



I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano. Mayor Andres Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Eldie R. Cruz, Councilor F. Luis Lopez and Councilor Corey E. Muniz were present. Councilor Claudia M. Martinez was absent.

III. *Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. *Approval of Minutes for:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt apologized for not completing the draft minutes to include with the delivery of packets. She stated the remaining portion of the minutes is on the Councilors' desk with notation of where it left off from what was provided in the packets.
- Mayor Martinez allowed a few moments for Councilors to review the remaining draft minutes.

Motion to approve the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Councilor Lopez, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

V. Public Input: Please sign in if you would like to participate (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- None

VI. Comments or Concerns of Council

- None

VII. Business Matters

1. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase furnishings for Senior Center utilizing Capital Outlay funds.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt stated during FY23, the Village received Capital Outlay funds which were primarily utilized to purchase the kitchen equipment. She stated the Village held onto the approximately \$8K in remaining funds until the Center was fully operational. She stated some of these remaining funds have been utilized, but just over \$3,100 remains with an expiration date of June 30, 2026. She stated the items that are most needed that fit within the budget include a stackable washer and dryer, security cameras and a big screen TV.
- Colleen stated the utilities staff helped compile quotes:
 - Washer & Dryer – space was measured and hookup needs were assessed, recommending purchasing an LG stackable with the quote from Lowe's at \$1,898.10 being the best price. The Village has a Lowe's credit card which includes a 5% discount, and there is no need for a delivery charge because it can be picked up in Santa Fe.
 - Security Cameras – recommending purchasing Blink cameras through Amazon.com for \$339.98. The Village utilizes Blink cameras on other buildings and pays the subscription fee to access full camera functionality. The Village is familiar with how they operate, and as a current subscriber, a \$35 discount is being offered.
 - TV & wall Mount – the Best Buy quote is \$16 less, but the recommendation is to purchase from Walmart \$567.77 because it can be picked up in Las Vegas
- Colleen stated the total of the three recommended quotes is \$2,805.85, and she said this will leave a balance on the grant of just over \$300.

Motion to approve purchasing furnishings for the Senior Center utilizing Capital Outlay funds as recommended was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

2. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Fire Department renovations utilizing Capital Outlay funds.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the Mayor has reached out to several contractors to provide a quote for renovations at the main fire station. She stated the only bid received came from Dream Catcher Construction in the amount of \$48K. She stated the work to be completed includes: re-floor kitchen and bedroom; remove and replace kitchen counters, sink, stove, refrigerator and microwave; furnish kitchen with small dining table; furnish living quarters with two twin beds, TV, and dresser; and paint rooms.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked if the Fire Chief had any involvement. Amber stated he was contacted, but they did not hear back from him. Fire Chief Timothy Cruz stated there wasn't much reaching out. Mayor Martinez stated the Fire Chief was aware of the project, and he stated the fire station building is Village property.

Motion to approve the Dream Catcher Construction quote to renovate the fire station utilizing Capital Outlay funds was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

3. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Community Center renovations utilizing Capital Outlay funds.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt stated these Capital Outlay funds were awarded for improvements to municipal buildings, and will also expire on June 30, 2026. She stated the remaining funds are approximately \$13,800.
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated Dream Catcher Construction was the only contractor to submit a quote for this work as well. She stated the quote is for \$12K.
- Mayor Martinez stated the floor in the kitchen of the Community Center (former Senior Center) needs to be replaced as required by the Department of Health. He stated the Dream Catcher quote includes removing the old floor and installing a new frame, deck and flooring in the kitchen as well as installing new flooring in the conference room (former Senior Center dining area), and he stated the work comes with a 1-year warranty.

Motion to approve the Dream Catcher Construction quote to renovate the Community Center utilizing Capital Outlay funds was made by Councilor Lopez, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

4. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Approval of payment to Northeastern Enterprises for plumbing repairs at Community Center.

- Mayor Martinez stated this is the invoice from Larry Lopez in the amount of \$2,450.00. He stated they replaced almost all of the kitchen plumbing after using a camera to determine the extent of the clog. He stated it showed the pipe completely plugged, and Mr. Lopez was amazed that there had been any flow at all.
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt stated installing the floor drain was another item that needed to be addressed to gain compliance through the Health Department.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested installing a garbage disposal to avoid future clogs. Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the floor drain has a strainer and is designed to help catch debris.

