

## McKinley County commissioners snub fireworks ban

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A “proclamation declaring extreme or severe drought conditions within McKinley County” failed to get any recognition from the Board of Commissioners at their June 9 meeting.

County Attorney Doug Decker brought before the commission, as he does annually, for their consideration. It was also a public meeting, and one resident spoke in favor of allowing all legal fireworks be fired off this July 4 holiday.

Gallup resident Sabor Biggs said the lush landscape due to recent rainfalls should be an indicator of why most fireworks should not be banned this year.

Office of Emergency Management Director Anthony Dimas provided a packet to commissioners that cited that the county has seen the third wettest May on record since 1992 and that conditions in the area are “normal.”

He said the county faces “little to no risk of a large fires” in the coming months.

“We’re normal, right where we should be,” he said.

The proclamation, now dead, if passed would have banned the sale of “missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners and stick-type rockets.”