

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande                )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the November 24, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. There was discussion of critical care hours. The Critical Care Bank hours can only be used during the 12 week Family Medical Leave Act and not to extend the 12 week leave.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the following refund. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Assessed	Actual	Tax
21330-00-185	\$3,980	\$50,001	\$185.46

The Board certified the Beaver Estates mill levy of \$383.75 per lot to be included with the tax bills.

Ms. Benton reviewed pending meeting schedules.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to grant 18.69 hours from the Critical Care Bank to an employee. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to allow alcohol in the McMullen Building for the Potato/Grain Conference (February 10 -13, 2009) social hour. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the following claims. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

**County General Fund**

ACS Services	exp	\$	7,820.15
Aspen Office Products	exp	\$	19.66
Colorado Chapter	registration	\$	520.00
Colorado Counties Inc	Benton	\$	75.00
Colorado State University	year 2008	\$	11,450.00
D&T Ventures LLC	exp	\$	275.00
Danah Gonzales	mileage	\$	53.00
Fleming Chemical Co Inc	exp	\$	225.10
Lenovo (United States)	exp	\$	49.56
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	2,412.61
Rio Grande County	van use	\$	54.48
Southern Colo Computer	exp	\$	79.98
State of Colorado/DOI	exp	\$	395.35
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	work	\$	2,130.00

Todd Wright	coroner call	\$	600.00
Town of Del Norte	health fair	\$	25.00
United Reprographic	exp	\$	86.96
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	2,452.72
Verizon Wireless	exp	\$	1,057.78
WSB Computer Services	exp	\$	781.25
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	5,144.78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>35,708.38</b>
Alamosa Credit Union	exp	\$	450.00
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	66,183.16
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	328.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	168.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	350.00
Mark A Leachman, PC	exp	\$	173.32
Pre-Paid Legal Services	exp	\$	29.90
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	43,644.82
Security Benefit	exp	\$	5,354.16
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	435.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>117,116.36</b>
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	3,756.14
4 Imprint	exp	\$	1,883.42
ACS Services, Inc	exp	\$	4,476.37
Adams Drug Store Inc	RGSO	\$	1,182.76
All The Kings Flags	exp	\$	31.60
Andrews Produce Inc	exp	\$	1,421.53
Anne Henningsen	November	\$	275.00
Aspen Office Products	RGSO	\$	172.75
Beth Quinlan	Prj B	\$	629.00
Boys & Girls Clubs	exp	\$	450.00
Business Solutions Leasing	exp	\$	379.55
Cathy Gonzales	mileage	\$	16.00
Center for Transportation	exp	\$	100.00
Chaffee Cnty Public Health	exp	\$	1,295.00
Christina Wilson	mileage	\$	45.50
Co Dept of Human Service	citations	\$	10.00
Co Dept of Public Safety	exp	\$	262.50
Colorado Stamp & Seal	exp	\$	19.45
Construction Exam Center	R Kern	\$	1,300.00
Costilla County Nursing	November	\$	1,778.00
County Sheriffs of Colo	exp	\$	3,377.43
Custom Badge & Patch	exp	\$	73.50
Dale Trujillo	mileage	\$	282.00
Danah Gonzales	mileage	\$	72.50
Davis Engineering Service	exp	\$	16,669.30
Del Norte Auto Supply	exp	\$	69.05
Del Norte Middle School	teacher trvl	\$	397.99
Dennis Murphy Jr	travel exp	\$	863.00
Digitcom Electronics	exp	\$	113.00
District Attorney Office	11th pmt	\$	13,495.00
Duckwall-Alco Discount	exp	\$	363.95
Dunn Law LLP	legal	\$	1,169.80
El Paso County Coroner	exp	\$	2,500.00

Fleming Chemical Co	exp	\$	86.33
Gobins	exp	\$	143.48
High Valley Community	October	\$	526.81
Impact Promotions	exp	\$	38.00
Jack's Market	exp	\$	321.94
Jack's Market	exp	\$	43.68
Jaclyn Gabel	mileage	\$	5.00
Jade Communications	exp	\$	49.95
Jan Doctor	cash exp	\$	194.62
Jeff Babcock	Prj B	\$	6,840.41
Jennifer Mondragon	mileage	\$	16.00
Jon Montano	Prj B	\$	666.00
Kathy Black	exp	\$	164.50
Ken's Service Center	RGSO	\$	616.12
KVS Information Systems	exp	\$	900.00
Lake County Health Dept	exp	\$	800.00
Law Enforcement Services	RGSO	\$	154.00
MB Police Equipment	RGSO	\$	1,413.65
Marathon Systems	exp	\$	159.16
Matilda Quintana	mileage	\$	10.00
Meadow Gold Dairies Inc	exp	\$	534.26
Michael Valdez	mileage	\$	285.00
Michelle Medina	mileage	\$	70.00
Michelle Montoya	mileage	\$	17.00
Mineral County Public	exp	\$	805.37
Monte Vista Amoco	exp	\$	368.23
Mount'n Valley Sports	RGSO	\$	372.94
Notes & Numbers, LLC	exp	\$	295.00
O&V Printing	exp	\$	408.33
Office Depot	supplies	\$	32.38
OMNI Institute	survy	\$	273.27
Paula Hendricks	per diem	\$	96.27
Pauline Velasquez	election	\$	100.00
Peggy Kern	mileage	\$	220.00
Personal Health Designs	exp	\$	253.33
Physician Sales & Services	exp	\$	160.02
Pitney Bowes Inc	exp	\$	105.00
Positive Promotions	exp	\$	310.17
Pro Com	exp	\$	105.00
Qwest Communications	long dist	\$	54.76
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	192.51
Raina Bowsher	election	\$	100.00
Rio Grande Hospital	RGSO	\$	2,922.61
Robert Hagedorn	mileage	\$	247.00
Rose Vanderpool	travel exp	\$	12.00
Safeway Inc	exp	\$	239.95
Saguache Co Public Health	exp	\$	966.40
Saguache County Jail	RGSO	\$	35.00
Sally Allee	election	\$	200.00
Sherryl Steving	mileage	\$	51.00
Sleuth Software	RGSO	\$	1,875.00
Southern Co Imaging	RIOSHE	\$	53.00
Sparkle Cleaners	RGSO	\$	52.00
Staples Business	exp	\$	188.74

