RESOLUITON 15-2021

OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1B, NMSA 1978 provides that all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency, or any agency or authority or any county, municipality, district or any political subdivision held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-3A, NMSA 1978 provides that no resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance or action of any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body shall be valid unless taken or made at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 provides that any person violating any of the provisions of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars ($500) for each offense; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1D requires that any meeting at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs, and at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meetings, shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public. The affected body shall determine at least annually in a public meeting what notice for a public meeting shall be reasonable when applied to such body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the municipality of Bayard, New Mexico that:

1. Notice shall be given at least ten days in advance of any regular meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body or any board, commission, committee, agency, authority or other policy-making body held for the purpose of discussing public business or taking any formal action within the authority of such body.

2. The regularly scheduled meetings of governing body will be held at 2:00 P.M. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the governing body meeting room of the municipal building, located at 800 Central Avenue in Bayard, New Mexico. Other municipal committees

and or boards shall dedicate the location and meeting dates annually. In the event that the regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the governing body shall designate an alternate meeting date and/or time at the regular meeting prior to the holiday and shall cause advance notice of the changed meeting date and/or time to be published as provided in this Resolution. In the event that a regular meeting of the governing body is changed to a different location, advance notice of the meeting location shall be published as provided in this Resolution.

3. Work sessions may be held by the governing body at 1:30 P.M. prior to regular monthly meetings or as determined by the governing body. Method of publication for work sessions shall be as required for regular meetings. Work sessions will be held for the purpose of discussing public business and formal action will not be taken at any work session.

4. Notice shall be given at least three days (seventy two hours) in advance of any special meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body, board, commission, committee, agency, authority or other policy making body held for the purpose of discussing public business or taking any formal action within the authority of such body.

5. The notice requirements of Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Resolution are complied with if notice of the date, time, place and subject matter of any regular or special meeting are published. Additionally, the notice shall contain information on how the public may obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, said agenda to be available seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. "Publish" means printing in a newspaper which maintains an office in the municipality and is of general circulation within the municipality. If such newspaper is a non-daily paper which will not be circulated to the public in time to meet publication requirements, or, if no such newspaper exists, "publish" shall mean posting in five public places within the municipality, and one of the public places where posting shall be made is the office of the municipal clerk, who shall maintain the posting for public inspection within the time limits specified. The five public places notice shall be posted are:

The Office of the Clerk;
The United States Post Office;
The Bayard Public Library
The First American Bank;
The Bayard Community Center

The clerk may, in addition to posting, publish one or more times in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, even though it does not maintain an office within the municipality. In addition, written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or hand delivered to federally licensed broadcast stations and newspapers of general circulation in the municipality which have provided a written request for such notice.

6. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the city clerk at 800 Central Avenue (575-537-3327) at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of sections 1 through 5 of this Resolution, the governing authority may establish such additional notice requirements as may be deemed proper and advisable to comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

8. If any meeting is closed pursuant to exclusions contained in Section 10-15-1, subsection H, NMSA 1978, such closed meeting called by a policy making body shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, and in compliance with Sections 1 through 4 of this Resolution, has been given. In addition, such notice shall state the exclusion or exclusions in Section 10-15-1, Subsection H, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act, under which such closed meeting is permitted.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 1 through 8 of this Resolution, the governing authority of the municipality of Bayard, New Mexico may call emergency meetings of the governing body, any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body of the municipality. Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the municipality from substantial financial loss. The municipality of Bayard, New Mexico will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called upon twenty-four (24) hours notice, unless a threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

10. Public input will generally be permitted and will be limited between three (3) to five (5) minutes, unless the Mayor (Chairman) deems that additional time is necessary.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

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Chon S. Fierro
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristina Ortiz, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer