



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION

Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting June 11, 2026 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eddie M. Flores, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlene Webb, County Manager
Connie Holguin, County Clerk
Mary Rae McDonald, Executive Assistant
Andrea Montoya, Deputy County Manager
Gabriella Orosco, Assistant Finance Director
Joseph Holguin, Planning & Capital Projects Director
Misty Trujillo, County Assessor
Patrick Cohn, County Treasurer
Raul Villanueva, County Sheriff
Scot Fuller, Emergency Manager
Anthony Bencomo, Under-Sheriff
Lt. Dustin Gnader
Joshua Galindo, Detention Center
Michael Bonenfant, Lt. Detention Center
Mary Alice Murphy, Grant County Beat
Ronne Sue Helezner
Mary Hotvedt
Lara Leavitt
Patrice Mutchnick
Donna Stevens
Lisa Crowner
Kevin Crowner
Nathaniel Gomez-Valenzuela
Jenny Ferranti
John Flack

Allyson Siwik
David Becker
Melissa Amarello
Luke Koenig

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

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 online at the Grant County website and in the County Manager's Office.

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Patrice Mutchnick

Ronne Sue Helzner

Paul Forman

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Raul Turrieta

Proclamations

250th Anniversary of American Independence — A Semiquincentennial Proclamation

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley

1 Absent: Flores

Proclamation Honoring Pinos Altos and Its Surrounding Lands as Treasured Cultural, Historical, and Ecological Assets of Grant County

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

3 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens

1 Nays: Shelley

1 Absent: Flores

Presentations

Service Award Recognitions:

- 5 Years of Service — Lt. Dustin Gnader, Detention Center
- 5 Years of Service — Corporal Sherlyn Gutierrez, Sheriff's Office

Lt. Michael Bonenfant - Lt. Dustin Gnader, Detention Center

Sheriff Raul Villanueva - Sherlyn Gutierrez, Sheriff's Office

Elected Officials' Reports

Misty Trujillo, County Assessor

Patrick Cohn, County Treasurer

Raul Villanueva, County Sheriff

Consent Agenda

Grant County Board of Commissioners Draft Minutes for:

- 5/12 Work Session
- 5/14 Regular Meeting

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley

1 Absent: Flores

Expenditure Report

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Indigent & County Health Care Claims

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Indigent Burial

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Shelley, Stephens
1 Absent: Flores

Chairman Ponce for the record, required a statement. The Executive Session was held on May 13, 2026. The Grant County Board of Commissioners and the Gila Regional Medical Board of Trustees met in a duly noticed Joint Executive Session on May 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., as authorized by New Mexico open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1(H) 9, which permits closure of those portions of public hospital board meetings where strategic and long-term business plans or trade secrets are discussed. As required by Section 10-15-1 (J) Open Meetings Act., the Board hereby states that the discussions during the closed Executive Session were limited only to matters specific in the notice of the meeting, mainly the strategic, long-range business planning of Gila Regional Medical Center. No other matters were discussed, and no action was taken in closed session.

New Business

Appointment of an ex-officio member to the County Livestock Loss Authority

Commissioner Ponce **MOVED** to Appoint Commissioner Flores to the County Livestock Loss Authority, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Commission Directive for Tu Casa Operations

Commissioners gave a directive to County Manager Webb for Tu Casa Operations.

**APIC Solutions Quote for Tu Casa Lead # 59476336400 based on State Price Agreement
00-00000-20-00093AC**

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

**Classic Industries, Inc. Proposal #08-25727R6 Grant County Fairgrounds - Bathroom &
HVAC Only Proposal, State Price Agreement #40-00000-23-0034**

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Asset Transfer from Corre Caminos to Senior Centers

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Agreements

**A-26-06 Local Driving While Intoxicated (LDWI) Grant Agreement for the County DWI
Program, 27-D-G-10**

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

**A-26-07 New Mexico Match Fund Grant Agreement - Emergency Watershed Protection
(EWP) MG26-92549**

Commissioner Ponce **MOVED** to Disapprove, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Medina. **MOTION PASSED.**

3 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens
1 Nays: Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

A-26-08 FY27 Cooperative Marketing Agreement with the State of New Mexico Tourism Department

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

A-26-09 FY27 R.I.S.E. Scope of Work

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Bids and Requests for Proposal (RFP)

RFP 26-05 Emulsified Sealing Services for Grant County

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Bid No. B-26-03; Little Walnut Road Improvements Phase II

