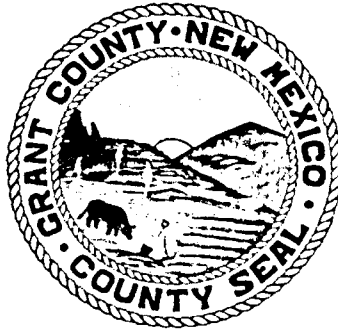




MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris M Ponce, Chairperson
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
Ben Young, County Attorney
Mary Rae McDonald, Executive Assistant
Andrea Montoya, Deputy County Manager
Joseph Holguin, Planning & Capital Projects Director
Mike Rocko, Road Department Director
Joseph Andazola, Detention Center Administrator
Patrick Cohn, County Treasurer
Roger Groves, Fire Chief
Anthony Bencomo, Undersheriff
Steve Gallegos, Captain
Raul Turrieta, Deputy Assessor
Gabriella Orosco, Assistant Finance Director
Mary Alice Murphy, Grant County Beat
Brett A. Myrick
Ron Hall
Ronnee-Sue Helzner
Deb H. Cookingham
Hugh Epping
Gerina Duncan
Ronald Oglesby
Walter Carter
Damie Nelson
Margaret Matthews
Barbara Baderman
Don Baderman

Timothy Pugh
Dora Duarte
Lupe Casares
Doris Jordan
Patricia Erickson
Tom Moore
Dorothy Moore
Krisandra Wamsley
Kathy Strange
Sheila Sherling
Bobby Sherling
Linda Brake
Douglas Lewis
Marvin Murphy
Gina Maestas
Larry Ruben
Ann Hedlund
Cheryl Speir Phillips
Karen Rothberg
Susan Rice
Steve Clark
Sharon Bookwalter
Mary Hotvedt
Bob Garrett
Joe Nerling
Janet Nerling
Linda Shay
Joe Saenz
Nicholas Saiz
Gretchen Vaughan
Carl H. Levi
Jeff Burd
Judy Ward
Christina Padilla
Grey Padilla
Elizabeth Toney
Kay Henderson
David Sweet
Kevin Hearst
Allyson Hearst
Joe Drake
Melissa Rackel
Tanya Elliott
Larry Ollivier

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Flag

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Ponce **MOVED** to Approve agenda with public input moved to after Proclamations and Presentations, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Public Input

Brett Myrick

Eric Huttar

Mary Hotvedt

Nick Byner

Joe Saenz

Ronnee-Sue Helzner

Michael Marusich

Mary Archuleta

Paul Forman

Proclamations

Proclamation Recognizing the Service and Leadership of Mary Cowan

Mary Cowan

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

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

Territorial Charter Day - 146th Anniversary for the Town of Silver City

Raul Turietta, Deputy Assessor

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

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

Presentations

15-Year Service Award Recognition — Joseph Andazola, Detention Administrator

Charlene Webb, County Manager - Joseph Andazola, Detention Administrator

Staff Introduction — Ray Pierce, USDA Wildlife Services

Ray Pierce USDA Wildlife Service

David Carrasco, District Supervisor

Mining in the Gila National Forest - Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery

Brief Overview of Ivanhoe Draft Plan of Operations — Elizabeth Toney, Silver City District Ranger of the Gila National Forest

Elizabeth Toney, SC District Ranger

Desert Southwest Pipeline project by Energy Transfer — Michael Futch, Vice President of Interstate Engineering

Lawrence Fortune

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

February Report

Unable to attend

Elected Officials' Reports

No elected officials' reports

Consent Agenda

Grant County Board of Commissioners Minutes for:

i. 1/6 Work Session

ii. 1/8 Regular Meeting

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

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

Expenditure Report for period ending February 4, 2026

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

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

Indigent & County Health Care Claims

i. February Claims

ii. Appealed Claim (originally received October 2025)

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

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

Indigent Burials

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

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

New Business

Appointment to the Gila Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Board of Trustees

Commissioner Flores **MOVED** to Appoint Tanya Elliott to the Gila Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

4 Ayes: Ponce, Stephens, Flores, Shelley

1 Abstain: Medina

Airport Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements - Grant Amendment, Recommendation of Award

Commissioner Medina **MOVED** to Approve James Hamilton Construction for the Airport Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flores. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Commitment of Local Funds for Senior Services

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

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

Agreements

A-26-02 U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Notice of Award Agreement ID: 6000037157. EWPP - Grant Co, NM. DSR 35-02-25-5048-001. Flood protection in the Mimbres Valley - Trout Fire and Flood

Commissioner Ponce **MOVED** to Approve A-26-02 U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Flood Protection in Mimbres Valley - Trout Fire and Flood contingent to receiving funding, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shelley. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFP)

No bids and requests for Proposals were received

Resolutions

R-26-05 Resolution Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators as First Responders and as critical infrastructure within the public safety framework

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

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

R-26-06 Resolution Authorizing the County to Submit an Application to the Department of Finance and Administration, local government division, to participate in the local DWI Grant and Distribution Program

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

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

R-26-07 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR)

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

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

Commissioners' Reports

Vice-Chair Medina

Commissioner Stephens

Executive Session in Accordance with NMSA 1978 10-15-1 (H-8) Real Property and Water Rights for the purpose of the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights (potential property purchase)

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

Connie Holguin, County Clerk, asked Commissioners 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

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

Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

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-8) Real Property and Water Rights for the purpose of the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights (potential property purchase) were discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

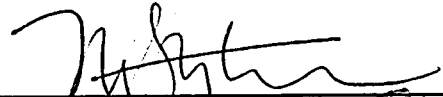
Chairman Ponce adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

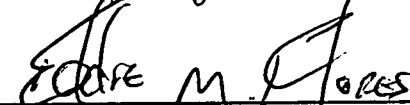
SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 12th, DAY OF March, 2026

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


CHRIS M. PONCE, CHAIRMAN

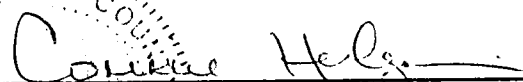

ELOY H. MEDINA, VICE CHAIR


NANCY STEPHENS, MEMBER


EDDIE M. FLORES, MEMBER


THOMAS L. SHELLEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:


CONNIE HOLGUIN, GRANT COUNTY CLERK

