

URBAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION (UCCC)

Randy Autio, Chair
Dede Feldman, Vice Chair



Albert Chavez, Member
Tasia Young, Member
Lorri Zumwalt, Member
Jordy Stern, Member
Terry Brunner, At-Large

Action Report – April 27, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vincent C. Murphy	Deputy County Manager		3:15 pm
Ken Martinez	County Attorney	Late	4:56 pm
Vice Chair, Dede Feldman	BCC District 1 Representative		3:15 pm
Albert Chavez	BCC District 2 Representative		3:15 pm
Tasia Young	BCC District 3 Representative		3:15 pm
Lorri Zumwalt	BCC District 4 Representative		3:15 pm
Jordy Stern	BCC District 5 Representative	Excused	
Terry Brunner	BCC At-Large Representative		3:15 pm
Chair, Randy Autio	BCC At-Large Representative	Excused	3:15 pm

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. Vice-Chair Feldman chaired the meeting in Randy Autio's absence.

3. ELECTED OFFICIAL AND DIRECTOR BRIEFINGS

A. Sheriff Manny Gonzales and Undersheriffs Rudy Mora and Greg Rees. Discussion revolved around the Sheriff's hope that charter rule will decrease the State's reporting and procurement rules the County must follow presently so they can get more Federal or State funding. They discussed their desire to ensure that the charter preserves the State of NM duties and powers for the Sheriff.

It was suggested that Chair Autio work with the Sheriff to discuss the charter language to make sure language does not erode State's explanation of duties and powers for the Sheriff.

B. Vince Murphy discussed his telephone conversations with the other elected officials. Most would like to wait and review the draft Charter language. It was suggested that both Vince Murphy and Ken Martinez should continue to reach out to the other elected officials to help them understand the goals of the UCCC.

C. Lengthy discussion on the elected officials section in the proposed charter language continued. In response to qualifications, Ken Martinez suggested that the charter should reflect "checks and balances" vs. trying to impose qualifications of elected

officials or their appointed staff. With that in mind, Robert Kidd, Compliance Officer will be invited to the May 11th meeting to educate the UCCC on the Code of Conduct and Deputy County Manager of Finance, Shirley Ragin will present the financial policies on May 25th.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HEARD: Request for approval of minutes by Member Brunner. Seconded by Member Young.

ACTION: Unanimous Approval

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. NONE

7. UCCC AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Plan – Vince Murphy: Discussion on the draft approach. The plan encompasses two different elements (1) education and (2) advocacy. County staff can assist in the education elements but should not assist in advocacy. County elected officials are free to assist in both education and advocacy. Messages discussed:

1. Charter brings government close to the people – more local control
2. Fiscal responsibility – relieve statutory limits on reserves while ensuring limitations are set to keep excellent credit ratings but not create reserves that are high enough to discourage other funds from granting institutions.
3. Government can be more proactive and responsive through increased efficiencies.

The bottom line though, is a message must be created that engages citizens in understanding how a charter government benefits them directly.

HEARD: Request for approval of draft communication plan by Member Young. Seconded by Member Brunner.

ACTION: Unanimous Approval

8. DISCUSSION DRAFT CHARTER SECTIONS

A. Section 1 - Preamble, Creation, Powers and Ordinances

- Tasia Young presented a draft preamble.

“We the people of Bernalillo County, joined together in the belief that county government should reflect and serve all the people of the county by achieving a more responsive and efficient form of local government which will improve their lives as citizens and allow them a maximum degree of self-government, do hereby avail themselves of the opportunity provided by the New Mexico Constitution, to adopt this home rule charter.”

HEARD: Request for approval of draft preamble to be incorporated in draft charter document by Vice Chair Feldman. Seconded by Member Zumwalt.

ACTION: Unanimous Approval

- B.** Section 5 - Personnel
 - C.** Section 7 - Elections
 - D.** Other Charter Topics
 - 1. Franchise Fees
 - 2. Independent Auditor
 - 3. Elected Official Duties
 - 4. Public Financing of Candidates
 - 5. Elected Official Outside Employment Restrictions
 - 6. Public Records and Document Security
 - 7. Educational Qualifications for County Manager and Elected Officials
 - 8. Procurement Pay Equity
 - 9. City-County Cooperation
- 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT URBAN COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING:**
- A.** Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 3:30 PM – Human Resources Conference Room III – 4th Floor – One Civic Plaza
- 10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 5:37 P.M**