Special Meeting Minutes–October 9th, 2026

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Friday October 9th, 2026. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Manuel Brusuelas
Trustee Mark Garwood
Trustee Christopher Rupp
Trustee Casey Otero

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk

At 6:00 PM. Mayor Deborah Cooksey called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Trustee Otero made a motion to accept the agenda; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled correspondence: None

3. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of police asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Albert Barela. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to discuss, Trustee Otero seconded. It was made clear that the budget would cover raises for police department. Trustee Rupp made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.00, Trustee Otero seconded, aye; motioned carried.

4. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of police asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Sarah Light. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.00, Trustee Brusuelas seconded, aye; motion carried.

5. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked for raise in the amount of $1.11 for Diadra Dugger. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.11, Trustee Garwood seconded, aye; motion carried.

6. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Anayeli Ornelas. Trustee Rupp made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.00, Trustee Otero seconded, aye; motion carried.

7. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked for raise in the amount of $1.09 for Patrick Maturino. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.09, Trustee Garwood seconded, aye; motion carried.

8. Geraldine Martinez, Chief of Police asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Daniel Sepulveda. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.00, Trustee Brusuelas seconded, aye; motion carried.

9. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Johnathon Salazar. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to discuss, Trustee Garwood seconded. It was discussed that Johnathon needed a raise in the amount of $1.50. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.50, Trustee Garwood seconded, aye; motion carried.

10. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Nathan Bentacur. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

11. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Brett Saenz. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

12. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Carlos Montoya. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

13. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Samual Betancur. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

14. Angel Voorbach, Utility Supervisor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Christopher Chavez. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

15. Clarisa Betancur, Senior Center Director asked for a raise in the amount of $.50 for Michelle Dorame. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to discuss, Trustee Otero seconded. It was discussed that Michelle Dorame needed a raise in the amount of $.50. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $.50, Trustee Brusuelas seconded, aye; motion carried.

16. Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk asked for a raise in the amount of $2.00 for Valerie Delgado, Village Finance Director. Trustee Rupp made a motion to discuss, Trustee Otero seconded. It was discussed that Valerie Delgado has been with the Village 21 years and other Finance Directors around the state are making quit a bit more than her, without her experience. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve the raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Garwood seconded, aye; motion carried

17. Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk asked for raise in the amount of $1.00 for Corina Duran, MVD Clerk. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.00, Trustee Otero made a motion to approve the raise in the amount $1.00, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

18. Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk asked for raise in the amount of $1.52 for Sonya Gililland. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.52, Trustee Rupp seconded, aye; motion carried.

19. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for raise in the amount of $1.50 for Linda Vigil. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to discuss, Trustee Otero seconded. Mayor Cooksey states that the library would not run as smooth as it does without Linda. She takes care of all Villagers. Trustee Rupp made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Otero seconded, aye; motion carried.

20. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Angel Voorbach. Trustee Otero made a motion to discuss, Trustee Brusuelas seconded. All Trustees made it known that this raise is needed for the time and effort that Angel puts into his job. Trustee Rupp made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Otero seconded, aye; motion carried.

21. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for raise in the amount of $2.00 for Rebekah Garcia. Trustee Otero made a motion to discuss, Trustee Brusuelas seconded. Mayor Cooksey stated that the Village would not be where it is today without the hard work of the Village Clerk Rebekah. Trustee Rupp stated that the pay for the Village Clerk should be around $20.12 per hour. Mayor Cooksey had paperwork from the Village Attorney showing that the Clerks in other Villages in the state of NM were making on average $45.00 per hour. Trustee Brusuelas added that this is without 8 years of experience as she does. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $2.00, Trustee Otero seconded, aye; motion carried.

22. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for raise in the amount of $1.50 for Howard Clay. Trustee Otero made a motion to discuss, Trustee Garwood seconded. It was discussed that he is reliable and does a good job. Trustee Otero made a motion to approve raise in the amount of $1.50, Trustee Brusuelas seconded, aye; motion carried.

12. New Business: None

13. Adjourn: 6:46 PM

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Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Garcia, Village Clerk