

Minutes of the Joint Work Session of the Gallup City Council and the McKinley County Board of Commissioners, held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. at the El Morro Events Center, 210 South Second Street, Gallup, New Mexico.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

At such meeting, the following were present, constituting a quorum of both bodies:

GALLUP CITY COUNCIL	Mayor Jackie McKinney Councilor Linda Garcia Councilor Allan Landavazo Councilor Yogash Kumar Councilor Fran Palochak
MCKINLEY COUNTY COMMISSION	Commissioner Billy Moore Commissioner Tommy Nelson
Absent:	Commission Chairperson Bill Lee
Also present:	Maryann Ustick, City Manager Anthony Dimas, County Manager Curtis Hayes, City Attorney Doug Decker, County Attorney

The City Council and the County Commission conducted a work session pertaining to the following topic:

1. Legislative Priorities for the City of Gallup and McKinley County for the 2020 Session of the New Mexico Legislature

Mayor McKinney provided opening remarks for the basis of holding the joint work session. He introduced the following members of the local legislative delegation in attendance: State Rep. Patty Lundstrom and State Rep. Wonda Johnson. State Senator George Munoz arrived at 1:45 P.M.

Ms. Ustick presented the City of Gallup's Legislative Priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session. A copy of the City's Legislative Priorities are attached hereto, marked as **Exhibit A** and are made a part of these official Minutes.

Mr. Dimas presented McKinley County's Legislative Priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session. A copy of the County's Legislative Priorities are attached hereto, marked as **Exhibit B** and are made a part of these official Minutes.

Ms. Ustick, Mr. Dimas and City and County staff members in attendance answered questions posed by the legislators regarding the priorities presented. There was no

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official action taken by the City Council and the County Commission during the work session.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

Budget/Funding Priorities:

1. Hold Harmless: City will lose approximately \$1.2 million in Hold Harmless reductions by July 2020. Since the enactment of HB 641 the City of Gallup loses an additional \$200k every year in hold harmless claw backs by the State. City has made reductions in expenditures over the past 5 fiscal years but will have to cut services for next fiscal year, raise fees for services and staff will again be asked to do more with less with no compensation increases. This makes retention of staff a tremendous challenge — especially public safety staff.
2. Behavioral Health Investment Zone (BHIZ) Funding: City (along with Rio Arriba County) has been designated a BHIZ Zone and has been receiving \$500,000 in a state grant annually. The BHIZ Grant Program expires this year and needs renewal. BHIZ funds have been used to enhance very basic protective custody services at Gallup Detox by funding counseling and medical services. It has also been used to provide program coordination services by the BHIZ Program Manager, Debra Martinez, who ensures that services provided by various non-profit and public agencies are coordinated resulting in less gaps and duplication in critically needed services.

Capital Outlay Priorities:

1. New Public Safety Building Construction Project: Construct a new public safety facility for the City's Police Department and Municipal Court. Building will be two stories approximately 41,000 SF. It will house the Municipal Court and police program areas such as command, patrol, records, evidence, armory, investigations, narcotics, canine, and training.

Existing building was built in 1971 as a combination police/court/jail facility. It is now 48 years old, and it is in poor structural condition with differential foundation settlement and floor heave throughout the building. Reinforced jail wing makes full renovation, rehabilitation, and improvements cost prohibitive. The City has already accomplished the design. City has already received 6 million from last year from the Governor's Capital Outlay.

Funding will be used for construction - \$9,000,000.

2. Coal Avenue Commons Construction Project: To construct a public commons area from Fourth Street to First Street on downtown Coal Avenue. This area will be used for public events and as an economic development and revitalization engine for the City's downtown area. The city has already accomplished the design. This includes a new storm drainage system, reconstructed plaza sidewalks, street lighting, and streetscapes. Funding for Phase I construction from Fourth Street to Second Street has already been secured from state capital outlay, MainStreet capital outlay, Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) funds and city funds.

Funding will be used for construction of Phase II - \$2,494,223.

3. East Nizhoni Boulevard Reconstruction Project: To plan, design, and reconstruct East Nizhoni Boulevard from the South Second Street intersection to the College Drive intersection. This roadway segment is a four lane highway that serves as the main arterial to the City's hospital campus. Reconstruction will include new storm drainage system; curb, gutter, and sidewalks; roadway surface; water, sewer, and effluent utility mains; and street light repositioning. It also includes geometric safety improvements at each intersection/end including a dedicated northbound turn lane at Second Street. City has already acquired \$350,000 plus nonparticipating match.

Funding will be used for planning, design, and construction - \$5,033,952 (including utilities.)

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4. New Regional Library / Community Resource Center Building Construction Project: To plan, design, and construct a replacement for the existing City library. The existing library was built in 1975 and it is now structurally deficient. Further, library outgrew its existing facility space necessitating a split between adult function and children functions into two separate make-do facilities. City has completed a programmatic study for a new facility of 44,963 SF. Construction funding will be sought after design completion.

Funding will be used for design - \$1,112,000.

5. Red Rock Park Performers Quarters Renovations: To plan, design, and reconstruct the performers quarters at Red Rock Park. Existing facility was built in 1974, and it has deteriorated beyond feasible reconstruction. Hopefully, project will be completed before the 100th anniversary of the Gallup Inter Tribal Indian Ceremonial in 2022.

Funding will be used for planning, design, and construction - \$1,359,000.

