

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 3, 2009. 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 Hagedorn moved to approve the November 23, 2009 minutes as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:05 a.m. Karen Little and Michelle Resendiz joined the session to update the Board on the High Valley Community Center (HVCC) programs. Ms. Resendiz presented information on the after-school program from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Ms. Little said there were fifty kids at the teen night. She feels these programs are important for teenagers in the evenings.

The Center has discussed a recycling program. They would like to build a shed so the refuse is not an eyesore to the community. There was discussion of the recycling centers in Creede and Alamosa. Chairman Davie said Alamosa has to subsidize their recycling center and wanted the HVCC to consider this. Ms. Resendiz said the Creede recycling center uses grant funding. The Del Norte center would be a partnership with Creede to assist each other. Ms. Resendiz said they are looking into a streamlined recycling center meaning that materials would not have to be separated; the only material that would have to be sorted is glass. Ms. Little asked the Board for a contribution to purchase materials for the shed and heavy duty bins for the recyclables. Ms. Resendiz said the center is not a trash disposal site; she also noted that diapers would not be accepted. Chairman Davie said they would consider this request.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the following claims. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

**County General Fund**

Account 499		\$	63.42
ACS Services Inc	computer svc	\$	6,425.41
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	89.49
Co Dept of Human Service	October	\$	20.00
D&T Ventures LLC	assessor web	\$	275.00
Davis Engineering	waste wtr stdy	\$	6,914.86
Gobins	supplies	\$	198.21
Hope Peckumn	election	\$	100.00
Lorell Rae Cotton	election	\$	113.50
Nathan Whitten	plumber	\$	350.40
O&V Printing	supplies	\$	116.00
Postmaster	postage	\$	202.40
Qwest	telephone	\$	2,033.98
Rio Grande Hospital	drug test	\$	150.00

Robert Hagedorn	mileage	\$	104.85
Rusty Strohmayer	training	\$	118.35
Sandy Jackson	reimbursed exp	\$	15.84
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	333.84
Tim Arellano	per diem	\$	23.21
Todd Wright	training	\$	203.79
True Value Hardware	supplies	\$	55.35
Valdez Roofing	repair	\$	1,200.00
Valley Publishing	election	\$	763.20
Verizon Wireless	telephone	\$	880.99
Verizon Wireless	telephone	\$	140.52
Victim Assistance Fund	October	\$	20.00
Wright Valley Oil, Inc	fuel	\$	3,164.50
Wright Valley Oil, Inc	fuel	\$	118.62
WSB Computer Service	computer svc	\$	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>25,195.73</b>
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	54,662.27
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	106.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	158.00
Pre-Paid Legal Services	exp	\$	139.45
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	45,239.43
Security Benefit	exp	\$	1,225.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>101,830.15</b>
Absolute Shine	RGSO van	\$	2,434.21
ACS Services	computer svc	\$	4,711.00
Adams Drug Store	jail meds	\$	1,929.48
Anne Henningsen	December	\$	275.00
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	127.86
Business Solutions Lsng	copier	\$	410.33
CED/American Electrical	repairs	\$	38.40
Co Dept of Public Safety	permit	\$	420.00
Colorado Chapter ICC	registration	\$	650.00
Colorado Counties Inc	registration	\$	335.00
Colorado State University	extension	\$	3,160.40
Conejos County Sheriff	holding	\$	3,813.00
County Sheriffs of Colorado	dues	\$	3,377.43
Custom Badge	supplies	\$	390.00
Dave Pote	Homeland Sec	\$	584.94
Del Norte Prospector	subscription	\$	34.75
Dennis Murphy Jr	mileage	\$	228.00
Discount Auto Parts	supplies	\$	279.95
District Attorney Office	12th portion	\$	11,750.83
Duckwall-Alco Discount	supplies	\$	149.91
Dunn Law FLP	legal svc	\$	849.29
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	2,450.00
Frank Clark	exp	\$	500.00
Gobins	supplies	\$	421.68
Hope Peckumn	election	\$	100.00
Jeff Babcock	Homeland Sec	\$	9,132.73
John Michalke	Homeland Sec	\$	5,736.25
Ken's Service Center	repairs	\$	1,003.97

MB Police Equipment	supplies	\$	189.99
Meadow Gold Dairies	jail food	\$	359.74
Mount'n Valley Sports	repairs	\$	221.12
Notes & Numbers LLC	clerk of board	\$	230.00
Peggy J Kern	mileage	\$	18.90
Pro Com	supplies	\$	105.00
Pueblo Co Information	computer svc	\$	5,237.33
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	35.74
Rainbow Lodge & Grocery	jail food	\$	476.89
Retail Acquisitions	supplies	\$	54.80
Rio Grande Hospital	jail	\$	1,567.15
Robert Hagedorn	mileage	\$	154.80
Safeway Inc	jail food	\$	317.12
Saguache County Jail	holding	\$	1,295.00
Sally Allee	election	\$	100.00
Sams Club	jail supply	\$	63.54
Shamrock Foods Company	jail food	\$	1,384.62
SLV GIS/GPS Authority	qtrly pmt	\$	900.00
Staples Business	supplies	\$	33.17
Statutes Unlimited	election exp	\$	185.00
Strohmayr's Funeral Home	transportation	\$	2,000.00
Sue Davis	Homeland Sec	\$	3,683.08
Suzanne Benton	mileage	\$	175.05
United Reprographic	supplies	\$	77.44
Valley Gun Service	repairs	\$	23.95
Valley Meat	jail food	\$	821.10
Valley Performance	repairs	\$	426.36
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	16.00
Wright Valley Oil Inc	fuel	\$	183.74
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	3,617.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>79,248.93</b>

