Village of Wagon Mound
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – 6PM
Presiding Mayor Andres Martinez

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 Claudia M. Martinez , Councilor F. Luis Lopez, and Councilor Corey E. Muniz were present.

III. *Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Lopez, seconded by Councilor C Martinez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. *Approval of Minutes for:
A. Regular Meeting Minutes August 11, 2026
Motion to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Councilor C Martinez, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

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

- Citizen Inez May - I noticed your agenda didn't have anything about those Flock cameras, and I understand you might be discussing with them about two more cameras in town?
  - Mayor Martinez - We've actually discussed about putting readers. We've got ones coming off the north and south interstate, and we've got one coming from Roy. Then we're thinking of putting one coming from Ocate, and one on the old highway going south and one going north. And then we thought of putting some cameras right there on the corner of Railroad and Aguilar, and one where the other reader's at by the school. But that's it, we haven't had any communications.
- Citizen May - One big question, why?; Mayor Martinez - For the safety of the community, pretty much.
- Citizen May - Because I would suggest not putting any, but the one by school. Anybody who has any computer sense can hack into lots of stuff they don't need to have information about, especially our kids.
- Mayor Martinez - And one of the reasons that we started this in the first place is because we don't have any officers here. In case something happens in the community, say with a stolen car, because once they get detected, it goes straight to the state police and Mora County. And like I said, being that we don't have any type of law enforcement here, like 24-7, that would assist us if anything was to happen to try and catch whoever did it or at least have an idea of who might have done it.
- Citizen May - So, have you signed contracts or not?; Mayor Martinez – Yes.
- Citizen May - Okay, so as far as our Fourth Amendment right to privacy, in your contract, does it have any way out of the contract if you get sued about your Fourth Amendment?
- Mayor Martinez - We could drop it whenever we want. They could drop us or we could drop them. There's nothing there that says we have to stay with them.
- Citizen May - What about lawsuits about being wrongfully prosecuted? Because I've seen Facebook and all this social media stuff, where people are. This lady had a bracket around her license plate, you know, with the dealer's name on it, and it was twisted and broke. She's a blonde lady with this car, and there was another blonde lady stealing packages off porches. She ended up 12 days in jail with no warrant or anything because they misread the Flock camera. And so, I'm just thinking about all the different circumstances as far as who am I going to sue if I get thrown in jail?
- Mayor Martinez - See, that's the problem is everybody's all hyped up about everything that's going on in the big cities with these cameras and getting stopped by police and all this other stuff that's going on. I could see a concern in a big city, but here where everybody knows it's...; Citizen May - Why do we need them here?; Mayor Martinez - For security. That's what I just told you.
- Citizen May - Does your contract have anything about heat mapping? I don't know if it's spelled H-E-A-T or H-A-E, an acronym for something. It is people tracking you and your business, your routines. An example I gave my dad: my aunt takes off and nobody knows where she's at. You call the state, 'Oh, she went north. She turned off here. She turned off there.' She does that every Friday. She goes to Vegas every Tuesday.

She goes to here, she goes to there. They know exactly, they can follow her on her every path, every day, all the week or month. Why would we want that in this small little town?

- Mayor Martinez - Well, I don't think we have that.
- Citizen May - It can be. Anything can be upgraded. Everything can be updated and hacked. Everything. You have police that are, you know, not all police are good. They're having people watch their old girlfriends or boyfriends. Watching where they're going, who they're seeing, different scenarios. I don't like them knowing where I go every Wednesday.
- Mayor Martinez - No, I understand where you're coming from. And everybody has that right. Like I say, the only readers that we have right now is at the school, they'll get you there, and if you're coming in and out of the interstate. Other than that, we don't have any more, and we haven't added any more. Because, like I say, we've been in a conversation with them, but we're nowhere close to adding anymore because they can't get certain things going. If they don't get it going, we're not going to do it. We're just going to keep the ones that are there, and that's because of the safety of the community.
- Citizen May - Also with warrants, there are no warrants needed to get this information. They can prosecute you for it, but no warrants, from what I understand. And the federal government has total access to any cameras that are out there.
- Mayor Martinez - They have cameras for everything. If we had law enforcement here, it'd be a different situation. No, we wouldn't need it. But see, if somebody comes in and they do read that somebody in that car is wanted or whatever, they'll show up here because they know that car is down here.
- Citizen May - And, one last thing. All this stuff I've been checking out, I know exactly what kind of Rust-Oleum paint I can use so it can't read my license plate. I know the name and size of the bolt that holds the cameras onto the poles. I know the Sawzall blade I need to cut them down. I know how to use a pellet gun, not a pistol, to shoot them. All that kind of stuff, but it's just added information. I'm just curious. Thank you.