Motion to approve payment to Northeastern Enterprises for plumbing repairs at the Community Center was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

5. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Request for Separation of Utilities Charges Application.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt stated the request comes from a customer that just recently opened service under his name after a long-term renter no longer lives this location. Colleen stated the customer wants to do clean up, and she stated the request is to remove both sewer and solid waste from the billing. She stated, in the past, Council has not approved removing sewer charges when a property is connected to the wastewater system because running water in the house will result in utilizing the sewer system. Colleen noted, in consideration of the solid waste charges, the customer is planning to clean the property, but he does pay solid waste fees on his own account.
- Mayor Martinez stated he recommends removing the solid waste fee, but to continue charging the sewer fee because water and sewer usage go hand in hand.

Motion to approve request to separate solid waste fees only from Account #113502 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

6. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Water tank cleaning and repair.

- Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez stated he recently discovered the cable to the float on the water tank is disconnected. He stated since a dive team will be needed to repair the cable, he is also recommending having the tank cleaned at the same time to consolidate the work and cost. Gary presented three quotes which include cleaning and repairs. He stated his recommendation is Inland Potable at \$3,550 because they have cleaned the tank previously, and they have done a good job. He stated Inland Potable will also be available sooner than the other companies.
- Mayor Martinez asked how long it will take to complete the work, and Gary stated it is usually completed in about 4 hours so less than a full day.

Motion to approve quote from Inland Potable for water tank cleaning and repairs was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

7. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Proposal from TextMyGov for group texting alert services.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated she has been working with TextMyGov for about a year learning about their system. She stated it is a mass text system for the Village to communicate with citizens for various reasons – emergencies, utilities repairs/shut-offs, billing reminders, etc. She stated the initial cost is \$3K which includes a \$1K setup fee plus an annual fee of \$2K, which will be the fee moving forward. She stated they do offer many bells and whistles, but this quote is for the most basic program they offer.
- Mayor Martinez stated he is in favor of it because it allows faster and improved communication.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked how people will know about the program. Amber stated a notice will be sent out with billing, it will be posted on the website and notices will be posted around town. She stated it's an "opt-in" choice so people will have to register themselves, and no one will be automatically registered.

Motion to approve contract with TextMyGov for group texting alert services was made by Councilor Lopez, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

8. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Contract with Wagon Mound Bean Day Association.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated she did not prepare a draft contract, but she and the Mayor have discussed proposing the following terms: when the Bean Day Association (BDA) enters into an agreement with a contractor (bands, rodeo company, etc.), upfront costs will be invoiced directly to the Village, the Village will issue payment directly to the contractor, and BDA will be obligated to reimburse the full amount to the Village after the event.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz clarified that the Village will be acting as the BDA Fiscal Agent.
- Mayor Martinez stated the contract will allow the Village to pay upfront costs, such as down payments or deposits, up to a specified amount, and he suggested up to \$20K. He stated the Village will not issue \$20K to BDA, but rather, this will allow BDA to secure contractors utilizing Village funds with the legal obligation to reimburse the Village in full once the event has taken place and generated revenue. He stated reimbursement will be the actual amount paid by the Village, and there will not be any fees or interest charged.
- BDA President Robert Garcia clarified that the reimbursement will be the actual cost regardless of the revenue generated – BDA keeps any income over the cost but will be responsible for repaying the full cost if there is a revenue shortfall. He stated BDA will be reviewing their budget, and this contract will only be utilized as needed. He stated it will only be used to give a little leeway to have funds for operational costs leading up to the event.
- Amber agreed and stated this will be a "safety net." She stated, for example, maybe the band booked doesn't require payment until after the event, then this contract wouldn't apply.
- Robert stated after posting on Facebook, 127 bands have made contact, and 98 of them do require a deposit. He stated this arrangement would be very beneficial, and it is very appreciated.
- Amber stated Council needs to determine the dollar amount as well as a date for repayment.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated he would like the contract to be clear that the Village funds are only to be used for upfront costs. Mayor Martinez stated BDA will be responsible for reimbursing the full dollar amount the Village pays out to any contractor on behalf of BDA regardless of revenue generated.
- Robert stated BDA will be able to issue reimbursement in full one week following the event.
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt summarized the discussion: vendors will need to invoice the Village for upfront fees, the Village will pay the vendor directly, and BDA will be responsible for repayment in full by Monday, September 14, 2026. Amber stated the contract will reflect following the Village's procurement process which will require the BDA President to sign and submit a Purchase Request along with the

contract/invoice from the vendor before payment is issued. Mayor Martinez recommended the contract allow up to, but not to exceed \$20K.