**Road & Bridge Fund**

Business Solutions Lsng	copier	\$	110.08
Colorado Counties Inc	registration	\$	335.00
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	54.02
Verizon Wireless	telephone	\$	121.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>620.30</b>

Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	23,420.24
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	487.00
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	18,578.24
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>42,535.48</b>

Airgas Intermountain	exp	\$	72.17
Alta Fuels	fuel	\$	13,441.91
B&C Electric	repairs	\$	716.12
CNH Capital	exp	\$	160.55
Colorado Machinery	exp	\$	210.12
D-A Lubricant Company	oil	\$	16,555.75
Del Mar Carpet One	repairs	\$	2,159.33
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	1,361.02

Duckwall-Alco Discount	supplies	\$	122.19
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	22.85
Four Corners Cooling	repairs	\$	580.00
Gobins	supplies	\$	26.64
Gunbarrel Service Station	repairs	\$	386.00
Haynie's Inc	repairs	\$	1,161.90
High Valley Lumber	supplies	\$	7.50
Industrial & Farm Supply	supplies	\$	70.54
Leroy A Romero	exp	\$	125.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	supplies	\$	414.36
Monte Vista Machine Tool	exp	\$	67.00
Myers Brothers Truck	exp	\$	116.49
Petty Cash	exp	\$	31.76
Pro Build	exp	\$	16.37
Pull Tarps	supplies	\$	2,281.96
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	402.40
Rocky Mountain Upholster	repairs	\$	20.00
Safety-Kleen	exp	\$	220.87
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	170.00
Schaefer Manufacturing	gear lube	\$	1,257.60
Sherwin-Williams	supplies	\$	246.40
SLV Glass	repairs	\$	430.00
South Fork Propane	exp	\$	318.00
Southway Construction	crushing	\$	76,500.00
Staples Business	supplies	\$	268.52
Tire Distribution System	tires	\$	31,933.75
Valley Communications	radios	\$	278.00
Valley Lumber & Supply	supplies	\$	31.68
Wagner Equipment	repairs	\$	4,085.07
Whiteall's Alpine	supplies	\$	41.50
Wright Valley Oil	fuel	\$	5,360.67
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	1,433.70
ZEP Manufacturing	exp	\$	72.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>163,178.09</b>

#### **Pest Control**

Colorado Weed Mangement Assn	conference	\$	130.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	supplies	\$	19.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>149.50</b>

Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	1,545.85
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	965.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,511.33</b>

Colo Dept of Agriculture	license	\$	350.00
Colo Weed Management Assn	license	\$	65.00
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	31.74
Qwest Communicaitons	telephone	\$	82.19
Rio Grande Soil Conservation	conserv. Tech	\$	1,000.00
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	67.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,595.93</b>

#### **Airport Fund**

<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	327.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>327.00</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure Fund</b>			
		\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Conservation Trust</b>			
		\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>City of Monte Vista</b>			
		\$	4,302.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>4,302.50</b>
<b>Tourism Trust</b>			
Devi Jardon	secretary	\$	1,260.00
Front Range Packaging	ads	\$	855.26
Harris Publishing	ads	\$	950.00
South Fork Visitor's	service	\$	3,385.68
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,450.94</b>
<b>Public Health Department</b>			
High Valley Community	program	\$	450.00
O&V Printing	supplies	\$	80.00
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	409.13
Staples Business	supplies	\$	226.98
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	61.51
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	119.00
Verizon Wireless	telephone	\$	121.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,467.82</b>
<b>Alamosa Credit Union</b>			
	exp	\$	200.00
<b>Community Bank of the Rockies</b>			
	exp	\$	11,428.14
<b>Rio Grande County Treasurer</b>			
	exp	\$	5,716.01
<b>Security Benefit</b>			
	exp	\$	50.00
<b>Sooper Credit Union</b>			
	exp	\$	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>17,494.15</b>
<b>4Imprint</b>			
	prevent part.	\$	3,116.69
<b>Avista Video Histories</b>			
	prevent part.	\$	212.00
<b>Chaffee Cnty Public Health</b>			
	services	\$	1,295.00
<b>First Bankcard</b>			
	card pmt	\$	679.50
<b>Hammond &amp; Stephens</b>			
	office supply	\$	44.57
<b>Jack's Market</b>			
	meeting exp	\$	167.30
<b>Jade Communications</b>			
	internet	\$	49.95
<b>Mineral County Public</b>			
	services	\$	749.80
<b>Qwest Communications</b>			
	telephone	\$	15.10
<b>Qwest Communications</b>			
	telephone	\$	47.86
<b>Quill Corporation</b>			
	supplies	\$	19.28

Sanofi Pasteur Inc	vaccine	\$	2,720.57
Tamarac Medical	exp	\$	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9,127.62</b>

At 9:50 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Murphy moved to cancel the following warrant. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount	Line Item
129867	11/4/09	Denver Truck Sales	38.76	002-0466-4305

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the Treasurer's resolution for the assignment of Tax Certificate No. 6064. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the Treasurer's resolution for the assignment of Tax Certificate No. 6067. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented a funding request for the Small Business Development Center. The Board supports the entity but cannot provide funding at this time. The Board approved the certification of the County Merit System.

At 10:30 a.m. Dr. A.J. Taylor and Fred Oglesby joined the session to discuss the museum closing. Mr. Oglesby asked what the \$5,000 museum budget would cover. Ms. Benton said utilities and the security system were budgeted. Larry Heersink, Museum Board President, was also present. Mr. Oglesby asked what items should be sold and how things should be handled. Chairman Davie said the museum board may decide to re-open in the summer but the decision needs to be made by the museum board. Mr. Heersink said the board had not decided what would happen at this point. He added that locks and security codes need to be changed after the first of the year. Mr. Oglesby agreed that the security code should be changed after he and Dr. Taylor retire.

