

**FINAL COPY
TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 14th, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: RYAN SCHWEBACH -CHAIRMAN
KEVIN MCCALL –DISTRICT 1
JAVIER SANCHEZ –DISTRICT 3

OTHERS PRESENT: WAYNE JOHNSON-COUNTY MANAGER
JOHN BUTRICK-COUNTY ATTORNEY
BELINDA GARLAND-DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER
LINDA JARAMILLO-CLERK
YVONNE OTERO-ADMIN. ASST.

1.) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Schwebach calls the August 14th, 2019 Commission Meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

2.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chairman Schwebach

Invocation lead by Nick Sedillo

3.) Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes made to the Agenda

4.) PROCLAMATIONS

There were no Proclamations presented.

5.) CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

No Certificates or Awards were presented.

6.) BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments were made.

7.) PUBLIC COMMENT and COMMUNICATIONS

a.) Linda Jaramillo, Torrance County Clerk, states that she would like to give some information about the local election that is coming up in November. Ms. Jaramillo recently mailed out 9,643 flyers to the voters of Torrance County with the help of the Manager's office

and the ladies in her office. The flyers give information about the VCC's (Voter Convenience Centers), Polling Places, Early Voting, and it also gives a time line on the local election. It shows candidate filing day which is August 27th, 2019 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the office of the County Clerk. The offices that will be running are the Town of Mountainair, the Town of Estancia, Moriarty-Edgewood School District, Estancia School District, Mountainair School District, Vaughn School District, and the Corona School District. Vaughn and Corona School districts are not in our county but with how the district lines are situated there are a few voters from Torrance County that vote in those school districts. Others offices that will be running are the following Soil & Water Conservation Districts: East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District, Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation District, Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District, which have a small amount of voters in Torrance County.

Ms. Jaramillo states that all of this information can be found on her website. With the help of Nick Sedillo she was able to get all the information posted on the website. The information also gives the voters, and those interested, the positions that are up for election in each of the contests.

Ms. Jaramillo states that she has printed candidate guides available in her office and the candidate guide is also available on her website by clicking a link that will take you to the guide and the candidacy form from the Secretary of States Office. Ms. Jaramillo states that the office has received a lot of calls concerning the flyer. The flyer has brought a lot of attention to the upcoming local election as well as other upcoming elections.

A member of the audience addresses Ms. Jaramillo that he is a resident of Torrance County and a voter and he did not receive the flyer in his mailbox. Ms. Jaramillo states that so far about 100 of the letters have been returned for insufficient address. She is having the ladies send out letters with a registration form to update the address if need be. It is a possibility that his was returned and he is welcome to go to the office to check up on that so that we have the correct information in the system.

b.) Marci Wallin states that she would like to thank everyone for all of their support with the fair this year. Ms. Wallin thanks Wayne Johnson for all of his help in getting everything organized this year. Thank you to Belinda Garland for her help with the sale and getting things moving. Thanks to the Commission for all of their support. Also, a big thank you to Nick Sedillo for completing major repairs in a timely manner. Thank you to Noah Sedillo for getting all of the PO's done. Thank you to the Road Department for mowing and trimming trees, the grounds looked amazing. Thank you to Tracy Sedillo with her help in getting the credit card machine running and to her staff who came and helped with the sale. Thank you to Chief Gary for him and his staff's presence at the fair. There were a couple of injuries but they were able to get the people stitched up and on their way. This year's fair was a great experience and the fair board could not have done it without everyone's help, Thank You to everyone involved.

Wayne Johnson thanks Ms. Wallin and the fairboard for their quick reaction to a potential bad situation. They were quick to get it under control before it escalated.

Chairman Schwebach asks Ms. Wallin how many participants were involved between animals and/or exhibits and thanks her for her hard work.

Marci Wallin states that they had about 40 pigs, 30 lambs & goats, and 15 Steers. The indoor exhibits were limited to 3 per person due to space limitations. Ms. Wallin states that she does not have the exact numbers on these yet.

Commissioner McCall would also like to thank Ms. Wallin and the fairboard and the rest of the county staff for all of their work.

Marci Wallin states that it was a really good fair. The board may be small but they all work well together. No one needs to be told what to do, they just jump right in and get things done. The fairboard families are also a very big help, so thank you to them as well.

Commissioner Sanchez also thanks Ms. Wallin for her hard work.

c.) **Albert Beckwith** states that this is his 4th attempt at trying to get things done for his continued harassment. He feels that he is being retaliated against for reporting a crime against some kids. There was a recent attempted break in at his home, but his dog was left inside so they were not able to get in. Speed limit signs were placed on the road, but the speeding past his house continues. He has presented photographs of the cars speeding, but was told that all they are is pictures of the vehicles and doesn't prove that the individuals were speeding.

Mr. Beckwith states that since nothing is getting done at this level he has filed a citizen's complaint with the Attorney General's office. Since nothing is being done at this level maybe the Attorney General can get something done.

8.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.) COMMISSION: Motion to approve the July 24th, 2019 Torrance County Board of County Commission Minutes.

ACTION TAKEN: **Commissioner McCall** makes a motion to approve the July 24th, 2019 Torrance County Board of County Commission Minutes. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

9.) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A.) FINANCE: Approval of Payables

ACTION TAKEN: **Commissioner McCall** make a motion to approve the consent agenda, approval of payables. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

10.) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE

Nothing was presented for this item

11.) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

A.) ROAD: Updated Contract, Project No. CAP-5-20(472), Resolution No. 2019-43

Leonard Lujan states that these were approved and submitted back in March but were sent back to us so that we could make changes. We had to take out some roads and change some numbers so that they would match the amount of money that was being given to the Road Department. We need to get these approved and signed so that they can be re-submitted.

Commissioner McCall asks how the money received differs from the amount received last year.

Leonard Lujan states that for this project we are down about \$200,000.00 from what we received last year. The reason we had more money last year was because there was money that wasn't used and they asked if Torrance County wanted the money and we said yes. The money for this year is what we normally receive.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-43, updated contract for Project No. CAP-5-20(472). Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

B.) ROAD: Updated Contract, Project No. SP-5-20(186), Resolution No. 2019-44

Leonard Lujan states that this is the same issue as the previous resolution and we are down about \$80,000.00 down from the money we received last year. We are asking for the Commission's approval and signatures so that we can resubmit.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-44, updated contract for Project No. SP-5-20(186), Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.) ROAD: Updated Contract, Project No. SB-7803(105)20, Resolution No.2019-45

Leonard Lujan states that this is the same issue as the previous resolution and we are down about \$60,000.00 down from the money we received last year. We are asking for the Commission's approval and signatures so that we can resubmit.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-44, updated contract for Project No. SB-7803(105)20. Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

D.) TREASURER: Torrance County Investment Policy, Resolution No. 2019-46

Tracy Sedillo states that she has a revised copy with some changes that were requested by the county attorney. Ms. Sedillo hands out the revised copy.

John Butrick states that he would be happy to go over the changes if the Commission wishes him to do so.

Chairman Schwebach states that he would like for Mr. Butrick to go over the changes that were made.

John Butrick states that most of the changes on the first 3 pages were clarifications to the language and the only major change was on page 4. Mr. Butrick states that he was asked by the County Treasurer to make sure that the bank collateral statement matched with the statute and it does match. The major change was made on the approved bank collateral section. A lot of language was taken out of this section because there was talk about credit unions, banks, savings and loans, and some of it applied to others. They wanted the language to be as broadly construed as possible and removed that language, and made references to the statute.

Tracy Sedillo states that the other major change that was made was to the structure of the investment committee. This request was made by County Manager Wayne Johnson.

Wayne Johnson states that they took off one of the Commissioners from the investment committee and the reason behind that is because the Commission serves as the Board of Finance and that would allow one of the Commissioners to have 2 votes on the same issue and it is not the best way to operate. We brought in another member of the public in place of the Commission. The Board of Finance approves all of the policies that come from the Investment Committee.

Tracy Sedillo states that they also changed the appointment of the committee members to coincide with the fiscal year. There will now be 2 public members and no alternate. If this policy is approved today the two members will be appointed at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Sanchez asks if there are any other county boards that are not appointed by the Commission.

Wayne Johnson states that he is not sure, there may be, but he would have to look that up. Generally speaking the Commissioners will do the appointing. The only restrictions that come into play is if you are appointing a member to another entity there would be specific requirements.

Tracy Sedillo states that in the event we get to a point where we are going to do long term investments and expand the portfolio past the state Treasurer's office, which we are currently utilizing, that proposal will come before the board of finance for approval. Ms. Sedillo will not do anything that the Commission is not comfortable with.

Wayne Johnson states that there is a general policy in place regarding appointments of board members. If there is not a specific requirement by that board when it comes to the appointments then the Commissioners will chose based on district.

Commissioner Sanchez states that his question was in reference to page 3 where it reads "The County Treasurer shall chose the public members with the advice and consent of the Board of

Finance on an annual basis. Most every board is appointed by the Commission. How does this pay out logistically speaking where the Treasurer chooses the public members with the advice of the Commission. What is the process?

Wayne Johnson states that it has to do with the 2 differently elected offices and their given authority. What the Commission has is the ability to concur with the actions of the Treasurer, but the Commission does not have the authority to instruct the Treasurer to initiate a transaction, that is directly the authority of the Treasurer. This board appointment mirrors that concept.

Tracy Sedillo states that she currently has 2 individuals that are willing to serve as members. One has been a member of the committee and the other was the alternate. She would like to keep these members on since it is already past the fiscal year and she would like to keep the continuity of the board. There has not been any progress with long term investments because of the housing of the inmates. The money has to remain liquid until we figure out how this plays out. As we move forward we can advertise for the position. It is very hard to find people to sit on this committee because it is not an exciting board and it hard to find someone with a knowledge of investments. If the Commission would like to change the language of board appointments Ms. Sedillo states that she is ok with that.

Wayne Johnson states this board does not have any authority to spend the money, they are advising and making suggestions, the final say rests upon the Commission. The Commission spends the money not the Treasurer or the Board.

