

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M.
AT THE PECOS VILLAGE HALL, 92 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PECOS, NM**

CALL TO ORDER, PURPOSE AND NOTICE

The special meeting/public hearing was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chairman Nicolas T. Leger, who proceeded to read the public notice for the special meeting and public hearing, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, will hold and conduct a special meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in Pecos, New Mexico, at the Pecos Village Hall, 92 South Main Street, Pecos, New Mexico.

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of entertaining public comment on the proposed draft oil and gas ordinance and the County's Comprehensive Plan in relation thereto, both of which are posted on the San Miguel County website. At such hearing, the County Commission will entertain public comment and receive information and data which may be presented by interested persons.

Chairman Leger proceeded to review the work and undertakings of the County Commission in formulating a comprehensive ordinance relating to oil and gas exploration and drilling in San Miguel County, noting prior hearings held by the Commission, the retention of Dr. Robert Freilich as a consultant, and emphasizing that the draft ordinance under consideration is only a draft, subject to change and revision as a result of the public hearings being conducted by the Commission.

Chairman Leger then introduced his fellow Commissioners and county staff, as well as Ingrid Biel, another consultant retained by the County to assist with the Commission's gathering of public input and data. Leger also acknowledged the presence of former county commissioners Suzano Ortiz and Eloy Gonzales.

ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll by County Manager Les Montoya, four of the five Commissioners were present and a quorum duly established, as follows: Chairman Nicolas T. Leger,

and Commissioners Marcellino A. Ortiz, Arthur J. Padilla and Gilbert J. B. Sena. (Vice Chairman Ron R. Ortega was not in attendance.)

Commissioner Padilla then moved approval of the Agenda, and upon a second by Commissioner Ortiz, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the Commissioners.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION OF NM FLAG

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leger advised all in attendance that each person would be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak, that their names would be called from the sign-in sheet, and that after everyone spoke, if time permitted, the Commission would entertain further public comment from persons who again desired to speak.

Whereupon, beginning at 1:59 p.m., the following 21 persons addressed the County Commission, and offered their comments relating generally to oil and gas exploration and drilling in San Miguel County, and relating to the formulation of a county ordinance relative thereto, and relating to the oil and gas moratorium, and to sundry other matters relating generally to the purpose of the public hearing:

Jackie Abeyta, Matthew Gonzales, Patrick Colvin, Eugene R. Long, Susan Waterman, Eddy Duran, Ralph D. Laumbach, Bob Wessely, Brad Turk, Leslie Hammel-Turk, David M. Pacheco, Toni Truesdale, Paula Hern, Zi Pinsley, Bernadette Fernandez, Wes Thompson, Sarah Moore, Reyes Garcia, Joan Krohn, Salvador Higgins and Molly Smollett.

[A contemporaneous audio recording was made of the entire public hearing, and the public comments made by those in attendance are preserved in said audio recording maintained by the office of the San Miguel County Clerk, and available for inspection and duplication at any time during regular business hours; and all written submissions tendered by any person are received and retained by county staff.]

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At 3:50 p.m., Chairman Leger asked if there was any person who had not yet spoken, who desired to address the County Commission. No person came forward, and Chairman Leger announced a recess.

At 4:20 p.m., following the recess, Chairman Leger reconvened the public hearing, with the other three Commissioners still in attendance, and asked if any person who had not previously spoken, desired to address the Commission.

Whereupon, the following three persons addressed the Commission: Jennifer Bele, Bill Madison and Jane Carson.

Chairman Leger again announced the purpose of the public hearing, noting that the public hearing was being held for the purpose of entertaining public comment on the proposed oil and gas ordinance and the County's Comprehensive Plan in relation thereto, then Leger announced that the County Commission would entertain a second round of public comment.

Whereupon, beginning at 4:39 p.m., the following 15 persons again addressed the County Commission and offered their comments relating generally to oil and gas exploration and drilling in San Miguel County, and relating to the formulation of a county ordinance relative thereto, and relating to the oil and gas moratorium, and to other matters relating generally to the purpose of the public hearing:

Eddy Roy Duran, Ralph Laumbach, Bob Wessely, Brad Turk, Leslie Hammel-Turk, David M. Pacheco, Paula Hern, Zi Pensley, Bernadette Fernandez, Sarah Moore, Joan Krohn, Salvador Higgins, Bill Madison, Jane Carson and Eugene R. Long.

At 5:20 p.m., Chairman Leger announced a recess, to await the arrival of any person who had not yet addressed the Commission.

At 5:41 p.m., Chairman Leger reconvened the public hearing, with all Commissioners still in attendance. Leger then again announced the purpose of the special meeting and public hearing, noting that the Commission was in Pecos for the purpose of entertaining public comment on the proposed draft oil and gas ordinance and the County's Comprehensive Plan in relation thereto. (Leger also noted the presence of consultant Ingrid Biel, who is with Architectural Research Consultants, retained by the County to assist the Commission and staff in gathering and analyzing public comment and data.)

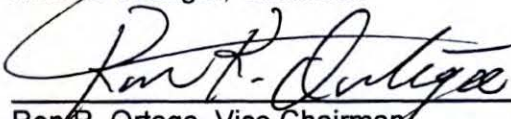
ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., Commissioner Sena moved and Commissioner Padilla seconded, that the special meeting and public hearing be adjourned, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote of all County Commissioners in attendance.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, this 13th day of May, 2014, as the minutes of the special meeting and public hearing held by said Board of Commissioners on April 22, 2014, in Pecos, New Mexico.



Nicolas T. Leger, Chairman



Ron R. Ortega, Vice Chairman



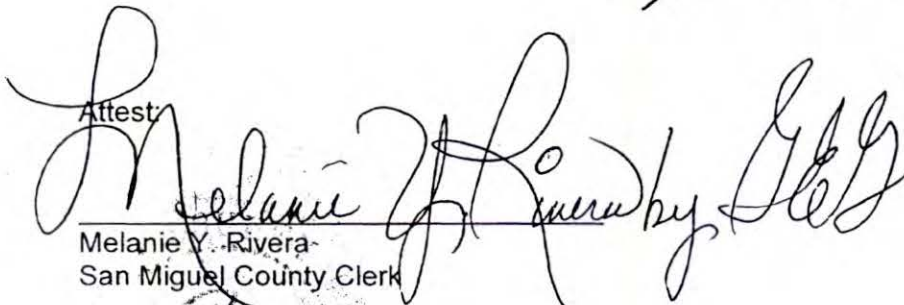
Marcellino A. Ortiz, Member



Arthur J. Padilla, Member



Gilbert J. B. Sena, Member

Attest:


Melanie Y. Rivera
San Miguel County Clerk

(S.E.A.L.)