

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande                )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7, 2010. 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 made the motion to approve the June 30, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Jenna Paluzzi, Community Energy Coordinator, joined the session. She is employed through the Colorado State University Extension Office; the position is funded through the Governor's Energy Grant. Ms. Paluzzi is working to form a steering committee on energy matters in the Valley. She discussed her work experience and noted her work with watersheds in Michigan. The first focus meeting will be on agriculture. Ms. Paluzzi will be working with the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee as well. She noted her experience with councils of government and bringing various groups together. The County will select an official representative to the steering committee. She presented brochures and noted the website [rechargecolorado.com](http://rechargecolorado.com) for information on energy efficiency and renewable energy. There was discussion of energy audits and financing programs for homes and businesses.

At 9:45 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to sign the addendum between Rio Grande County and Airport Development Group. She presented various meeting notices and appointments. The Sheriff has reported the average cost of meals at the jail is 92 cents per meal.

The Board approved the revised fee schedule for the Land Use Office. The changes to the sign permits and home occupation permits will be effective July 1, 2010 and the existing home occupation permits will be grandfathered in.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the following claims. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

**County General Fund**

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| ACS Services             | computer svc  | \$ | 25.00     |
| AJ Signs & Designs       | repair        | \$ | 100.00    |
| Aspen Office Products    | supplies      | \$ | 15.99     |
| CATA                     | training      | \$ | 965.00    |
| CDLE, Division of Oil    | elevator insp | \$ | 30.00     |
| CED/American Electrical  | repair        | \$ | 17.70     |
| Co Dept of Human Service | traffic fines | \$ | 50.00     |
| CTSI Volunteer Insurance | insurance     | \$ | 42.80     |
| District Attorney Office | payment       | \$ | 13,389.75 |
| Elevator Safety Service  | repair        | \$ | 110.00    |
| Fleet Services           | fuel          | \$ | 3,951.30  |

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| Gobins                       | supplies       | \$        | 610.93           |
| Ken's Service Center         | repair         | \$        | 18.00            |
| Michelle Montoya             | per diem       | \$        | 6.09             |
| Pittney Bowes Inc            | pstge machine  | \$        | 105.00           |
| Postmaster                   | postage        | \$        | 220.00           |
| Pueblo Co Information System | computer svc   | \$        | 5,237.33         |
| Qwest Communications         | phone          | \$        | 1,952.51         |
| Rose Vanderpool              | reimbursed exp | \$        | 51.12            |
| Rocky Mountain Plumbing      | repair         | \$        | 79.45            |
| State of Colorado/DOI        | T1 line        | \$        | 333.84           |
| Valley Lock & Security       | repair         | \$        | 23.51            |
| Valley Publishing            | ads            | \$        | 232.50           |
| Verizon Wireless             | phone          | \$        | 190.78           |
| Verizon Wireless             | phone          | \$        | 908.30           |
| Victim Assistance Fund       | May            | \$        | 50.00            |
| WSB Computer Services        | computer svc   | \$        | 1,030.00         |
| Xcel Energy                  | utility        | \$        | 4,574.08         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>34,320.98</b> |

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| American Public Life          | exp | \$        | 482.62            |
| Colorado State Treasurer      | exp | \$        | 889.78            |
| Community Bank of the Rockies | exp | \$        | 55,831.19         |
| Family Support Registry       | exp | \$        | 106.00            |
| Family Support Registry       | exp | \$        | 158.00            |
| Pre-Paid Legal Services       | exp | \$        | 139.45            |
| Rio Grande County Treasurer   | exp | \$        | 45,365.76         |
| Security Benefit              | exp | \$        | 450.00            |
| Sooper Credit Union           | exp | \$        | 500.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |     | <b>\$</b> | <b>103,922.80</b> |

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| Account 499                |               | \$ | 121.85   |
| ACS Services               | computer svc  | \$ | 4,536.83 |
| Adams Drug Store Inc       | jail meds     | \$ | 1,690.21 |
| Alamosa Co Nursing Service | services      | \$ | 449.11   |
| Aspen Office Products      | supplies      | \$ | 499.34   |
| Business Solutions Leasing | supplies      | \$ | 410.33   |
| CBI Printers               | supplies      | \$ | 170.00   |
| Cathy Gonzales             | mileage       | \$ | 135.00   |
| Co Dept of Public Safety   | traffic fines | \$ | 682.50   |
| Colo Dept of Health & Env  | fees          | \$ | 260.00   |
| Colorado Assessors Assn    | dues          | \$ | 250.00   |
| Colorado Coroners Assn     | dues          | \$ | 600.00   |
| County Sheriffs of Colo    | dues          | \$ | 40.00    |
| Dave Pote                  | homeland sec. | \$ | 630.00   |
| Dave's Electric            | supplies      | \$ | 166.94   |
| Del Norte Auto Supply      | supplies      | \$ | 26.21    |
| Duckwall Alco Discount     | supplies      | \$ | 147.17   |
| Dunn Law FLP               | legal         | \$ | 3,738.94 |
| El Paso County Coroner     | autopsy       | \$ | 1,250.00 |
| First Bankcard             | card pmt      | \$ | 2,298.67 |
| Galls Inc                  | supplies      | \$ | 53.96    |
| Gobins                     | supplies      | \$ | 330.34   |
| Goodyear Wholesale Tire    | supplies      | \$ | 496.16   |
| Haynie's Inc               | supplies      | \$ | 48.97    |