ACTION TAKEN: **Commissioner Sanchez** makes a motion to approve Resolution 2019-46 the Torrance County Investment Policy. **John Butrick** states that another change that was made that he failed to mention, is on page 2 under the Cash Management section. The second sentence states that the County Treasurer must be notified of any capital expenditures in excess of \$20,000.00. Originally it stated that the Treasurer must be notified of any large expenditures. We merely clarified the language. **Tracy Sedillo** states that there is great communication between the Finance Department and the Treasurer's Office before checks are issued to make sure everything is correct and we have adequate funds. **Commissioner McCall** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.MOTION CARRIED.**

E.) MANAGER: Torrance County Grant Program Management Policies and Procedures, Resolution No. 2019-47

Cheryl Allen states that from the past meeting she was instructed to make some changes to the policy. The Commissioners packets contain the policy with those changes. Ms. Allen goes over the changes that were made. The first is on page 2 line #25, we had to move the definition of Board of County Commissioners as board down on the bottom because a couple of sentences were removed from section 1 and we had to place a definition in this area. On page 5 lines 21-30 there were a few changes made. Ms. Allen reads the changes, document hereto attached. On page 6 we added 2 additional items to the list of records that the Grant Coordinator will maintain. Those will include miscellaneous documents including presentations to the board and the grant application review and approval forms.

In section 2 lines 4-31 this entire section has been re-written. Ms. Allen reads from section 2 the Grant Award Process, document hereto attached. Those were the only changes and Ms. Allen would like to ask for the Commission's approval, guidance, or any changes they wish to make.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Sanchez makes a motion to approve Resolution No, 2019-47 Torrance County Grant Program Management Policies and Procedures. Chairman Schwebach seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12.) APPROVALS

A.) MANAGER: Approval of Contract between Torrance County and Presbyterian Medical Services, (RPHCA)

Cheryl Allen states that the County has a grant called RPHCA or Rural Primary Healthcare Act. This is to provide primary healthcare services and underserved areas of New Mexico. The work is contracted to Presbyterian Medical Services to run the services out of the Mountainair Clinic. The contract that is included in the packet has the changes that were within the current FY2020 MOA between Torrance County and the Department of health. This is a standard contract that is done every year.

Wayne Johnson states only 1 signature line is on the contract. Mr. Johns requests that the Commission make the motion to allow the County Manager to enter into this agreement.

ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach makes a motion to approve to allow the County Manager to enter into the contract between Torrance County and Presbyterian Medical Services (RPHCA). Commissioner McCall seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

B.) FIRE: Discussion and approval to apply for a lease cancellation of our Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with Superior Ambulance.

Lester Gary states that he is coming before the Commission to request to move forward to go to the PRC to get the certificate of need back to Torrance County. There has been a lot of growth in the County and the fire department has been working on getting all of their EMS vehicles up to speed. Mr. Gary explains to the Commission the certificate of need and why it will be good to bring it back to the county.

Mr. Gary states that he has had to submit that application for re-issuance of the certificate of need, because through the motor transportation rules they have to be renewed every 3 years, and it expired yesterday. Mr. Gary and Mr. Johnson got all of the paperwork together and sent it off to the PRC for re-issuance to keep it current.

Wayne Johnson states he would like to bring two points to the Commission. Under the current contract with Superior Ambulance, for their providing 2 different response units for Torrance County, requires us to allow them to have the first opportunity to transport. If it is an emergent

situation to risk of life and limb, the county can transport, or work out a transfer point along the route. If Superior is not available, with this certificate, we will be able to transport and bill for the service.

Commissioner McCall asks if the current PRC number is with Superior Ambulance, and if we take back that Certificate of Need, what will happen to superior.

Lester Gary replies, yes, Superior Ambulance has our PRC number. Mr. Gary states that Superior has their own PRC number and statewide certificate. They can operate under that certificate. Once the county gets the certificate back, the county will have the authority to authorize any other agency to operate in the county, and they will continue to allow Superior Ambulance to operate in the county.

ACTION TAKEN: **Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to approve to move forward and go to the PRC to get back the Certificate of Need for Torrance County. **Commissioner McCall** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

13.) DISCUSSION

A.) MANAGER: PUBLIC HEARING for Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

Cheryl Allen states that she included in the packets spreadsheets of the current ICIP list and then submitted proposed projects to be included on the ICIP list for Torrance County and the 3 senior centers. Ms. Allen has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the hearing. The items that have been removed from the list are the Punta de Agua Multipurpose Center, Manzano Community Center, Road Department Equipment-Reclaimer, and the Pictometry Software. The senior center requests have been removed from the list as a whole and were told they must submit an ICIP request for each center separately. The reason for this is because their requests often get buried and end up at the bottom of the list when combined as 1 request.

Other items that were recommended for deletion are the upgrade to the county computer software as it is not allowable. It is not infrastructure. The county jail will be removed as CoreCivic has been re-opened.

Ms. Allen states that the projects listed on the PowerPoint slide will be open for discussion and we can decide to remove them from the list or keep them. We will be going through each item one by one. There is no particular order this is just how they were listed on the spreadsheet.

The order that we will be discussing items will be the senior centers, water system projects, Planning & Zoning Projects, Road Department Projects, Sheriff Department, Fire Department, Animal Shelter project, County Infrastructure, and additional projects. This section will be open to anyone that would like to place additional projects on the list.

Angie Coburn and Lisa Lujan with Presbyterian Medical Services, states that she would like to thank the Commission for approving the RPHCA contract. The contract helps support provider salaries. They appreciate the continued support and cooperation from the county.

Ms. Coburn states the Ms. Lujan is the new administrator for the senior program. Rick Gonzales retired a few months back and Lisa was recently hired on as the new administrator. Ms. Lujan is still in her transition phase from the clinic to the senior program.

Ms. Coburn states that for each of the centers they requested new vehicles. All of the vehicles that are in current use have over 150,000 miles on them. About 200 miles a day are put on the vehicles. The vehicles get beat down very quickly. The senior program is currently down to 3 vehicles as one vehicle was totaled in an accident on highway 41. They requested that the vehicles be equipped with hot boxes. Those will help to maintain the temperatures of the meals better than the hot bags that are currently in use. The request was made for 2021 and 2024. They found that 3 years is the lifespan for the vehicles.

For the Estancia Center, which is the newest center built in 2002, we requested to plan, design and construct renovations. The building needs interior painting, the parking lot needs to be repaved, there are some issues with the drainage, and put in some refrigerated air units. Ms. Coburn has provided a preliminary budget for the next few years and added additional funds to cover repairs as they arise and you can see the vehicles that were added to the budget for 2021 & 2024

Next up is the Moriarty senior center. It is the biggest and the oldest center. The request for this center is to purchase land, plan, design, construct, and furnish a new center. The current building is in need of too many repairs. They are looking at a 4,000 to 4,500 square foot building, parking area, commercial kitchen, a dining area, and other equipment. Ms. Coburn would like to see this project high on the priority list. Having a new center in Moriarty would be great and give us the chance to get in more activities for the seniors. If they were to build a new center it would be ideal to purchase a new piece of land. If they were to use the current area they would have to shut down services. If they build on new land they can continue services at the current center until the new one is completed.

For the Mountainair senior center a request for renovations and a vehicle. An addition to the center was done about 7 years ago that added a new dining area and new commercial kitchen. The old part of the center is what needs renovating. There are some leak issues in the front area that is a slip hazard for the seniors. It is cosmetic and safety issues and also replacing equipment as it wears out.

Ms. Coburn appreciates that they separated the centers as they do tend to get buried at the bottom of the list. The aging network is working to bring the senior program back together because they help with a lot of these requests. Unless you have a legislature on board to present these, that may have been another reason they projects were buried.

Commissioner McCall asks about the passenger van that is currently in use.

Angie Coburn states that there was capital outlay money allocated for the van. A van was going to be purchased last year, but DFA did not allow them to purchase it because it had 15,000 miles on it. When they were denied the van they wrote a proposal to see if the program could use the money to purchase the 3 delivery vehicles. Ms. Coburn states that they were recently given the option to apply for emergency funding and they have written up a proposal

for that funding and the vehicles were mentioned in that proposal. They have money to replace the vehicle and that is the next step. They were trying to use the money the best way possible.

Commissioner McCall asks Ms. Coburn if the funding will cover the 3 vehicles being requested.

Angie Coburn replies, she does not know. The request was submitted on July 26th and no time frame was given as to when and if they will approve the request. Along with the vehicles they also added a dishwasher for the Mountainair center in the request. They wanted to have requests in both areas just to be safe. They will be able to move forward because they do have the capital outlay funding for the passenger van. The van the program has now is a handicap accessible van, it is not utilized very often, and the program would rather go with a 15 passenger van so that they have more room.

Belinda Garland states that they are holding off with the actual purchase of the van until we know if we are going to receive the emergency funding. If the program gets money for the home meal deliveries then they can move forward with purchasing the van. It is Ms. Garlands understanding that the home delivery vehicles are in worse shape than the passenger van.

Angie Coburn states that the van may only be a 2002, but it is not used very often, and the miles on it are all highway miles from taking the seniors to and from doctor appointments. This van does not have the wear and tear like the meal delivery vehicles.

Belinda Garland states that they can invest some funding and pull the van over and get the home delivery vehicles first if need be. Ms. Garland is waiting to hear about the emergency funding before she does anything. She is pretty positive that they may qualify to receive some funding because she spoke with Barbara from Aging & Long Term a few months back. If they are able to get some of the home delivery vehicles with the emergency funding, they can be moved down on the ICIP list and move other projects up.

Cheryl Allen states that the next item up is the Duran Water System Improvements.