VI. Comments or Concerns of Council

- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz - Have you heard anything about people suggesting what to do with the buildings?
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt – Nothing has been submitted, just interest. People have wanted to view the building or had questions, but nothing has been received.

VII. Business Matters

1. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Mora County establishing early voting precinct in Wagon Mound.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt - I left a letter from Mora County up on your guys' table. The County Clerk wanted to be here tonight. Unfortunately, it is flooding up there, and she wasn't able to make it. The Mayor had a discussion earlier in the year, and I think he even presented it to Council for the potential of having an early voting precinct here in Wagon Mound. They had to get it registered with the state, so it's set up and it's online. It is set for being open Tuesdays and Thursdays only matching our office hours, 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. They are looking to hire an election official, and Vivian told me they've had three or four applicants express interest. She is going to select someone by the end of the week so they can conduct the training next week. This would start on October 6th and run through Saturday, the 31st.

Motion to approve establishing an early voting precinct in Wagon Mound was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. <u>(Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor</u>.

2. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Accept payments to Sandoval's Auto for F350, backhoe, dump truck and fire truck repairs.

- Mayor Martinez – The F350 was $1,021.55, the backhoe was $1,695.33, the dump truck is $2,676.80, and the fire truck is $1,623.57.
  - F350/Trash Truck - One of the summer employees put gas instead of diesel, and we had to bring him in to flush the whole system to get that done.
  - Backhoe - We had to get it repaired on Wednesday right before Bean Day.
  - Dump Truck – Remember we approved a dump trailer for $13K? We were going to finance it and pay on a lease program. Well, nobody wanted to do it as a municipality. They would only do it for an individual. Gary got us up to par with the dump truck, and we ended up taking it to Sandoval. Instead of spending $13K on a trailer, we're going to spend $2,600, and we'll pretty much have the same thing.
    - Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez - He serviced it. The filters, oil and hydraulic fluid. He did all the suspension, the suspension block, and it had an air leak on the PTO for the brakes so he's just figuring out the shifting because it was catching high but wasn't catching low. It's almost ready.

- Fire Chief Cruz - He did the key work on the fire truck, but it's still out of commission because we need a starter for it. He's going to order it, and he'll let me know when he can come and put that in.

Motion to approve payments to Sandoval's Auto was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

3. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase materials for pothole repairs utilizing NMDOT Cooperative grant funds (L400690).

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt - Back in April, we approved utilizing these funds to purchase these materials. I apologize. I dropped the ball and did not get these quotes submitted until this meeting. The funds expire at the end of this year, and it's my understanding that we need to use most, if not all, of the materials by the end of the year. In speaking with the mayor, we were looking at asphalt patch for potholes as well as road base for larger holes and filling in the alley ways. The ones that need it are really in need and will require quite a bit. The asphalt patch comes in bags. You dump it in the hole, smooth it out, drive over it, and it seals it in there. Driving around town, there are a lot of places that could use quite a bit so I think it's going to be put to good use. We received $50K, and we thought allocating it with $30K for the asphalt patch and $20K for the road base. We have three quotes for the asphalt patch – Rock Asphalt at $29,946, NAC Supply at $29,412 and Granger at $29,588.69. My recommendation is Rock Asphalt because they are out of Texas, they do not charge for delivery, the material is high quality, they offer a 3-year warranty, and we'll get more material for about the same price. We got a quote from Joey May for the road base at $20K which includes 400 yards of material and delivery.
- Mayor Martinez – Did you get any other quotes?; Colleen – I did not; Mayor Martinez – So do we have to do that, procurement?; Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano – Yes.
  Mayor Martinez - Okay. So we can approve the patch material, we'll have to wait on the road base until we have 3 quotes because they're two different things, correct?; Colleen - Right.