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| Highland Triumph LLC      | homeland sec.  | \$        | 450.00           |
| HR Specialist             | supplies       | \$        | 179.00           |
| Intermountain First Aid   | supplies       | \$        | 57.95            |
| Jack's Market             | supplies       | \$        | 225.24           |
| Jeff Babcock              | homeland sec.  | \$        | 7,819.45         |
| John Michalke             | homeland sec.  | \$        | 6,484.65         |
| Kaesar & Blair Inc        | supplies       | \$        | 346.81           |
| Ken's Service Center      | repairs        | \$        | 93.80            |
| Meadow Gold Dairies       | jail supply    | \$        | 275.70           |
| Michelle Montoya          | mileage        | \$        | 392.65           |
| Monte Vista Cooperative   | supplies       | \$        | 61.58            |
| Mount View Communications | RGSO           | \$        | 119.85           |
| Mount'n Valley Sports     | repairs        | \$        | 123.70           |
| Notes & Numbers, LLC      | board clerk    | \$        | 335.00           |
| Peggy Kern                | mileage        | \$        | 47.86            |
| Progressive Methods Inc   | supplies       | \$        | 220.00           |
| Qwest Communications      | phone          | \$        | 54.32            |
| Rio Grande Hospital       | inmate costs   | \$        | 1,687.96         |
| Roger's Mortuary          | coroner exp    | \$        | 412.50           |
| Safeway Inc               | supplies       | \$        | 148.84           |
| Saguache County Jail      | holding        | \$        | 2,100.00         |
| Shamrock Foods Company    | jail food      | \$        | 2,998.51         |
| Sleuth                    | software       | \$        | 1,875.00         |
| Spectracom                | radios         | \$        | 392.00           |
| Sue Davis                 | homeland sec.  | \$        | 3,293.62         |
| Suzanne Benton            | reimbursed exp | \$        | 80.55            |
| Todd Wright               | coroner call   | \$        | 853.71           |
| True Value Hardware       | supplies       | \$        | 7.98             |
| US Postal Service         | postage        | \$        | 500.00           |
| United Reprographic       | supplies       | \$        | 89.21            |
| Valley Lumber and Supply  | supplies       | \$        | 96.36            |
| Valley Performance        | repairs        | \$        | 21.42            |
| Vendola Plumbing          | repairs        | \$        | 1,051.18         |
| Verizon Wireless          | cell phone     | \$        | 181.39           |
| Wright Valley Oil         | fuel           | \$        | 44.17            |
| WSB Computer Services     | computer svc   | \$        | 1,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>53,154.49</b> |

**Road & Bridge Fund**

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| Business Solutions Leasing | copier     | \$        | 110.08           |
| Colorado Department of Ag  | license    | \$        | 390.00           |
| Fleet Services             | fuel       | \$        | 1,658.14         |
| Myers Brother Truck        | repair     | \$        | 9,091.88         |
| Qwest Communications       | phone      | \$        | 53.09            |
| San Luis Valley Rural      | utility    | \$        | 352.00           |
| SLV Conservancy District   | water      | \$        | 2,100.00         |
| Verizon Wireless           | cell phone | \$        | 122.28           |
| Xcel Energy                | utility    | \$        | 1,209.40         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |            | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,086.87</b> |

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| American Public Life     | exp | \$ | 255.86 |
| Carol Voris              | exp | \$ | 42.00  |
| Colorado State Treasurer | exp | \$ | 415.90 |

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| Community Banks of the Rockies | exp | \$        | 22,428.42        |
| Family Support Registry        | exp | \$        | 487.00           |
| Rio Grande County Treasurer    | exp | \$        | 18,826.91        |
| Security Benefit               | exp | \$        | 50.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |     | <b>\$</b> | <b>42,506.09</b> |