Mr. Oglesby had a conference call with the Rio Grande Forest Archeologist, Angie Krawll, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Archeologist to discuss the curation agreements which are in place for the next two years. Someone needs to maintain the archives to be sure there are not leaks in the building or elements that would destroy any items. The Commissioners office should be contacted if anyone wants access to any items. Mr. Oglesby said there is a file with the contracts which spell out timelines for curation. He also noted that only researchers are allowed access to these items; prior approval must be obtained from the Rio Grande Forest Archivist as the items are not open to the public. The County will continue to honor the BLM contract. The State Colorado Historical Society contract will expire in February 2010; however there are not any items in curation at this time.

A change of address notice will be filed to direct the mail to the Commissioners Office. The Information Center has been funding the 800 phone number but with the closure this funding will cease. This telephone line will be discussed with the tourism board and the museum board.

Mr. Heersink asked about collections that belong to private citizens. Dr. Taylor discussed sensitive collections with items that should not be kept at the museum without anyone

to be responsible for them. She also discussed the process for distributing items to family members, etc, that are not on the loan card. If the loaner has died the attorney handling the estate needs to provide the next of kin. There was discussion of the timeframe for re-opening the museum. It will be two to three years before the County can see looking at re-opening on a regular basis. Mr. Heersink said after the museum board meeting this weekend he may have more information for the County. The Board thanked Dr. Taylor and Mr. Oglesby for their service to the County. Mr. Oglesby said the Board may need to talk with Bill Dunn, County Attorney, about the process for filing on abandoned property. There are many items at the museum which would fall into this category because they were there prior to 1981 with no contact information attached. Ms. Benton said the museum board will still be responsible for filing federal documents to maintain the 501-c-3 status.

At 11:00 a.m. Rick Basagotia, Division of Wildlife, joined the session. He discussed herd management plans for deer and elk. Units 76, 79 and 791 were discussed for elk and deer management on alfalfa crops. There are two land owner preference programs, traditional and priority. These licenses are for male deer and elk. The animals must be on private land for a majority of the year in order to qualify for the program and owner must have at least 160 acres. The intent of the program was to allow property owners to hunt on their own land. Landowners are granted vouchers which can be sold. Mr. Basagotia said this is where problems arise with hunting on private land. He also discussed the game damage program.

Mr. Basagotia discussed Data Analysis Units (DAU) plans. Deer and elk have different DAU plans because they use the land differently. The plans address everything that affects the herd: housing developments, feed, etc. The original objective was 3,700 elk and the post hunt estimate is 5,400 elk. The objective in Unit 76 was 35 bulls per 100 cows. Currently there are 21 bulls per 100 cows. He said this unit is popular and has a significant amount of hunting. Mr. Basagotia said he realizes that there is hay damage and is willing to work out game damage hunts and sacks around hay yards. The Board agreed that 21 bulls per 100 cows was a good count to maintain. The overall population size is sufficient. He noted that the hunters are aging and are not willing or able to walk deep into the forest. As for the deer population, the only increase being seen is along the River. Deer and antelope need quality forage in order to survive which is why they are seen in hay fields. The Board agreed that the deer population should be maintained and the buck ratio reduced to 20 per 100 cows.

Mr. Basagotia said he has had comments recently about sand hill cranes eating the grain crops.

At 11:45 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. He updated the Board on the County Attorneys conference. He learned that an overrun of an elected official's budget can be recovered by suing the elected official to repay the deficit.

Delfino Martinez was contacted about zoning matters in Maxeyville and the platted Maxeyville Street. Mr. Dunn will clarify how the property is zoned and review the plat. He will contact the Land Use Office on this matter.

At 12:05 p.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session. He said that the Troyers have obtained their final certificate of occupancy on the grocery store.

Mr. Kern asked about septic installer certificates. The Board agreed that money could be saved by printing the certificates in the office rather than ordering a book. A spreadsheet will be kept with the Building Department of when licenses are issued and who they are issued to.

At 12:10 p.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters; she noted meetings and events. She discussed the San Juan Nordic Club obtaining recreation funding for a trailer after they have purchased the snow machine and snow groomer.

Ms. Benton presented a map of a new subdivision in South Fork. She has received several calls about access off of Highway 149. The County is not involved in this subdivision because it is within the town of South Fork.

At 12:15 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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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Dennis Murphy was absent.

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 3, 2009 minutes as presented. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Chairman Davie signed the monthly Veteran's Officer Report.

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

- Completed the project on the 11 South Road including shaping, watering, and compacting.

- Staked and began base improvements on the 11 North Road.
- Staked the 8 North and 10 North Roads.
- Repaired guard rail on the bridge at the 8 South and 5 East Roads. This is the second repair within two months.
- Started the bridge project on the 6 North Road.
- Cleaned a beaver dam out of a culvert behind Coors. This is a recurring problem.
- Replaced the carpet and painted the office at the Monte Vista shop.
- Started a recharge pit for Ron Pepper on the 8 North Road.
- The office is busy with end of year paper work.
- The shop is extremely busy with numerous repairs including the D-7 Dozer.
- Graders continue to grade as temperatures permit.
- The year end ordering (oil, tires, antifreeze, shop supplies, etc) has been done.
- A crack seal machine was ordered from Denver Industrial for \$37,632.83 and crack seal material from GMCO for \$29,000.
- Placed a 500 gallon fuel tank at the Del Norte Shop yard.