Motion to approve the Rock Asphalt and table the road base decision until three quotes are availabe was made by Councilor C Martinez, seconded by Councilor Muniz. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

4. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Extend term of part-time seasonal Administrative employee.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano – We're requesting to keep Ms. Larae Vasquez-Romero on still working her same hours, still temporary and still part-time at about 20-some hours a week. She has really been helping out with a lot of the workload that's happening, especially in my case, where she's doing smaller tasks and helping the ladies in the front. We would keep her at her same hours, just extending kind of as needed basis.
- Mayor Martinez - Amber needs a lot of help right now. Not only is doing stuff for the village, but she also has the senior center. And we also have the housing now under our umbrella. We've got to make sure that we kind of try and help her out as much as we can because that's a lot of work for one person. Even though the other two ladies are pitching in as well, Colleen and Jena have their stuff too. Larae goes in and helps Amber or if somebody needs something she's been a really big help. I hope you all approve.
- Councilor C Martinez - Does she have a contract?; Amber – No, we're just keeping her on the same if approved.
- Councilor C Martinez – Do you have a timeframe?
- Amber – I don't have a timeframe right now. I kind of want to see what's going to happen with the job posting of the ED for the housing; Councilor C Martinez - You can put it as an at-will or as long as you need her as long as funding permits.
- Mayor Martinez – We can just keep her on and bring it back once we get everyone where they need to be.

Motion to approve extending term of part-time seasonal Administrative employee was made by Councilor C Martinez, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

5. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Contracts for Senior Center Substitute and Senior Center/Utilities Substitute.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - in your package, you guys got two contracts, and the first one is for Anikaua Armijo who has already been filling in a sub-employee at the Senior Center because of circumstances with our head cook having to be out due to family emergency and her own reasons. Ms. Armijo is only called in when needed. She has her food handler's card. For the other contract, Ben Armijo, Jr already has a food handlers card, and he does know a lot of the Senior Center operations. We have not

used him at the Senior Center yet, but we just need to have backup in case the first sub is not available. He also is going to stay on as a Utilities substitute as well. He was one of our seasonal employees this summer. For the contract purpose, the contract employees will be $15 an hour because of course they're on an as-needed basis. Both contract employees will need to complete the defensive driving course because they're using our vehicles just to make sure we're working with our insurance.

Motion to approve contracts for Senior Center Substitutes and Utilities Substitute was made by Councilor C Martinez, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

6. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Reimbursements from Wagon Mound Housing Authority (WMHA) to Village of Wagon Mound.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - As you know, we were going through the debacle with the bank to try to get everything where the Village could access the bank. We have since been able to do that as of last week, so you guys are officially signers and can sign checks. What I want to do from this point forward is we will continue to pay out of Village funds, and then at our monthly meetings we'll request those reimbursements. Of course if there are big purchases, we'll get those approved for the reimbursement, and then we won't pay for things until that comes. Since July, when we took it over, I have been allocating time for housing, and we need to get reimbursed for payroll, gasoline, supplies, utilities, because, of course, their bills have still been coming in. The total reimbursement request for July would be $967.70, and then for August, our total reimbursement request would be $5,250.01.
  - We made a payment to their auditor because we're completing their audit, as well as ours.
  - Unfortunately, La Jicarita services were shut-off on 9-14. The bills weren't going to their PO Box, although they were addressed there, they were going to Las Vegas to Northern Regional. I got in contact with them today so we could switch over to the Village as the account holder. We have checks that are about to be ready this week that will get paid out to them. I'm not aware if those bills have the disconnect fees, but I know we're going to have to pay that charge so they can reconnect the services.
  - As Northern Regional has been getting any documentation or bills, they forward it to us. It's been a long time trying to get things together and deal with all of it, but that's where we are with that. Are you guys comfortable with that process of every month we would just approve what our expenses are?
- Mayor Martinez – On a monthly basis, yes
- Amber - After this, I'll write a check, you'll sign and that will go back to the Village.
- Coucnilor C Martinez - Are you going to keep it that way when you hire a director?
- Amber - We can talk about that when we get to the housing update. We plan to move the housing account to our bank. That way everything is streamlined, and we're not dealing with this transfer. For right now, this is the cleanest way for us to track what is being paid. We have also added, housing to our accounting system so we can track rent payments and all of that.
- Councilor C Martinez - So are you looking at just opening a separate account that's housing, or are you just looking at tracking it separately through your general fund?
- Amber – Eventually, it will be all of the current accounts plus the Wagon Mound Housing account. Right now, we're just tracking it separately through the general fund so we can manage those reimbursements in order to get our money back for everything that we've been paying out.
- Mayor Martinez – May I have a motion to reimburse from WMHA to the Village of Wagon Mound in the amount of $967.70 and $5,250.01 for a total of $6,217.71.

