The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Mrs. Patricia Worrell, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; Mr. Ron Black; and Mr. John Hice, Jr.

Mr. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present: Tomlyn Dowdy, Hobbs News Sun.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Hice, the agenda was unanimously adopted, as presented.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the minutes of May 23, 2006, as written.

Mrs. Worrell moved the board go into closed session for the discussion of limited personnel matters and the purchase of real property under the provisions of section 10-15-1-H (2) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Mrs. Worrell – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mr. Kesner – yes; Mr. Hice – yes; and Mr. Hanna – yes.

Upon re-convening in open meeting, Mr. Hanna stated that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

Dr. McCleery presented the Operating Agreement between New Mexico Junior College and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center for board consideration. Upon approval, the agreement will be sent to the Attorney General for review. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the agreement.

Under New Business, Dan Hardin presented the May financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for May, 2006.

Dr. McCleery presented the five Capital Project requests submitted to the Higher Education Department for board consideration. Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the requests.

Mr. Hardin presented Request for Proposals #91 – POS System for Bookstore. The administration recommended acceptance of the proposal submitted by Nebraska Book
Company for $64,467. Upon a motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Charley Carroll presented a recommendation to purchase a new 2007 Freightliner truck from Albuquerque Freightliner through CES for $86,500 plus taxes and CES fee for a total of $93,262.14. As a part of the recommendation, the administration requested moving $45,262.14 from reserves to this capital project. The truck will be used in the CDL program. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Dr. McCleery recommended the board approve the Caster Activity Center gymnasium basketball court be named “Ron Black Court”. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the recommendation. Mr. Black abstained from the vote.

Regina Organ recommended Mr. Chris Polson for the Admission Specialist position at an annual salary of $35,000. Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Polson, effective July 1, 2006. Mr. Kesner abstained from the vote.

Dr. Organ recommended Ms. Jennifer Wright for the Admission Specialist position at an annual salary of $31,300. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Wright, effective July 1, 2006.

Dr. Organ recommended Ms. LuCinda Gomez for the Assistant Director of Financial Aid position at an annual salary of $34,500. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Worrell, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Gomez, effective July 5, 2006.

Bill Kunko recommended Ms. Rhonda Suddeth for the Database/Server Specialist position at an annual salary of $38,496. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Suddeth, effective July 1, 2006.

John Gratton recommended Mr. Steve Fiorito for the Professor of High School Automotive Technology position at a nine month salary of $39,934. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Fiorito, effective July 15, 2006.

Dr. McCleery recommended Mr. Robert Rhodes for the Vice President for Training and Outreach position at an annual salary of $84,643. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Rhodes, effective July 18, 2006.

Charley Carroll recommended Ms Rosa Lopez and Ms. Maria Aguirre for Custodian positions. They are both related to other custodians. Upon a motion by Mrs. Worrell, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.
Dr. McCleery recommended that the college move forward with the campus fencing project by setting the fence at 25 feet. Upon a motion by Mrs. Worrell, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.