Proposed work for December includes completing the 6 North Bridge project, continue base improvements on the 11 North Road, possibly begin base improvements on the 10 North Road, will continue to blade roads, Mr. Sullivan will attend the CCI Conference, the crew will have First Aid training, three sander boxes will be delivered and snow will be plowed as needed.

Mr. Sullivan said Valley Wide Health Systems has talked with him about removing asphalt from the Monte Vista clinic site. The Board agreed with Mr. Sullivan that this work should be done by a private contractor.

Commissioner Hagedorn noted a request to abandon a portion of Valley View Drive near Del Norte.

The Board thanked Mr. Sullivan for his service.

At 10:00 a.m. there was an update on Courthouse security funds received. The State Court Administration's Office announced that \$88,828.00 has been awarded to Rio Grande County for personnel, security equipment and training.

Ben Duarte, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Administrator, said the Judge's bench needs to be enlarged in the District Courtroom to accommodate the computer equipment that is necessary now. Mr. Duarte said there may be funding to replace the seating area in the County Courtroom.

At 10:15 a.m. Jody Kern and Tom Perkins joined the session for the monthly Department of Social Services report.

At 11:45 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. He had e-mailed the Boulder County Deputy Attorney regarding supplemental budget appropriations. If the elected official overruns

their budget the elected official will be personally liable for the expense.

Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session regarding the failure to obtain a building permit for the State Division of Wildlife (DOW) building near Monte Vista. Mr. Dunn received a letter from the DOW stating that the DOW has adopted the 2009 International Building Code. The State Statutes need to address government agencies obtaining building permits from other government agencies. The DOW letter states they have their own project engineers and do not need a County inspection. Mr. Kern said schools are the only entity that is specifically exempt per the Statutes. Mr. Dunn felt it would not be productive to force the building permit. Mr. Kern said the Statute does not address any other agencies being exempt.

Mr. Dunn noted the embezzlement case involving Harvest Select naming several elected officials in the lawsuit. There was discussion of CTSI, the County insurance company, handling this matter.

Mr. Dunn will talk with the Land Use Office about visiting the Maxeyville blight area. The right-of-way issue is a civil case between the two property owners.

Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Planner, joined the session to discuss a right-of-way within Hidden Springs Estates. Mr. Dunn said because only an easement was sold to access another property the original tract still contains the full acreage as platted. Mr. Dunn said the language of the recorded easement should be reviewed. Mr. Dunn likened this to a utility easement.

At 12:15 p.m. Ms. Benton presented the 2010 County Budget.

**BUDGET MESSAGE  
2010 BUDGET  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY**

Attached is the 2010 Rio Grande County Budget. This budget includes the following county funds: County General, Road & Bridge, Social Services, Capital Expenditures, Airport, Conservation Trust, Tourism, and Public Health Agency. Also included in the document is the RIO GRANDE COUNTY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT'S 2010 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 2010 County Budget is \$19,296,683 and the Weed Control District Budget is \$137,510. This is a decrease of \$1,111,913 (5.4%) for the County budget and a \$5,190 (3.6%) 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 2010, 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 \$98,337 (3.6%) due to an appraisal year.

The major points of interest in the 2010 budget are as follows:

- No pay increases or cost of living were given. Due to the reduction in revenues, it was decided to hold salaries at the same level as in 2009. At the present time, no furlough days have been planned. The employees will be required to pay the entire increase in health insurance premiums of four percent (4%) for the upcoming year. This increase was \$20 per month for a single coverage, \$37 per month for couple coverage and \$45 per month for family coverage. Six full-time positions were cut in the 2010 budget. It was calculated that for the month of November, 2009, the average take home pay across all county employees was \$1,909 up from \$1,863 in 2008.
- The Rio Grande County Museum will be closed as of January 1, 2010, until which time funding can be obtained to reopen.
- The County has received half of the funding from the State of Colorado for the construction and realignment of the runway at the Astronaut Rominger Airport. The second grant has been submitted and the funding should be awarded in January. If full funding is received, the County will go out to bid for this work this spring. All match funds for this \$500,000 project have been provided in engineering work done in 2008. No additional County dollars will be expended for this project.
- As per State Statute, the new Public Health Agency has been formed and funded in the 2010. Prior to 2010, these services were provided by the Public Health Nurse and funded through the County General Fund.

The 2010 budget will be funded from the following sources:

	2010 Budget		2009 Budget
Property Tax	\$2,674,449	13.9%	12.7%
Other Local Sources	\$1,685,868	8.7%	9.6%
Federal and State	\$14,508,376	75.1%	69.8%
Fund Reserves	\$ 427,990	2.3%	7.9%

The accomplishments for 2009 were:

- \*Completed the feasibility study for a central septic system for the Alpine Village area funded by a DoLA grant.
- \*Adopted and implemented the plumbing codes and inspections.
- \*Adopted Gas and Oil Regulations.
- \*Formed the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency and Board.

Projects Goals for 2010 are:

- \*Continue exploring new funding sources and review all fees and charges.
- \*Adopt 1041 Powers for the County
- \*Continue to explore funding sources for the paving of the realigned runway.
- \*Work with Alpine Village residents in deciding on the funding and construction of a central septic system for the Alpine Village based upon the complete study done in 2009.
- \*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.

The County has four lease agreements: Two agreements with Business Solutions Leasing for four copiers and a one lease purchase for the addition and remodeling of the jail.

