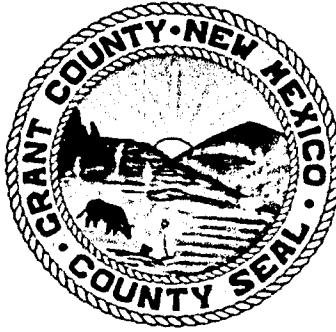




MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting March 12, 2026 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris M Ponce, Chair
Eloy H. Medina, Vice-Chair
Nancy Stephens, Member
Eddie M. Flores, Member
Thomas L. Shelley, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlene Webb, County Manager
Connie Holguin, County Clerk
Andrea Montoya, Deputy County Manager
Mary Rae McDonald, Executive Assistant
Joseph Holguin, Planning & Capital Projects Director
Roger Groves, Fire Chief
Patrick Cohn, County Treasurer
Mary Alice Murphy, Grant County Beat
Robert Whitaker, GRMC CEO
Lonnie Sandoval
Rep. Luis Terrazas
Bruce Ashburn
Senator Gabriel Ramos
Dean Williamson
Wayne Baxter
Aaron Laney
Scott Beard
John Flack
Joe Bemben
Sue Bemben

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Public Input

During this portion of our meeting, we welcome your suggestions and want to hear your concerns. This is not a question and answer period; speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. Any individual who would like to discuss an item in more depth may request to be placed on a future agenda. Request forms are available in the County Manager's Office.

No Public Input

Presentations

2026 Legislative Session Overview by Senator Gabriel Ramos, State of New Mexico

Senator Gabriel Ramos

2026 Legislative Session Overview by Representative Luis Terrazas, State of New Mexico

Representative Luis Terrazas

Gila Regional Medical Center Reports (GRMC)- Robert Whitaker, CEO

March Report

Robert Whitaker, GRMC CEO

Elected Officials' Reports

Patrick Cohn, County Treasurer

Consent Agenda

Grant County Board of Commissioners Minutes

- i. 2/10 Work Session**
- ii. 2/12 Regular Meeting**
- iii. 2/26 2nd Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Expenditure Report for the period ending March 3, 2026

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Indigent & County Health Care Claims

No Indigent & County Health Care Claims were available for March

Indigent Burial

No Indigent Burial available for March.

New Business

2026 Memorandum of Understanding - Statewide Primary Election

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Annual Service Credit Reports for Volunteer Fire Departments: Cliff/Gila, Ft Bayard, Lower Mimbres, Pinos Altos, Sapillo Creek, Tyrone, Upper Mimbres, and Whiskey Creek

Commissioner Flores **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Dissolution of the Grant County Shooting Range Advisory Board

Commissioner Flores **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ponce. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Western New Mexico Communications (WNMC) Telecommunications Tower Application Job #13040, 150-foot monopole telecommunications facility located on State Highway 211 in Cliff, Grant County, New Mexico

Commissioner Shelley **MOVED** that the Board of Commissioners approve the request for relief from the setback requirements for this tower; and the Board of Commissioners approve the application for this tower, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Approve Fire Chief and/or County Manager the authority to issue flame, fire, and burn restrictions to any extent necessary for the protection of the public and property of the

**Inhabitants of Grant County pursuant to Grant County Fire Code Ordinance No 14-02
Section 3.D**

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Resolutions

R-26-12 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR)

Commissioner Shelley **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

**Resolution R-26-13 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Colonias Infrastructure
Project: Arenas Valley Improvements Phase III - Engineering**

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Flores

Commissioner Stephens

Vice-Chair Medina

Commissioner Shelley

Chairman Ponce

**Executive Session in Accordance with NMSA 1978 10-15-1, (H)(9) Public Hospital Board
Meetings for the purpose of the Strategic and Long-Range Business Planning of Gila
Regional Medical Center (GRMC)**

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stephens. **MOTION PASSED.**

Connie Holguin, County Clerk, asked Commissioner if they were aware they were entering into Executive Session.

Chairman Ponce - YES

Vice Chair Medina - YES

Commissioner Shelley - YES

Commissioner Stephens - YES

Commissioner Flores - YES

Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

5 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

Any Action Necessary as a Result of Closed Executive Session

No action was taken and only items in accordance with NMSA 1978 10-15-1, (H) (9) Public Hospital Board Meetings for the purpose of the Strategic and Long-Range Business Planning of Gila Regional Medical Center were discussed in Executive Session.

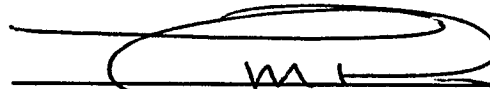
Adjournment

No other items were discussed, no other action was taken.

Chairman Ponce adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 9th, DAY OF April, 2026.

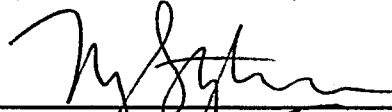
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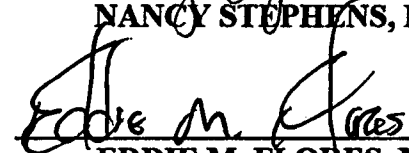
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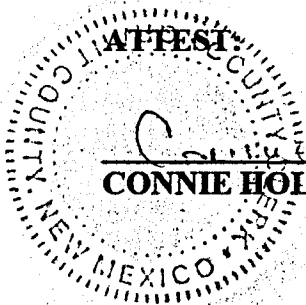
NANCY STEPHENS, MEMBER

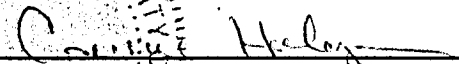


EDDIE M. FLORES, MEMBER



THOMAS L. SHELLEY, MEMBER





CONNIE HOLGUIN, GRANT COUNTY CLERK