Motion to approve contract with Wagon Mound Bean Day Association as recommended was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

9. *Discussion: Cleaning out and renting vacant Village building at 716 Railroad Ave.

- Mayor Martinez stated a few individuals have expressed interest in renting the old Bob Bachan building to establish a restaurant. He stated there is still a lot of stuff in there that needs to be cleared out. He stated there is metal that can be sold as scrap, and other items that have historic value that could be put on display, and/or he stated someone from Fort Union National Monument may want to take a look at it.
- The Mayor stated the Utilities Superintendent unlocked the building for them to take a look this morning, and he asked how it went. Gary stated they are very interested, and they are hoping to meet with the Mayor to ask about the kind of food to serve and what times are best to be open. If approved in the future, the Mayor stated, the Village will be renting the building not furnishing it.
- The Mayor stated a wall may need to be built to section off the Village's storage space in the back where the wood floor ends.
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt asked what is needed for that building to pass a health department inspection, and she stated her thought is that if the Village is going to enter into a contract, it will need to outline what work the Village will perform and the work for which the renter will be responsible.
- The Mayor stated his thinking is the Village can rent the building, but all work necessary to get it into the condition they want will be their responsibility. Gary stated when he spoke with them, they sounded willing to do the work to make it feasible for their needs. The Mayor stated the Village may consider offering a break on the rent if they are willing to do the work.

VIII. Monthly Reports

A. *Approval Item –Approval of Vouchers (payment to vendors)

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the payment to Northeastern Enterprises was approved earlier, and all other checks issued reflect regular monthly and annual payments including the annual fee to New Mexico One Call. Amber stated the payment to SECOR to recalibrate the electrofusion machine as required for compliance was discussed last month. She stated payment has not yet been issued, the invoice is for \$1,299.15, and it will be approved with the March vouchers.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked if it is possible to show a total for each category. He stated he would like to know how much money is remaining in each. Amber stated this report won't show that because it is a voucher report. She stated bank statements show the actual dollar amount in each account, or the Revenue & Expenditure report will show what is being spent and what is brought in. She stated the quarterly budget reports show those totals as well.

Motion to approve payment of February vouchers was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Utility Delinquent List – Deputy Clerk

- Active – 13 letters sent with delinquent total of \$1,233.34 and due date of February 23rd. All payments were received on time for a total of \$1,580.62.
- Inactive – 6 accounts, 3 with active addresses and a total delinquency of \$649.81.

C. Utility Superintendent – Utility Superintendent

- Water – Chlorine is at 0.12mg/L which is low because it is still cold, and as the temperature rises, it will be bumped up to kill off any bacteria present. The Utilities Assistant attended a water and wastewater class at Luna in preparation for the water certification test. Gary stated, he believes he can apply to take the test now, and after attending the conference in April, he should be ready to take the test. The Mayor asked the Superintendent to look into the timeline to ensure the Assistant will be able to take the test as soon as possible.
- Wastewater – Took first quarter wastewater samples last week for testing, took tests for wastewater certification.
- Natural Gas – Sent the electrofusion machine in for recalibration and have already received it back.

D. MVD Reports – MVD Manager

- February – 56 Transactions with 9 exams given for total of \$4,141.55.

E. Mora County Sheriff's Office Report

- Interim Sergeant Coca reported on behalf of Sheriff Padilla.
 - February – responded to 187 calls for service throughout the county, and deputies issued 189 citations
 - Recently lost the Grant Specialist position which handled grant related administrative work
 - One new deputy, Joshua Martinez, has been hired and started Monday, and a School Resource Officer was also recently hired.
 - In March, they will be conducting traffic saturation patrols as well as DWI check points in conjunction with NM State Police in ongoing efforts to address impaired driving and increasing safety.
 - Two deputies recently attended Field Training Officer (FTO) training so they are now prepared to supervise and train new deputies.
 - MCSO recently assisted Wagon Mound Fire Department in a wildland fire that grew to approximately 1,300 acres and resulted in a temporary closure of NM 120 to allow fire personnel to safely conduct fire suppression operations.
 - Mayor Martinez stated he thought it was only about 300 acres, and Fire Chief Timothy Cruz stated it was 1,200 acres.
 - MCSO remains committed and stated to just let them know if anything is needed.
- Mayor Martinez asked who filed to run for Sheriff in the upcoming election, and Interim Sergeant Coca stated he believes it will be Americk Padilla, Roy Vigil Cordova and Michael Benjamin.

