The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, February 17, 2005, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; Mr. Wade Cavitt. Not present was Mr. John Hice, Jr.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Cavitt, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the agenda was unanimously adopted, as presented.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the minutes of January 20 and February 7, 2005, as written.

Under President’s Report, Robert Bensing gave the spring enrollment report. Jeff McCool presented an update on Del Norte Center. Charley Carroll gave a power point presentation on proposed campus fencing by Lubbock Concrete. Robert Guthrie presented the Social Security/Annuity Initiative survey conducted by the Welfare Committee. Dr. McCleery updated the board on the legislative session issues involving the college. He would like to have a construction tour before the next board meeting.

Under New Business, Dan Hardin presented the January financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for January 2005. Mr. Hardin presented the quarterly Fiscal Watch Reports to be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously accepted the reports.

Dr. McCleery presented a request to move forward with campus fencing around the dorms and the baseball field and along Millen Drive. Lubbock Concrete is the sole source for the fencing. Mr. Hanna requested cost for other fencing and where the fencing would be put. Mr. Kesner ask Dr. McCleery to prioritize what area to fence first.

Frank Collins presented Bid #965 – Welding Equipment. The administration recommended acceptance of the multi award bid as follows: A. G. Heinze Inc. – Digital Metallurgy Microscope $10,912.48; Staveley NDT Technologies, Inc. – Sonic 1200S Portable Flaw Detector $7,051.37; FTS Systems, Inc. – Re-circulating Coller $4,780.
Upon a motion by Mr. Cavitt, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Mr. Collins presented Bid #966 – Purchase & Installation of Carpet & Cove Base in Watson Hall. The administration recommended acceptance of the bid from Floors to Go for $10,556.80. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Cavitt, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Regina Organ recommended Ms. April Edwards for the Upward Bound Academic Coordinator position at an annual salary of $33,859. Upon motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Edwards effective February 21, 2005.

August Fons recommended Ms. Naomi Espinoza for the Assistant Director of Corrections Training position at an annual salary of $37,500. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the employment of Ms. Espinoza effective March 1, 2005.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for March 17, 2005, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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