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| Airgas Intermountain Inc  | supplies    | \$        | 310.76           |
| All Truck and Trailer     | supplies    | \$        | 59.13            |
| Alta Fuels                | fuel        | \$        | 18,079.46        |
| B&C Electric Inc          | repairs     | \$        | 19.37            |
| CFS                       | repairs     | \$        | 295.00           |
| CNH Capital               | exp         | \$        | 2.06             |
| Del Norte Auto Supply     | supplies    | \$        | 91.95            |
| Duckwall-Alco Discount    | supplies    | \$        | 19.48            |
| First Bankcard            | card pmt    | \$        | 89.25            |
| Forestry Suppliers Inc    | supplies    | \$        | 1,275.33         |
| Four Corners Cooling      | repairs     | \$        | 480.00           |
| Gobins                    | supplies    | \$        | 26.64            |
| Gunbarrel Service Station | repairs     | \$        | 523.46           |
| Haynie's Inc              | supplies    | \$        | 1,115.32         |
| IAC Performance           | repairs     | \$        | 1,764.14         |
| Intermountain First Aid   | supplies    | \$        | 147.96           |
| J and S Contractor Supply | supplies    | \$        | 425.92           |
| Leroy A Romero            | maintenance | \$        | 125.00           |
| Mackey Construction Co    | repairs     | \$        | 249.48           |
| Matco Tools               | supplies    | \$        | 62.17            |
| MHC Kennworth             | repairs     | \$        | 197.40           |
| Monte Vista Cooperative   | supplies    | \$        | 20.68            |
| Monte Vista Machine Tool  | supplies    | \$        | 76.80            |
| Monte Vista Tractor       | supplies    | \$        | 144.05           |
| Myers Brothers Truck      | repairs     | \$        | 62.83            |
| Pro Com                   | supplies    | \$        | 70.00            |
| Qwest Communications      | phones      | \$        | 386.65           |
| Sanner Brothers Salvage   | supplies    | \$        | 57.10            |
| SLV Earth Movers          | supplies    | \$        | 308.00           |
| Valley Lumber and Supply  | supplies    | \$        | 80.59            |
| Valley Tractor Repair     | supplies    | \$        | 42.12            |
| Van's Machine Shop        | repairs     | \$        | 59.85            |
| Verizon Wireless          | phones      | \$        | 122.30           |
| Wagner Equipment          | repairs     | \$        | 95.91            |
| Xcel Energy               | utility     | \$        | 920.01           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |             | <b>\$</b> | <b>27,806.17</b> |

**Pest Control**

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| Alltel                  | phone   | \$        | 46.97         |
| Monte Vista Cooperative | supply  | \$        | 24.35         |
| San Luis Valley Rural   | utility | \$        | 70.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |         | <b>\$</b> | <b>141.32</b> |

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| Colorado State Treasurer       | exp | \$        | 34.31           |
| Community Banks of the Rockies | exp | \$        | 2,486.02        |
| Rio Grande County Treas.       | exp | \$        | 1,002.48        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |     | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,522.81</b> |

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| Del Norte Auto Supply           | supplies       | \$        | 14.02            |
| DP Ag Services                  | pesticides     | \$        | 390.05           |
| First Bankcard                  | card pmt       | \$        | 283.72           |
| Myers Brother Truck             | repairs        | \$        | 69.00            |
| Qwest Communications            | phone          | \$        | 84.00            |
| VJs Embroidery                  | misc           | \$        | 6.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>846.79</b>    |
| <b>Airport Fund</b>             |                |           |                  |
| Airport Development Group       |                | \$        | 8,400.00         |
| San Luis Valley Rural           | utility        | \$        | 266.00           |
| Valley Courier                  | notice         | \$        | 111.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>8,777.00</b>  |
| San Luis Valley Rural           | utility        | \$        | 269.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>269.00</b>    |
| <b>Capital Expenditure Fund</b> |                |           |                  |
|                                 |                | \$        | -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Conservation Trust</b>       |                |           |                  |
| San Luis Valley TV Inc          | exp            | \$        | 1,500.00         |
| Sargent School District         | playground     | \$        | 48,171.50        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>49,671.50</b> |
| <b>Tourism Trust</b>            |                |           |                  |
| Applelodge Enterprises          | services       | \$        | 500.00           |
| Devi Jardon                     | labor          | \$        | 17.60            |
| Homelake History Museum         | donation       | \$        | 1,000.00         |
| Pueblo Chieftain                | ads            | \$        | 610.00           |
| South Fork Music Assn           | donation       | \$        | 1,000.00         |
| South Fork Visitor's            | funding        | \$        | 7,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>10,127.60</b> |
| <b>Public Health Department</b> |                |           |                  |
| Channing Bete Company           |                | \$        | 24.95            |
| Christine Strawn                | Prevent Partnr | \$        | 500.00           |
| City of Monte Vista             | kids club      | \$        | 1,425.00         |
| Criselle Briggs                 | Prevent Partnr | \$        | 500.00           |
| Gobins                          | supplies       | \$        | 149.99           |
| High Valley Community           | Prevent Partnr | \$        | 200.00           |
| Physician Sales & Service       | supplies       | \$        | 30.23            |
| Qwest Communications            | phone          | \$        | 344.39           |
| Rio Grande Hospital             | labs           | \$        | 50.00            |
| Saguache Co Public Health       | service        | \$        | 63.00            |
| Staples Business                | supplies       | \$        | 353.65           |
| State of Colorado DOI           | T1 line        | \$        | 61.51            |
| Verizon Wireless                | cell phone     | \$        | 122.28           |
| WSB Computer Services           | computer svc   | \$        | 4,459.00         |