The 2010 County Budget shows an ending fund balance of \$4,484,049 which is down by \$427,990. By utilizing \$427,990 of unappropriated funds to balance the 2010 budget the county continues to utilize its savings; this policy is un-sustainable and in the future either revenue will have to increase or the county will be forced to reduce expenditures at an even greater rate. If revenues do not increase, County General Fund will need to be reduced by 5% and Social Services Fund by 1.6%. This reduction will have to be accomplished by reducing or eliminating various services and staff. The practice of balancing the budget with unappropriated surplus was communicated to the voters of Rio Grande County in 2006 when a 3 mill tax increase was proposed to move the county back to the mill levy level in 1992. This ballot issue was rejected by our constituents. Consequently, the only means for local governments to remain solvent is to cut services.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various funds that have a significant impact on the 2010 budget that were not discussed above:

**General Fund:** Funding for a position was reduced 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. If a grant or other funding can be obtained, this project will be resumed. The project has been estimated to take over six years to complete with one FTE assigned solely to this task. The State of Colorado also reduced the amount of money the counties could retain for issuance of license plates this past year to help in off setting their budget shortfall. This resulted in approximately \$1,000 per month less in Clerk's fees.

No new sheriff's vehicles have been approved for purchase during 2010. By not purchasing new vehicles each year, it results in aging vehicles, more repairs and future capital needs increasing. Costs for law enforcement and detention of inmates continue to increase at unprecedented rates. Medical expenses for inmates have exploded and the County Commissioners with the assistance of the County Sheriff will be working to reduce this escalating expenditure.

Rio Grande County has and will continue to supplement its budget with intergovernmental revenues through grant and other funding. Other grants received include the continuation of the San Luis Valley Homeland Security Grant, Medical Reserve 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.

With the new State requirement that a Rio Grande County Health Agency be formed has resulted in moving all Public Health functions out of County General Fund into their own Fund. Consequently, the funding for the Public Health Nurse, the Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program, EPSDT and the Substance Prevention Program has been moved.

**Road & Bridge Fund:** This year \$200,000 is budgeted for asphalt down from \$300,000 in 2009. No new paving projects will be done in 2010. All asphalt purchases will be used in maintaining the current 219.97 miles of paved roads in the County. \$100,000 is budgeted for purchase of equipment which is down from \$300,000 in 2009. Highway Users Trust Fund (HUTF) funds approximately 74 percent of the Road & Bridge Fund and has declined by over 4% in the last year. With increased gas prices and more efficient vehicles, fewer gallons of fuel are sold and less revenue from HUTF is generated. The State government has also reduced the HUTF to counties to help balance the State budget. Over the past several years, two positions have been eliminated from this department due to reduced revenues. No spraying of the right of way will done in 2010.

**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. With the State's budget being reduced, the County might have to pay a larger percentage of the client's benefits. The State has not proposed any changes to the program benefits guidelines.

The upcoming year is full of uncertainty. The County has seen a limited increase in property values; however, with the mortgage sub-lending problems across the country and the resultant foreclosures, there is no surety that the County's assessed values will remain at the current level. Many programs and services were eliminated or cut. The Commissioners did not make these decisions lightly and did attempt to get citizen's input. Several "Coffee with the Commissioners" meetings were held and a survey was printed in the local newspaper. The responses were minimal, but those who attended learned some of the basic budget problems. Those programs cut were excellent programs. However, County government is operated by State Statutes and most of the services provided are mandated by these Statutes. Programs like the Museum, animal control, riding arenas, etc. are great amenities for a community. When the citizens of the County vote for a smaller government, then smaller government means less services and programs.

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. Businesses may pass along these increases to their consumers, but the County does not have this option.

The County was cautious when projecting revenues reflected in the 2010 budget. Most of the Federal and State revenues are for Social Services programs, (\$9,585,157), HUTF (\$1,700,000) 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 2010 so the expenditures balance more closely with the incoming revenues. Our current unappropriated fund balance is equivalent to just over a two and a half 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 9, 2009

### **RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES**

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2009, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2010 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 9, 2009, and;

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

General Fund	\$1,898,260
Road & Bridge Fund	359,281
Social Services Fund	449,101
Public Health Agency	<u>89,820</u>
Total	\$2,796,462

WHEREAS, the 2009 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande County as certified by the County Assessor is \$179,640,380.

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	10.567 mills
Road & Bridge Fund	2.000 mills
Social Services Fund	2.500 mills
Public Health Agency	<u>0.500 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 2010.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December 2009.

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

### 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, 2010, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010

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 7, 2009, 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 9, 2009, 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	\$5,415,802
Road & Bridge Fund	2,358,921
Social Services Fund	10,287,581
Airport Fund	507,500
Capital Expenditures Fund	0
Conservation Trust Fund	58,000
Tourism Fund	80,280

Public Health Agency	<u>588,599</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$19,296,683

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

<u>General Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$3,615,802
From the general property tax	<u>1,800,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$5,415,802
<u>Road &amp; Bridge Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$2,018,921
From the general property tax	<u>340,000</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,358,921
<u>Social Services Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$ 9,838,480
From the general property tax	<u>449,101</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,287,581
 <u>Airport Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 507,500</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 507,500
 <u>Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 58,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 58,000
 <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>\$ 80,280</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 80,280
 <u>Public Health Agency</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$ 503,251
From the general property tax	<u>85,348</u>
	\$ 588,599

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 9th day of December, 2009.

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

**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 2010 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 9, 2009, 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>\$5,415,802</u>
Total General Fund	\$5,415,802
Road & Bridge Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,358,921</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,358,921
Social Services Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,287,581</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,287,581
Airport Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 507,500</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 507,500
Conservation Trust Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 58,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 58,000
Capital Expenditure Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0
Tourism Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 80,280</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 80,280
Public Health Agency	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 588,599</u>
	\$ 588,599

ADOPTED, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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

At 12:30 p.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. She presented correspondence and noted pending meetings. Sargent School received the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant for their playground. Ms. Benton will anticipate receiving the Courthouse security contract.