Statues Unlimited	exp	\$	535.00
Sue Davis	Prj A	\$	2,442.57
Suzanne Benton	travel exp	\$	122.50
Tamarac Medical	exp	\$	30.00
Tim Arellano	exp	\$	10.00
True Value Hardware	exp	\$	27.24
United Reprographic	exp	\$	75.20
Valley Meat	exp	\$	1,718.67
Valley Performance	exp	\$	344.46
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	314.00
Valley-Wide Health Systems	RGSO	\$	389.05
Vendola Plumbing	exp	\$	1,266.13
Victim Assistance Fund	citations	\$	10.00
William Spicer	mileage	\$	21.00
Wright Valley Oil	exp	\$	7,114.14
WSB Computer Services	exp	\$	1,229.77
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>99,732.01</b>

#### Road & Bridge Fund

Qwest Communications	exp	\$	53.73
Verizon Wireless	exp	\$	86.95
Wright Valley Oil	exp	\$	27,850.85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>27,991.53</b>

Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	22,535.27
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	790.00
Linebarger, Googan	Plane	\$	45.73
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	16,273.66
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>39,694.66</b>

Airgas Intermountain	exp	\$	55.61
Alta Fuels	exp	\$	6,366.09
AT&T	exp	\$	32.77
B&C Electric Inc	exp	\$	256.80
Brown's Septic Service Inc	exp	\$	21.50
CNH Capital	exp	\$	39.67
D&M Wire Rope	exp	\$	1,111.28
Del Norte Auto Supply	exp	\$	477.74
Discount Auto Parts	exp	\$	224.01
Duckwall-Alco Discount	exp	\$	144.48
Haynies Inc	supplies	\$	1,018.40
Industrial & Farm Supply	exp	\$	194.93
Leroy A Romero	exp	\$	125.00
Mathias Concrete	exp	\$	720.00
Monte Vista BP/Amoco	exp	\$	137.50
Monte Vista Cooperative	exp	\$	367.56
Monte Vista Machine Tool	exp	\$	65.00
Monte Vista Machine Tool	exp	\$	2.35
Motor Parts	exp	\$	13.50
Myers Brothers Truck	exp	\$	33.85
Petty Cash	postage/CDL	\$	46.55
Pro Com	exp	\$	175.00

Qwest Communications	exp	\$	393.04
Ridge View Tel	exp	\$	29.95
Rocky Mountain Upholstery	exp	\$	25.00
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	170.00
Southwestern Auto Supply	exp	\$	227.68
Wagner Equipment	exp	\$	2,922.94
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	1,083.38
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>16,481.58</b>
<b>Pest Control</b>			
Alltel	exp	\$	33.50
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	63.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>96.50</b>
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	1,449.92
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	897.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,347.40</b>
First BankCard	card pmt	\$	31.18
Center Conservation District	exp	\$	507.50
Colo Dept of Agriculture	license fee	\$	350.00
Industrial & Farm Supply	exp	\$	8.02
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	81.04
Rio Grande Soil	exp	\$	1,000.00
SLV RC & D	exp	\$	100.75
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,078.49</b>
<b>Airport Fund</b>			
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	377.78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>377.78</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure Fund</b>			
		\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Conservation Trust</b>			
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	85.65
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>85.65</b>
<b>Tourism Trust</b>			
Devi Jardon	postage	\$	1,210.53
MMG Worldwide	travel shows	\$	350.00
Snow Scoop	exp	\$	162.00
South Fork Visitor's	trade shows	\$	2,134.73
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,857.26</b>
<b>County General Elections</b>			
Alice Gibson	election	\$	100.00
Anita Blickhahn	election	\$	117.00
Ashley Velasquez	election	\$	117.00
Barb Heersink	election	\$	115.00
Betty Buttman	election	\$	105.50

Betty Gutierrez	election	\$ 114.00
Calvary Baptist Church	election	\$ 50.00
Carl Hill	election	\$ 30.00
Carla Clutter	election	\$ 120.00
Carolyn Sullivan	election	\$ 100.00
Cathy Sullivan	election	\$ 100.00
Chardell Barton	election	\$ 130.00
Cherri Lyons	election	\$ 100.00
Church of Jesus Christ	election	\$ 50.00
Connie Deacon	election	\$ 115.00
Cora Velasquez	election	\$ 100.00
Donna Vanderpool	election	\$ 500.00
Doris Downie	election	\$ 105.00
Dorothy Chambers	election	\$ 102.50
Fabiola Luna	election	\$ 100.00
Gail Cox	election	\$ 100.00
Gail Mattive	election	\$ 107.00
Glenalee Mitchell	election	\$ 100.00
Hope Peckumn	election	\$ 332.50
Irene Falk	election	\$ 107.50
Irma Martinez	election	\$ 117.00
Jaeleen Gibson	election	\$ 106.50
James Griffin	election	\$ 100.00
Janice Slade	election	\$ 100.00
Jeanette Howey	election	\$ 135.00
Jerrilyn Everett	election	\$ 115.00
Jorie Scott	election	\$ 132.00
Jose Medina	election	\$ 100.00
Joyce Gomez	election	\$ 100.00
Judy Niederquell	election	\$ 117.00
Kathryn Siglinger	election	\$ 100.00
Leah Clark	election	\$ 110.00
Lee Jackson	election	\$ 30.00
Lillian Gonzales	election	\$ 100.00
Lorell Cotton	election	\$ 345.00
Manuel Quintana	election	\$ 30.00
Margaret Stillings	election	\$ 110.00
Margery Siemering	election	\$ 100.00
Marilyn Dalby	election	\$ 105.00
Mary Lamb	election	\$ 100.00
Melanie Meyer	election	\$ 115.00
Michael Mitchell	election	\$ 108.00
Nazarene Church	election	\$ 50.00
Neva Ross	election	\$ 100.00
Nick Gonzales	election	\$ 115.00
Nicki Smith	election	\$ 115.00
Nicole Ziegler	election	\$ 106.00
Pauline Velasquez	election	\$ 100.00
Pauline Washburn	election	\$ 100.00
Peggy Manzanares	election	\$ 117.00
Raina Bowsher	election	\$ 460.00
Ron Hart	election	\$ 100.00
San Luis Valley Rural	election	\$ 50.00
Sarah Rierson	election	\$ 488.00

