



(Press Staff Photo by Marcela Johnson)  
Judge George Moreno, right, swears in Mayor Reynaldo Maynes during the Hurley Town Council special meeting at the Hurley Community Center on Tuesday.

## Hurley appoints Maynes mayor

By MARCELA JOHNSON  
Daily Press Staff

The Hurley Town Council appointed former councilor and Mayor Pro Tem Reynaldo Maynes as the town's new mayor during a special meeting Tuesday.

Maynes was the only person to submit a letter of interest to fill the seat left vacant after longtime Mayor Ed Stevens died on Dec. 8, 2025. Stevens had been reelected to a four-year term just a month earlier.

"I didn't plan on running for mayor, but with Mr. Stevens passing away, I just wanted to step up and hopefully fill those shoes," Maynes said.

He said he served on the council for three years, which

he called "rewarding." He said he plans to be in Hurley for the rest of his life and wants to do some good for the town.

"I'm deeply honored by the trust you have placed in me today," Maynes said. "Thank you for the confidence you have in me."

The council appointed former Councilor Robert Candelaria to the vacant council seat. He was the only person to submit a letter of interest.

Candelaria said he had not planned to run, but decided to submit a letter of interest after seeing the vacancy.

"I've donated a lot of my time back to the town over the past time that I've been here," he said.

Candelaria noted that he

had donated his stipend back to the town in his past term, which he felt he should do because he had been appointed and not voted in during a regular election.

He works as the director of information systems at Gila Regional Medical Center, and said he has already been working with the town on getting a security camera system in place.

"There's a lot of stuff we're still working on, and I'm just willing to continue to help," Candelaria said.

Judge George Moreno was sworn in prior to the meeting by Town Clerk Darlene

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## Countywide text notifications to launch Monday

By JO LUTZ  
Daily Press Correspondent

Tuesday's Grant County Commission work session kicked off with an invitation via public comment to an office-warming and ribbon-cutting for the new office shared by District 28 state Sen. Gabriel Ramos and District 39 state Rep. Luis Terrazas on Friday, Jan. 9, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the First American Bank building at 1609 N. Swan St.

County IT Director Adam Baca also let the commission

know about a text notification system that will be going live to the public next Monday.

"The primary intention of this is to be able to notify residents of the county that opt in to this service of any emergencies that are going on," he said.

The platform is called Text-MyGov, and residents can opt in to receiving the alerts from the county website, grantcountym.gov. In addition, Baca said that publicly available

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## State's \$1.5M bringing internet to Silver students

By JUNO OGLE  
Daily Press Staff

A \$1.5 million grant from the state's Student Connect program will be a game changer in providing students in the Silver Consolidated Schools with fast, reliable internet service, one district official said Wednesday.

The grant, awarded in July to Transworld Network, or TWN, with the support of

Silver Schools, will allow 484 students and their families in underserved rural areas of the school district to receive high-speed internet access.

The state's Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, TWN and the school district conducted a ribbon-cutting for the service Wednesday afternoon in Silver High

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