

Commissioners agree to fund DWI program

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Three main topics came up for discussion at the Feb. 16 McKinley County Commission meeting.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the county's DWI program was addressed first.

Program Manager Maura Schanefelt requested an estimated amount of \$819,172, an amount she told the *Gallup Sun* isn't guaranteed.

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The program's mission is to help people overcome the challenges associated with alcohol abuse to create a safer community.

The DWI program will use the grant to address six areas: screening, prevention, coordination, treatment, alternative sentencing, and compliance monitoring. If the program receives more money, it will be directed toward a seventh aspect of the program: law enforcement.

The commissioners approved the funding by a unanimous vote.

Also on the agenda was Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Richard Sturgeon proposed declaring May 2021 Motorcycle Awareness Month. After some discussion with Commissioner Robert Baca about the importance of motorcyclists' responsibility for their own safety and education. The proclamation passed unanimously.

McKinley County. Mgr. Anthony Dimas Jr. addressed the topic of the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Service's third amended lease. The county owns the building and is in charge of the hospital's lease.

Dimas Jr. brought up that Bill Lee will be the newest member of the RMCHCS board, which has now expanded from four to seven. Lee will take his position on the RMCHCS Board March 2.

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