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| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>8,284.00</b>  |
| American Public Life          | exp            | \$        | 139.08           |
| Colorado State Treasurer      | exp            | \$        | 175.92           |
| Community Bank of the Rockies | exp            | \$        | 12,008.84        |
| Rio Grande County Treasurer   | exp            | \$        | 4,456.45         |
| Security Benefit              | exp            | \$        | 50.00            |
| Sooper Credit Union           | exp            | \$        | 100.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>16,930.29</b> |
| Barbara Sue Bartlett          | logo design    | \$        | 848.00           |
| Calpho                        | dues           | \$        | 55.00            |
| Chaffee Cnty Public Health    | services       | \$        | 1,295.00         |
| Costilla County Nursing       | services       | \$        | 1,778.00         |
| CU @ Denver                   | prevent ptnrs  | \$        | 6,000.00         |
| Dell Marketing                | supplies       | \$        | 853.06           |
| First Bankcard                | card pmt       | \$        | 1,016.77         |
| Hazelden                      | edu materials  | \$        | 211.63           |
| Journeyworks Health           | supplies       | \$        | 90.20            |
| Joyce Housden                 | reimbursed exp | \$        | 108.03           |
| Lake County Health Dept       | services       | \$        | 400.00           |
| Master Print & Web Design     | EPSDT          | \$        | 10,991.50        |
| Mineral County Public         | services       | \$        | 846.15           |
| O&V Printing                  | supplies       | \$        | 500.00           |
| Qwest Communications          | phone          | \$        | 17.28            |
| Qwest Communications          | phone          | \$        | 48.80            |
| Saguache Co Public Health     | services       | \$        | 400.00           |
| Southern Colo Computer        | repairs        | \$        | 160.00           |
| Verizon Wireless              | phone          | \$        | 122.30           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                | <b>\$</b> | <b>25,741.72</b> |

At 10:30 a.m. members of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society joined the session for a conditional use application for the Elizabeth Conour Animal Shelter Trust. The shelter is located on Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista containing 11.65 acres more or less. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, read the application and noted the opposition and support of the application. The Planning Commission recommended approval with contingencies as follows: expansion of current shelter is optional to shelter board; enclosed kennels within 12 months unless the new project is underway or review by the Board of Commissioners; acreage limit (5 acres) withdrawn; 30'x30' building stricken - no expansion to existing building except as allowed in the 2005 conditional use application; sound abatement of existing facilities unless new construction has begun within 12 months or review by the Board of Commissioners; strike minor subdivision requirement in 2005 conditional use application; recognize that new plan is a conceptual plan but new facility shall not: a) exceed 7,600 square feet for shelter, b) exceed 3,600 square feet for daycare, c) no outdoor kennels except for exercise runs, d) new facilities no closer than proposed at 500 foot setback from street or more, e) no more than 36 dog and 24 cat kennels, f) fee application be waived in the amount of \$500.

Keith Helmstetler presented sketches of the plans and noted that the Alpine Veterinary Clinic is a neighbor to the shelter and some of the animal noise comes from that facility. There will be

landscaping with this facility, perimeter fencing and trees for sound abatement. The new building will be located towards the back of the lot with the kennels facing the north to help with sound abatement. Mr. Helmstetler noted that this design has been used at other facilities. A crematorium would be in a separate building; this plan is in a future phase. Mr. Helstetler noted that there are several phases for expansion with these plans. The concept under consideration at this point is the shelter and animal daycare service. There was no one present in opposition to the application.

Lynn Drake discussed the United States Department of Agriculture grant for community services. She asked for a letter of support for this grant application by July 20, 2010. The land for the facility will serve as the in-kind match for the grant. Commissioner Hagedorn said he liked the plans and asked for clarification on the conditions set by the Planning Commission. Ms. Vanderpool said the phases were discussed but not separated in their motion. Ms. Drake said the phases will be built as funding allows. She noted they are working on various ideas with grants, foundations and demonstration projects. Ms. Vanderpool clarified the four phases presented as 1. shelter, 2. crematory, freezer room and garage maintenance building, 3. dog and cat daycare boarding facility, and 4. dog park. Cheryl Santi asked for the Board's opinion of the project. They all agreed that this is a good plan and a needed facility. Ms. Drake added that they are looking into including a training facility for service dogs.

It was clarified that the conditional use permit is tied to the land. Should the property change ownership the new land owners would have to reapply for the conditional use permit. There was discussion of the phases of the project.

Commissioner Hagedorn made a motion to approve the Planning and Zoning recommendations with the addition of the 800 square foot garage and freezer room (Phase II) as well as Board review at the start of each phase. The Board recognizes the flexibility of each phase. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.  
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Ms. Drake clarified that if they receive funding for the crematorium before the shelter building they could start building. The Board confirmed this and asked that they be informed of the progress so they can answer questions as they receive them.

Ms. Drake discussed the authority board and process for placing the funding question on the ballot for the shelter. They have worked with Deb Downs, Department of Local Affairs, who has directed them in the ballot process. An Intergovernmental Agreement will be drafted for the parties involved. The Clerk and Recorder must receive a notice of intent from the Board of Commissioners that there may be a ballot item. Ms. Drake and Ms. Santi said they have met with the Towns in the County as well as the Towns of Moffat and Center who will send letters of support. They anticipate the support of the Saguache County Commissioners.

At 11:45 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Sam Courey has signed the property exchange documents and will return them to the County.

There is only one property owner that he has not been able to contact.