Sheila Casias Sanders	election	\$ 105.00
Shirley Lentz	election	\$ 100.00
Shirley McCullough	election	\$ 102.50
South Fork Community	election	\$ 50.00
Sue Brown	election	\$ 115.00
Susan Williams	election	\$ 105.00
Suzy Rawls	election	\$ 110.00
Teresa Atkins	election	\$ 345.00
Tesa Martinez	election	\$ 100.00
Theresa Archuleta	election	\$ 107.50
Theresa Sanchez	election	\$ 100.00
Vivian Dominguez	election	\$ 117.00
Wayne Odom	election	\$ 117.00
Yvonne Weaver	election	\$ 106.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,174.50</b>

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to keep the oil and gas drilling moratorium in place until the State of Colorado has released their regulations and have been reviewed by the County with time to revise the exiting County regulations. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded. The motion passed 2:1.

Commissioner Murphy moved to sign the resolution to disband the South Fork Airport Authority formed in September 1989. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 541 PAGE 2988

Chairman Davie signed a letter to the Jasper Homeowners Association answering questions posed to the Board regarding snow removal from Forest Service Road 250.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Mr. Dunn noted that he researched dissolving the South Fork Airport Authority Board. He has reviewed the new resolution; the reasons for forming the Airport Authority are no longer relevant.

Mr. Dunn updated the Board on the County Attorney Convention sessions.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the December 4, 2008 minutes as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. She updated the Board on the roof repairs and presented pictures of the work taken by the contractor. Chairman Davie signed the monthly Veteran's Report. Ms. Benton said Valdez Roofing gave an estimate of \$37,500 for re-roofing the existing roof at the Museum; \$41,500 to tear out the old roof to the decking and start with a new roof over the Museum and a seven year warranty. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the roof project for \$41,500 at the County Museum. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Ms. Benton will amend the 2008 budget to include this expense.

At 9:15 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly road report. The monthly report was submitted as follows:

- Hauled sand to the Del Norte Head Start
- Railroad crossing on the 3 North was replaced in a joint project with the Railroad
- The 11 North east of Highway 285 was staked and prepared for grade work
- Set up and took down voting booths for the November election
- The County Road 15 project was completed including crushed gravel
- Opened a recharge pit on the 11 North Road for Bassett Farms
- Preliminary work for the County Line Bridge was started
- Spent a few days on snow removal

Proposed work for December includes starting work on the 11 North Road, culvert work on the 11 North, begin County Line Bridge project, continue to grade roads as the weather permits, Mr. Sullivan will attend the CCI conference, CPR training on December 8, Christmas party on December 19, and there will be a retirement party for Abelardo Heredia on December 23.

The Monte Vista Cemetery project is on hold at this point. Chairman Davie will find out if the Cemetery Board can assist with funding the project.

Mr. Sullivan said there have been a lot of repairs this month. Grader blades will be ordered after the first of the year. There was discussion of the recent snowstorm and snow removal.

Ms. Benton said the Super Shed project managers met with her and she referred them to Mr. Sullivan regarding road access.

Ms. Benton asked if the Road and Bridge Department would be willing to do in kind parking lot work for a Valley Wide Health Clinic in Monte Vista. This work would be noted in the grant application being made by the City of Monte Vista. The location has not been determined. The Board said they cannot commit to any work without knowing the location and scope of work. Ms. Benton will try to get more information.

Commissioner Hagedorn asked Mr. Sullivan about non-County maintained roads in regards to oil and gas regulations. Mr. Sullivan may be involved in some of the regulation process regarding these types of roads.

At 10:15 a.m. James Berg, Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:00 a.m. A.J. Taylor and Fred Oglesby joined the session for the quarterly Museum report. Ms. Taylor noted that the annual meeting was successful and a new slate of officers was elected. She reviewed the written report. Mr. Oglesby reviewed the financial report. He noted that income is less than predicted and gift shop sales were also down. They accordingly reduced their expenses as necessary. Mr. Oglesby talked about the MAPS program which assesses the Museum operations and staff. Because it is a County facility, the Board would be involved as well. This process is done in stages; this is the first step in receiving IMLS funds. IMLS is a federal funding program for Museums. An example of things that could be funded is a shelving system or training for the staff. This will be a focus in 2009. The Museum will host a wine reception/fund raiser in February for \$50 per ticket. Commissioner Murphy moved to waive the County's No-Alcohol Policy for this event. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton told Ms. Taylor the old Museum roof would be torn off and a new one installed starting before the end of December.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Ms. Benton said she continues to receive updates on the Lobato case. Ms. Benton noted a public hearing in Mineral County regarding the proposed airport plans.

Ms. Benton presented an item from the Public Health Office. A Monte Vista resident voiced concerns with wood burning stoves and smoke from a neighbor's home. This resident would like regulations for "no burn days", etc. Wood heat is the only source of heat for many County residents. The Public Health Nurse explained to the resident that the City of Monte Vista would have jurisdiction in this matter. The Board agreed that wood stoves are the main source of heat for many residents.