Motion to approve reimbursements from WMHA to Village of Wagon Mound was made by Councilor C Martinez, seconded by Councilor Lopez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

7. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Job descriptions for Wagon Mound Housing Authority.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - The first one is for the maintenance employee, and we already hired the prior maintenance staff. This is so we have a job description on file, because when we processed that, we did not. Sorry that you just got this today, but please review it to see if you want to take, add, or if it looks good.
- Mayor Martinez - We had approved hiring Perfecto Olguin to do this, and I met with him yesterday. We went over and checked all the stuff that he has and everything he needed. I went ahead and went to Vegas yesterday and bought him the stuff he needed from BTU. Amber met with him today, and they reviewed all the housing and all the equipment as well, and seems to be pretty good, no?

- Amber - So the maintenance job description, is just going to reflect what we already approved for Perf, and then of course I just went in with major responsibilities. If you guys see something that doesn't pertain to us, we can remove it, or if you see that there's something we should add, we can also do that. I kept his salary, his hours and dates as they had been approved; Mayor Martinez – I think it looks good.
- Amber – For the Executive Director job description, it is really long, but it's an important position. It will be a full-time position. I didn't put Reports To or Salary, so you guys can determine that and review the rest.
- Mayor Martinez - Well, we need to make sure that everything that's in there is going to be followed because we do have to report back to HUD. As far as salary goes, I don't know how much we have to offer, but Claudia has been on the housing board, so you might give us a little bit of insight.
- Councilor C Martinez - I believe we were paying $25 an hour, but that was several years ago. Maybe you could put salary dependent upon experience; Mayor Martinez – Maybe we should put a range.
- Councilor C Martinez - We can approve a range, but what I would put on the posting is "dependent upon experience." Then you could come back and decide whether it's appropriate or not for the person you hire. Housing has the funding to pay for a full-time employee, I'm sure.
- Citizen Inez May - When I worked there, it was 20 hours a week. They kept it part-time because they didn't want to pay federal benefits. I don't know if that's something to look into, whether it's city or federal benefits.
- Amber - It's not operating the way it used to. It'll be our benefits because they're Village employees.
  Councilor C Martinez - I just don't see not giving somebody full-time with benefits with this kind of work. I think a full-time position would bring you somebody that can fulfill these responsibilities. For 20 hours, you're going to get a smaller pool of people, and offering a full-time position with benefits for somebody here, being that they have the funding, I don't see why we wouldn't want to do that. We want to make sure it's running correctly and efficiently from now forward. If you have somebody that's fairly compensated with a full-time benefitted, you probably will keep somebody.
  Mayor Martinez - No, exactly. We want to make sure we run it right and get the right person so we can keep it under our umbrella, just like the senior center. And then we're going to put it out all over. You never know. You might get somebody that wants to move back home and take this position.
- Amber – And, who do you want them to report to?; Mayor Martinez – You.

Motion to approve the WMHA Maintenance and Executive Director job descriptions was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Muniz. <u>(Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor</u>.

8. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Post notice to hire Wagon Mound Housing Authority Executive Director.
- Amber – How long do we want to post notice?; Mayor Martinez – For 30 days starting tomorrow.
- Councilor C Martinez – Do you want to put 30 days or until filled?
- Mayor Martinez – Yeah, we can do that. And, like I say, do it for all major New Mexico newspapers.

Motion to approve posting the WMHA Executive Director position for 30 days or until filled was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Councilor C Martinez. <u>(Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor</u>.

9. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase Requests for Wagon Mound Fire Department.
- Fire Chief Timothy Cruz – First, we have a quote for bunker gear. It's everything from head to toe, and we're getting 14 sets, including boots, for a total of $61,233. We're getting an extra set in case we get somebody else. Anybody after that, they get 1989 gear until we actually get them something to do with us. We have three guys with foot size 16, and there will likely be an additional charge for their boots. They'll let us know once they come out for the fitting. Next, we're buying battery operated extrication equipment because we do have a hydraulic one, but it needs to be repaired. The new equipment is going to be Hurst Jaws of Life, and it will include the cutter, the spreader and the ram equipment for a total of $34,029. For the older one, we need to get it into Albuquerque, and I need to talk to you guys about how we need to do that. I'm talking to the gentleman now, and he says if we can get it to him, he'll look at it. I told him, well, you can't fix it. We've got to get a quote before you can fix it. You can't just start fixing something and then send us a bill because that will come back to haunt us. He said, yes, if we can bring it in, he can find out what's wrong. Because we have the rescue truck, which has a generator in it, and we're going to see if we can find a way to put hydraulic fluid into that somehow. That way we don't have to worry about any of that stuff anymore, and that will be our backup. We know that's going to cost some money, but we still need to do something like that.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt - Before you move on to the radios, I want to point out both of those quotes are from Artesia, and they are on a state contract so we're good to go there.
- Fire Chief Cruz – Now, our radios, we're going to get the BK9000, and the quote shows the charges in detail for each piece, and the total is $82,569.18. This includes all our radios, and we're getting three car radios. The radio in R1 is not working anymore, we're going to put one in my vehicle, and then we need a new one at base because that one also went out. We're also in the process of working with the same company to see if they can put a booster somewhere here so when we need a call-out, we can hit it here and then hit the Turkeys. This will be better for us because at night, there are three or four of us that do not get any reception. This BK9000 should work anywhere. It's a much better radio because to get them all programmed, we only take one in. Then all we have to do is put it up against the other ones, and it automatically programs them to what we need. They're going to show us how to do all that.
- Councilor C Martinez - Does this include a contract for repairs or maintenance after the purchase
- Fire Chief Cruz - I think they have warranty. They'll give us all that, and I'll find out for sure. When we first get them, we have 60 days to get them programmed and ensure they're working. We may need to look at a maintenance contract because they only work for a certain amount of time before they need updating. That's the reason our current radios stopped working is because they need to be updated every so often, and they never were. When we went to get them updated, they were no longer in use, and we lost out. If we had been updating them, we wouldn't have to get new radios right now. We just got to find out when we have to do the updates which will be every two or three years, and that'll be easy because we don't have to take them all in.
- Mayor Martinez – The total purchase request for the Wagon Mound Fire Department is $177,831.18.

Motion to approve the WMFD purchase requests was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

10. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase Requests for Mora County Sheriff's Department.
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt – I received two requests. The first is from Pro Force Law Enforcement in the amount of $6,043. I think it is for holsters. The second is for boots for all deputies, and they're requesting it from Tactical Gear in the amount of $2,684.01. Together the total is $8,727.01 from LEPF.
- Mayor Martinez - I've reached out to them and told them that when it comes to purchasing stuff like this, I don't have a problem doing it as long as they're coming and showing their face here once in a while. I haven't seen them since Bean Day. So that's been two or three weeks? They're going to have to start doing a bit more patrolling here than they've been if they want to get stuff approved. We'll go ahead and do this one. From now on, they're not just going to send stuff in and get approved automatically.

Motion to approve the MCSO purchase requests was made by Councilor Lopez, seconded by Councilor C Martinez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor

VIII. Monthly Reports

A. *Approval Item –Approval of Vouchers (payment to vendors)
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - I think most everything is going to be our regular monthly expenses. You will see the BTU purchases, and we paid Gigawatt Electric for the fire panel monitoring. We paid for two years because we never received one of the invoices. The GGG Washes is a carwash plan to keep the vehicles clean. You guys will see all of those My Food Shed vendor names. They are a vendor for the Senior Center, and they sell New Mexico grown produce. When we set up this vendor, for whatever reason, miscommunication, the individual who initially reached out to us, somehow put me with Springer, under Colfax County Senior Citizens Inc, and then they were sending Rita the correct invoices. Until Rita and I reviewed it, we realized the invoices we were paying out were Springer's invoices. We had to get that cleaned up, and they are going to be issuing a reimbursement for all of these payments that you have seen, because those were for Springer's produce and not Wagon Mound's. Payments were also made to Fierro & Fierro, our auditors. We pay them progressively, so as they finish different parts of the audit, we make more payments.
  - While we are on Fierro & Fierro, they wanted to schedule a closeout meeting, so we're right there.