At 12:00 p.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. She received a bid of \$250 from Evergreen Builders to repair the floor tiles at the Museum. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to repair the tiles. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. Chairman Davie abstained from the vote.

At 12:10 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 Murphy made the motion to approve the July 7, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

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:

- Bid opening for the runway project was awarded to SLV Earth Movers. The preliminary work started the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.
- The graders completed all Schedule A Roads.
- The hot plant has been prepared for the upcoming season.
- Hauled blow sand from the County Line, 5 North and 4 North Roads to the Maxeyville pit.
- Started the first round of roadside weed mowing.
- Carl Hill spent a few days on minor bridge repairs.
- Spent several days repairing culverts.
- The shop has been busy with numerous repairs.
- Hauled top soil to the 4 North Road.
- Repaired County Road 15 following a water line break. Approximate cost was \$7,373. This will be invoiced to Land Properties Inc.
- The new sign-truck chassis has been ordered using the C-DOT Award for class 3 trucks.

Proposed work for July includes roughing in the new road around the Del Norte Airport and possibly starting the construction of the new road; could possibly do the culvert work at the airport depending on the contractor's progress; begin the skin patching

projects and necessary patch work using AC mix, including County Road 15 and Swede Lane; continue to grade and patch roads as time permits; and bleachers will be moved to South Fork and back to Monte Vista for Logger Days.

Mr. Sullivan added that he will be studying the 9 North and 2 East roads intersection on request of a resident in this area.

There was discussion of a pending conservation easement in the 7 Mile Plaza area. There will be a fishing area with public access near County Road 5 North. Mr. Sullivan informed Steve Massey, property owner, that the parking area must be clear of the roadway.

Ms. Benton added that the net overrun on the airport project is \$25,000 to date if the paving grant is awarded to the County. Mr. Sullivan gave an airport progress report. He said the work is being done very quickly. The taxiways are cut in and the new runway is under construction. Jack Martz has asked for a statement from the County that his lots will have access to the taxiway. There was discussion of the property in question and review of the maps.

At 10:15 a.m. Kimberly Temple and Karla Willschau, Wall, Smith, Bateman & Associates, joined the session for the 2009 audit presentation. Ms. Willschau reviewed the written report and noted the Independent Auditors' Report. She noted that the financial statements were presented fairly and the audit was performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards. The printed financial highlights were listed as follows.

- The County's financial status remained basically the same over the course of the year ending December 31, 2009. Total net assets increased 0.52 percent disregarding the adjustments made for GASB 34 infrastructure reporting.
- General revenues, primarily taxes, account for approximately \$4,845,425 or 39.4% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and sales, grants and contributions, accounted for \$7,441,827 or 60.6% of total revenues of \$12,287,252.
- The County had \$12,053,480 in expenses related to governmental activities; only \$7,441,827 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services and grants.
- Outlays for capital assets were primarily comprised of two sheriff department vehicles, two Cat motor graders for the Road and Bridge Department, and two cars for the Social Services Department.
- The County has long-term debt to fund the addition and remodeling of the Jail. Rio Grande County entered into an annually renewable Lease Purchase Agreement with San Luis Valley Federal Bank. This Lease Purchase Agreement is for \$2,500,000 with a 20-year payout schedule at 4.5%. The first payment was paid in 2006.

Ms. Temple reviewed the financial statements for each fund. Ms. Willschau said the auditors gave an unqualified opinion of the financial statements (this is a favorable opinion). She also reviewed the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Three 'material weakness' findings were reported in Social Services and one significant deficiency was found in Social Services. Ms. Willschau reported that two of the findings from the 2008 audit had been implemented, one was partially implemented and one was

not implemented. She also noted the corrective action plan submitted by Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, for the findings. Ms. Willschau noted the complexity of the Social Services Department and various funding sources. She felt that Ms. Kern was taking the proper action to correct the findings. The Board noted that they took action in 2009 to resolve the problems and added that Ms. Kern was doing a good job.

Ms. Willschau said the County accounting department has done a good job and the fund balances are satisfactory. She noted the required communication of the Management Letter. Proposed accounting entries are included with this letter. Ms. Temple noted that PILT/SRS (Payment in Lieu of Taxes/Safer Rural Schools) funding were problematic, not only in Rio Grande County but throughout the State. Ms. Benton said this disbursement was reviewed State-wide, as she found out in discussions with other counties.

At 11:00 a.m. Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:30 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters and informational items. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the following abatements. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

| Schedule No. | Assessed | Actual   | Tax      |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 35313-14-014 | \$4,728  | \$16,313 | \$395.58 |
| 35313-14-014 | \$8,448  | \$29,124 | \$693.79 |

The tentative report from the County Assessor indicates the taxable real property for 2010 is \$175,079,770. The taxable personal property for the County for 2010 is \$6,172,968.

Ms. Benton will talk with the County Attorney about the roofing project. Valdez Roofing has not upheld their bid. Ms. Benton and Commissioner Hagedorn gave updates on the CCI steering committee sessions. Commissioner Murphy presented information on the geothermal meeting he attended.