Belinda Garland states that a couple of years ago she did a tour of Duran's water system, because the Mayor for the City of Vaughn is very concerned about the water system. Vaughn supplies water to the Village of Duran. Vaughn pumps water from west of Encino all the way to Vaughn. There is a transfer pump on the east side of Encino that pumps either straight on to Vaughn or turns and pumps south into Duran. Across from that area all the way into Duran is a pipeline. This pipeline began as a 6 inch cast iron pipeline. At some point some parts of the pipeline have been choked down to a 2 inch PVC pipe and it is not holding the pressure.

Cheryl Allen makes reference to the PowerPoint slide that shows where the pump station is located and where the pipeline runs. PowerPoint presentation hereto attached.

Belinda Garland states that the 2 storage tanks, that the water gets pumped into, sit on a steep hillside NW of Duran. The water from those tanks gets pumped directly to the Village of Duran. There is no holding tank in Duran. That is a huge concern to Ms. Garland when she went to look at the area. There is a small ranch road that leads to the tanks. If for any reason the

Village of Duran was to run out of water, water tankers would need to drive up this road to supply water, and in the dead of winter it would not be easy for the tankers to get through this road. The road is approximately 2 miles long.

Ms. Garland along with Steve Guetschow thought about devising a plan that the water from the 2 tanks be pumped into a holding tank in Duran in case of an emergency, but it cannot be done at this time. The pipeline isn't splitting cross way, it is splitting long ways down the pipes because it isn't holding the pressure. Vaughn is currently maintaining this, but Ms. Garland is very concerned about this for the citizens of Duran. There are 40 households in Duran, and if this water systems fails dramatically at any point the town will not have any water. Ms. Garland was advised of another problem from Leonard Lujan. The water line does not run straight, it zig zags along fence lines and county roads.

Chairman Schwebach asks how many miles of pipeline is in this area.

Belinda Garland replies, she thinks it is about 10 miles long. Steve Guetschow got a quote at one point on how much it would cost to replace that pipeline, and it would cost about \$8,000,000.00. Ms. Garland reminds the Commission that this is not the county's water system, it is Vaughn's water system. Vaughn's funds are very limited. Ms. Garland has had Mr. Guetschow do some research to see if there is some way the county could assist Vaughn with replacing the pipeline, or as Commissioners, set up an independent water system for Duran. The problem with an independent water system is that the holding tanks need to be tested often, we have to bill, and maintain the water.

Commissioner Sanchez asks if we have any understanding of what it would cost to build an independent water systems.

Belinda Garland replies that she doesn't know. A new well would have to be drilled, and she doesn't know what that would cost.

Commissioner McCall asks what is magical about this water that it is being pumped 10 miles. Is there water in Duran, where we can look into drilling a well? Can we create a system without all the pipelines and tanks? Chairman Schwebach also has these same questions.

Belinda Garland states that when she went to Duran she spoke with Nazim Hindi. He told Ms. Garland that Duran did have their own well at one point. The well no longer works as they think it may have caved in and they can't get water out of it anymore.

Chairman Schwebach comments as he understands it Duran has a water system that gets water to the houses and they are tapping into Vaughn for the water.

Belinda Garland states that the problem that she sees, even though she is not a water engineer, is that there are no holding tanks in the Village of Duran to pump water into and disperse to the town. It comes from the two tanks from the top of the hill on Singleton Ranch.

Chairman Schwebach states that the two tanks are up on the hill to keep pressure on the line, the pipeline is failing, and he is not sure that you can drill for water at that location. What is the status of the pipeline between the tanks and the town?

Belinda Garland states that she thinks it is about 2 to 3 miles long.

Wayne Johnson states that what Chairman Schwebach is asking what the condition is for the pipeline and not the length. We are talking about the transmission lines from Vaughn no the supply lines for the town.

Belinda Garland states that she does not know the condition of the lines from the tanks to the town. The whole water system belongs to Vaughn. Ms. Garland states that this is a major project and the residents are in Torrance County and she feels that they are the county's responsibility. We may not need to act immediately but this is something that the Commission needs to be aware of and concerned about.

Commissioner Sanchez states that from his view, it would be far less costly to revitalize their water system. Another major hurdle that the county faces is their lack of an organizational structure. The town doesn't have a mayor, a council, or a form of income. They are reluctant because of their lack of an organizational structure. They have no way to build, they are not a public entity. They would have to revitalize the whole town. When they visited Duran they had some concerns about them being able to manage the system.

Wayne Johnson states that it would be possible, and we need to talk to Vaughn about this, to determine that the best course of action would be to drill a well and provide the supply of water from Duran as opposed to bringing in water from Vaughn. It may be possible that Vaughn would agree to operate the system even if it is not from their well. This may actually benefit them as they would not be taking Vaughn's wet water and sending it to Duran. Mr. Johnson states that they have not talked to the Mayor of Vaughn, but he thinks that Vaughn would not be opposed to operating the system if the County provided the money, found a well, and provided infrastructure to supply the tanks.

Mr. Johnson is not sure if they would need a tank in town. In short term it would be to stabilize their water system to make sure that it is sustainable. In the long term it would possibly require another reservoir in town, but it is Mr. Johnson's understanding that it would need to be a tower reservoir. It is not an insignificant cost, and you still need to gravity feed the town.

Belinda Garland states that the tank being shown is a smaller tank and the fire trucks use this to fill the tanker. This tank does not disperse water to the town of Duran.

Commissioner Sanchez states that the cost of \$8,000,000.00 would be high and actually drilling a well, do some piping, and supplying water to about 10-15 homes would possibly be more like \$500,000.00.

Belinda Garland states that there is pressure on the line, the water comes all the way from Negra.

Chairman Schwebach states that it would be interesting to see when the decision was made to come in from Vaughn and the reasoning behind that. 10 miles of pipeline seems a lot of line for 40 residents. You start looking at other areas in the county and they are drilling wells individually to supply households of 4. Is there no water? What is the reasoning?

Belinda Garland states that she thinks this was put in place about 8 years ago. The mayor of Vaughn looked for agreements and written understandings of how the water should systems should work and he was not able to find anything. This is a consideration from the ICIP list and would like some direction from the Commission on how to go about this. Do we do more research, and then add it to next year's list? The state likes shovel ready projects. This is something that we need to have some plan and direction on how to handle it.

Chairman Schwebach states that Duran is not organized in the sense that they can issue their own ICIP therefore that is the reason for the county being involved.

Wayne Johnson states that he would like to inform the Commission, on the project and the next project of the presentation, that the items on our ICIP should be county projects overall. It is up to the Commission how they want to proceed. Duran falls into this category because they are in an unincorporated area of the county and have no other source of revenue. Whether or not we like the fact that we are dealing with 40 county residents who would normally be on a septic and well, doesn't matter, they are where they are. We would probably not be able to convert them to a well and septic because they are already have a water system in place.

Mr. Johnson states that EMWT, which everyone here supports and the Commission signed a letter of support, would be the owner of this project. The Commission would just show their support. There may be other ways to support this.

Chairman Schwebach states that is the direction he wants to go. We will be discussing EMWT. He foresees this issue with Duran being the start of many. Whether it's the Village of Duran or the El Rancho Grande subdivision, we need to be able to supply water to our residents. It is time that we start looking to see if the county should be the one supplying the water, and do we start our own water authority? He is inclined to say no when we already have EMWT ready to move forward with this. This is an entity that could develop a water systems, could do the billing, and could give them what they need without hurting Vaughn or hindering somebody else. This county is in need of that type of entity.

Wayne Johnson states that another alternative, in the short term, would be to drill a well and get water to the reservoirs, through a lift station or something next to the reservoirs. With this you would have a system that is operational and independent. It would not matter who ran it, we could approach EMWT and see if they are interested in running the system, and it would make it isolated at that point. EMWT has the expertise to do so.

Belinda Garland states that if they are going to drill a well, they would have to see where they could obtain the water and purchase the property. From her understanding the original well was on private property owned by the Hindi family.

Chairman Schwebach asks if the city or residents have any property available.

Belinda Garland states that some research would have to be done on that if the Commission wishes to go that route. Commissioner McCall and Chairman Schwebach agree that would be the best way to go.

Chairman Schwebach states that the planning should be more than \$5,000.00 you need to give yourself some wiggle room. We are looking at a much larger picture than just patching the pipeline.

Cheryl Allen states that next up is the Estancia Valley Regional Water System.

Chairman Schwebach states that he is the one that requested this be on the list. The county is part of EMWT and has supported them. In light of understanding the ICIP projects he thinks this is something that is appropriate for the county to label as an ICIP. Chairman Schwebach's intention was to send a message to our legislatures that this is something the county supports and approves of. Ultimately EMWT is the owner and the one requesting the ICIP. Therefore it can be removed from the list.

Cheryl Allen states that the next project is the Mescalero Dam Project. Ms. Allen was asked by Mr. Guetschow to present this since he was not able to attend the meeting. The Mescalero Dam was constructed for the Indian Hills subdivision to create lake front property in that area. The Office of the State Engineer has been examining this project. The dam started out as a small dam of 5 feet tall with dirt fill to create a reservoir to collect water for livestock. Buster Keaton back in the early 60's received a permit in order to increase the height of the dam. Ms. Allen shows the pictures on the PowerPoint presentation (hereto attached).

The dam is currently designated for recreational use. Since the dam has been in place it has never held a substantial amount of water. The transfer waste station sits at the base of the dam. They want to get this dam off the OSE spectrum and protect downstream properties from any potential flood problems. Some of the problems now is that there is an overflow pipe that is blocked and needs to be corrected. We have been looking at taking the dam down to its original height. In the front of the dam is a trench used as an additional form of water collection. The OSE wants that filled in, so if we take the dam down to its original height, we can use the fill from that to fill the trench. It will still maintain its safety status that protects the residents downstream. The OSE has looked at this as well as outside engineers. This is the best way to go about improving this.

