

Town of Edgewood

Special Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM

The Town Commission met in Special session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Edgewood Town Hall Commission Chambers - 171A NM 344.

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rariden welcomed attendees and noted that the meeting room was at capacity and that efforts were being made to ensure the sound was adequately broadcast to all attendees. Commissioner Rariden announced that the Commission planned to address everyone after closed session. Commissioner Rariden welcomed Senator Thorton, Representative McQueen, and Representative Lord and thanked them for coming.

1. Roll Call (by Town Clerk or designee)

The meeting commenced at 5:03PM with a roll call vote confirming a quorum. Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Milligan, Commissioner Rariden, and Commissioner Murillo were present for the meeting. Commissioner Taylor was absent.

The staff present were Town Manager Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer Witt, and Community Liaison Burke.

2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. NM Flag Salute
"I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures."

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Milligan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brennan Aye

Commissioner Milligan Aye

Commissioner Rariden Aye

Commissioner Murillo Aye

Commissioner Taylor - Absent

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

C. CLOSED SESSION

(Roll call vote required to go into closed session)

Commissioner Murillo made a motion to enter closed session to discuss the listed exemptions on the agenda. Commissioner Milligan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Brennan-Aye

Commissioner Milligan-Aye
Commissioner Rariden-Aye
Commissioner Murillo-Aye
Commissioner Taylor-Absent

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Closed Session began at 5:07PM

1. As Per Motion and Roll Call Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Meeting with a public body's attorney pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. (Santa Fe County)

D. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

(Roll call vote required to return from closed session)

Commissioner Murillo made a motion to come back into open session. Commissioner Milligan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Brennan-Aye
Commissioner Milligan-Aye
Commissioner Rariden-Aye
Commissioner Murillo-Aye
Commissioner Taylor-Absent

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

The regular session resumed at 6:54PM. Each Commissioner affirmed that only items listed on the agenda for the closed session were discussed, and no decisions were made, also that only legal matters within Santa Fe County were discussed with the Town Attorney.

1. Commissioners Affirm: only items listed on the agenda for Closed Session were discussed and no decisions were made.
2. Action on Closed Session item(s), as needed

E. FUTURE MEETINGS

1.
 - a. April 14, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting
 - b. April 28, 2026 Strategic Planning Workshop
 - c. April 28, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting

F. FINAL COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Brennan addressed concerns regarding emergency medical and fire services. He shared a personal story about his mother-in-law who required EMT services multiple times, emphasizing the professionalism and respectfulness of EMT providers. He underscored the importance of maintaining quality emergency services for the community. Immediate actions being considered include a vote on an air ambulance service (PHI) at the upcoming regular meeting, which would provide no-cost air ambulance services to town residents. Other initiatives include soliciting bids for fire and EMS services from Rural Metro Fire, potential employment of a fire and EMS chief, maintaining ISO rating via collaboration with the New Mexico self-insurance fund grant underwriter, exploring emergency declaration funding, and meetings with neighboring county fire chiefs. He noted uncertainty about the future of the current Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. Throughout, efforts are being made to guarantee continuity or improvement of emergency services.

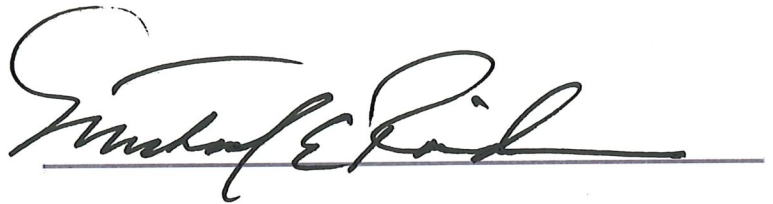
Commissioner Milligan expressed that they are doing their best to make sure services are in place by the time

things take place, if not equivalent, better than what was offered, and that information will be provided. Commissioner Murillo introduced himself and his long-standing connection to the town, emphasizing his personal stake in maintaining public safety services, especially for his handicapped sister who depends on EMS services. Murillo stressed that decisions were not made lightly, and that commissioners are committed to transparency and public accountability. He presented two documents distributed to attendees: a "Summary of the Record" and a "Public Statement for Social Media Release," both available online for public access. He proceeded to read and explain the summary document, which detailed the history and administrative context of fire and emergency medical services in Edgewood. He also proceeded to read the social media release.

Commissioner Rariden reiterated that the options are being explored in depth, committed that this is the number one top priority to ensure continued service for everyone. He commented that he owns a home here, his family lives here too, is committed to making this the best place we can, and has the support of the legislature.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Murillo made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Milligan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM with unanimous approval.



Michael Rariden, Mayor

Attest:



Misty Witt, Clerk-Treasurer