At 12:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch and 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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County of Rio Grande        )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. 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.

Chairman Davie presented the following years of service awards and thanked the employees for their work.

    Richelle Villagomes (5 Years)  
    Rita Arvizo - not present(10 Years)  
    Michelle Montoya (15 Years)  
    Robert McKinley (15 Years)

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the December 9, 2009 minutes as amended. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:20 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Agency Director, joined the session for the monthly report. She noted a cell phone and texting issue with a County phone.

The written report was presented.

Ms. Perry presented a memorandum of understanding between Rio Grande County and High Valley Community Center for substance abuse programs and Prevention Partners. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to sign the agreement. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Perry discussed expenses for Prevention Partners. The Board agreed that there are frivolous expenditures. Although this is a federally funded program the funds could be better spent. Ms. Perry suggested that funding be reallocated to the part time salaried employee rather than promotional items. Commissioner Murphy said this would need to be discussed with the Prevention Partners Policy Board. Ms. Perry will discuss this with Joyce Housden, Rio Grande County Prevention Partners Coordinator.

The County has received 3,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine and administered about 1,000 doses. Some of the vaccine has been distributed to other health care providers including the hospital, physician clinics and nursing homes. Ms. Perry noted that there have been clinics at various locations around the County. The H1N1 reported cases are decreasing in the United States and Canada.

A pharmaceutical grade refrigerator was purchased with grant funding for the Department.

The Public Health Agency Board will meet in January 2010.

At 11:00 a.m. Dr. A. J. Taylor, Museum Director, joined the session for the quarterly report. She noted that museum board member, Don Schall, passed away.

The written report was discussed. Dr. Taylor reviewed the financial report. As of December 5, 2009, 3,927 people had visited the Museum this year, 172 days had volunteers working, and 1,473 people requested information from the Museum. She felt that the attendance was good this year. The Museum Board will be having a retreat in March; the Commissioners were invited to attend. Larry Heersink, Paul Williams, Harry Fluke, and Kay Hutchinson are the officers. Kay Barry is the newest board member. Other board members are Ron Marx, Lee Aguilar, and Michael Wisdom. There are vacant positions for the Del Norte and Monte Vista areas; potential members are being considered. Dr. Taylor will remain as an associate board member.

At 11:20 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to sign the certification of levies and revenue. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

The Board approved the addition of Ms. Benton and Jody Kern, Interim Social Services Director, as proxies to CCI.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to accept the Scope of Work for the ARRA Funds. Employment/Internship opportunities allocation will be \$16,835.95 and \$11,223.97 for educational opportunities.

Commissioner Hagedorn reported on the Interim-Transit Authority meeting. If TANF funding cannot be used, Rio



Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$ 2,112.93
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$ 2,591.33
Hindes, Sara	sal.	\$ 1,665.73
Jackson, Sandra	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,112.93
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$ 2,574.00
Steving, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,022.80
Wilson, Christina	sal.	\$ 1,698.67
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Leist, Chris	sal.	\$ 3,208.40
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$ 2,804.53
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$ 2,312.27
Trujillo, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Atencio, Valerie	sal.	\$ 1,516.67
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$ 2,819.48
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$ 2,161.25
Brown, Elaine	sal.	\$ 1,348.32
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$ 1,842.53
Marquez, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,995.07
Medina, Porfie	sal.	\$ 3,039.91
Arellano, Timothy	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Chick, Charles	sal.	\$ 3,596.67
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$ 1,944.80
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$ 2,996.93
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Garcia, Cori	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$ 2,643.33
Martinez, Robin	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$ 5,550.00
Steffens, Angela	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,750.80
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,430.89
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,546.27
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 2,047.63
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,272.53
Bollinger, Jason	sal.	\$ 1,938.02
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,519.10
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 2,042.14
Deherrera, Alicia	sal.	\$ 2,010.05
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,040.93
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,184.00
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,982.93
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,211.41
Kerr, Tory	sal.	\$ 2,012.11
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,925.22
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,320.19
Pacheco, Helen	sal.	\$ 1,511.47
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,372.76
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 1,992.37

Stambaugh, Keith	sal.	\$ 1,906.67
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,209.52
Wright, Todd	sal.	\$ 1,031.25
Strohmayer, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Ferran, Camille	sal.	\$ 1,993.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,120.56
Oglesby, Freddy	sal.	\$ 4,527.80
Taylor, Anna	sal.	\$ 6,930.87
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,544.82
Webb, Victor	sal.	\$ 1,150.00
		<u>\$192,882.65</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$28,571.88; Deductions Withheld, \$24,298.74)

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,357.33
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,435.47
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 2,814.70
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,756.09
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,598.98
Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,184.00
Maestas, William	sal.	\$ 3,576.74
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$ 3,245.96
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$ 3,693.73
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,435.47
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$ 2,326.92
Widger, Michael J	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$ 3,182.67
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,265.89
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 3,150.21
Cervantez, Manuel	sal.	\$ 2,231.25
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 3,050.67
Gates, Marvin	sal.	\$ 2,183.89
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 3,494.93
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$ 2,452.67
Steffens, John	sal.	\$ 3,693.73
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$ 5,455.45
Trujillo, Adelmo	sal.	\$ 2,452.67
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$ 2,405.87
		<u>\$ 72,544.36</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$11,798.29; Deductions Withheld, \$9,859.11)