In order to complete the process, drone-mounted survey equipment will be used to survey the contours that are upstream to make sure everything is safe to make the changes we want. We will also need to determine the peak storm discharge rates upstream and at the dam. They will be looking at the annual averages as well as the 500 to 1000 year storm events. They will also take into consideration if there was deforestation due to a forest fire, if this dam was lowered to its original height. This would reduce the capacity to 2.2 acre feet and no material would have to be brought in as we can fill in the trench with the material that was removed. We would also repair and install any new drain tubes that are required. In large storm events it would allow water to flow below the dam in a controlled fashion. The survey and engineer would be used to collect data, plan the development, and post construction certifications. Construction services would be provided by the county road department.

Ms. Allen refers to a study done by Mississippi, and is based off land contours only. The OSE looked at this and based off the study it can be used for the data for potential hazards downstream. The OSE was not satisfied with the numbers on the study done for upstream and that is the reason we would have to hire the engineer and surveyor for the analysis upstream.

The proposed budget is based off of 2018 budgets. Budget project hereto attached. Total for the project would be \$25,800.00

Belinda Garland states that the reason we need to mitigate this dam is because we are not in compliance with the OSE. If we don't mitigate it, the county will have to maintain it. This was the reason they had gone with a plan to mitigate it, because if we get the mitigation complete then we will be done with it. Ms. Garland states that she and Mr. Guetschow went to the Edgewood Soil & Water board to work with them to see if there was some grant funding available to take care of this. Ms. Garland thought the water board would assist with this because it is a safety issue, but they have not been able to find any type of assistance to complete this project and that is why it is being placed on the ICIP list.

Chairman Schwebach states it is his understanding that the dam was built, it is too big, we have not been maintaining it, and it is now a hazard. If it fails it allows too much to flow down, so if we make a smaller dam it won't do as much damage, is that correct?

Belinda Garland states that it was built for that subdivision and the gentleman who was trying to create the subdivision, turned the dam over to Torrance County. He walked away from it and it became our liability at that point. We are not in compliance with the OSE so if we don't mitigate it we will have to maintain it as a dam.

Cheryl Allen states that they are doing basic maintenance such as rodent control and removal of brush on the dam which is costing the county money.

Belinda Garland states that the dam is in a U shape and the transfer station sits right at the base of the dam. This needs to be done correctly because further down there is a house that sits right in the middle of the draw.

Chairman Schwebach states that he would like more research done as to who paid for all this to begin with and allowed it to get to this point.

Nick Sedillo states that he may be way off base, but the subdivision is still there, this is part of the Indian Hills subdivision. Back in the 60's when this was platted, that portion was platted and deeded to the county, and the county accepted it. We would have to check with the Clerk's office to see if that is the case. It has happened in the past where a person has passed away and in their will that have deeded a piece of property to the county and then we come to find out we have a piece of property and we aren't aware right away.

Cheryl Allen states that it was in 2006 when Torrance County took over control of the dam.

Chairman Schwebach states that the county now owns property that is a liability.

Martin Lucero states that when he was the Emergency Manager, he was working with Mr. Guetschow on this project. There is a Hazard Mitigation Grant that the county can apply for. Those types of grants can be phased. Part of the issue is that they have to be shovel ready project. Phase I would be design and engineering and phase II would be the mitigation process. You can apply through the Department of Homeland Security for the Hazard Mitigation Grant. The opportunities to apply for these grants come up in October.

Belinda Garland asks Mr. Lucero if the grant will pay for the cost of the engineer.

Martin Lucero replies, yes, it will cover the cost of the engineer. If you apply to phase the project and they approve the project to be done in phases, then yes it will all be covered. At the end of the project you have to prove that the project is sustainable for at least 30 years or more. That is why it is necessary to hire an engineer.

Cheryl Allen states that the next item is a request that was left over from last year's ICIP. There was a property that is off of Marc road that they wanted fenced in. The reason they wanted it fenced in is to prevent and deter illegal dumping. There has been talk about putting a park on that piece of property, and other than that Ms. Allen has no other information on this property.

Belinda Garland states that this piece of property does belong to the county. They are wanting this fenced in because people are going onto the property doing illegal dumping and the kids are going in and riding their bikes and motorcycles in there. So Planning & Zoning requested it be placed on the ICIP list for possible funding.

Nick Sedillo states that the property is in McIntosh on Irving road. It is vacant land and was donated to the county. It is a flat piece of land.

Cheryl Allen states that the next items on the list will all be presented by Leonard Lujan.

Leonard Lujan states that he is looking into purchasing a double steel roller for the department patching and chip seal projects. This machine is better for these type of projects as it doesn't leave tire marks behind.

Mr. Lujan states that the next request is for improvements to McNabb road. This request was on last year's ICIP List. The request is to pave from Highway 41 all the way to Lexco Rd. This road is highly traveled with about 800 to 1,000 cars per day that drive on it. This road would be a good connecting road to go around Moriarty if we had to. They are adding this item to the RTipper as well to see if they can come up with the funding from a different source. They are asking for \$1,000,000.00 for this project.

Chairman Schwebach states that the road department is not the one that does these projects, they contract out, is that correct?

Leonard Lujan replies, yes, that is correct. They department does not have the equipment to do this type of project so that have to contract out the project.

The next request is the Estancia Loop/By-Pass. Mr. Lujan states that he placed this on the list as a chip seal project, but also putting in base course and culverts, fixing all the drainage, and making it 24 foot wide. The route would be on 41, go up along Alan Ayers and will come out onto Highway 55. This is something we need to look at. Estancia doesn't have a bypass road. If something was to happen in the middle of town it would be difficult for someone to get around it.

Wayne Johnson states that Alan Ayers is high on the priority list for the Town of Estancia to get the road paved up to the jail. Would this be something that the county could partner with the Town of Estancia to help cover the cost?

Leonard Lujan states that the jail road goes east and the other is west but it is something that can be looked into.

Cheryl Allen states that one of the things she was looking at, if the county works with Estancia, is the Federal Build Grant that we could possibly do a joint application to combine the projects. One of the reasons for the loop road is Estancia has a lot of parades and when the road is blocked off there is a lot of heavy trucks and other traffic that use Walker street to get around. This loop would give the traffic another option to use to go around as opposed to the residential area.

The reason Metzger Road was not chosen is because it doesn't go all the way through 542. If we chose to expand the loop in the future we can use Spangler road since it does go up to 542.

Nathan Dial, Mayor for the Town of Estancia, states that he thinks that they would have to partner up with the county because part of the road is city and the other part is county. Mayor Dial states that he has received complaints about pot holes on the road. He states that he will reach out to the Governor and see if she will release funding that is available for municipalities. Mayor Dial also agrees in using Spangler Rd because the residents on Metzger Rd and Peacock will fight this loop road. When the Semi's drive down Walker you can see the road buckle from the weight and using the school road is not possible because it is a safety issue.

The town would be onboard with supporting this and would like to see the road fixed all the way from the prison to Spangler Rd.

Wayne Johnson asks Mayor Dial if the Town of Estancia is planning on putting this project on their ICIP list.

Nathan Dial replies, yes, and this will be a map project because it is connecting 2 highways, and since it is going through county and city, this helps when submitting the proposal. As far as it being it on the ICIP list he will consider it since it is a major issue. Mr. Johnson recommends to Mayor Dial that he place this on their ICIP list. Mayor Dial states that they are having a public hearing on Monday evening to discuss the ICIP and this item will be discussed.

Cheryl Allen explains the breakdown of the budget if the Commission would want to do the project in phases.

Leonard Lujan states that the next request is for Riley Road improvements. It is 6 miles in length and runs from Highway 55 to Highway 542. We have put a lot of money into this road, it has been chip sealed and reclaimed, and then re-chip sealed. We put speed limit signs and weight limit signs, and they keep getting removed. We need to look at finally getting this road paved. It is a highly traveled road used to get to 337 to head into Albuquerque. We cannot keep heavy trucks off the road, no matter what we do they continue to drive on it.

This will be a good project to push because it does connect two state highways. Some people may say that there are not many homes on this road to push for this project, but we don't go by the amount of homes we go by the amount of traffic the road gets.

Mr. Lujan states that this will be a full overlay of 3-4 inches. He has contacted a few contractors and the cost given is a rough estimate.

Chairman Schwebach asks if this overlay of 3-4 inches is designed to handle an 80,000 pound vehicle.

Leonard Lujan replies, yes. His next request is for a new road yard/shop with land purchase. We need to start looking into getting the road department out of Estancia. All of the equipment has to be brought back to town to be worked on and the rigs are also parked here. There is a piece of property off of Riley Rd and Highway 55. It is big piece of property, but aside from putting the Road Department out there you could put something else out there.

This piece of land would put us closer to the mountain towns where most of the work is done during the winter months. They would be closer to their stock piles and would still be able to cover all the county as well as we can here in town. It's time we look at getting the road department out of town and maybe let the Sheriff's Department have the yard here to store their stuff.

Chairman Schwebach asks Mr. Lujan what makes this property so unique.

Leonard Lujan states that the property has its own water rights and we can drill our own well and not have to haul in water from other areas. The area is kind of the center part of the county. Riley Rd is highly used by the Road Department because the pit they get material from is near Mountainair. During the winter time most of the work time is spent in the mountain areas, having us located there would make things easier.

Another reason it would be good to get this property is because the county would be able to relocate the Transfer Station that is in Tajique to this area and it would be easier for the people to get to. Purchasing the property would benefit more than just the Road Department.

Belinda Garland states that the county is currently under an agreement with Tajique for the transfer station, but once that two years is up we have to move out. This would provide a site for that, it would be owned by the county, and we would never have to move again. Another thing that may be a good idea, especially for the southern part of the county, would be to place a fire & EMS station there. Right at the intersection of Riley Rd there is easy access to the Ewing area and the mountain communities. You can also go west about a mile and turn north

on 337 to residents in that area, and come back east to the Town of Estancia and the Village of Willard. There is a house there but it is just storage it is not habitable.

There is water rights so it would not only supply the Road Department but also the fire station. Ms. Garland states that they did some preliminary research on the water rights and they are grandfathered in.

Chairman Schwebach asks if they are sure there is water there.

Belinda Garland replies that it has not been proven.

