

**SANDOVAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
1500 IDALIA ROAD, BUILDING D  
BERNALILLO, NM 87004  
APRIL 12, 2023 – 6 P.M.**

**The meeting may be viewed online at**

[www.sandovalcountynm.gov](http://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 Bruch, and Commissioner Jones.

**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**

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

(David J. Heil, Chairman)

As previously noticed, immediately prior to today's meeting, on April 12, 2023 at 5pm, the Sandoval County Board of County Commissioner's convened as a Committee of the Whole in closed session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, County Administration Building, to discuss purchase, acquisition, or disposal of real property, limited personal matters for nine classified county employees and matters subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to the threatened or pending litigation which Sandoval County is or may become a participant or pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-15 (H)(2), (7) and (8) The matters discussed in the closed session were limited to those specified in the Notice of Closed Session and no action was taken.

Commissioner Block wanted to thank The Mayor of Sandoval County for being here, Don Topper. He's the only Mayor that shows up nearly every meeting and I appreciate that a lot. Commissioner Block wanted to introduce a special guest for the presentation. His name is Keith Braun and he is chairman of Planning and Zoning commission. Keith's talent, integrity, competence and intelligence, they made him the Planning and Zoning Chair and he's been servicing, Mr. Chairman, for six years and it's coming to an end tonight. Commissioner Block read the plaque that was put together for Keith. It stated, Keith Braun Chair of Sandoval County Commission of Planning and Zoning Commission, for your many years of dedicated service and leadership to the Planning and Zoning Commission county staff and citizens of Sandoval County with a great appreciation, thank you.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with resolution No. 4-12-23.11 C included, seconded by Vice Chair Meek. Chair Heil, Vice Chair Meek, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, and Commissioner Jones, voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS**

No proclamation, certificates and awards.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. 2022 Annual Report for Sandoval County Fire and Rescue  
(Eric Masterson, Fire Chief)**

Chief Masterson discussed the annual presentation and annual reports. He discussed that they are a combination department and have one hundred- two hundred people depending on how many volunteers they have. There are Forty Full-Time, Ten Part-Time, and one hundred- one hundred and fifty volunteers depending on the time of year and what their recruitment efforts are.

**B. Presentation and update of two OEM Grants (CWPP: State Homeland Security)  
(Eric Masterson, Fire Chief)**

Chief Masterson directed the presentation to Teresa to further discuss the two grants that have been awarded to Sandoval County. Teresa discussed the Homeland Security Grant Program as well as the Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

## 7. BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No Board and Committee Appointments

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Several people voiced their concerns.

## 9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 03/22/23

B. Approval of the following Budget Resolutions:

(1) No. 4-12-23.9B(1)/ Aging & Long-Term Services / Additional funding to cover cost overruns for Senior Center vehicles / \$68,383.00.

C. Acceptance of the IGA Monthly report for County Manager approved Intergovernmental Agreements.

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

## 10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES / PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for a Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 3-22-23.10 Banning the Feeding of Wild Horses with Sandoval County.

Deputy County Manager, John Garcia, and Sheriff Allen Mills presented the Ordinance to ban the Feeding of Wild Horses with Sandoval County. Deputy County Manager, John Garcia discussed how the Commission has a responsibility to the safety, health and welfare of the community. Public Safety and Welfare must be managed to ensure the public and horses can live together allowing for balance and stability. The approach percent of accounting will be to develop a short and long-term plan for managing this situation. The plan is to establish a permitting process for a third or third-party to feed the horses safely. Only nonprofit organizations 501 (c)(3) will be eligible for a free roaming horse permit. Must demonstrate the ability, skills and knowledge in feeding free-roaming horses in a safe manner. Contracts must present a feeding plan and program that accounts for neighborhood and roadway impact issues. We are working on a long-term strategic plan with the objective of managing the horses responsibly for future generations to come. Once a permit system is in place, the county is committed to helping nonprofit organizations comedies 501 (c)(3), in this mission. It is in the best interest of the people of this community. This approach will establish a process for the ongoing management of the free roaming horse situation here in Sandoval County.

Motion to Approve publication of an ordinance to ban the general public from feeding certain wildlife within the Sandoval County Area.

Commissioner Bruch made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Chair Heil, Vice Chair Meek, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Jones, voted yes. Commissioner Block, voted no. Vote was 4-1.

## 11. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. Request for Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 4-12-23.11A declaring the 2004, 10,500 Gallon Water Tank Serial Number TK-61-GC30-1 as surplus and to donate it to the Village of Corrales Fire Department.

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

B. Request for Motion to approve Resolution No. 4-12-11B declaring the attached list of vehicles and equipment as Surplus and authorize staff to dispose of such vehicles and equipment.

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

## 12. APPROVALS

A. Request for a Motion to Approve Professional Service Agreement between Sandoval County and HEI Inc for generator connection upgrades at the County Administration and Health Commons buildings in the amount of \$334,934.22 and Authorize the county Manager Approval of all Subsequent Amendments.

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

B. Request for a Motion to Approve the Reappointment for Mr. Jon Herr to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board (District 2) for the term beginning on April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025.

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

C. Motion for the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners to submit a Letter for Support to Senator Martin Heinrich for establishment of the STEAM Center of Excellence in Sandoval County.

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

13. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES / SIGNING OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

No usage of digital signatures.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Next Board of County Commissioner's Meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

15. COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Block discussed a bill that passed, HR One, the lower energy cost act exports infrastructure critical minerals processing. Also permitting transparency permitting and reduction of American resources and by improving water quality and for other purposes. The bill passed thankfully, four democrats and every Republican voted for it. Vice Chair Heil discussed our Public Safety, who is the top in the state. We have a great Fire Department, Great EMS, Great Detention Center, and Great Sheriff's Office. In terms of Public Safety, we are doing out due diligence to make sure that all of our citizens are great. This issue about the horses, it's two sides passionate about an issue. I will say just like any other issue, passionate does not make it right. There're two sides, it's never easy. Hopefully we will get to the end of the horse issue, but I do want to say thank you to all the Public Safety people who service us on a day-to-day basis and make us proud that you're working for us. Commissioner Bruch discussed how she appreciate that people do care about this issue. She believes that it is reasonable to expect us to bend to what is the loudest voice in the room, but not necessarily all of the voices that are being heard because there are two sides to this issue and there are a lot of people in our community they were not speaking out at all, and to Commissioner Block's earlier comment, the violence that's being promoted and perpetrated, the bullying that's going on is ridiculous and it is, you, directed on both sides, I'm sure. We do have a responsibility to public safety and to the health and welfare of our community, the animals and the people. Commissioner Jones wanted to thank the Mayor for coming and recognizing some of the Sandoval County Staff. He also discussed some great conversations he had in regards to some rural projects out in Navajo Nation that we will try to assist on.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Block made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones, stand adjourned at 8:00pm.


DONE IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF SANDOVAL, THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023


  
ANNE BRADY-ROMERO, County Clerk

  
DAVID J. HEIL, Chairman

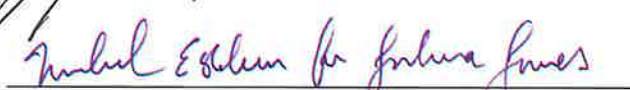
  
MICHAEL MEEK, Vice Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
MICHAEL ESHLEMAN, County Attorney

  
KATHERINE A. BRUCH, District 1

  
JAY C. BLOCK, District 2

  
JOSHUA A. JONES, District 5