Ms. Benton presented the June financial statements. Total income is \$5,756,810.94 and total expenses are \$3,671,531.04. She noted that large pending expenses will be paid within the next two months.

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

Attest:

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado                    )  
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County of Rio Grande                )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order following the monthly managers meeting. Commissioner Hagedorn opened the session with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the July 7 and 14, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the Single Entry Point contract for \$196,373.07. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Chairman Davie signed the contract. Commissioner Murphy offered the motion to support the agreement between Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Del Norte Trails Association for the walking track in the amount of \$26,372.75. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 550 PAGE 742

Ms. Benton noted that the power service at the County owned vacant house near the hot plant will be retired. She read the letter from San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative stating the fees that would apply should the County decide to reconnect the power service. The County plans to remove all structures at this site.

At 10:20 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Agency Director, joined the session for the monthly report. She began by discussing the Intergovernmental Agreement between the participating municipalities and agencies. Ms. Perry questioned the difference between the 'Board of Health' and 'Board of Directors' terminology. There was discussion of having bylaws for the Board of Health. Ms. Perry noted that the municipalities need to appoint representatives. Ms. Benton noted that the Agency cannot make progress at their meetings without a quorum. The Board agreed that bylaws need to be addressed at the next Health Agency Board meeting.

The Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center is conducting a survey in the San Luis Valley on community health. Ms. Perry presented information on this random survey conducted by research staff from the University of Colorado, Denver. The researchers will be using GIS maps for their sampling. The Valley results will be broken down by County as well. Ms. Perry described the process for this survey and noted that there would be surveyors in the County later in the month.

Ms. Perry presented a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by each County Health Agency agreeing to assist each other in the event of an emergency. Chairman Davie signed the agreement.

Diane Koshac was asked to draft a grant for radon education. This grant will be submitted in August; she will notify the Board of any grant awards.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to waive the McMullen Building fee for 4-H. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Chairman Davie made the motion to appoint Dennis Murphy to the Energy Steering Committee. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Chairman Davie asked about the Conservation Trust funds and whether or not these funds could be used for weed spraying. Ms. Benton said this can only be used on Public Lands. Road rights-of-way are not considered Public Land.

Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session. The Town of South Fork's Building Inspector is not certified to inspect commercial buildings however, the Town is in need of a commercial inspection for an addition to a church. The Town has asked Mr. Kern to do this inspection. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to have Rio Grande County do the inspection and follow the existing fee schedule. This will be a onetime offer to the Town of South Fork. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board adjourned to the Del Norte Airport for the pre-bid conference for the paving project.

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

Attest:

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado            )  
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County of Rio Grande        )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the session to order. Commissioner Hagedorn opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the July 21, 2010 minutes as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

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

**County General**

|                  |      |    |          |
|------------------|------|----|----------|
| Davie, Douglas   | sal. | \$ | 4,141.67 |
| Hagedorn, Robert | sal. | \$ | 4,141.67 |
| Murphy, Dennis   | sal. | \$ | 4,141.67 |
| Benton, Suzanne  | sal. | \$ | 6,963.03 |
| Dennis, Krystal  | sal. | \$ | 2,099.07 |

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|----------------------|------|----|----------|
| Bricker, Pamela      | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| Franke, Craig        | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| Freeman, Dwight      | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| McCallister, Vern    | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| Seger, Gary          | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| Slade, Janice        | sal. | \$ | 50.00    |
| Vanderpool, Rose     | sal. | \$ | 3,215.33 |
| Canada, Sean         | sal. | \$ | 3,279.47 |
| Kern, Randall        | sal. | \$ | 4,296.93 |
| Gabbel, Jaclyn       | sal. | \$ | 1,698.67 |
| 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. | \$ | 2,334.51 |
| Kern, Peggy          | sal. | \$ | 4,141.67 |
| Rue, Cherilyn        | sal. | \$ | 2,933.23 |
| Voris, Carol         | sal. | \$ | 2,249.22 |
| Brown, Elaine        | sal. | \$ | 1,348.32 |
| Garcia, Carol        | sal. | \$ | 1,842.53 |
| Marquez, Ronald      | sal. | \$ | 1,995.07 |
| Medina, Porfie       | sal. | \$ | 2,508.13 |
| Arellano, Timothy    | sal. | \$ | 3,028.50 |
| Chick, Charles       | sal. | \$ | 3,761.67 |
| Clark, Frank         | sal. | \$ | 1,944.80 |
| Doctor, Janette      | sal. | \$ | 2,996.93 |
| Duran, Jeremiah      | sal. | \$ | 2,706.00 |
| Garcia, Cori         | sal. | \$ | 2,398.93 |
| Lopez, Emily         | sal. | \$ | 2,643.33 |
| Lucero, William      | sal. | \$ | 2,447.47 |
| Martinez, Robin      | sal. | \$ | 2,447.47 |
| Messoline, Larry     | sal. | \$ | 2,398.93 |
| Norton, Brian        | sal. | \$ | 5,790.00 |
| Wheelwright, Boyd    | sal. | \$ | 2,750.80 |
| Archuleta, Anthony   | sal. | \$ | 2,458.43 |
| Atencio, Joseph      | sal. | \$ | 2,546.27 |
| Bailey, Ronald       | sal. | \$ | 1,990.31 |
| Black, Kelly         | sal. | \$ | 3,587.53 |
| Bollinger, Jason     | sal. | \$ | 1,926.80 |
| Bruder, Gary         | sal. | \$ | 2,496.18 |
| Chick, Amanda        | sal. | \$ | 2,027.21 |
| Duran, Dusty         | sal. | \$ | 2,007.82 |
| Ford, Donna          | sal. | \$ | 2,184.00 |