F. Housing Authority – Northern Regional Housing Authority

- Absent

G. Wagon Mound Fire Department – Fire Chief

- Fire Chief Timothy Cruz clarified that Forestry performed a GPS assessment of the extent of the burn referenced in the MCSO report, and it was determined to be 1,200 acres. He stated the texting system would be useful in emergencies such as this one. The Fire Chief stated there were people from town driving around to see what was happening, and that is not a good idea because they were in the way of operations. He stated he isn't certain how to stop it from happening, but it could cause an accident.
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano suggested having a unit stay back for traffic control until DOT or Law Enforcement is onsite. She and the Mayor stated the text alert can also include a message to stay clear of the area.
- Fire Chief Cruz stated WMFD is seeking grant writing services because the State Fire Marshal is requiring the purchase of a pumper/tender truck. He stated 411 Equipment has one for \$650K.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested utilizing the grant writing assistance offered by North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. The Deputy Clerk stated she will provide the Chief with their contact information.
- The Fire Chief stated Sandoval's Auto repaired the forestry truck. He stated he wasn't sure if the Village had received the invoice and wanted to ensure it got paid. The Mayor and Amber stated it was paid about two weeks ago.
 - Amber stated some batteries were purchased and picked up at San Miguel Supply, and she asked the Fire Chief to remind the firefighters that they need to submit those receipts to the Administrative Assistant. She stated Village staff wasn't sure where the charge came from and had to track it down.
- Fire Chief Cruz stated the State Fire Marshal is requiring them to run out of both the Main Station and the Substation, and he stated they will be moving through the Garcaville area. He stated he will try to slow them down, but he stated when we need to be somewhere, we're going to get somewhere.
 - Citizen Jason Garcia stated it is within city limits, and he doesn't believe they have the right to be driving 80 miles an hour through town, even though they are emergency vehicles. He stated it's better to arrive late than never.
 - The Fire Chief stated they will be as safe as possible, but they will go where they need to go.
 - Interim Sergeant Coca stated as long as they are safe and clearing intersections, etc, they need to do what they need to do, just not at 100 miles per hour.
 - Citizen Grace Garcia suggested posting a speed limit sign, and the Fire Chief stated that will not make them slow down.

- Mayor Martinez stated common sense needs to be applied, and everyone needs to be careful - emergency responders and citizens. He stated it's about being safe while traveling to the emergency. He stated, for example, if an emergency vehicle takes a turn too fast and flips, then they will not be able to respond to the emergency.
- Fire Chief Cruz stated most people move out of the way and responders go around. He stated it is mostly safe, but he wants people to be aware that they will be running out of the Substation now.
- Citizen Robert Garcia, Jr stated it isn't just about speed, the weight of the fire trucks can cause a lot of damage. He stated taking 30 seconds longer to get off the dirt road from the Substation, it will not make a significant difference in stopping a fire. He stated it's the same situation with turning onto 120 from Catron Ave because there is a blind spot with the curve coming from the school. He stated when he was serving with WMFD, they would just go through that intersection taking for granted that people would stop. He stated that 30 seconds is not going to make a difference, and he hopes it's something that will be considered. He acknowledged that it's very difficult because you do want to get there as quickly as possible, but it could make all the difference in terms of hitting someone.
- Fire Chief Cruz stated he believes the speed is reducing because he's the one going out first, and he stated he will do his best to have responders slow down.
- Citizen Jason Garcia stated the Fire Department can be a lawsuit on the Fire Department too. He stated his mom was involved in a near miss with the brush truck as it went through the intersection at Catron and 120, and the Fire Chief asked if the lights were on. Citizen Robert Garcia Jr stated she was in the intersection, and he again acknowledged that spot is difficult due to the blind curve.
- Fire Chief Cruz stated when incidents like this occur, he needs to know the date and the circumstances so he can address it.
- Amber stated staff at Village Hall has observed responders flying by on Catron Ave, and she stated it is scary because there have been customers parking or getting out of their vehicles. She stated everyone understands there are emergencies, and emergency personnel have the right of way. However, she stated it is scary when responders are traveling at high speeds in their own vehicles as well as the emergency response vehicles. She stated an accident will land on the Village.
- Mayor Martinez asked Interim Sergeant Coca if it is legal to be speeding in your personal vehicle (POV) to get to the Fire Station. Interim Sergeant Coca stated speeding in your POV is a big issue, and it will be the responsibility of the individual. He stated he is also a volunteer firefighter, and the bigger trucks are hard to bring to a complete stop. He stated you never know, and you want to avoid any kind of accident.
- Amber stated there are many blind spots throughout town, and she is concerned that a responder reporting to the Station could take out someone on a side street. She stated she is pleased to hear citizens speaking their concerns. She stated no one wants to see someone get hurt, and she stated we all want to see WMFD responding to emergencies. But, she asked, if the responder ends up injured, who will care them?
- Mayor Martinez stated the consequences are not in our favor, and he stated caution needs to be used as much as possible, especially while in town.
- Citizen Gabriel Maestas asked for the date of the next Fire meeting so citizens can address their concerns in-person. The Fire Chief stated he the next business meeting will be held on the first Thursday in April. He stated he will share the concerns before then, but it is helpful to hear from citizens directly.
- Interim Sergeant Coca stated WMFD is always good at responding, and he reiterated using caution. He stated this is the first he has heard of these concerns, and it is good to hear because concerns can't be addressed if they are not known.