Chairman Davie noted the old warehouse on the east side of Del Norte which has a large crack in the wall and a corner of the structure is crumbling. The Board is concerned because someone lives in an apartment in the building. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session. He has noticed the problem while driving by. Mr. Kern also noted his work on Ellen Dunn's warehouse in Monte Vista. She was sent a certified letter earlier this month. Mr. Kern will send a certified letter to Arthur Kraft, owner of the warehouse. Mr. Kern asked Mr. Dunn about the legal steps to tear down the warehouse in Monte Vista if the owner does not give consent to inspect the site. The costs of removal can be added to the property tax. Mr. Dunn said there would be a process through District Court. Mr. Dunn will research this matter.

Mr. Dunn informed the Board about a property abstract that came through his office noting a 1970 building code. He asked Mr. Kern for information on this matter; Mr. Kern has not found any information on a 1970 building code.

Ms. Benton noted the quarterly lottery payment of \$15,741.85 which is down from previous periods.

The Board approved the Public Health Office request to close their office an hour early on December 18 for a Christmas party.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. Ms. Benton presented the 2009 budget for adoption. The following budget message was accepted by the Board.

**BUDGET MESSAGE  
2009 BUDGET  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY**

Attached is the 2009 Rio Grande County Budget. This budget includes the following county funds: County General, Road & Bridge, Social Services, Capital Expenditures, Airport, Conservation Trust and Tourism. Also included in the document is the RIO GRANDE COUNTY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT'S 2009 budget.

The annual budget is the County's most important financial management document. It is a financial road map for the coming year for all of the various departments and offices. The budget process is a joint effort between the Commissioners, the department heads, and the elected officials to maximize services in the most efficient way possible. All requests are considered and discussed as a group, and the final decisions are made by the Board of County Commissioners who determine the most efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars.

The 2009 County Budget is \$20,408,596 and the Weed Control District Budget is \$142,700. This is an increase of \$2,026,860 (12.1%) for the County budget and a \$7,505 (5.5%) increase for Weed Control. The Budget, as presented, is balanced in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 29-1-101 through 115. The budgeted revenue amounts for the Weed Control District are under the amount of increase allowed under the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit. Rio Grande County did successfully pass the removal of the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit in November 1999. The accounting basis of modified accrual is utilized for Rio Grande County.

In 2009, the County's mill levy will remain the same as previous years at 15.567 mills. This is the maximum number of mills Rio Grande County can levy without going

to the vote of the people. The total property tax revenue increase in 2009 is projected to be \$33,200 (1.2%) due to a non-appraisal year.

The major points of interest in the 2009 budget are as follows:

- Employees were given a 2 percent cost of living raise as a means of raising the base salary for all county employees. This increase is an effort to retain staff, as the County has seen loss of employees to agencies with higher wages over the past several years. It was calculated that for the month of November, 2008, the average take home pay across all county employees was \$1,863 up from \$1,715 in 2007. The Commissioners have made increasing wages their major priority in order to retain and recruit the highest quality individuals for county positions.
- Two additional full-time positions were funded in the Social Services Department. The Single Entry Point which is 100 % federally funded will add an additional caseworker, and the TANF unit will add one new Income Maintenance Technician which is 80% funded by state and federal funds.

The 2009 budget will be funded from the following sources:

	2008 Budget		2009 Budget
Property Tax	\$2,483,476	13.5%	12.7%
Other Local Sources	\$1,916,425	11.3%	9.6%
Federal and State	\$12,183,473	69.6%	69.8%
Fund Reserves	\$ 1,340,139	5.6%	7.9%

The accomplishments for 2008 were:

- \*Received a DoLA grant to start the feasibility study for a central septic system for the Alpine Village area.
- \*Completed roof repairs on the Social Services Building, the Courthouse and started the replacement of the Museum's roof.
- \*Completed a revision of the Rio Grande County Land Use Code.

Projects Goals for 2009 are:

- \*Adopt and implement the plumbing codes and inspections.
- \*Adopt Gas and Oil Regulations
- \*Update the Rio Grande County Master Plan
- \*Continue to explore funding sources for the realignment of the runway.
- \*Complete the study on a central septic system for the Alpine Village area and begin implementation of recommendations.
- \*Work with the municipalities, URG EDC and SLV Development Resource Group to improve the economic base in the County.
- \*Work closely with all county departments in ways to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. All programs will be evaluated for efficiency.
- \*Evaluate current personnel system and begin implementation and training to develop a performance based pay program.

The County has four lease agreements: Three agreements with Minolta for three copiers and a one lease purchase for the addition and remodeling of the jail.

The 2009 County Budget shows an ending fund balance of \$2,252,735 which is down by \$1,623,281. By utilizing \$1,623,281 of unappropriated funds to balance the 2009 budget the county continues to utilize its savings; this track is un-sustainable and in the future either revenues will have to increase or the county will be forced to reduce expenditures. If revenues do not increase, County General Fund will need to be reduced by 14% and Road & Bridge Fund by 18.6%. This reduction will have to be accomplished by reducing or eliminating various services and staff. This balance is required and has been reflected in the values of the voters of Rio Grande County as in 2006 a 3 mill tax increase to the same level as was held in 1992 was rejected by our constituents. The only means for local governments to remain solvent is to cut services. Consequently, the only option to balance the budget is to continue to reduce expenditures and/or find new revenue sources.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various funds that have a significant impact on the 2009 budget that were not discussed above:

**General Fund:** Funding was again appropriated for the Clerk and Recorder to implement the scanning of aperture cards into the ACS system as necessitated from the current document cards deterioration to a level where many are unreadable. This project has been estimated to take over six years to complete with one FTE assigned solely to this task.