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Arvizo, Rita	sal.	\$ 2,967.25
Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 2,130.38
Casias, Brenda	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$ 2,063.75
Dupont, Ilene	sal.	\$ 1,539.72
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Fernandez, Julia	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Gallegos, Brandi	sal.	\$ 2,440.75

Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,628.25
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 4,129.13
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,199.63
Kern, Jody	sal.	\$ 3,960.13
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$ 2,434.25
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$ 4,057.63
Martinez, Janelle	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$ 3,085.25
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 2,136.88
Pacheco, Leann	sal.	\$ 1,761.50
Pacheco, Rosanne	sal.	\$ 3,748.88
Padilla, Christopher	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,796.00
Pena, Mike	sal.	\$ 4,538.63
Roesch, Korissa	sal.	\$ 2,434.25
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$ 2,440.75
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$ 2,803.13
Sierra, Jessica	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Sims, Heather	sal.	\$ 3,047.38
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,785.25
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$ 3,823.63
Thompson, Chris	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Villagomez, Rashel	sal.	\$ 1,616.62
Vrooman, Kristina	sal.	\$ 2,624.38
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,756.30
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
		<u>\$104,900.98</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$15,352.05; Deductions Withheld, \$15,167.67)

**PEST CONTROL**

Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,913.40
		<u>\$ 3,913.40</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$617.36; Deductions Withheld, \$820.09)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Brown, Linda	sal.	\$ 4,094.42
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$ 3,368.38
Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$ 2,390.08
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$ 2,664.05
Nichols, Kelli	sal.	\$ 351.00
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$ 5,124.75
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$ 2,193.07
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,768.43
Duran, Justin	sal.	\$ 1,137.93
Housden, Joyce	sal.	\$ 3,813.33
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 3,517.15
		<u>\$ 30,422.59</u>

**TOTAL**

(Taxes Withheld, \$5,170.88; Deductions Withheld, \$5,144.09)

At 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the Single Entry Point contracts totaling \$215,904.10. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:45 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) awarded a grant to Sargent School District in the amount of \$120,622.53 for the playground project. Commissioner Murphy moved to accept the grant which will be administered by Rio Grande County. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Notification letters for organizations requesting funding were signed.

At 9:45 a.m. Cheryl Santi and Sherrie Trujillo joined the session to discuss the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society. Chairman Davie said he has visited the shelter and seen how the operation is being run. There was discussion of the management of the Conour SLV Animal Shelter in Monte Vista which is partially funded by the County. Funding which was designated to the Rio Grande County facility is being distributed to other shelters. Ms. Trujillo said the Conour Trust funds are meant for spaying and neutering animals from low income homes; the funds have been going to Estrella for building repairs. Ms. Santi said a new board of directors is being formed for the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society with persons from Rio Grande County and Saguache County and they are in the process of obtaining a 501-c-3 status. Ms. Trujillo said she has obtained a grant from Science Diet for dog food for the next two years. Ms. Santi said this is a low kill shelter because there are times when animals have to be euthanized but this is the last resort. The Upper Rio Grande Animal Society is in the process of returning the Conour SLV Animal Shelter to its original intent. Ms. Santi asked what funding the County could provide. She noted that this is an animal control service for the County. Ms. Trujillo said they are working with the Valley towns to move the animal control contracts to this shelter. Chairman Davie said the County is not in a position to provide funding in 2010. The only way to give funding would be to lay off an employee at this point. The Commissioners have had to use reserve funds to balance the budget.

There was discussion of other animals, such as horses, that are dumped on government land. Ms. Trujillo said the shelter property is owned by Eldo Wall who is administering the Conour Trust. Mr. Wall has cancelled the existing contract with the humane league and will sign a contract with the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society to use this facility. The Board discussed the requirements for Conservation Trust disbursements. They will look into this option and notify Ms. Trujillo or Ms. Santi if there are any options. Ms. Trujillo said the County funds were not used appropriately in the past. The Board asked for updates periodically.

At 10:15 a.m. Jody Kern and Rosanne Pacheco joined the session to discuss Social Services case loads and the CBMS system. Ms. Pacheco said she would like the Board to know how difficult and complex the TANF unit is to learn and

manage. She gave samples of the applications and discussed the procedures for entering data and verifying information on the application. When the client meets with the caseworker the rules of the program are outlined. Ms. Kern asked how the cases were assigned. Ms. Pacheco said the automatic case assignment within CBMS does not always work so cases are being assigned manually. This is a time consuming process. She noted that at times more cases were assigned to some caseworkers more than others because of program errors; this is not fair and was an error within the system. Ms. Pacheco noted instances when the application is referred to child support services or LEAP if the application indicates additional services are needed. The clients are required to fill out a monthly status report. If benefits were paid later in the month, CBMS will not automatically generate the report so the caseworkers have to keep track of the applications that are out of the normal cycle. Ms. Pacheco said the benefit payments are driven by the status reports. If the report is not submitted on time the system will not generate a payment. Payments are subject to the data provided by the clients which often changes each month. Ms. Pacheco noted that the concepts for payment calculations are hard for the clients to understand and the caseworkers have to explain this to them. She also said the clients have to be directed to be self sufficient and provide for themselves. The caseworkers have to discuss a variety of issues with the clients including daycare, transportation, family and legal matters, substance abuse and mental health.

Ms. Benton asked how many new TANF cases were logged last month. Ms. Pacheco said there were 64 TANF cases and transfers from other counties; 15 cases are Colorado Works cases. Ms. Pacheco said other counties have different requirements such as a Denver case being required to work at Good Will three days a week. That requirement is not applicable in Rio Grande County so a new plan has to be made. Colorado Works is an employment program for adults with dependent children under the age of 18.