6. New Regional Senior Citizens Center Construction Project: To plan, design, and construct a new Regional Senior Citizens Facility. This facility will replace an old elementary school that has been converted in the past into a senior center. It regionally serves the City, McKinley County, and Navajo Nation residents and it is severely overcrowded. Construction funding will be sought after design completion. City is presently completing a programmatic study for a new facility.

Funding will be used for design - \$588,000.

7. West Aztec Avenue Storm Drainage Improvements: To construct a storm water drainage system for West Aztec Avenue. Current storm drainage is practically nonexistent and unsafe for traffic during rain and snow accumulation. City has the design currently in-progress.

Funding will be used for construction. \$1,441,000.

8. Washington Park (TDFL) Track Reconstruction Project: To plan, design, and reconstruct an existing running track around the TDFL Football Field. This track requires running surface reconstruction and storm drainage improvements. It is used both by elders as an exercise walking track and elementary school children for physical fitness and track meets.

Funding will be used for planning, and design - \$92,000.

9. Police Vehicles Procurement: To acquire 10 replacement patrol vehicles for the Police Department - \$476,000.

10. New Regional Animal Shelter Construction Project: To plan, design, and construct a new Regional Animal Shelter. The existing shelter is a pre-engineered frame building that the city leases to use for the shelter operated by the Humane Society. It regionally serves the City, McKinley County, and Navajo Nation residents. It is severely overcrowded and the shelter often has to turn animals away. City is presently completing a programmatic study for a new facility. Construction funding will be sought after design completion.

Funding will be used for design - \$469,000.

McKinley County Legislative Priorities

Budget Priorities

1. McKinley County Adult Detention Center (ADC) - plan design and construct using the existing Juvenile Detention Center and adding on
 - a. Number 1 on McKinley County's ICIP 2021-2025
 - i. #2021-001
 - b. Estimated Cost \$30 million
 - i. Asking for \$10 million, County will fund the remaining \$20 million
2. Economic Development / Industrial Site Development – plan, design and construct a “spec building” to bring in Economic Development
 - a. Number 11 on McKinley County's ICIP 2021-2025
 - i. #2023-001
 - b. Estimated Cost for one “spec building” - \$15 million
3. Bridges County Wide – plan, design and construct bridges throughout the county. McKinley County owns and maintains 48 bridges county wide and the current posted weight limits of these bridges prohibit school buses, fire trucks, ambulance and other public safety vehicles from crossing them.
 - a. Number 3 on McKinley County's ICIP 2021-2025
 - i. #2021-003
 - b. Superman Canyon Bridge(s) is next priority: estimated at \$2 million
4. Public Safety Vehicles for Sheriff's Office – purchase and equip public safety vehicles for McKinley County
 - a. Number 6 on McKinley County's ICIP 2021-2025
 - i. #2022-001
 - b. Cost per vehicle to purchase and equip: \$60,000
 - i. Would like 5 vehicles: 5 x 60K = \$300,000
5. Event Center – plan, design and construct a multipurpose event center within McKinley County
 - a. Number 26 on McKinley County's ICIP 2021-2025
 - i. #2025-006
 - ii. Estimated Cost \$5 million, asking for \$5 million
6. Hold Harmless – McKinley County stands to lose an estimated \$500K in Hold Harmless reductions by the end of this current fiscal year, FY 20 (June 2020). In FY 21 we anticipate to lose \$600k and then in FY 22 we estimate \$725K.

Capital Outlay Priorities

1. Restroom Trailer – purchase and equip portable restroom trailer for Prewitt Bi-County Fair
 - a. Estimated Cost \$60K
2. Security Cameras/Fencing – purchase and equip HD Cameras and/or Fencing to be installed at the Courthouse Square to provide security and safety
 - a. Estimated Cost \$100K
3. COG Vehicle SUV – purchase Sports Utility Vehicle for Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
 - a. Estimated Cost \$45K
4. Transport Van – purchase and equip prisoner transport vehicle to be able to transport both female and male in the same vehicle
 - a. Estimated Cost \$60K each
 - b. Requesting two vehicles, one for Sheriff's Office and one for Detention Center
 - i. \$120K total
5. Thoreau Fire/EMS Department Remodel – McKinley County has just purchased land and a building in Thoreau and now needs funding to plan, design and construct the remodel of that building
 - a. Estimated Cost \$750K
 - b. Asking for \$250K, county will fund the remaining cost
6. Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) and Trailer – purchase and equip UTV and Trailer for McKinley County Sheriff's Office to use for search and rescues, in rural areas and in the forest where there are no road
 - a. Estimated Cost \$30K for both
 - b. Possibility to move with county sheriff's vehicle request
7. County Roads – plan, design and construct improvements to the following County Roads:
 - a. CR51 – Wide Rock Road (Gibson Road) – Thoreau Area
 - i. Commissioner Moore, Rep. Alcon, Sen. Munoz District's
 - ii. Estimated Cost \$150K
 - b. CR6 – Cousins Road – Vanderwagon Area
 - i. Commissioner Nelson, Rep. Alcon, Sen. Munoz District's
 - ii. Estimated cost \$300K
 - c. CR49B – Rainbow Trail Road – Pinedale Area
 - i. Commissioner Nelson, Rep. Johnson, Sen. Munoz District's
 - ii. Estimated cost \$200K
8. Thoreau Senior Center Remodel – plan, design and construct improvements to the Thoreau Sr. Center
 - a. Estimated Cost \$200K