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve Deming Excavating, Inc., **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ponce. **MOTION PASSED.**

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Resolutions

R-26-23 Grant County 2028-2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-25 Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program (WRRGP) provided by the National Fire Plan through Bureau of Land Management funds in cooperation with NMC

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-26 Authorization to Submit Airport Aid Applications – Runway 08-26 Design

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-27 Authorization to Apply for FAA/NMAD Airport Aid – Taxiway A Design

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-28 FY 2027 Per Diem Rates

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-29 Budget Adjustment Request

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

R-26-30 A Resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Meeting and Intent to Adopt Bond Ordinance No. O-26-01 in Connection with Grant County, New Mexico General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Recess as the Grant County Board of Commissioners and Convene as the Grant County Canvassing Board

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Commissioners recessed as the Grant County Board of Commissioners and convened as the Grant County Canvassing Board at 10:37 a.m.

The Grant County Board of Commissioners, acting as the County Canvassing Board, consider and approve the canvass of the election results of the June 2, 2026, New Mexico Congressional Primary Election and certify the election results - Connie Holguin, County Clerk

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Adjourn as the Grant County Canvassing Board and Reconvene as the Grant County Board of Commissioners

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

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley
1 Absent: Flores

Commissioners adjourned as the Grant County Canvassing Board and reconvened as the Grant County Board of Commissioners at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Shelley

Executive Session in Accordance with NMSA 1978 10-15-1, (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters and (H)(7) meetings subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant

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

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

Chairman Ponce - YES

Commissioner Medina - YES

Commissioner Shelley - YES

Commissioner Stephens - YES

Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

4 Ayes: Ponce, Medina, Stephens, Shelley

1 Absent: Flores

Limited Personnel Matters - Grant County Sheriff's Office

Pending/Threatened Litigation — Marcus Salas v. Board of County Commissioners of The County of Grant, Raul Villanueva, John Doe, and Alejandro Gomez, No: D-608-CV-2026-00192

Any Action Necessary as a Result of Closed Executive Session

No action was taken during Executive Session in Accordance with NMSA 1978 10-15-1, (H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters and (H)(7) meetings subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant in Limited Personnel Matters and Pending/Threatened Litigation-Marcus Salas V. Board of County Commissioners of The County of Grant, Raul Villanueva, John Doe, and Alejandro Gomez, No:D-608-CV-2026-00192

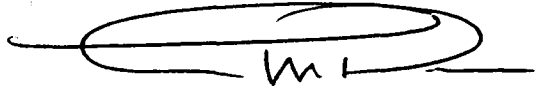
Adjournment

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

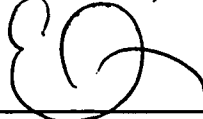
Chairman Ponce adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 9, DAY OF July, 2026.

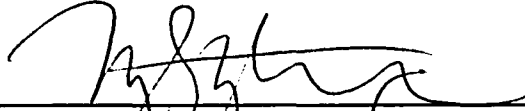
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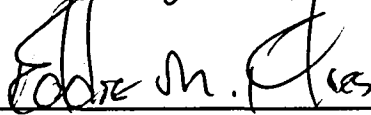
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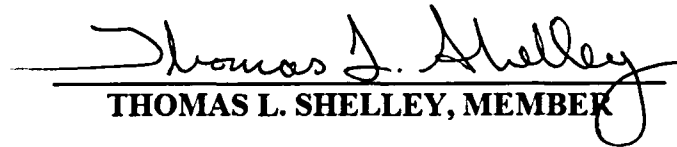
ELOY H. MEDINA, VICE CHAIR



NANCY STEPHENS, MEMBER

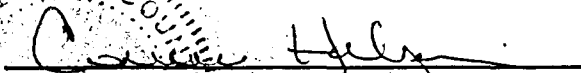
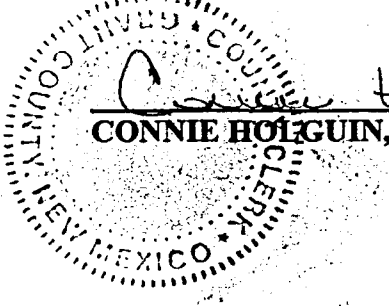


EDDIE M. FLORES, MEMBER



THOMAS L. SHELLEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:


CONNIE HOLGUIN, GRANT COUNTY CLERK