Chairman Schwebach states that this doesn't put the picture together until Riley Rd is taken care of. In regards to the loop road and Riley Road, is it possible to talk to the DOT and see if the roads can be turned into a state highway? Essential we are trying to accommodate the state's highways for our residents and safety.

Leonard Lujan states, that is exactly what we are trying to do. He thinks the state would not agree on taking on another road. They are trying to give the county some roads. Mr. Lujan states that the DOT asked him to take over the Ewing road about 5 years ago. In his opinion it would be a waste of time to ask them to take over the road.

Wayne Johnson states that essentially the money is coming from the state. The maintenance would fall on us but we are asking the legislature to fund this.

Leonard Lujan states that McNabb and Riley Road need to get done. He thinks that the state is going to look at Riley Road connecting 55 & 542 and not McNabb road connecting Lexco and 41. We need to really look at getting the road department out of this area.

Commissioner McCall asks if it is possible to purchase less than the 320 acres. He doesn't think they need such a large amount of land. Chairman Schwebach also agrees that they don't need so much land.

Belinda Garland states that they would need to talk to the land owner/relator. They may be open to negotiations. This is a lot of land but can provide for other activities as well. For instance, the transfer station at one point had recycling dumpsters sitting outside of the station area, and those were taken away. It takes a large area for the people to drive in and allow for all the dumpsters. This is a long futuristic view, which would not happen immediately. We would first need to look into purchasing the land. The list price is at \$424,000.00, Ms. Allen just rounded up the price.

Chris Tyrolt, Torrance County Deputy Sheriff, states this is the Sheriff's Department request is for new 4x4 patrol vehicles. As everyone is aware, the department is in dire need of new vehicles. A majority of the vehicles have 160,000-170,000 miles on them. One of the recent repairs on an old Crown Victoria, just to get it running again, was a JB Weld to the oil pan.

We need 4x4 in this area because of the roads out here, especially in the winter time. The Tahoe's are reliable and make excellent patrol vehicles. They are good for what they do every day.

Cheryl Allen states that the department's request is for 2 Tahoe's and 1 Silverado. This year the Sheriff's department has been approved to purchase some vehicles and they are currently putting together a grant application with the US Department of Agriculture. They will provide 15% funding for those.

Chairman Schwebach states that he hears over and over again that they say never to place vehicles on the ICIP list, what makes this so different? Has this been approved in the past?

Belinda Garland states that 2 years ago the county tried to get into the state budget to purchase vehicles and help pay for transport to Santa Fe and that was taken out of HB 281. This past legislative session, Senator White, was kind enough to give the county \$90,000.00 to purchase some vehicles for this year. We are working on contracts with DFA and other types of funding. Typically the state does not like to fund vehicles because the vehicles are worn out before the bonds are paid off. Governor Martinez did not like to fund vehicles, but Governor Lujan-Grisham may have a different view seeing as she did approve the \$90,000.00.

Wayne Johnson states that the difference from last year to this year is how it is funded. It is not funded through bonds, it is funded by surplus money from oil and gas. It is worth putting this on the ICIP list. As a matter of policy, if you are borrowing dollars to pay for this, and your floating bonds, the vehicles are not going to last as long as you are paying for the bond, and this was why Governor Martinez was opposed. This is smart to not use bonds to purchase the vehicles because they will be dead before it's paid off.

Lester Gary states that there are several requests from the Fire Department. The first request is for furnishings and equipment. Some of the fire stations are old and dilapidated. They will be upgrading the outside of the departments. They have some roll over money from the Fire Protection Fund and this will allow them to replace equipment in the interior of each department. Mr. Gary states that they are also looking into purchasing additional AED's. They have purchased a total of 10 AED's by approval from the State Fire Marshall. They need to purchase the new ones because the AED's have a life expectancy of about 5 years whether they are used or not.

They also need to purchase Self-Contained Breathing apparatuses. The bottles have a life expectancy of about 15 years, and the bottles we have are at that mark. There is some new testing that can be done to extend the life another 15 years. These are on the list for 2022.

They are looking at, Emergency Services Infrastructure, to plan, design, and furnish facilities to house an emergency medical responder in the Southern part of the county. They have partnered with the purchase of the 300 plus acres the county is looking at to build a facility in that area.

The fire department would like to build a joint county building that would allow other departments to use the building. It could house road, sheriffs, and fire departments. He has looked at other counties and they have made joint stations.

They are looking at the water system upgrade for the fire stations. Mr. Gary spoke with Chief Crabb, who is the fire chief in that area. The original Duran water system was originally owned by the Duran Water Association. The well did collapse, and 4 years ago they did dig a new well. The wells in the area are at the depth of about 700-800 feet. County does own property in Duran, it is where the fire station sits. They can look into assisting the county with putting in a water system there.

They are also looking at water system in the sweet water hills for substation 5. They want to do it within the next year and upgrade those systems. The water storage tanks also need replacing at some of the stations. The water tank that is out at dispatch is starting to leak and wear out. They are looking at putting in tanks to help lower the ISO, in the District 2 area in Indian Hills. There are not holding tanks there, it would benefit the district and residents by storing water there. In many areas the department has to depend private water systems. Indian Hills has a water system and it does have hydrants, but the county doesn't own that system.

Mr. Gary states that in 2022 they are looking into purchasing a new type 4 wildland interface apparatus. The fire vehicles that are used in Bernalillo County do not work well out here. We need a vehicle that can handle the rough roads. They currently have these type of vehicles at District 2 & 5. They don't have as much water as the traditional fire trucks, they carry about 750 gallons. With them not holding as much water and being 4x4, they are much easier to operate.

Wayne Johnson asks the Commission if they can table this hearing until the presenters from Mesalands Community College do their presentation. We can come back to the hearing after. There will need to be a motion to stop the hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: **Commissioner Sanchez** makes a motion to pause the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. **Chairman Schwebach** seconds the motion. No discussion, all Commissioners in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

C.) MANAGER: Discuss the Mesalands Training Trailer

Mayor Ted Hart from the City of Moriarty, would like to give a brief history on this subject. Mayor Hart states that they began talk about this about a year ago to try and keep the younger generation in the county. They looked at Mesalands College for technical training so the kids could come right out of high school and get into the career fields. With all the wind fields coming in they looked at training for the wind farms. Mesalands College has one of the best training classes for Wind Energy. On May 22nd the City of Moriarty and Moriarty School district entered into an agreement with Mesalands College to provide these trainings in the school for these kids.

Tom Morris, Director of Academic Initiatives and Student Success with Mesalands Community College, states New Mexico is ranked 3rd in the nation for wind energy. Torrance County plays a big part in that ranking.

Mesalands College will provide training for county adult residents to be able to obtain their WET Occupational Certificate. The cost will be \$700.00 per student and classes will be both online and at Mesalands College. Mr. Morris gives information from his PowerPoint presentation. Presentation hereto attached.

Teresa Salazar, Superintendent with MESD, and advocate for all learners in Torrance County. Ms. Salazar states that MESD is going to be the worker bee to make sure that they can offer these classes to MESD, Estancia Schools, and Mountainair Schools. Ms. Salazar will be having a meeting with the Superintendents of the other school districts to see if she can get their support as well on this. The county students will have first priority, if we cannot get all of the seats filled for the classes, then the surrounding counties will be offered the opportunity to sign up for classes. A majority of the classes will be online and available to anyone. They will also be working on timing, scheduling, and transportation to Tucumcari. MESD will be supporting the academic & paperwork side of things. Mesalands will also provide insurance for those students 16 and up when they participate in the climbing class as long as they have a current athletic physical. MESD will also be housing and storing equipment, and providing locked security for the equipment.

Tom Morris states that the goal will be to being this program in January 2020. There will be a total of 6 classes as well as class WET 250. The only class the students will need to attend in person is the WET 140 which is to teach the climbing and safety for the 300 ft. turbines.

Commissioner McCall asks if this is just for high school students or adults as well.

Chairman Schwebach asks at what age the students will be able to take these classes.

Tom Morris states that from this point on they will be talking about high school students as well as adults and the age they can begin is 16.

Mr. Morris states that the proposal is that Torrance County and Mesalands will each provide \$100K for the trailer and required supplies and equipment to teach the courses at Moriarty High School. Moriarty High School will be required to house the trailer and equipment. Branding would have to be done by an MOU with Torrance County, the school district, and Mesalands Community College.

Dr. John Groesbeck, President of Mesalands Community College, gives a brief description of what type of equipment will be housed in the trailer. List hereto attached. Dr. Groesbeck speaks on what is involved in creating a wind farm. Torrance County, as far as the economic impact goes, in short as well as long term, is quite significant.

What they are proposing is to get enough individuals trained to work on the turbines. It takes approximately 15 people per turbine, but with the newer ones each turbine would require 8-12

individuals. This job requires each person to be intelligent as well as physically able. Dr. Groesbeck explains how each turbine operates and what is required.

Broadly they are thinking long term for careers in Torrance County. They are glad to be here and be involved to get the program moving. Dr. Groesbeck goes on to explain how this training is transferable knowledge.

The reason they are asking the county to participate in the program is to assist with acquisition, help split the cost because the equipment is very expensive, and the trailer to keep the training mobile. Dr. Groesbeck thanks the Commission for allowing him to come and discuss this request.

Teresa Salazar would also like to mention that the high school students would need to purchase steel toed boots. That would be the only cost to the high school students, as tuition and books will be paid for by dual credit. EVEDA is also looking into a scholarship program for the adults.

Commissioner McCall asks what the timing is on this, are we wanting to move forward with this by the next school year?

Dr. John Groesbeck states that the computer equipment has already been purchased and they are looking to start the dual enrollment in January of 2020.

Commissioner McCall states that a concern of his is, in the years to come, how will this trailer & software hold up to the industry standards?

Dr. John Groesbeck states that there is a 10 year cycle for the technological items, the trailer itself can be just a good trailer with a ramp. The trailer is used to store the equipment and allows for easy movement to the next site. It's not the trailer that costs it's the stuff inside the trailer that is costly.