Motion to approve the August monthly vouchers was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Councilor C Martinez. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor

B. Utility Delinquent List – Deputy Clerk

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt - In August, we had nine letters sent out. Everybody paid on time. The delinquent total was $625.72, and payments received was $917.72. For inactive accounts, there's nothing to report there. Three letters sent with six accounts. Delinquent total was $649.81 and no payments received.

C. Utility Superintendent – Utility Superintendent

- The chlorine is at 0.32 mgL, which is good. It will be turned down now that it starts getting cooler. We're getting ready to start replacing housing unit meters. I think we've got, like, 16 or 17 that we have left to do. We've already replaced some, and we'll get them done for all housing units. Bean Day went pretty good for us. The town looked really good. It was actually one of the smoothest Bean Days since I've been here.

D. MVD Reports – MVD Manager

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - For August, our total transaction amount was $8,293.85, total transaction count was 65, and we had no exams. Everything is good. We're still doing appointments only.

E. Mora County Sheriff's Office Report

- Mayor Martinez - They are not here, but I'll give the floor to Mr. Benjamin, who's running for Sheriff. Sir, if you want to say some words, that way you can get out of here before you get flooded out up there, too.
- Mora County Sheriff Candidate Michael Benjamin - My name is Michael I'm the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Mora County. I get asked all the time why I decided to run. It's been a while since I've been in law enforcement. I'm learning about this side of the county. On our side of the county drugs are a big issue. One of the other big issues that hasn't been resolved since the fires is the lack of preparation for flooding and evacuations, and they're dealing with that in spades today. That's what got me into the race. That is going to be a primary focus of the Sheriff's Department moving forward. I guess with regard to Wagon Mound and your concerns, I don't want to get into the issue of Flock cameras. I think we'll get some questions about that eventually. Real quick, I agree with your concerns in terms of privacy, but the Mayor's right, they are an effective tool, especially when you don't have personnel in the area. So how do you mitigate that? You put in place policies that require an enormous amount of administrative review with required utilization. Then you implement and you enforce those policies. One of my big concerns would be misuse by personnel that have access to it. How do we patrol this side of the county? That's been a question since I started back in '98. Right now the department is allocated nine deputies or eight deputies and one sheriff. I've sat down and created patrol schedules. It gives more than enough personnel to provide adequate patrol on that side and swing at least one or two deputies a week to the east side of the county. Long term, I think there's potential to work with the Mayor and Council to look at submitting COPS grants. A big part of this is going to be how much service do you guys want? Do you want full-time law enforcement in this side of the county? Do you not? Is a couple deputies coming three or four days a week and hanging around for three or four hours on this side of the county adequate? It's going to entail a conversation between myself, the Mayor and the community and determining your needs and then how do we meet those needs. I don't like the idea that a guy's going to come down here and cruise around the town, cruise around Watrous and then fly back to Mora. That's not effective. It allows anybody who's engaged in any criminal activity to pattern the deputy. It needs to be randomized, it needs to be consistent, it needs to be go to Watrous, come back to Wagon Mound, go eat up in Springer if you're going to do that, and then come back. And you need irregular shift hours as well. It can't be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to four o'clock because again, they start to develop patterns. There needs to be a conversation about what your expectations are and what your needs are. I'm the type of person that if I can get it done, I'll tell you I can get it done. If it's beyond what the Sheriff's Department is capable of, I'm going to tell you that as well. I'm not going to, excuse my French, but for lack of a better word, BS you guys into something that we can't provide. I think based on the number of deputies that are allocated and based on my conversation with the Mayor, it's more than feasible, to accommodate the needs of the Village. There's some caveats to that. You have a high turnover rate within the Sheriff's Department, and it depends on what personnel's at what you can get done and what you cannot. I've got 12-13 years of experience primarily with the Sheriff's Department. I've served in every role there from undersheriff, patrol, narcotics, investigations. I did a lot of everything. Served on the school board for a few years. I run my own business up in Mona. I've authored, I think, six grants totaling well over a million dollars that have come in both to private and government entities. I am an open book. If anybody has questions or concerns, if I can answer them, I will. If I can't, I'll get you an answer. And

most importantly, everything's not going to get fixed overnight. I don't make any promises other than I'll show up, I'll try, and I'll work with you guys. Again, if anybody has questions, please feel free to ask me.

