

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesús Gandara Jr.
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Maria Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. García

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto, Jr., Acting City Manager
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Jesus Gandara, Jr.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with three members present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. *to move the Public Comment after item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

5. PRESENTATION OF PROJECT AMISTAD BY VICENT HUERTA IN REFERENCE TO THE BUS TRANSPORATION ROUTES IN EI Paso COUNTY. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

Vincent Huerta made his presentation (*See Exhibit "A"*)

PUBLIC HEARING:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING, ON ORDINANCE 106 AMENDMENT NO. 3 ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRANSIENT VENDORS WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **MANNY SOTO, JR.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:14 p.m.

No speakers for this item

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR CONTEMPT IN FAILING OR REFUSING TO OBEY ANY SUBPOENA OR TO PRODUCE ANY BOOKS, PAPERS OR OTHER EVIDENCE AND FOR PUNISHMENT OF CONTEMPT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUBPOENA, COURT PROCEEDING, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PROCEEDING OR OFFICIAL HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO OR ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND HEARING OFFICERS EXERCISING OFFICIAL AUTHORITY, AND FOR DISRUPTION OF ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING CONDUCTED BEFORE THE SOCORRO MUNICIPAL COURT, THE SOCORRO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, THE SOCORRO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL, OR BEFORE ANY OFFICIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTED TO HEAR MATTERS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, AND FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS GERMANE THERETO.** **MANNY SOTO, JR.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.

Suky Ramos spoke on this item

Public Comment closed at 6:17 p.m.

10. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES TO BE SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND ROADS, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND INTERSECTIONS, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY THEREFORE; (II) ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT; (III) CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; (IV) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; (V) DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES; (VI) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR CITY OFFICES; AND (VII) LEGAL, FISCAL AND ENGINEERING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:19 p.m.

Suky Ramos, Lorenza Fraire and Tommy Faulkner spoke on this item

Public Hearing closed at 6:27 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A 2011 FORD EXPEDITION FROM THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEND THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SEMINAR IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON AUGUST 11TH AND 12TH OF 2011.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR CHURCH BAZAAR TO LA PURISIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATED AT 328 S. NEVAREZ ON SEPTEMBER 23, 24 AND 2 OF 2011.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete items number nine from the Consent Agenda and approve the remaining items.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA :

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, REDUCING CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY \$279,646.00.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

Suky Ramos and Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nine (9).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *move Public Comment after item number fifteen (15).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

13. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 106 NO. 3 ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRANSIENT VENDORS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirteen (13).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Jesús Gandara, Jr. and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR CONTEMPT IN FAILING OR REFUSING TO OBEY ANY SUBPOENA OR TO PRODUCE ANY BOOKS, PAPERS OR OTHER EVIDENCE AND FOR PUNISHMENT OF CONTEMPT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUBPOENA, COURT PROCEEDING, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PROCEEDING OR OFFICIAL HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO OR ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND HEARING OFFICERS EXERCISING OFFICIAL AUTHORITY, AND FOR DISRUPTION OF ANY PUBLIC MEETING OR HEARING CONDUCTED BEFORE THE SOCORRO MUNICIPAL COURT, THE SOCORRO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, THE SOCORRO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL, OR BEFORE ANY OFFICIAL HEARING OFFICER APPOINTED TO HEAR MATTERS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, AND FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS GERMANE THERETO

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Jesús Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

15. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES TO BE SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND ROADS, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND INTERSECTIONS, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY THEREFORE; (II) ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT; (III) CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; (IV) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; (V) DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES; (VI) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR CITY OFFICES; AND (VII) LEGAL, FISCAL AND ENGINEERING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND

THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr. and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernesto Gomez, and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment, Suky Ramos was signed up to speak but declined.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF HUMBERTO NEVAREZ TO THE SOCORRO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed

18. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 278, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, IN REFERENCE TO GRANT MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE (I.E., PARK IMPROVEMENTS, LAWN CARE, ETC...).

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. *for a ten minute recess followed by Executive Session*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A 10 MINUTE RECESS TO BE
FOLLOWED BY EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 P.M.***

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:42 P.M.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

BLANCO, ORDONEZ & WALLACE, P.C.