Chairman Schwebach asks if there is any idea on the number of individuals that are interested in this program. Do you foresee, once the program begins, the classes being full?

Teresa Salazar states that it may take a couple of semesters to fill up the classes. The sooner we get the information out the better chance there is of filling up the classes, with the potential to add more spaces should the need arise. Right now they are anticipating about 20 students per semester. We all need to work together so that we aren't doubling up the work load. We want to be the model county of how you can work together and get things done.

Tom Morris states that Mesalands recently had 3 students from Estancia High School graduate in the associates program.

Commissioner McCall states that if a student starts this program their sophomore year, how much more schooling will be required once the student graduates.

Tom Morris states the student can work right out of high school at an entry level position. The student will graduate with their high school diploma and their occupational certificate from the college.

Commissioner Sanchez asks who will own the trailer.

Teresa Salazar states that Mesalands will own the trailer.

Dr. John Groesbeck states that Torrance County will have first priority with the classes, but if another county is requesting training and its available the trailer can be moved to that location.

There is some discussion between Dr. Groesbeck and Commissioner Sanchez in regards to the trailer and who will supply it and own it. The request is at \$100,000.00 and that is negotiable and may be able to cost share if the other entities are willing to opt in.

Teresa Salazar states that on behalf of MESD they do not have that kind of money so they would be able to help with in-kind assistance such as facilities, heating and cooling, technology, and transportation of students, to name a few.

Commissioner Sanchez states that there is a tremendous amount of opportunity to strengthen our network as an educational community. This would be worthwhile to approach our partners to give them the opportunity to contribute in some way to this. It would build buy in for the project and build awareness, and come January 2020 we may have maximum participation.

Dr. John Groesbeck states that he agrees with this in concept, but how this would work as far as the contribution shares and how an inter-local agreement may have to be made. It would take some work.

Chairman Schwebach states that the county can be the central point and then the county can facilitate the remainder so that Mesalands is dealing with just one individual. This is something that he and the other Commissioners are very interested in and this will be discussed at a future meeting once all of the details get worked out. **DISCUSSION ONLY, NO ACTION TAKEN**

A.) MANAGER: PUBLIC HEARING for Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

Chairman Schwebach states that we will now reconvene and enter the public hearing.

Cindi Sullivan states that she does not need to explain the reasons as to why you can't house dogs and cats in the same area. The state board keeps changing rules and implementing new standards. One issue is that facilities do not have enough room to house the large amounts of puppies and kittens they receive during the summer months. They are going to start implementing that cats and dogs must be housed separately.

At the old place where they were housed they had a volunteer come in and put a wall between the cats and dogs, it didn't help with noise, but they did the best with what they had. They moved to the building at dispatch and again there was no room to house cats. The cats are housed in a small break room at the shelter that is no longer being used as a break room.. There

are a lot of wires in that room, but they can be torn out because it will affect other wiring in the building.

The shelter put in two cat tiers in that small break room, but also a refrigerator and microwave are in there for the employee's lunches. There is also a sink in there that doesn't work. The plumbing in the building froze up years ago and flooded the building before they moved in and never repaired. One requirement is that there needs to be running water where the cats are housed.

When the foyer project began, the shelter lost the entire front wall. She had two desks there for the animal control officers, but with the missing wall she had to move them into the break room. The cats were moved to another area. Ms. Sullivan explains the cat tiers. They can only house 2 cats or a mama cat with kittens that can't climb. They get lots of calls to get cats and end up taking them from other entities.

Ms. Sullivan states that they have an isolation area for dogs that come in that are sick, and the cats are currently in that area. There is no room to put these cats. They currently have 2 cats. She is requesting for a simple room to house the cats that has running water and an isolation area, and cooling and heating.

Chairman Schwebach asks Ms. Sullivan how many cats she will be able to house with this proposed plan. Is the \$64,000.00 for 4 cats or 40 cats?

Cindi Sullivan states that she doesn't know where this figure came from. They had a contractor come in to look at doing some work on the back kennels and may have given a number at that time, but she has not gotten quotes for this.

Ms. Sullivan states that they want to build on the property where the radio station is located. The first hurdle would be the purchase of the land. This is the only place where they can build the room. They have been working on this project for many years to be able to move forward.

Nick Sedillo is requesting that security fencing be built at the Sheriff's Department, mainly in the back area when they are bringing in the inmates for court. There is no security and that could lead to a potential escape. Another concern is the dispatch center. Mr. Sedillo is looking into Homeland Security for the dispatch center, sheriff, fire admin, and the county building. Mr. Sedillo shows PowerPoint slides of the proposed fencing. (PowerPoint hereto attached)

Wayne Johnson states that they would also like to include a secure area for the judges. They have had some issues in the past.

Nick Sedillo states that the security fencing for the judge has always been on the radar but it always seems to get pushed to the back. The request did include security fencing for the judges, but if you are familiar with the area, and where the fencing would be located, it would block the driveway to the health clinic and you cannot deny them access. The location for the fencing would have to be worked out so that way access to the clinic stays open.

Wayne Johnson states that there is opportunity there to provide 2 sections. There would be 2 gates. Come in one gate and it closes behind them and the exit through another gate. We need to look at increasing the budget a little and work on getting security for the judges.

Nick Sedillo states that he received quote several years ago for a 6 ft. simple fence for the county offices to have a secured area for the county fleet, and it came in at about \$10,000.00. He raised it to \$58,000.00 to allow for mechanical operations and a keypad.

Commissioner McCall asks about the area where the pond is at and where the property line is at, and if a road can be placed there to access the areas.

Nick Sedillo states that there is a retention pond in the area to the north of the building, and when the Planning & Zoning Director returns he will get with him to find out exactly where the property line is.

There is also a problem with the dispatch center and where the fence should be placed. There was a gas meter that was moved because it was in the way and Ms. Sullivan is currently working on getting the telephone riser put in another location. Security fencing will be a challenge.

Mr. Sedillo states that the Animal Shelter has been a band aid since day one. He does not understand why we have not built a new Animal Shelter Complex.

Cindi Sullivan states that she wanted this spot because it was easier for people to find them, it wasn't the perfect place it was the perfect location. There is no parking nor space, and an ADA ramp is required and that will take up some of the parking space.

Nick Sedillo states that this has been on the list for a very long time and the number he put on the request is just an estimate.

Mr. Sedillo states that the next request is for improvements for the county fairground. This year there was a lot of problems that needed to be fixed. There was a list of 17 items that needed repairs and they knocked out the most important ones.

Marci Wallin states that Nick covered some of the issues that needed taken care of. One that was not mentioned was an electrical pole that was knocked out by lightning. That was the first thing that needed to be fixed in order to be able to run the fair, and it went on from there. Ms. Wallin explains some of the other repairs that are needed at the fairgrounds.

There is a barn that is so hot no one is able to stay in it. We house coyote furs and 4-Wheelers in there because it is too hot for anything else. It needs insulation, coolers, and doors. There is just a multitude of rundown buildings.

Nick Sedillo states that another eyesore is need for County Admin building repairs. Mr. Sedillo states that he received a work order from the extension office to install 4 new electrical outlets in that office. The electrician was here for 4 hours trying to get them installed. They are working with the road department and have worked with 2 contractors to come out and give us

a quote on repairing the parking lot. That is the biggest obstacle, getting contractors to come out to give us quotes. They don't want to drive out here from Albuquerque if the job isn't going to be worth it.

Going back to the electrical issue, we keep adding outlets and you have so many items connected to the outlets, it is amazing that the building doesn't explode when the switches are turned back on.

The heating and cooling in this building is failing as well. They have had contractors come out to look at the system and they will not do any repairs. They will put a Band-Aid on it, but they will not guarantee the work.

Mr. Sedillo states that new county Government offices was discussed back on September 30th, 2009. Former County Commission Venessa Chavez Gutierrez worked hard during her tenure to try and get this process started. The county was able to purchase a 20 acre parcel east of Alan Ayers road. It was a great catch because all the infrastructure is there, water, electricity, gas, and internet. We have the property just no building. We got an architect on board, donated his time and talked to all the departments and let us know how many square feet we would need, and it came to about \$300.00 per square foot. If you combine that price with the current building square footage, we are looking at about \$7,000,000.00 for a new building. Mr. Sedillo states that we would keep this building and use it as storage.

Chairman Schwebach asks if we might be able to look at a smaller building, since this building is offices and storage. Did the committee ever discuss that option?

Nick Sedillo states that the committee died out and nothing was ever discussed again.

Wayne Johnson states that we are bursting at the seams as it is with this building. The idea that we can stay with the same size building would be in error. We may want to say we use it as part administration and the other as storage, but if we go with a whole new building, there would be no reason for us to continue to using this one. There can also be problems in building a brand new building. There is a county building in another county that is still not being used because the building is not finished. The cost was way more than what they originally requested. We need to be careful with the money & planning we put towards this so that it lasts for a very long time after it's built.

Nick Sedillo states that when they spoke with the departments they were very conservative with their needs for each office. They didn't get crazy they kept it simple and stuck with just what they needed. They did all ask for storage space because the retention for records these days is astronomical. This request has been on the ICIP since 2009. We did acquire the land and also were able to accommodate room so that the road department could be placed there as well.

Cheryl Allen states that the next request is for Solar Panels at the Emergency Services building. This would supply power at dispatch, and if there was ever a power outage they would be able to continue full operations. This could potentially serve as a primary system but would mainly be an alternate source should they lose power.

Ms. Allen states that this completes the regular requests. The next portion is for any additional projects. If there is anyone that has requests they can do so at this time.

Linda Jaramillo states that she met with a gentleman from Cott Systems, a records management and restoration company. Ms. Jaramillo states that she did have a presenter but he had to leave because he had other appointments. He did leave Ms. Jaramillo with some figures on what it would take to preserve the history of Torrance County. The records that are in the vault are from 1910 forward. From about June 1910 and back there are no records because the court house burned down destroying all those records. Ms. Jaramillo and this gentleman were going through the books in the vault, and she currently has 12 books that are in very bad shape. There are 6 books that she would like to repair before she leave office. She may be able to restore 3 with her budget.