Currently, the State of Colorado enforces the Plumbing Code. One inspector is assigned to the six counties of the San Luis Valley. The inspector is available in Rio Grande County on Tuesdays of each week. By taking over these inspections through the County's Building Department, the two county inspectors who are currently doing building inspections can also perform the plumbing inspections. This will provide a more-timely service to our contractors and homeowners.

Three new sheriff's vehicles have been approved for purchase along with a transport van to replace aging vehicles. Costs for law enforcement and detention of inmates continue to increase at considerable rates. The County will be working with neighboring counties to explore possible cost sharing/savings ideas since all counties are struggling with these demands.

Rio Grande County has and will continue to supplement its budget with intergovernmental revenues through grant and other funding. The Public Health Department continues to receive funding to conduct a Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program within Rio Grande County as Cardiovascular Disease within the County has been found at higher rates than state averages. Other grants received include the continuation of the Homeland Security Grant, Law Enforcement Grant and Citizens' Corp Grant. The San Luis Valley Revolving Loan Fund Grant is also included in County's Budget for auditing purposes. This grant will show \$500,000 in both revenue and expenditures which goes to foster small businesses across all six counties within the San Luis Valley.

**Road & Bridge Fund:** This year \$300,000 is budgeted for asphalt; but until the paving season arrives and the cost of asphalt is determined, any new paving cannot be planned. The cost of maintaining the 219.97 miles of paved road will consume the largest portion of this amount. \$300,000 is budgeted for purchase of equipment which at this time is undetermined. Possible items for capital expenditure purchase are a grader, loader, and/or excavator. Highway Users Trust Fund (HUTF) funds approximately 59 percent of the Road & Bridge Fund down from 67% in 2008. With increased gas prices and more efficient vehicles, fewer gallons of fuel are sold and less revenue from HUTF is generated. Over the past several years, two positions have been eliminated from this department due to reduced revenues.

**Social Services Fund:** The funding for the Social Services' budget is based upon the allocations issued by the Operations Office, Colorado Department of Human Services. All allocations from the State must be matched by local funds. Programs such as Child Day Care, Child Welfare and County Administration have been unfunded by the State in past years which has required transfer of funds from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or County tax dollars. Efforts are being made to reduce the need of County tax dollar transfers to fund programs that are mandated by State agencies. The over-all increase in the Social Services Fund for 2009 is 14.6 percent up \$1,378,461 from 2008.

The upcoming year is full of uncertainty: The County has seen a limited increase in property values; however, with the mortgage subleading problems across the country and the resultant foreclosures, there is no surety that the County's assessed values will remain at the current level. Other concerns include the increase in cost for insurance, utilities, food, equipment and oil prices that directly effect if any or to what extent road construction occurs. The citizens are continually requesting more paved roads, but with the 2008 cost of asphalt in place at \$245,466 per mile as compared to \$136,326 per mile

in 2007 and having 349.44 miles of unpaved roads, it is impossible to continue paving new roads and continue to maintain the roads currently on the system. This figure does not include the cost of building the road base prior to paving. The county maintains 569.41 miles of road of which 219.97 are paved and must be maintained. It is also noteworthy that areas that have had their roads paved during the past three years have been a result of the residents' willingness to tax themselves with additional assessments for paving purposes.

Always of concern are the water issues in the county and how the sub-districts will affect current farming and life in general within our County. If more land has to be taken out of production, this will affect the value of the agriculture land and also have direct impact upon sales tax.

All costs of doing business continue to rise for government just as it does for other businesses and private individuals. Just like any business, the County has to purchase supplies, insurance, utilities, food, and equipment. These costs have perpetually increased without corresponding revenue increases as a business may pass along to its consumer.

The County was cautious when projecting revenues reflected in the 2009 budget. Most of the Federal and State revenues are for Social Services programs, (\$10,142,408), HUTF (\$1,735,000) and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (\$375,000). With the revenue uncertainties that exist, the officials of Rio Grande County will need to work closely with the State to assure our current level of funding is maintained and also work with the various offices to reduce spending throughout 2009 so the expenditures balance more closely with the incoming revenues. Our current unappropriated fund balance is equivalent to just over a one and a third month's cash flow. This is dangerously low and constant monitoring will be necessary during the year to respond quickly to any changes. If revenues fail to be generated, the budget will be amended downward quarterly to prevent future eroding of the stability of the county's finances.

Budget prepared by:

Suzanne L. Benton  
County Administrator/Budget Officer

Date: December 8, 2008

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt the following 2009 Budget. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET**

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2009, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County has appointed Suzanne L. Benton, Budget Officer, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, Suzanne L. Benton, Budget Officer, has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 15, 2008, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 10, 2008, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund	\$6,509,587
Road & Bridge Fund	2,927,460
Social Services Fund	10,800,134
Airport Fund	10,750
Capital Expenditures Fund	0
Conservation Trust Fund	88,000
Tourism Fund	<u>72,665</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$20,408,596

Section 2. That estimated revenues for each fund are as follows:

<u>General Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$4,689,587
From the general property tax	<u>1,820,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,509,587

<u>Road &amp; Bridge Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$2,597,960
From the general property tax	<u>329,500</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,927,460

<u>Social Services Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$10,366,826
From the general property tax	<u>433,308</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,800,134

<u>Airport Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 10,750</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 10,750

<u>Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 88,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 88,000

<u>Capital Expenditure Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0

<u>Tourism Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 72,665</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 72,665

Section 3. That the budget as submitted, amended, and herein above summarized by fund, be, and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of Rio Grande County for the year stated above.