F. Wagon Mound Fire Department – Fire Chief

- Fire Chief Timothy Cruz – Just a reminder, that Engine 3 will need to have the starter replaced. I will be bringing a PO for the AED pads, the seven of them that we need to have because they're all expired. We're getting a new generator at the fire department, which I knew nothing about. When I talked to the gentleman, he said it had been two years that they started doing this, and he got ahold of David, with Mora County, for me. Now David's actually calling me and letting me know when stuff's happening. So at least now we'll have an idea of when stuff is happening. So far, one electrician was already here to put boxes up, and another one is coming in to put the wire in so they'll need to get in the building. Then in about a month, they're going to be bringing the generator itself, setting it up, and they'll need to get back in there. I want to schedule the AED training class for the Village. An afternoon would be good for me. Once you guys are certified in that, we'll get an AED here.
  - Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - Can we get one for the senior center, and maybe one for housing?
- Fire Chief Cruz - Okay, so I'll need to up my order on new pads. Then, I will be going to the Chief's Conference September 24-27. I've spoken with Colleen and Jena, and I just need to know what I need to do to make sure it's all taken care of before I leave on Thursday morning.
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt – We'll make sure to take care of that before you leave.

G. Wagon Mound Housing Authority – Executive Director

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - Last week I was able to finalize everything so we have access to the bank account now. We'll be submitting the paperwork for the revenues and expenditures and probably the invoices too. That way we know how much the reimbursement will be. We print straight from our system that way you guys can see line item by line item. Perf started work on Monday. Today we went into the vacant units to see what's going on with those. There's a couple of things that I need to clarify with HUD before we can move forward, but one of the units for sure is going to require a remodel. I told Perf he could get a scope of work so we can go out for RFP for that particular unit, get that turned around and get some families in homes. I think that's just the goal right now is I am delegating whatever time I can to each of these things just to ensure that we are up to date, up to par. I only had two tenants that were two months behind, and now they're only one month behind. We're coming along, and hopefully, we'll have some good responses with advertising for the Executive Director position.

H. Wagon Mound Senior Center – Executive Director

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano - Rita and I have been working on our reimbursement requests with our funding from state and federal. We have to submit a monthly reimbursement report, and then they pay us back. The money that we have had in the account, and have used to pay the bills, that was from the Village's allocation to the Senior Center. That was kind of like something I think that we had thought 'how do we break this down,' but Rita and I did it. I got on a call with Dayani from the state, and he was super helpful. He went through everything with us to show us where we were missing just a little, and so we should be receiving July and August soon. We will receive that with our September reimbursement. Just because everything is always due on the 5th, and since we were late figuring things out, we'll get all three reimbursements in September.

I. Bean Day Association (BDA) – President

- BDA President Robert Garcia Jr (via phone) - First of all, I want to thank you for being here. You guys helped us out tremendously. Without the Village, letting us use the old senior center, helping us out with the electricity bill, and then of course the money you guys lent us we really, really appreciate it. I think that us being successful really came through with you guys helping us out - the Village, the Fire Department, and the whole community. We really appreciate the support. We think it turned out to be a really, really good weekend for us and the community, and I hope everybody was satisfied and proud of the way that everything happened.
- Mayor Martinez – I agree. I thought it was a pretty good weekend. It's one of the best ones we've had in quite a while, actually.
- BDA President Garcia – Thank you, Mayor. We've been in contact with Amber, and she's going to invoice us so we can get that settled along with the water bill at the end of the month. I just wanted to say thank you. I think it was a very good, successful Bean Day, and we look forward to doing it next year.

- Mayor Martinez - Thank you. We appreciate working with you, and everything you guys did, all the hard work you put in to make it such a successful Bean Day. I want to congratulate you for doing a great job.

