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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 06:00 pm.  
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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

13 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk, called roll; Quorum was present.  
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15 **Governing Body Present**

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17 Councilor Jason Gonzalez  
18 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
19 Councilor Brent Jaramillo  
20 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
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22 **Governing Body Absent**

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25 **Others present were:**

26 Ronald Montez, Chief of Police  
27 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager  
28 Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova EMS Director, Village of Questa  
29 James Johnson, Red River Marshal  
30 Janie Corine  
31 Arlene Sanchez  
32 William Borges  
33 Nancy Borges  
34 Lori Gonzales  
35 Larry Archuleta  
36 Samantha Cordova  
37 Annette Sanchez  
38 Kalena Trujillo  
39 Kaylei Trujillo  
40 Kynlei Trujillo  
41 Janice Montoya  
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43 **Those present virtually were:**

44 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney  
45 Maria Gonzalez  
46 Jamie Archuleta  
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48 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

49 Chief Montez  
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153 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-17 L500534 Lower Embargo Bridge

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155 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

156 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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158 **Roll Call:**

159 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

160 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

161 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

162 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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164 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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168 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEM**

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170 A) CDBG Project; Jacob LaFore, Project Manager presented to the Council the purpose of the CDBG  
171 and asked the Council for recommendations for the grant ask cycle. Some of the projects stated by  
172 the Council were Firehouse expansion, Pickleball, Disc Golf, and the suggestion of La Cienega  
173 Demolition. There will be an approval/decision on the proposed project at the next scheduled  
174 Council Meeting.

175 B) Local Election Act; Valerie Vigil, Village CPO/Clerk asked the Council if they had any questions  
176 or concerns that she may answer before the final decision scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> is decided.

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178 **X. MATTERS FROM THE ATTORNEY**

179 • Mr. DeFillippo gave an update to the Council about the Water Rights dispute at the State Engineers  
180 Office. There will be mediation between the two parties which includes the OSE and Chevron.

181 • Mr. DeFillippo also updated the Council on the Inspire Day Care Contract. Taylor, who is in charge  
182 of the project will have the signed MOU and Contract within the week.

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185 **XI. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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187 • Mrs. Shannon stated information about the ARPA funds and the debt ceiling. Unused APRA funds  
188 will not be taken away according to the research done. We are continuing to spend the ARPA that  
189 was allocated to the Village. Mrs. Sanchez Cordova requested some funds from ARPA for  
190 tourniquets.

191 • Hydrant testing will begin within the week.

192 • The migration to the cloud has begun. Caselle will be moved on July 3. The admin staff will not be  
193 able to log into Caselle so the admin office will be closed to the public, but the staff will be present  
194 at the office. Mayor approved.

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197 **XII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

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199 • Councilor Gonzalez presented to the Council an update on the Landfill.

200 • Councilor Gonzalez had a concern with the Planning and Zoning Ordinance and the requirements  
201 for mobile homes. He would like the planning and zoning edits to the ordinance to continue and  
202 move forward.

102 **VIII. ACTION ITEM**

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104 A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision; Ratification of Resolution 2023-14 L500386

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106 Motion to approve Ratification of Resolution 2023-14 L500386

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109 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

110 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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112 **Roll Call:**

113 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

114 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

115 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

116 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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118 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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120 B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Ratification of Resolution 2023-15 L500468

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122 Motion to approve Ratification of Resolution 2023-14 L500386

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124 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

125 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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127 **Roll Call:**

128 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

129 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

130 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

131 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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133 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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135 C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-16 MAP L500563 Shirley Drive

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137 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-016 MAP L500534 Shirley Drive

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139 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

140 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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142 **Roll Call:**

143 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

144 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

145 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

146 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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148 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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151 D) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-17 L500534 Lower Embargo Bridge

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52 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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54 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

55 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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57 Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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59 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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61 Regular Council Meeting May 9, 2023

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63 Motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Gallegos provided correction.

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65 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

66 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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68 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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70 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
71 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to*  
72 *address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

73 Public comments opened at 06:05 pm. The following community members spoke during public comment  
74 on the incident that occurred on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Moly Corp Field during the Fiestas. A traffic collision involving  
75 a minor pedestrian and adult driver.

- 76 • Lori Gonzales
- 77 • Larry Archuleta
- 78 • Samantha Cordova
- 79 • Annette Sanchez
- 80 • Kalena Trujillo
- 81 • Janice Montoya
- 82 • Arlene Sanchez
- 83 • William Borges
- 84 • Janie Corine
- 85 • Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova
- 86 • Maria Gonzalez (Via Zoom)

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88 Mayor Ortega thanked everyone who attended public comment.

89 Public comment closed at 6:34 pm

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92 **VII. PRESENTATION**

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- 94 A) Red River Marshal, James Johnson; Marshal Johnson thanked the Public Safety from the Village
- 95 of Questa for all their help during the shooting incident at the Red River Memorial Day Weekend
- 96 event in Red River.
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- 203 • Councilor Gonzalez stated he would like the Village of Questa to find ways to support the Fire  
204 Department in other ways. Fire Chief Alfredo Romero has resigned,  
205 • Councilwoman Gonzales gave an update on the Fiestas celebration held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. She  
206 apologized to the members in the audience that spoke during the public comment regarding the  
207 incident that occurred during the Fiestas.  
208 • Councilwoman Gallegos apologized to the members in the audience that spoke on behalf of the  
209 incident that occurred during the Fiestas. She stated she felt like she failed as her promise to take  
210 care of her community. Councilwoman Gallegos stated she will have her resignation in by Friday  
211 and proceeded to walk out of the Chambers.  
212 • Mayor Ortega stated he attended the meeting for the engineering on the Well House and the Village  
213 will continue to seek funds.  
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217 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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219 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:23 pm  
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223 ATTEST:

224 Valerie Vigil  
225 Valerie Vigil, Clerk  
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APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega  
John Anthony Ortega, Mayor