Section 4. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the Board of County Commissioners and made a part of the public records of Rio Grande County.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of December, 2008.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Doug Davie, Chairman

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Robert Hagedorn, Commissioner

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Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to adopt the following resolution to appropriate sums of money. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY**

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2009 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 10, 2008, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has made provisions therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purpose described below, so as not to impair the operation of the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the following are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated:

General Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$6,509,587</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,509,587
Road & Bridge Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,927,460</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,927,460
Social Services Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,800,134</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,800,134
Airport Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 10,750</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 10,750
Conservation Trust Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 88,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 88,000
Capital Expenditure Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0
Tourism Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 72,665</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 72,665

ADOPTED, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Doug Davie, Chairman

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Robert Hagedorn, Commissioner

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Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the following mill levy resolution. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES**

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2008, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2009 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the Rio Grande County has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 10, 2008, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$1,918,170
Road & Bridge Fund	346,647
Social Services Fund	<u>433,308</u>
Total	\$2,698,125

WHEREAS, the 2008 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande County as certified by the County Assessor is \$173,323,350.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the County of Rio Grande during the 2009 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of:

General Fund	11.067 mills
Road & Bridge Fund	2.000 mills
Social Services Fund	<u>2.500 mills</u>

totaling 15.567 mills upon each dollar of total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County of Rio Grande for the Year of 2009.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of December 2008.

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Hagedorn thanked Ms. Benton for all of her work on the budget.

Commissioner Murphy moved to allocate \$5,000 of in-kind work to the Monte Vista Valley Wide Health Systems parking lot for the grant application. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the grant submitted by the Sheriff's Office for an evidence locker. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Berg joined the session for the appointment with Frank Martinez, Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Martinez failed to make his appointment; this is the second time he has missed an appointment without calling to cancel the meeting. The Board and Mr. Berg expressed disappointment with Mr. Martinez in light of the news of closing the Monte Vista Club.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board adjourned for a work session.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order following the monthly manager's meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the December 10, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:20 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Nurse, joined the session for the monthly report. She thanked the Board for the gift certificates on behalf of her staff. Chairman Davie noted that the Alamosa County Public Health Office donated some funds to the SLV Regional Landfill for Alamosa County residents to dispose of tires to help eliminate mosquito habitat. Ms. Perry said some Medicare funds have been received to cover flu vaccine from last year; however not all claims were paid. The billing has not been done for the current year. She expressed frustration with the Medicare agency reimbursement process; the County is carrying the cost until Medicare sends payment. She said when a nurse calls for assistance Medicare staff has a different response for the same question. She said this problem has been expressed with other County Nurses and feels this problem is being resolved with Medicare.

The local health officer position was discussed. Ms. Perry read the duties of this officer. Ms. Perry will gather more information on the Reauthorization Act and the local health officer.

Ms. Perry said if the Substance Abuse Program is not going to be federally funded in 2010 it needs to be discussed early in 2009 so Ms. Perry can work on other funding sources. Joyce Housden will have information to present in February on this matter.

Ms. Benton presented information on the Coming Alive Program, a work site health and fitness program. Ms. Perry said there is a fitness, nutrition and activity portion. Each entity competes against other entities. There needs to be a coordinator for each entity. The Board noted there was not much notice of this program for employee enrollment in 2009; Commissioner Hagedorn suggested discussing this program for 2010.

At 10:50 a.m. Betty Velasquez, Colorado Work Force Center, joined the session. The local Commissioners will be meeting tomorrow regarding the One Stop Operator service. There are three options to consider. State employees would remain as State staff. One county could be the One Stop Operator and fiscal manager to provide services for all eight counties in the region. This includes the Valley, Huerfano and Las Animas counties. Should there be a deficit the operating county would have to cover the deficit. Ms. Velasquez said not all of this information was presented at the Valley Commissioners meeting. Currently, the State is the operator and the services are contracted out. Commissioner Murphy said the current operation would be his preference with the State as the One Stop Operator. Ms. Benton said there would have to be an intergovernmental agreement to handle such matters as a deficit between all eight counties. Ms. Velasquez said this meeting is available by conference call for all eight Boards of Commissioners. All eight counties should be at this meeting. Ms. Benton asked if the counties agree to continue the service as is, will the employees be State staff or contractual. The three options are: State operator, eight county consortium or individual county operations.

At 11:15 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to sign the one year contract with ACS Services for the Assessor and Treasurer's offices. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Murphy moved to appoint Ms. Benton as proxy to the 2009 steering committees. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Murphy moved to allow the excess Extension Funds be used for the Extension secretary bonus as done in the past. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Chairman Davie signed the Merit System certification. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to waive the McMullen Building fee for the Potato/Grain Conference. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:30 a.m. Carol Pastore joined the session to update the Board on the therapeutic riding program. Kylee Schmidt and Erika Bachurski were introduced as volunteers with the program. Ms. Pastore said Sargent FBLA is still helping with the Stampede cotton candy sale which is the biggest

fund raiser for her program. Two Norwegian Fjords have been donated to the program; these are smaller sturdy horses which are being trained for the students. Ms. Pastore noted that non-profit organizations are required to file income tax this year; she has been working with the Small Business Development Center and QuickBooks computer program. The Monte Vista High School web design class will be developing a web site for the program. Ms. Pastore noted the assistance that Alpine Veterinary Clinic gives the program. Ms. Schmidt is with AmeriCorps and is assisting with the therapy sessions, horse training and office work. Ms. Bachurski is studying reactive attachment disorder and is working with two riders on this matter. Ms. Pastore is working on a session with ballet dance and the horse riders. She is hoping to invite the community to this production. A reading camp is being planned for this summer as well. Ms. Pastore noted a fundraiser being conducted currently as a service project for a scholarship application. Donations can include feed, tack or money; this is being administered by a student applying for the scholarship. The donors receive a handmade wreath from the scholarship applicant.

At 12:00 p.m. Chairman Davie signed the amendment to the 2006 Law Enforcement Grant.

At 12:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set.

At 9:05 a.m. Chairman Davie presented the years of service awards to the following employees:  
Victoria White - 5 years  
Brian Norton - 5 years  
Roseanne Pacheco - 20 years  
Fred Benavidez - 25 years

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the December 17, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the amended 2008 budget. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 541 PAGE 3342

Commissioner Murphy moved to certify the 2009 mill levy. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. Ms. Benton noted that the County Clerk has calculated the cost of the primary election to be \$48,260 and the general election to be \$75,885; the average cost per vote is about \$10.