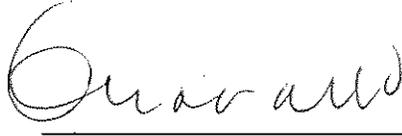
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *approve the contract to purchase property at 339 Moon Road as negotiated and recommended by City Manager and City Attorney.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

23. ADJOURN

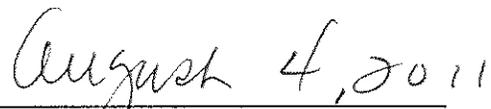
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 7:43 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed



Jesus Gandara, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem

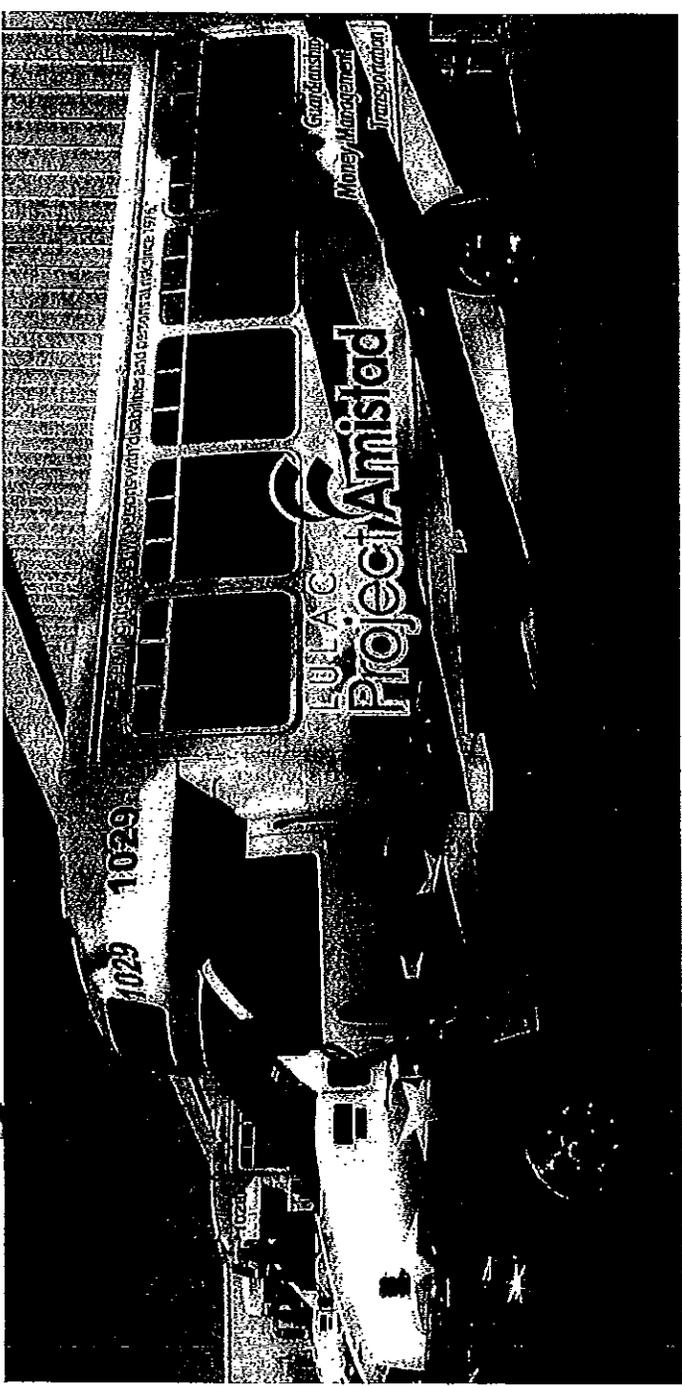


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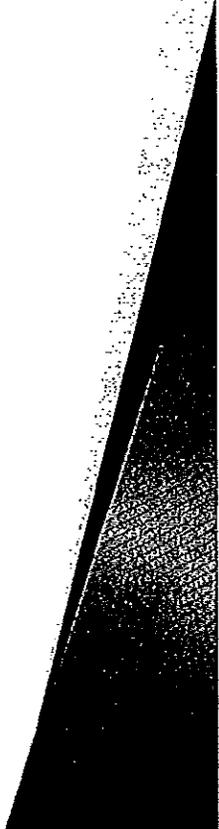
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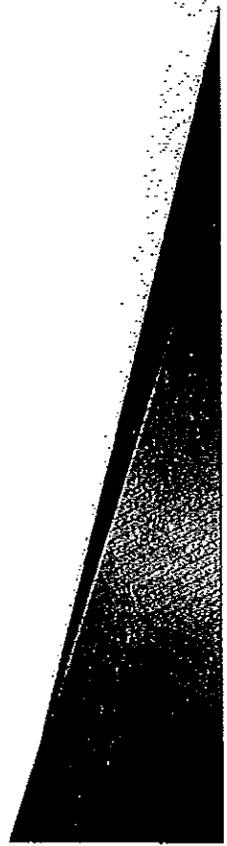
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Programs



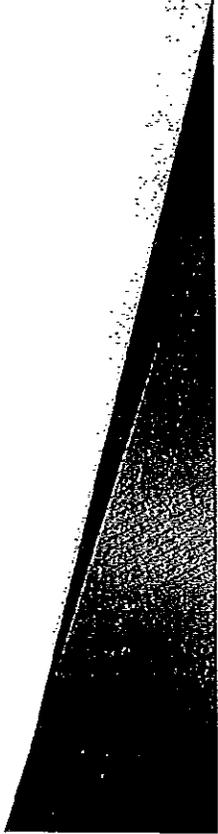
- ▶ MTP – Medical Transportation Program
- ▶ AAA – Area Agency On Aging
- ▶ Highlands Rehabilitation Hospital
- ▶ Las Palmas & Del Sol
- ▶ APS – Adult Protective Services
- ▶ County Nutrition
- ▶ Komen for the Cure
- ▶ MTM – Medical Transportation Management
- ▶ VA – Veterans Affairs
- ▶ EPCC MOU – Transport Students



New Freedom Program



- ▶ Two existing grants
 - NF IV--- Commuter Route in Fabens and Tornillo
 - NF V--- Commuter Route Rural Area
- ▶ Persons with disabilities
- ▶ Point of origin outside city limits but within El Paso County