Commissioner Murphy noted that the day care provider list needs to be updated. He also noted that the forms have been updated and appear to be easier to understand.

Ms. Pacheco added that there are still problems with CBMS. Help tickets have been submitted to the State Help Desk which the State cannot explain or correct. The caseworkers are required to monitor the correspondence as well. Ms. Kern said the workload is improving because new employees are being better trained. The State requires that the forms be purchased through them. Ms. Pacheco said the program areas are complex and new employees need supervision for about a year. The case reviews require a lot of time. When an employee has to be supervised it leaves less time available for the reviews. If Medicaid cases also have food assistance then both departments have to be involved in the review. Ms. Pacheco needs to be relieved of her caseload in order to perform the reviews because the State requires that supervisors perform the reviews. Commissioner Hagedorn asked if the files are complete - do the files match the CBMS file. Ms. Pacheco said they are working at updating files to include any missing documents. If the cases are missing documentation they will be shut down. Ms. Pacheco

noted that the regulations have changed several times since the start of CBMS. Commissioner Hagedorn asked if the Commissioners could watch someone input and go through the process to better understand what is required. The Board was encouraged to visit the Department and thanked Ms. Pacheco for her time.

Ms. Kern presented the updated County IV-D plan for review. She said she wanted the Board to be aware of the updates.

At 11:20 a.m. Mary Baumfalk and Evelyn Ammerman joined the session representing Tri-County Senior Citizens. Ms. Baumfalk gave an end of year update to the Board. Ms. Benton said they Board did receive the budget request that was mailed in. The written report was reviewed. Ms. Baumfalk noted the trips and van service. She noted that rider-ship is consistent. Other items on the written report include membership, activities, and residence reports. She noted that membership is decreasing. There is a signed sale contract for High Valley Manor. Tri-County is waiting on funding from Rural Housing to close the sale. The Veterans who are living at the facility should be back at the Veterans Center by the end of January due to a State mandate that they live at the Center.

Ms. Baumfalk asked if the County budget had been finalized. Chairman Davie presented a letter to Ms. Baumfalk for the Tri-County Board of Directors stating that funding would not be available to the senior citizens in 2010.

At 11:30 a.m. Ms. Benton presented the 2009 supplemental budget as follows.

2009-  
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET RESOLUTION  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Rio Grande County duly adopted and appropriated the 2009 budget in December of 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Rio Grande County could not have reasonably foreseen several situations at the time of the adoption of the 2009 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the following funds need additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted and that these funds are available from the following sources:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

Department: Jail

Reason for Additional Funds: Roof Repair

Source of Funds: Unappropriated Funds

Budget Adjustment: 001-0447-4331 Repair of Building \$ 31,000

Department: Emergency Preparedness

Reason for Additional Funds: Additional Grant Funding

Source of Funds: State of Colorado

Budget Adjustment: 001-0448-4003 Salary \$5,000

001-448-4013 Health Insurance \$3,000

Department: Coroner

Reason for Additional Funds: More Deaths Occurred

Source of Funds: Unappropriated Fund Balance

Budget Adjustment: 001-449-4060 Coroner Calls	\$3,000
001-449-4052 Pathologist	\$8,000

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Department: Construction  
Reason for Additional Funds: Additional Paving  
Source of Funds: Unappropriated Fund Balance  
Budget Adjustment: 002-0467-4242 Road Oil \$75,000

Department: Construction  
Reason for Additional Funds: Bridge Replacement  
Source of Funds: HUFT Bridge Fund and Unappropriated Fund Balance \$100,000  
Budget Adjustment: 002-0467-4730 Bridge Construction

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

Reason for Additional Funds: Quality Child Care Improvements  
Sources of Funds: TANF - \$88,945  
Child Care Assistance Allocation - \$37,805  
Budget Adjustment \$126,750

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUND

Department: Public Health Agency  
Reason for Additional Funds: Received H1N1 Grant  
Source of Funds: State of Colorado  
Budget Adjustment: 009-0451-4005 Salary \$ 10,000  
009-0451-4873 H1N1 5,000

Department: Substance Abuse Prevention Program  
Reason for Additional Funds: Different spending level after moved  
From General Fund to Public Health Agency Fund  
Source of Funds: State of Colorado  
Budget Adjustment: 009-0454-4004 Part Time Salary \$ 2,000  
009-0454-4410 Implementation \$15,000  
009-0454-4190 General Operating Supplies \$ 3,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2009 budget shall be increased as follows:

Revenues:

County General Fund	From \$5,591,049 to \$5,599,049
Public Health Agency Fund	From \$320,241 to \$355,241

Expenditures:

County General Fund	From \$6,509,587 to \$6,559,587
Road & Bridge Fund	From \$2,927,460 to \$3,102,460
Social Services Fund	From \$10,800,134 to \$10,926,884
Public Health Agency Fund	From \$320,241 to \$355,241

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Hagedorn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and unanimously passed by the Board of County Commissioners on the 30th of December 2009

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 made the motion to approve the supplemental budget. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

The Emergency Preparedness contract was presented for \$19,363.45. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton said the second half of the funding for the Del Norte airport will be received in January 2010. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to reinstate Commissioner Murphy to the library district board. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton noted correspondence from Archuleta County on the Village at Wolf Creek and federal land exchange.

There was discussion of HR 2477 roads being accepted on the County road system as non-maintained roads. The Board discussed maintenance of these roads. Further discussion will be tabled until the Board meets with the County Attorney.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch and a work session.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Session

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board