At 10:00 a.m. Joyce Housden and Pat Perry, Public Health Office, joined the session to discuss the substance abuse program. Ms. Housden presented an agreement with LC Marketing. Prevention Partners will contract with this agency for marketing services such as web design, logo and tag line design for the County. This is a Grand Junction, Colorado, based company. In September they offered to be the exclusive agent for the substance abuse coalition. This agency would make the contacts with local businesses for support of the program. This is another source of funding along with the federal grant. The grant will end September 2009; there is an extension period for funding which would run through June 2010. Prevention Partners would provide the names of local businesses for LC Marketing to contact; LC Marketing receives a 25% commission on the sponsorships. Ms. Housden said the business owners do not attend meetings and she hopes this encourages more community involvement. Ms. Perry asked what the businesses would get for their sponsorship. Ms. Housden did not have this information; it has not been asked of the marketing firm. This effort is to sustain Prevention Partners. Commissioner Murphy confirmed that the LC Marketing contract would renew annually with an exit clause. Commissioner Hagedorn asked if the firm contacted businesses not listed by Prevention Partners. Ms. Housden said only the Partners leads would be followed. Commissioner Murphy asked if corporate companies would be contacted as well. Ms. Perry asked if the business leads would turn into future marketing clients for LC Marketing. Ms. Housden did not feel the firm would try to sell their marketing services to these businesses. The business can decide if they want their funds to be used for a specific prevention item or if the coalition can put the funds to best use. Ms. Housden talked about funds that are set aside for strategies such as school curriculum; however the schools have to agree to incorporate the curriculum. If a school does not agree to use the material those funds cannot be used for other purposes; it is set aside for a particular program. Ms. Benton noted the new Senate Bill that requires a separate set of books for the Nursing Services; this program falls within the Nursing budget. Chairman Davie said the local businesses need to be aware that not all of the donation will go to the program. Ms. Perry said the businesses need some recognition. Ms. Housden listed some of the ideas for business recognition; a sticker for the business window, a thank you announcement in the newspaper, etc. This expense would come from Prevention Partners not LC Marketing. Commissioner Hagedorn said it could be tried and reviewed after six months, and if it is not working there is an exit clause. Ms. Housden said they are still clarifying the exit clause with LC Marketing. Chairman Davie asked about the success of the whole program. Ms. Housden said it takes time to implement

the programs in each school; this was the first year to distribute surveys at each school which was very successful. With this information the program can be better implemented. Commissioner Murphy said the training sessions for sales to minors had made an impact. The Board agreed to try this marketing firm with an exit clause stating that either party can terminate the agreement at any time with thirty days notice. Ms. Housden will work on resolving this matter.

At 10:30 a.m. Ken Swinehart joined the session to discuss Del Norte TV. He is in the process of purchasing the Bresnan cable service in Del Norte. Commissioner Murphy moved to sign the franchise transfer resolution to ZEN Air Network. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.  
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Mr. Swinehart asked the Board if they would be willing to sell the County owned translators to him so that KENY TV can be translated within the County. This would save the County electrical expense on the towers. There was discussion of the digital signal conversion. Mr. Swinehart understood that the signal from San Antonio Mountain would be digital and each tower must be changed to digital receivers in order to transfer the signal back out as UHF. Chairman Davie said he understood that the San Antonio Mountain tower would receive digital signals and transmit the UHF signal to the existing towers. Ms. Benton said the County leases the property for the Drake tower. That would have to be renegotiated with the property owner; the County owns the tower and equipment but not the ground under the tower. There would be a clause to negotiate County use of the tower for radio signals or take over the towers if Mr. Swinehart ceases business.

At 11:25 a.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session. He discussed his visit to the Donna Jenkins property for an inspection. The building permit and impact fees have not been paid on the modular home she is installing and she claims that Chairman Davie waived the fee. Chairman Davie said Ms. Jenkins called him but he told her to talk with Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern said if the existing home is being torn down and replaced the impact fee does not apply. In this case there are two dwellings. The original dwelling is not being lived in but Ms. Jenkins has not indicated that the home would be demolished. The existing septic system and well are being used with the new modular. Mr. Kern asked that the policy be consistent. He said if a home is to be demolished it should be removed within the eighteen month building permit period. If it is not torn down the owners are subject to impact fees. Commissioner Murphy moved to impose the impact fee and building permit fee in keeping with County policy. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed 2:1 with Chairman Davie voting no.

Mr. Kern noted that a building permit was pulled in December 2004 at Waste Management in Monte Vista. There had not been activity on the building for about three years but it has now been completed. Mr. Kern stated that the permit expired and Rick Stoeber, owner, did not apply for an extension. The building is now complete and Mr. Stoeber called the Land Use Office stating completion. An extension

permit is based on the cost to complete the project. Commissioner Hagedorn suggested that Mr. Stoeber be given the option to pay the full permit fee or the reduced extension fee. Mr. Kern will contact Bill Dunn, County Attorney, to draft a letter to Mr. Stoeber.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the December 22, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. James Berg, Director of Social Services, joined the session to discuss the after school program for Monte Vista students. Mr. Berg has met with Mayor Don Schall, to discuss using TANF funds to help support the after school activities in light of the closure of the Boys and Girls Club in Monte Vista. Mr. Berg asked for approval of \$32,200 of TANF funds for a six month funding of the program. Half will be paid in January 2009 and half will be paid in June 2009. A termination letter has been sent to the Boys and Girls Club main office in Alamosa.

At 9:45 a.m. the Board approved the following payroll.