IX. Old Business

- Mayor Martinez - Colleen, myself, Amber, and Gary met with an individual from the New Mexico Water Trust Board. Colleen, if you want to speak on it?
- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt – We met with the Water Trust Board and the New Mexico Self-Insurer's Fund, who are helping facilitate. We had an opportunity to submit an application that was due last Thursday, and we found out about it the Thursday prior to Bean Day. It would have been for a request for funding the complete planning and design portions of replacing the water lines. It wouldn't have been the full $4.5M project request, but you still have to get together all of the same data and information to really put together a quality application. By the time we were able to meet with their consultant, we would have had 3 days to do it. After discussing, we realized that it would be better to hold off because there will be a new funding cycle initiated on December 1st when they will start accepting the Notice of Intent. The process is the Village will submit a Notice of Intent stating what we would like to submit for, and then I believe it was mid-January when the actual application will come out. We will submit that to be considered for funding. This round that we ended up passing on was just for the design phase, but there wouldn't have been any match requirement. This next phase that's coming up in December, we're going to have much more time to prepare for it, to work with our engineer, to work with the consultant, and for Gary and I, to work together to get all of the data that we will need. Their consultant is going to send me the questions that we can anticipate being on this next round of applications so we can really be prepared to put our best foot forward when we apply for these funds. For this next round, we can apply for funding for the design and the construction, and the only downfall is there is a required match. However, the consultant already had a couple different ways that he thinks we'll be able to navigate the match funds. We're going to need to work with our engineer. We already have a document called a Preliminary Engineering Report for this project, but it was done in 2015. We don't need to redo the report completely, but what we'll need to have the engineer review and update it, particularly costs as well as to include the work that took place in 2018 when we had the water lines replaced under the railroad. That way we can update everything to make sure that what we request on our application is valid. The consultant suggested the payment we make to the engineer to update this report can apply towards our match, and he said there will be a program to apply for a match waiver
- Mayor Martinez – He said if the community has less than 500 people, pretty much you don't have to pay the match. So that would help us out there because we couldn't afford a match for that. He said they're also going to have their people write the grant. They're pretty much going to do everything for us. We just have to provide the information, but they think that we'll be able to get the whole request to do all the water lines in town and install a new tank without us paying anything out of pocket. The guy was really positive and wants us to for this because they're really wanting to help the small communities.
- Colleen - They recognize that it's difficult for small communities to get quality contractors to bid, and once they're awarded the bid, to get them to stay on track and not pass us over for their bigger projects. Oversight is another aspect the consultant and the self-insurer's fund will assist with. It will still be the Village's project that we're managing, but they will help. It's a really neat joint effort across a couple of different agencies to help bring this money projects in rural communities.
- Mayor Martinez - The first phase would be the water, and then we can also go for the wastewater project.
- Colleen - They can't guarantee the money beyond what they currently have obligated, but they do foresee future funding will continue to be obligated as long as current funding is utilized. This is why they're so interested in getting it out to the rural communities, not only because we all need it, but the more they can expend, then the more they can keep requesting.

X. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Martinez - Last week we went to Albuquerque to purchase the new van and hot shot for the Senior Center. It's a beautiful 15-passenger van with all-wheel drive and leather seats. It's got everything. The hot shot is a four-wheel drive for the winter, but both are really nice vehicles. They're at the Senior Center if you want to stop by and see them. Today we had the Village emblem put on them, and we'll be able to start transporting seniors to do groceries or to take them to the casino once a month or whatever. I'm glad that all came through. We've had the money for five years, but it was a process of being able to use

it for that because it was supposed to be used just for inside of the Senior Center. I want to send a thank you to Ben Ray Lujan. He's the one that pushed for us.

- Deputy Clerk Colleen Engelhardt - We heard back from the Destination Forward Grant, which is the RV park, and we were awarded the funding request of $156K. We have our kickoff meeting for the grant funding tomorrow morning, and we'll kind of find out more about their expectations are of how we proceed forward. We did do quite a bit of the groundwork, so I think we're lined out to move forward.
- Mayor Martinez - The RV park will be at the Rodeo Grounds. We've already laid out where everything's going to be, so we'll be doing electrical, water, sewer and plumbing. We'll have a total of 16 spaces.
- Colleen – I think it was 8 to 10 that would have full hookups, depending on fluctuating costs. The remainder will be dry pads, but they will be set-up so when we get additional funding, we can easily connect them.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Muniz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 4-0) Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Approved and attested this 22nd Day of September 2026.

Andres Martinez, Mayor

Attest: Amber L. Anguiano, Clerk Treasurer

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