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|-------------------|------|-------------|
| Fuentes, Jose     | sal. | \$ 2,016.91 |
| Hart, Jonathan    | sal. | \$ 2,245.99 |
| Naranjo, Henry    | sal. | \$ 804.49   |
| Ortega, Arthur    | sal. | \$ 2,319.20 |
| Pacheco, Helen    | sal. | \$ 1,511.47 |
| Parks, Joseph     | sal. | \$ 2,322.72 |
| Salazar, Alicia   | sal. | \$ 2,022.74 |
| Sierra, Shaun     | sal. | \$ 2,011.59 |
| Stambaugh, Keith  | sal. | \$ 1,912.11 |
| Trujillo, Ramon   | sal. | \$ 2,206.30 |
| Vest, David       | sal. | \$ 1,954.02 |
| Wright, Todd      | sal. | \$ 914.85   |
| Strohmayer, Rusty | sal. | \$ 1,841.67 |
| Ferran, Camille   | sal. | \$ 1,993.33 |
| Crowder, Larry    | sal. | \$ 880.44   |
| Lujan, Maxine     | sal. | \$ 2,544.82 |
| Miles, Mary B     | sal. | \$ 2,608.34 |
| Webb, Victor      | sal. | \$ 200.00   |

**\$181,078.16**

(Taxes Withheld, \$29,230.56; Deductions Withheld,  
\$23,301.02)

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

|                      |      |             |
|----------------------|------|-------------|
| Atencio, Kevin       | sal. | \$ 2,357.33 |
| Black, Timothy       | sal. | \$ 3,435.47 |
| Chapman, Destry      | sal. | \$ 2,709.20 |
| Hansen, Arnold       | sal. | \$ 2,709.20 |
| Hill, Carl           | sal. | \$ 3,435.47 |
| Lyons, Dale          | sal. | \$ 2,184.00 |
| Maestas, William     | sal. | \$ 3,367.87 |
| McKinley, Robert     | sal. | \$ 3,111.33 |
| Miles, Darryl        | sal. | \$ 3,693.73 |
| Pacheco, Carl        | sal. | \$ 3,435.47 |
| Plane, Kenneth       | sal. | \$ 2,227.33 |
| Widger, Michael J    | sal. | \$ 2,099.07 |
| Archuletta, Mark     | sal. | \$ 3,050.67 |
| Atencio, Manuel      | sal. | \$ 3,237.87 |
| Benavides, Eodofredo | sal. | \$ 3,057.60 |
| Cervantez, Manuel    | sal. | \$ 2,184.00 |
| Claunch, Billy       | sal. | \$ 3,050.67 |
| Gates, Marvin        | sal. | \$ 2,140.67 |
| Harris, Charlie      | sal. | \$ 1,410.00 |
| Paulson, Roy         | sal. | \$ 3,435.47 |
| Rowe, Danny          | sal. | \$ 2,452.67 |
| Steffens, John       | sal. | \$ 3,693.73 |
| Sullivan, Patrick    | sal. | \$ 5,455.45 |
| Romero, Olivia       | sal. | \$ 2,405.87 |

**\$ 70,340.14**

(Taxes Withheld, \$11,988.22; Deductions Withheld,  
\$9,881.71)

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

|               |      |             |
|---------------|------|-------------|
| Bruder, Linda | sal. | \$ 2,130.38 |
|---------------|------|-------------|