Each book would have to leave the county for 2 weeks. They will be re-binding the books, put all of the pages in sleeves to protect them, and then they will digitize the images so that there is a backup should anything happen. It is about \$1,500 to restore one book. We have 6 books that need to be restored and it would cost approximately \$9,000.00 to restore them. There are other books that would only need a partial restoration and those books would cost \$500.00 each.

Ms. Jaramillo is requesting that this be placed on the ICIP list. There are 94 books that need restoration. Some aren't as bad as others, but the ones that are falling apart really do need repairs. It would cost about 41,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to do a complete restoration of the books.

Ms. Jaramillo apologizes to the Commission for not having a presentation and not discussing this with Ms. Allen. She is busy with elections and didn't have the time to create a presentation.

Wayne Johnson asks Ms. Jaramillo to give the cost on this again.

Linda Jaramillo states that she has 6 books that will require a full restoration at \$1,500.00 per book for a total of \$9,000.00 (this price may change depending on the severity of the book and how long the repair may take), and 6 of the books only require a partial restoration at \$500.00 per book for a total of \$3,000.00. The other 94 books would be a total cost of about \$41,000.00-\$50,000.00.

Commissioner Sanchez states that he received a request from the Torreon Domestic Water Association. This for \$175,000.00 and they are requesting that the county act as fiscal agent. They are also interested in being their own fiscal agent. They are researching to see what their status of a definition of an entity is. They requested that the project be put on the county's ICIP list in lieu of the fact they anticipate the need for a fiscal agent for the project.

The request is for 5 projects. They want to drill new well that would pump 50 gallons per minute, a bathroom upgrade at the building and an upgrade to the HVAC, renovations to the commercial kitchen, and a re-stucco of the building.

The drilling of the ne well would be about \$50,000.00 of the request. This is the top priority for them

Wayne Johnson states that these types of projects, that are requesting the county be the fiscal agent, are the ones he is trying to stay away from. If they are requesting fiscal agency, he would like to bring it to the Commission in resolution form to become the fiscal agent. This does have a fiscal impact on the county. He is trying to avoid EMWT type projects on the ICIP and projects that involve other entities that the county will not own or operate in the long run. It will lead to some confusion. If they have an intent to own it then they should develop their own ICIP list.

Commissioner Sanchez states that is their intention, but because the well is of such urgency that there request is that it be considered to be placed on the county list. There may not be enough time to accomplish their end of things.

The project is very similar to the Duran issue. They are in an un-incorporated area of the county, they are our direct constituents, and they are folks that the county represents. Commissioner Sanchez would like for the Commission to consider the project. Whether or not the county would like to be the fiscal agent, is something that needs to be discussed prior to them being placed on the county's ICIP list. The project is a modest request from a financial stand point. This is something that the county could easily accomplish at the state legislature.

Commissioner Sanchez's next request is for the Estancia Valley Heritage Center Complex. He would like to request some measure of funding for that project. There are various questions that need answered in regards to this project. Commissioner Sanchez is very eager to proceed with the recommendation of the Commission to form a Committee. The Manager is diligently working on assigning someone from the county to participate on this. He is not aware of where we will be in January but his intention is to be somewhere. Commissioner Sanchez is requesting the entire amount of \$3.13 million. Regardless of where we are at this amount can be adjusted.

If we are able to get this funded as well as the fairgrounds we can get a lot done. The fairgrounds is something we tried to push last year but could not get the funds, we received funds for planning, but these funds were vetoed. His intension is to provide the fairgrounds request with a level of documentation that would increase the likelihood of its funding this time around. By extension this project could benefit as well.

Wayne Johnson stats that he has been approaching this from the standpoint of rolling the infrastructure and the needs of the fair into the heritage center project. He may be wrong in doing so, but it seems like a common sense way to move forward with this. If we are going to build a \$3 million dollar structure on the fairgrounds or anywhere, you need substantial infrastructure to be in place. The fairgrounds need substantial infrastructure. We need to deal with the land issue, and this is currently being worked on. There is no way to separate one form the other. How do we move forward with two competing boards? There is no good way to go about this. It would be ideal to leverage the existing fairboard. One thing on the agenda is to restructure the fairboard, they have asked for part of this, we have an MOU that was not necessary. They were created by the Commission, we basically have an MOU with ourselves. There is work that needs to be done on the fairboard.

Mr. Johnson would prefer, in his opinion, proceeding in making a fairboard that would help us accomplish the task of the committee.

Chairman Schwebach states that he is hearing, instead of having a fairboard, we should have a management committee and also operates the fairboard, is that correct?

Wayne Johnson replies, no, he is not trying to get rid of the fairboard. He is trying to utilize the fairboard to coordinate the efforts of the infrastructure need of the fairboard to the desire to build the heritage center and multi-purpose building on the fairgrounds. That can be a part of the mission of the fair and utilizing existing board members and volunteers instead of building a whole new committee. The reason he brings up the restructuring of the fairboard is because they may be able to involve some additional people for the committee that were singled out from being on the fairboard. However we go forward we will have to be dealing with the fairboard, but the Commission can do what they want. In his opinion it would be cleaner and smarter to have a unified voice instead of competing committees on the same property.

Commissioner Sanchez states that the issue could be linked but not mutually dependent. The fairgrounds are 1/3 of the issue. This is a 3 tier approach for the complex. The fairgrounds is just a piece and not a requirement. The cost he presented is just the museum piece. We would still be looking at the fairgrounds as a separate project. The \$3.16 million doesn't overlap with fairground improvements. That is the reason for 2 different requests, you cannot put the two together. There is no relationship to be able to link them. It is better to lobby for it now and not get the money than to just put it on the back burner. Commissioner Sanchez gives some examples on why we need to act and take advantage of this now as the opportunity may not be present in the future. There are people that are showing interest in this and have the declarations of support. He is not asking the county to spend money on this, he is asking for the state to fund it.

Chairman Schwebach states that he doesn't agree 100% with this. The heritage museum is a great idea. Let's say this is the perfect environment for this and they approve it. Let's put \$100,000.00 in planning or \$50,000.00. What is it really going to cost the county? 3 years down the road we discover we don't get the business, we don't get the private donors to maintain the building, and it becomes a drain on a brand new building that the state tax payers paid for, and it's draining the county and we can't afford it. How much money do we spend upfront for planning and design, when the real questions is can we afford to do this and should we to maintain it.

Commissioner Sanchez states that the idea is to spend \$30,000.00 on a conceptual document and the planning and design and architectural aspect would all be worked into the \$3.16 million.

Chairman Schwebach states that he is not against this, but looking at this meeting, the county was deeded a dam that is now going to cost the taxpayers \$50,000.00 to fix. He has to look at everything. Going back to the committee to bring this up from the players, Mountainair, Moriarty, Willard, and Torrance County, his concept with those players is that there is enough need from it from those entities, that they have someone that would answer to those councils that would be part of a planning party. Has that committee been formed?

Wayne Johnson states that a committee has not been formed.

Commissioner Sanchez states that the letters of support say it all. They are willing to commit to participation and assign a person to the committee.

Chairman Sanchez states that the letters do not say it all. A person here at the Commission meeting and willing to devote time and thinking of long term planning says it all. He is not against it but is hesitant in jumping into a project this large.

Wayne Johnson states that we should approach this as a feasibility study as opposed to forming a committee to go down a road that we are not sure it is feasible. The reason he wanted to tie it in with the fair is because we have an economic driver, it brings people to the fair grounds. There are events scheduled there throughout the year. If we make improvements to that there is a possibility of bringing in more people for other events. There would be additional revenue that comes in. We have a structure for running the fair. If you go down the road for the Heritage Center you will end up competing with the fair. If it is going to be built on the fairgrounds then it needs to be part of the strategic plan of the fair. It is not right to say that we are going to plant this building on your property, there is limited space there as it is, even with the acquisition of the additional property.

Commissioner Sanchez states that no one has said the heritage center is going to be put on that property.

Commissioner McCall states that we need to very clearly split it. He is hearing its going into the fair. He agrees that there does not need to be 2 boards conflicting each other. If you want to build the museum then it needs to be separate from the fair.

Commissioner Sanchez states that is may or may not be placed there. What he is wanting to do is maximize the opportunity for funding from the state. They are looking at projects that will bring money into the county. Including this on the ICIP list even if it's dead last there is no way we can lose money on this.

Chairman Schwebach agrees with this and we can put it on the ICIP list but it needs to be listed separately from the fair. He is not aware of the plans for the fair as we don't even own the property yet or the plans for this project. Logically it could work together or it may not.

Wayne Johnson states that part of reason the fair project was shut down last year was because Representative McQueen was worried about the lack of a plan and the county did not own the property. They gave us the planning money.

Commissioner Sanchez states that it is incorrect. He can proceed, but that statement is incorrect.

Wayne Johnson states that Commissioner Sanchez's understanding may be different from his. He is speaking from his conversations with Representative McQueen. If Commissioner Sanchez had a different understanding he will accept that, but those were the issues they had in not fund the \$1,000,000.00. If there were different ones he will take that. The conversations

that he had may be different than what Commissioner Sanchez had. Mr. Johnson has a different roll in dealing with the legislature than the Commissioners do. The fact of the matter is that he is worried that he has a \$3 million dollar project competing with a \$1 million dollar project and neither get funded. The one that we have in place is in dire need.

Commissioner Sanchez states that he agrees in one point with Mr. Johnson. What he was told that stopped the funding was that there was no deed to the property. The ownership of the fairgrounds property was in question. The legislature's issue was that they were under the impression there was no owner, so why would they fund a project that no one owned.

Commissioner McCall was approached personally by a Senator and Representative and asked if we had a master plan. Where are you headed with this project? They shut us down right then and there, if you don't have a plan we can't give you money.