- ▶ Qualification process done through Volar Center for Independent Living
- ▶ Appointments with at least three days notice
- ▶ \$2.00 each one way trip
- ▶ Transportation to
 - Social visits
 - Entertainment
 - Medical
 - Any other destination
- ▶ 24 Hour Service



Job Access Program



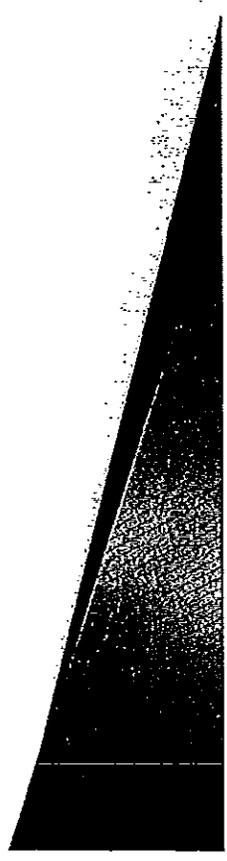
- ▶ Person from rural areas
- ▶ Three existing grants
 - JARC IV – Fixed Route Vinton / Westway / Montana
 - EPCC WV Students
 - JARC V – EPCC students Rio Vista
 - Open for Commuter Service
 - JARC VI – Open for Commuter Service
- ▶ Transportation Services
 - Interviews
 - Applications
 - Job Site
 - Job Training
 - Work Related
- ▶ 24 Hour Service



El Paso County Rural Transit



- ▶ Public rural transportation
- ▶ Four fixed routes
 - Route 10 Anthony
 - Route 20 Montana
 - Route 30 Horizon
 - Route 40 Fabens/Tornillo
- ▶ \$2.00 one way
- ▶ Transports to Sun Metro terminal for transfers
- ▶ Schedule route and information
(915) 532-3474



Questions



Contact



- ▶ To Schedule/Cancel Trip: (915) 532-3415
 - ▶ For County JARC Qualifications or to discuss routes contact:
 - ▶ Jose Pineda (915) 225-1676
 - ▶ Programs: (915) 298-0966 Gracie Dominguez
 - ▶ Medicaid: 1-877-633-8747
 - ▶ For only County New Freedom Qualifications purpose
- Contact:
- Volar Center for Independent Living: (915) 591-0800