H. Bean Day Association – President

- BDA President Robert Garcia Jr stated they posted an advertisement and received many responses from interested bands. He stated they have also been speaking with people interested in sponsorship.
- Robert stated the mud bog contractor is wanting \$2,500 more than last year, and the rodeo company wants to go up \$1,000, which was anticipated from communication last year. He stated a new rodeo contractor out of Texa, Pecos Witners, contacted him, and expressed interest in putting the Bean Day Rodeo on a senior (40+) circuit with each event drawing 80-100 participants. He stated this would mean a larger draw of people to Bean Day, but the cost is approximately \$15K plus 150 bails of hay. He stated this will need to be discussed with the BDA and the Village due to the volume.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano asked how many contestants the current vendor draws, and Robert stated a total of about 130 for all events combined.
- Robert stated Mr. Winters provided him with mock contracts detailing one with an open rodeo, and one for the NSPRCA (senior circuit) with a ranch rodeo incorporated to include local and younger participants.
- Mayor Martinez asked if he provided projections for the revenue this kind of rodeo would bring in. Robert stated in other locations that have the amenities to support the volume of people, the revenue is often double the cost of the contract. Amber asked if they are aware of the Village's circumstances, and Robert stated he did explain that the Village does not have the accommodations, etc.
- Mayor Martinez asked if BDA will do away with the mud bogs if it's a 3-day rodeo. Robert stated it still needs to be determined because in the past, the mud bogs often generates the most revenue.
- A discussion ensued regarding revenue generated by the mud bogs as compared to the rodeo, the cost of the current rodeo contractor and the fee charged at the gate. Robert stated these details will be discussed at the BDA meeting on Saturday.
- Amber stated at one point the Village had discussed the idea of installing RV hookups at the rodeo grounds, and the Mayor stated he thinks it's a great idea. He stated they could be setup where the mud bogs take place because the sewer main runs through that area, and there are water and electricity close by so it wouldn't take much to get the utilities installed. Robert asked about the timeline for that kind of project, and the Mayor stated it would take at least a year. Amber and Robert both commented that this could give both the Village and the BDA a goal for future years.

IX. Old Business

- None

X. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor stated Amber and Senior Center employee, Rita Armijo, will be going to Albuquerque tomorrow to attend a workshop for Senior Center operations. He stated this is the first of a series of trainings, and if all goes as planned, the Village will be taking over Senior Center operations on July 1st.
 - Amber stated the Village is still waiting to hear from AAA the award decisions from the RFP process.
- The Mayor stated the Village is also waiting to hear from the USDA regarding purchasing a new passenger van and a meal delivery truck with the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds.
 - Colleen stated these funds were awarded in FY23 through Senator Ben Ray Lujan's office, and the original request was to complete the construction of the facility. She stated the Village then secured Capital Outlay funds to complete the building so the entire scope of the CDS funds had to be changed. She stated the Village recently submitted a letter requesting the vehicle purchase, and while we have not heard an official response, it seems favorable that it will be approved.
 - The Mayor stated if there are any remaining funds, the goal is to purchase shades for the windows.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Preo Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Approved and attested this 14th Day of April 2026.



 Andres Martinez, Mayor

Attest: 

 Amber L. Anguiano, Clerk-Treasurer

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