John Butrick states that from his prospective he is looking at the liability of the Mescalero Dam, the county building bursting at the seams, and animal control not having any room. He is looking at the county facing a potential lawsuit. He is looking at things from a liability standpoint. You have the potential of losing money instead of gaining money.

His concern is with having two projects competing against each other and you might get funding and you might not. He is not aware of the outcome but doesn't like the idea of doing that.

Cheryl Allen asks if there are any other projects that need to be added to the list that we have not already talked about. If not we are at the point where we need to rank the projects for the list.

There is more discussion on the heritage complex and the fairgrounds between the Commissioners. They need a feasibility study to see what how it will work. They are wanting to see people come in to speak about their support not just write a letter, and show that they are willing to commit to the heritage center project for 4-5 years.

Belinda Garland would like to talk about the logistics of the ICIP projects. The state will send out questionnaires and one of the main questions that is asked, is if the project is shovel ready. If it is not shovel ready the project will get denied.

Mescalero is one example. We know that we are not in compliance. We need the engineer study and the environmental study. The plan is set out and this is how we are going to do it. Then we will mitigate the dam, this project is ready. With the Heritage Complex we don't have anything ready. Is it feasible that Torrance County can maintain it, and will it bring in any income? That's what they mean by shovel ready, can you start the project immediately.

Commissioner McCall states that there are a lot of projects that we don't need to spend \$30,000.00 for a study that are already ready to go.

Belinda Garland states that this ICIP list has to be in Santa Fe by September 3rd, so at the next Commission you will need to adopt the resolution. You will need to rank these today and we can have the ranking and resolution ready for approval at the next meeting.

Wayne Johnson suggests that each Commissioner can come up with their own lists, and if some items overlap those will be placed on the list.

Belinda Garland states that they need to have time to prepare the list and the resolution. This needs to be submitted by September 3rd.

There is lots of discussion back and forth on how they should proceed with ranking the projects.

Chairman Schwebach would like to go back to the request for the Sheriff's vehicle request. He asks if we have only had capital appropriations for vehicles the past 2 to 3 years. He also understands that they are looking into other avenues to help pay for vehicles.

Belinda Garland states that we were awarded \$90,000 at this last session and last year we did not get any money. In the year's prior, we were awarded \$21,000.00 for one vehicle and were in danger of losing it because it hadn't been used, but when she came in as manager they were able to get the money spent.

Ms. Garland states that they are looking into a USDA grant to help get extra funding and that will help stretch the \$90,000.00.

Cheryl Allen states that things could change when the census is complete, but as of right now Torrance County is only able to receive 15% of funding from the USDA. They are currently working on a package totaling \$30,000.00 for an ambulance and 2 Tahoe's and 2 transportation vans.

Chairman Schwebach states that he would like to remove the solar panels from this list. They purchased a generator for the center so there is no need to purchase solar panels. He would also like to remove EMWT from the list and let them submit their own ICIP request.

The Commission would also like to remove the fencing on marc road, there is also a request to remove the estancia loop from the list.

There is discussion on the Duran water system, it's not something that has to be done right now but it is something the commissioners need to be aware of. The Torreon water system was brought up as well, and Chairman Schwebach doesn't think this is something the county should be responsible for. It can stay on the list but these need to be looked in more depth

The senior centers are all separate, but whichever one gets awarded the money will be awarded to Torrance County. There is more discussion on how to rank the projects and where to place them on the list. Duran has been on the list for a few years and it keeps getting pushed down. There is more discussion on how this should be approached. There is no mechanism to deal with the water issues but there are other avenues that can be looked into dealing with the water

issues and not spending capital outlay money. There are lots of questions that need to be answered.

Commissioner Sanchez suggests that each Commissioner Pick 3 items and then let the manager's office chose 1 item. Each Commissioner will pick what they want and then go from there.

Wayne Johnson states that we can rank them today and get the list and the resolution ready for approval at the next meeting. If there is a last minute change we can make it at the meeting before it gets approved.

Chairman Schwebach gives his ICIP request which are the Torrance County Fair, the steel roller for the Road Department, and the fencing at dispatch.

Commissioner McCall lists his ICIP requests which are the Road Department storage/shop, a new County Admin Building, and McNabb Road.

Commissioner Sanchez requests for the ICIP are the Heritage Center Complex, Riley Road, and the Torreon Domestic Water Association.

Belinda Garland states that the requests for the Manager's office are for the 320 acre land purchase and the records restoration in the Clerk's office.

Michael Godey states that Riley Road would be a good choice for the list as well. The road is a good escape route if something is going on in an emergency situation.

Tracy Sedillo states that the problem with the records restoration is that they are not house in a climate controlled environment. Even after they are restored they aren't properly stored. The records will deteriorate. There is a lot of dust in the vault and possibly spiders in living in them. The records in her office date back to 1930. You can scan the records, but it doesn't preserve the history of Torrance County. Ms. Sedillo has records from the old Citizen State Bank, land sale books, and letters from the 1950's from the Department of the Interior that are on original White House letterhead. None of these records are being preserved properly.

Linda Jaramillo states that the books in her office are used every day in her office by people that are looking up their land history or genealogy. The records may not be stored properly but this restoration will help the records from further damage.

There is discussion on the property requests for the Road Department and whether or not they want to use the 25 acre parcel the county already owns or start the process to get information on the 320 acre parcel.

Nick Sedillo states that the plan originally was to build a road shop and storage on the 25 acre parcel the county purchased back in 2009. That would then allow the current road department area to be vacated and the Sheriff's Department could utilize the area. The plan was to build a new shop, create storage, and have the sheriff's department use the road yard.

The final list is as follows:

- 1.) Torrance County Fair
- 2.) Road Department shop/storage
- 3.) New County Admin Building
- 4.) EMS Vehicles
- 5.) Riley Road
- 6.) McNabb Road
- 7.) Steel Roller for the Road Department
- 8.) Sheriff's 4x4 Vehicles
- 9.) Security fencing at all location
- 10.) Heritage Center Complex
- 11.) Torreón Domestic Water Association
- 12.) Records Restoration in the Clerk's Office
- 13.) Duran Water System Improvements

NO ACTION TAKEN. DISCUSSION ONLY

The public hearing is no complete.

B.) MANAGER: Update on the Appropriation funds for Punta de Agua

Wayne Johnson states that he did meet with Danny Quintana, Director, with the Local Government Division with DFA about 2 weeks ago regarding Punta de Agua. Mr. Johnson, Belinda Garland, the county attorney, Commissioner Sanchez, and citizens of Punta de Agua had a meeting in regards to this. The community is not in a position where they can receive public funds. It is not their idea for the county to own property in the middle of the land grant. They are getting all of their paperwork together and coming into compliance. Once they have that all completed they will then manage the project. The reversionary language DFA confirmed that they will not fund a project that would revert the land back to private ownership.

Mr. Johnson states that he is going to propose that there be a policy in place for these types of projects that require the county to be the fiscal agent. They would need to come before the Commission for approval before being taken to the legislature for the ICIP list. This has a significant financial impact to the county. The county has to front the money and then get reimbursed from the state. Having a policy in place will help the county on being careful on their use of funds.

Commissioner Sanchez would like to thank those for taking time and attending that meeting in Santa Fe. **DISCUSSION ONLY, NO ACTION TAKEN**

D.) TREASURER: Board of Directors Update

Tracy Sedillo states that she attended the NM Counties Board of Directors meeting on August 2nd in Artesia. One thing that was discussed was that the Multiline & Workman's Comp boards have now been combined into 1 board. We will now have just one representative to that board

and have an alternate. The suggestion was to have the multiline board member appointed to that board when it comes up, because they have done a lot of ground work and want to avoid bringing the new member up to speed. It is a suggestion only not a requirement.

The Writ of Mandamus over the Constitutionality of extending elected officials terms will be held on September 13th, 2019. John Butrick will be attending that hearing.

NM Counties has done some restructuring to their policies committees and they will be appointing new members to those boards and Ms. Sedillo has requested to be appointed to the tax & rev committee and the county governance committee.

John Butrick states that there is going to be an oral argument and then it will be in the hands of the Supreme Court.

Tracy Sedillo states that Joy Esparza was recently appointed as the new Deputy Executive Director, it is a new position, and she is the first one to hold this position.

There is also some census funding that is available to Torrance County. The amount allocated is \$24,219.53. It is not automatic, it has to be requested, and then the county has to opt in to receive the money.

Lastly, the gathering of the counties will be September 12th, 2019 at the state fair grounds. Torrance County will have a booth at the fair and if anyone has any suggestion as to what they want to have at the booth they can give them to Ms. Sedillo. **NO ACTION TAKEN, DISCUSSION ONLY**

E.) PLANNING & ZONING: P & Z Board recommendation-“Vacation of Val Verde Estates Subdivision”

Donald Goen states that at the August 7th, 2019 P & Z meeting it was presented to vacate the Val Verde Estates Subdivision. The board gave a do pass recommendation to the County Commission and it was announced at that time that the public hearing will be held on August 28th, 2019 Commission meeting. The letters were sent out to adjacent property owners and the applicant. The newspaper ads were placed, one ran August 9th and the other will be published on August 23rd. **DISCUSSION ONLY, NO ACTION TAKEN**

14.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

15.) Announcement of the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Chairman Schwebach states that the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting will be held August 28, 2019 at 9:00 am.

***ADJOURN**

Chairman Schwebach asks for a motion to adjourn the August 14th, 2019 Commission Meeting. **ACTION TAKEN: Chairman Schwebach** makes a motion to adjourn the August 14th, 2019 Commission Meeting. **Commissioner McCall** seconds the motion. No further discussion, all Commissioners in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:59 PM



Chairman Ryan Schwebach



Yvonne Otero-Administrative Assistant

8.28.2019

Date

The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM website, Audio discs of this meeting can be purchased in the Torrance County Clerk's office and the audio of this meeting will be aired on our local radio station KXNM.