001 Request by Devin and Alyssa Meyers for a zone map amendment from Rural Residential Agricultural (RRA) to Rural Commercial (RC) for Tract 1, Lands of the Heirs of Frank and Leonor Duran (R184561), located at 6522 US 550, Cuba NM, 1.978 acres, Section 20, township 21 North, Range 1 West, NMPM, Sandoval County NM.

Vice Chair Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Request a Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2+-22-23.10B Approving an Ordinance to issue the Sandoval County Series 2023 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$1,885,000 for libraries within the County.
(Rob Burpo, County Financial Advisor and Jill Sweeney, Bond Counsel.)

Vice Chair Heil made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Bruch, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. Request for Motion to Approve of Resolution No. 2-22-23.11 Authorizing the County to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local government Division to participate in the local DWI Grant and Distribution for fiscal year 2024.

Commissioner Block made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Meek. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Request for Motion to Adopt Resolution NO. 2-22-23.11B Authorizing and Adopting the updated Facility Policy (Appx. A) and repealing the former policy with amendments.

Vice Chair Heil made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

12. APPROVALS

A. Request for a Motion to Award and Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Sandoval County and Meridian Contracting Services in the amount of \$4,782,145.26 for County Road 11 Bridge Replacements and Authorize the County Manager Approval of all subsequent Amendments.

Commissioner Bruch made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Request for a Motion to Authorize Sandoval County Fire and Rescue to apply for the FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters Grant for new fire apparatus.

Vice Chair Meek made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bruch. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Meek, and Chair Heil, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

13. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES / SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Commissioner Jones approved the usage of his digital signature.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Next Board of County Commissioner's Meeting is the 8th of March.

15. COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Block discussed one of the things going on in the roundhouse is a big thing that gets shot down every year is school vouchers and school choice. Another thing the state of New Mexico doesn't allow parents to do to pick your own schools because you're forced into a school in your zip code. When you look at the public-school systems in the United States, take Baltimore, for example. After the pandemic only 7% of third through eighth graders students in Baltimore were proficient in math. Since the pandemic, at least 23 Baltimore schools, zero students tested proficient in math and during the peak of the pandemic in 2021, Forbes magazine reported that one mother covered her high school student, senior, had a GPA, Mr. Chair, of 0.13, which is just a little bit higher than Chief Fenders in college. That means he failed all three classes in high school, yet he ranked sixty-second out of one hundred and twenty in his class. That's just unbelievable, it shows you a failure of schools and why we need more choice. Chair heil discussed how we let our children get manipulated and mutilated? This will be the question of future generations when I look back at the action of the New Mexico-legislation in 2023. When they passed legislation that encourage the doling out of puberty blockers hormones like they were candy, and in some cases removing functional body parts, and doing so the exclusion of parental guidance. How little young people were being misled by groomers, understanding the profound impacts that changing gender would have on their lives, bodies, and lives while the groomers downplay negative consequences and emphasize the need for gender transition when what they really may have needed was guidance to deal with personal confidence issues typical with many young people, and that guidance coming from parents. While other states are taking steps to prevent such defiling of children, New Mexico is running headlong into the abyss of children manipulation and mutilation. Vice Chair Meek discussed, the importance of the county's involvement with all the economic development partners we have. He stated we are lucky we have Director Dominguez in-house, but as you heard Fred Sheperd from Sandoval County Economic Alliance say, we have to keep filling with prospects. That's the reason we are involved with SEA and the reason we're involved with the Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Bruch wanted to thank everyone who came this evening, she also wanted to thank the chamber for the coordination of the 120th anniversary at the legislator. I appreciate our new Deputy County Manager, Mr. Garcia, being there with us, it was wonderful to be on the floor of the house. I'm sorry I missed the senate side, but we received a very warm bipartisan welcome.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Block made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Meek, stand adjourned at 8:18pm.

DONE IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF SANDOVAL, THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH, 2023


ANNE BRADY-ROMERO, County Clerk


DAVID J. HEIL, Chairman


MICHAEL MEEK, Vice Chairman


KATHERINE A. BRUCH, District 1


JAY C. BLOCK, District 2


JOSHUA A. JONES, District 5

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHAEL ESHLEMAN, County Attorney