



# Village of Cuba

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## Administrative Offices

**Approved Minutes**  
**Village of Cuba**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Court Complex**

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call

Mayor Velarde	absent
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez	present
Council Member Weippert	present
Council Member Delgado	present
Council Member Olivas	present

### Approval of Agenda

Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Ms. Casados asked the Council to correct an error on the agenda from the date of September 2020 to September 2021 on the Warrants for Item # 6 and Item # 7. There was no further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	yes with correction
Council Member Delgado	yes with correction
Council Member Olivas	yes with correction

Motion carries.

**Introduction by Mr. Jody Hart, Award-Winning Producer, Director, Stuntman and Actor:** Mr. Hart is interested in purchasing 160.0 Acres at Mile Marker 3 on NM State Road 197 for movie investment. Mr. Hart employs 100 to 114 individuals. This will increase business to the local Restaurants, fuels stations and convenience stores. Crew Members will lodge in the Rio Rancho & Bernalillo areas. Local Law Enforcement Officers, Cuba Fire & Volunteer Fire Department/EMS and Cuba Clinic Emergency Medical Services will respond accordingly promoting safety measures for the community.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2021**  
Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	abstain
Council Member Delgado	yes
Council Member Olivas	yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the monthly warrants for the Village of Cuba for the month of September 2021.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	yes
Council Member Delgado	yes
Council Member Olivas	yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the monthly warrants for the Cuba Housing Authority for the month of September 2021.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	yes
Council Member Delgado	yes
Council Member Olivas	yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the Bureau of Reclamation Notice of Funding Opportunity No. R22AS00023 in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the replacement of existing water meters to Smart Water Meters and Remote Reading Systems.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Sawyer Krivanek addressed the Council. The Bureau of Reclamation Notice of Funding Opportunity was in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Water Smart Meters and a Remote

Reading System for the replacement of existing water meters for the Village of Cuba. Mr. Krivanek mentioned that this funding opportunity was very successful in NM for Las Cruces, Espanola and Las Vegas and other smaller communities. The fee to process the grant will cost the Cuba Water Department \$1,000.00. If the grant is estimated at \$245,000.00, the Village will need to pay \$125,000.00 as matching funds. Ms. Herrera informed Mr. Krivanek that in the past some meters were installed at approximately five feet deep. Mr. Krivanek stated that the contractor would be in charge to replace all the existing meters. It may take up to two years to replace all the existing meters. Council Member Weippert asked for a copy of the Grant Application. Mr. Krivanek said he would send her one. Mr. Krivanek asked if there was a Certified System Operator for the Village of Cuba. Ms. Herrera stated that Mr. Isaac Montoya was present. Mr. Krivanek stated that there will be training available. Mayor Pro Tem asked for further discussion. No Discussion from the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	No
Council Member Delgado	yes
Council Member Olivas	yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the Village of Cuba Housing Authority Financial Statements for the Period Ended July 31, 2021 prepared and submitted by the Payroll Company, Inc.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. Council Member Delgado asked why there were two checks missing on the bank statements. Ms Casados stated that it appears that the checks have not cleared through the financial institution and that she would confirm with Mr. Herrera.

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	yes
Council Member Delgado	yes
Council Member Olivas	yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the Amendment Number Three to the Professional Services Agreement among the Village of Cuba and the Regents of the University of New Mexico and UNM Medical Group, Inc. to provide Medical Direction for the Cuba Fire-EMS Ambulance Service**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. No Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert	yes
Council Member Delgado	yes

Council Member Olivas yes

Motion carries.

**Discussion, Consideration and Action of the Resolution No. NMDOT-VOC-09-29-21 and letter of request for extension and the First Amendment to Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement to secure NMDOT Funding for Control No. HW2-L300259 in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the extension of time of December 31, 2022.**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked if there was any discussion. Ms. Casados stated that the Resolution and the Request for Extension through NM Department of Transportation to secure the Local Government Road Fund in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the improvement of various village streets. The Village advertised the NMDOT project in the Albuquerque Journal three times. Then the Village made another attempt to advertise in the Rio Grande Sun and the Farmington Daily Times with no success. The NMDOT will amend the original cooperative agreement for an extended date of December 31, 2022. No further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Weippert yes  
Council Member Delgado yes  
Council Member Olivas yes

Motion carries.

**Review of the Municipal Court report for August 31, 2021**

Report was reviewed by Council. No discussion.

**Review of the letter of support to Ms. Debbie Cress, Forest Supervisor for the Santa Fe National Forest for the proposal to the Land Water Conservation Fund**

Letter was reviewed by Council. No discussion.

**Update on the LINA USA Program addressed by Ms. Carey Beam in regards to Broadband Internet.**

Ms. Beam informed the Council about the broadband initiative and help recognize local individuals and organizations who are working to help meet the Sustainable Development Goals through collaborative leadership. There will be a virtual meeting on October 21, 2021 to discuss the broadband. Ms. Beam is requesting the use of the Cuba Public Library for the purpose for children to interact with the principals with a list of books from around the world. Ms. Casados stated that the use of the library will need to be during regular business hours. Ms. Casados stated that she will confirm with the insurance company and confirm with the Library Director. The Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Update of the Cuba Police Department addressed by Chief of Police Romero.**

Cuba Police Chief Romero informed the Council on related crime issues within the community. Chief Romero has meeting with the DEA for proper disposal or destruction order of items. A 2015 cold case file will soon be closed. Chief Romero stated the meetings concerned by the general public have been successful. The Cuba Police Department has two new units. One unit is on a leased terms and one unit is from a USDA Grant. Chief Romero is proposing to update the Municipal Code.

**Update of the Cuba Volunteer Fire Department addressed by Fire Chief Romero.**


Cuba Fire Chief Romero informed the Council that the VFD responded to 250 Calls and 6 Accidents. Volunteers will attend EMT Training Sessions. Chief Romero will be applying for 2 new grants for the Volunteer Fire Department.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Richard Armentrout stated that he has 4 members attending the Cuba Martial Arts Association and is requesting a location to continue the Martial Arts training 2 nights per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Velarde had stated that the Eichwald Community Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mondays through Friday. The Center is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Pro Tem Dominguez asked for a motion. Council Member Delgado made the motion. Council Member Olivas seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

***I affirm that the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 29, 2021, have been officially approved by the Governing Body on October 27, 2021.***

  
*Village Clerk-Treasurer, Vandora P. Casados*