**County General**

Davie, Douglas	sal.	\$	2,949.50
Hagedorn, Robert	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Murphy, Dennis	sal.	\$	2,949.50
Benton, Suzanne	sal.	\$	6,695.22
Kessler, Glenda	sal.	\$	2,643.33
Vanderpool, Rose	sal.	\$	3,213.11
Canada, Sean	sal.	\$	3,048.06
Kern, Randall	sal.	\$	4,095.21
Gabbel, Jaclyn	sal.	\$	1,601.60
Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$	2,075.42
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$	1,942.58

Jackson, Sandra	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,031.47
Murphy, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,918.93
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$ 2,551.96
Steving, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 1,982.30
Wilson, Christina	sal.	\$ 1,678.13
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$ 2,178.80
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$ 2,697.07
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$ 2,222.13
Spicer, William	sal.	\$ 3,083.60
Trujillo, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$ 2,710.28
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$ 2,077.83
Brown, Elaine	sal.	\$ 1,296.75
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$ 1,736.80
Marquez, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,917.07
Medina, Porfie	sal.	\$ 2,232.94
Arellano, Timothy	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Chick, Charles	sal.	\$ 3,456.27
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$ 1,868.53
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$ 2,880.80
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Espinoza, Isaiah	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Gonzales, Jason	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$ 2,541.07
Martinez, Robin	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$ 5,550.00
Steffens, Angela	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,643.33
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,366.80
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,946.15
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,146.00
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,511.56
Chacon, Michael	sal.	\$ 1,518.01
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 1,904.93
Deherrera, Alicia	sal.	\$ 1,934.61
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 1,938.40
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,990.00
Garcia, Cori	sal.	\$ 1,888.10
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,142.84
Kerr, Tory	sal.	\$ 2,019.50
Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,934.99
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,014.97
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,271.51
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,235.55
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 1,954.55
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,115.60
Webb, Victor	sal.	\$ 1,605.00

Strohmayer, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Gonzales, Danah	sal.	\$ 2,168.50
Brown, Linda	sal.	\$ 3,559.62
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$ 2,921.10
Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$ 1,906.45
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$ 2,710.73
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$ 4,464.08
Scott, Sarah	sal.	\$ 45.00
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$ 1,874.60
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,700.18
Hand, Rebecca	sal.	\$ 1,170.00
Housden, Joyce	sal.	\$ 3,466.67
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,070.47
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 3,318.47
Colville, Louise	sal.	\$ 674.25
Oglesby, Freddy	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Taylor, Anna	sal.	\$ 3,306.33
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,982.95
		<u>\$205,970.40</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$33,409.11; Deductions Withheld,  
\$27,975.52)

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 2,941.42
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,903.87
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,362.46
Maestas, William	sal.	\$ 3,760.91
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$ 2,990.00
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$ 3,549.87
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,416.30
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$ 2,140.67
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$ 3,379.18
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,609.45
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 3,247.34
Cervantez, Manuel	sal.	\$ 2,395.76
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 2,931.07
Heredia, Abelardo	sal.	\$ 2,906.19
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 3,806.83
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Steffens, John	sal.	\$ 4,363.95
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$ 5,245.63
Trujillo, Adelmo	sal.	\$ 2,357.33
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$ 2,312.27
		<u>\$ 71,758.90</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$13,246.62; Deductions Withheld,  
\$8,967.36)

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Anderson, Elisha	sal.	\$ 864.68
Arvizo, Rita	sal.	\$ 2,853.50

Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 1,475.50
Atencio, Valerie	sal.	\$ 2,138.60
Berg, James	sal.	\$ 5,746.58
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 2,047.50
Casias, Brenda	sal.	\$ 2,042.63
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$ 1,980.88
Dupont, Ilene	sal.	\$ 1,479.66
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$ 2,210.00
Gallegos, Brandi	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,564.88
Goad, Lorraine	sal.	\$ 2,042.63
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,210.00
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 3,968.25
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,074.50
Kern, Jody	sal.	\$ 3,731.00
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$ 2,340.00
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$ 3,900.00
Martinez, Janelle	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$ 2,976.38
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 2,050.75
Pacheco, Leann	sal.	\$ 1,660.75
Pacheco, Rosanne	sal.	\$ 3,602.63
Padilla, Christopher	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,649.75
Pena, Mike	sal.	\$ 4,449.25
Roesch, Korissa	sal.	\$ 2,294.50
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 2,141.07
Sanchez, Kiley	sal.	\$ 3,197.38
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Segura, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,311.53
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$ 2,694.25
Sierra, Jessica	sal.	\$ 2,210.00
Sims, Heather	sal.	\$ 2,935.25
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,676.38
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$ 3,674.13
Villagomez, Rashel	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,688.05
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,167.75

**\$110,060.48**

(Taxes Withheld, \$18,214.52; Deductions Withheld,  
\$16,021.74)

**PEST CONTROL**

Christensen, Bryan	sal.	\$ 50.00
Clare, James	sal.	\$ 50.00
Mayfield, Larry	sal.	\$ 50.00
Miner, Craig	sal.	\$ 50.00
Mueller, Mark	sal.	\$ 50.00
Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,762.89
Schaefer, Michael	sal.	\$ 50.00
		<b>\$ 4,062.89</b>

(Taxes Withheld, \$708.38; Deductions Withheld, \$627.07)

At 10:45 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. He noted that he did not have time to review the Dangerous Building Code yet.

The Board asked Mr. Dunn to send a letter to Waste Management regarding an incomplete building permit on a completed building in Monte Vista.

Ms. Benton asked if plumbing inspections would include the municipalities. She cannot find this in the State Statute. The State currently does the town plumbing inspections. The Town of South Fork does their own building inspections and it is not clear if the State inspector would continue with the inspections within the Town.

Ms. Benton noted the discussions with Ken Swinehart regarding taking over the TV towers within the County. She noted a draft agreement that the Board will have Mr. Dunn review in the near future.

At 10:55 a.m. Ms. Benton reviewed pending meetings.

At 11:00 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board