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|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| Buxman, Bryan       | sal. | \$ 2,826.38         |
| Chavez, Melody      | sal. | \$ 2,063.75         |
| Collins, Kelsie     | sal. | \$ 3,061.50         |
| Dupont, Ilene       | sal. | \$ 1,539.72         |
| Duran, Jaxine       | sal. | \$ 2,299.38         |
| Gallegos, Brandi    | sal. | \$ 2,440.75         |
| Garcia, Shirley     | sal. | \$ 1,628.25         |
| Gonzales, Carolyn   | sal. | \$ 2,393.63         |
| Gunther, Darlene    | sal. | \$ 2,299.38         |
| Harmon, Alicia      | sal. | \$ 2,083.25         |
| Hernandez, Marlene  | sal. | \$ 2,393.63         |
| Horn, Ruth          | sal. | \$ 4,129.13         |
| Jaramillo, Richelle | sal. | \$ 3,199.63         |
| Jiron, John         | sal. | \$ 2,340.00         |
| Kern, Jody          | sal. | \$ 5,000.00         |
| Leblanc, Elizabteh  | sal. | \$ 2,083.25         |
| Lester, Heather     | sal. | \$ 3,047.38         |
| Maestas, Valarie    | sal. | \$ 2,434.25         |
| Martinez, Helen     | sal. | \$ 4,057.63         |
| Martinez, Janelle   | sal. | \$ 2,255.50         |
| Meder, Jeremy       | sal. | \$ 2,935.25         |
| Naranjo, Andritta   | sal. | \$ 2,136.88         |
| Pacheco, Leann      | sal. | \$ 1,761.50         |
| Pacheco, Rosanne    | sal. | \$ 3,748.88         |
| Palacios, Irma      | sal. | \$ 2,255.50         |
| Parra, Gregorio     | sal. | \$ 3,796.00         |
| Pena, Mike          | sal. | \$ 4,538.63         |
| Roesch, Korissa     | sal. | \$ 786.45           |
| Ruybal, Evelyn      | sal. | \$ 2,255.50         |
| Sanchez, Ramona     | sal. | \$ 2,440.75         |
| Shaver, Betty       | sal. | \$ 2,803.13         |
| Sierra, Jessica     | sal. | \$ 2,299.38         |
| Slane, Sherryl      | sal. | \$ 2,785.25         |
| Stephens, Jackie    | sal. | \$ 3,823.63         |
| Thompson, Chris     | sal. | \$ 2,676.38         |
| Varner, Julia       | sal. | \$ 2,083.25         |
| Vrooman, Kristina   | sal. | \$ 2,774.38         |
| Webb, Jeannie       | sal. | \$ 1,756.30         |
| White, Victoria     | sal. | \$ 2,255.50         |
|                     |      | <u>\$105,619.31</u> |

(Taxes Withheld, \$16,318.63; Deductions Withheld, \$16,725.98)

**PEST CONTROL**

|                    |      |                    |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|
| Archuleta, Juan    | sal. | \$ 1,040.63        |
| Christensen, Bryan | sal. | \$ 50.00           |
| Miner, Craig       | sal. | \$ 50.00           |
| Monter, Bernard    | sal. | \$ 1,380.00        |
| Mueller, Mark      | sal. | \$ 100.00          |
| Plane, Darrel      | sal. | \$ 3,913.40        |
| Plane, Harold      | sal. | \$ 1,480.00        |
| Rogers, Barry K    | sal. | \$ 100.00          |
| Schaefer, Michael  | sal. | \$ 100.00          |
| VanTreese, Codie   | sal. | <u>\$ 1,171.50</u> |

**\$ 9,385.53**

(Taxes Withheld, \$1,317.02; Deductions Withheld, \$820.09)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

|                         |      |             |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|
| Brown, Linda            | sal. | \$ 3,703.70 |
| Jolly, Judith           | sal. | \$ 508.80   |
| Koshak, Dianne          | sal. | \$ 3,037.88 |
| Kostuk, Diane           | sal. | \$ 2,023.23 |
| Masters, Judy           | sal. | \$ 2,528.59 |
| Perry, Patricia         | sal. | \$ 4,642.65 |
| Montoya-Salazar, Lanell | sal. | \$ 1,948.92 |
| Robinson, Kelli         | sal. | \$ 1,768.43 |

**TOTAL**

**\$ 20,162.20**

(Taxes Withheld, \$3,875.55; Deductions Withheld, \$3,833.55)

At 9:20 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the 2009 audit. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; there was discussion of the audit. It was noted that the Board had reservations with the audit process and that the County brought several items to the auditor's attention. The motion passed.

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to appoint Chairman Davie to the CCI Legislative Committee. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented the CCI survey on elected official salaries. The Board agreed that the salaries for elected officials should not be increased.

Ms. Benton presented information about the roof repairs and elevator maintenance.

Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to give \$500 of 'other services' funds to RC&D for the weed spraying project.

Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:50 a.m. Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, joined the session to discuss the food program through Tri County Senior Citizens. After a phone call from the State, Ms. Kern said she found out that the Department of Social Services is authorized to run this program. The County was not aware of this mandated program for commodities. Tri County Senior Citizens has been managing this program for several years but the County has not been involved. Ms. Benton said the County has never been sent any agreements to authorize another agency to run this program. Ms. Kern will research this further with the State and let them know the Commissioners have never been aware of this matter. They are aware of the commodities program but they did not know it was to be run through the County. Mary Baumfalk, Tri County Senior Citizens Director, will be asked to meet with the Board at Ms. Kern's scheduled appointment.

At 10:45 a.m. Joe Dominguez, County Assessor, and Michelle Medina, Deputy Assessor, joined the session for the Board of Equalization hearing for the J.R. Tracy Trust. Chairman Davie swore in the assessors. The property is located in Beaver Mountain Estates Phase 3, Filing No. 1 (parcel number 23033-03-009). The applicant was not present and did not respond to the appointment notice. Ms. Medina reviewed each comparable sale in the written appraisal summary. The property, a vacant lot, is valued at \$145,517. Ms. Benton read a letter from the property

owner. It states that the property value has retained its value however with the nationwide recession the value should be reduced accordingly. The property owner also states that she will be taking this matter to the State authority for review. Mr. Dominguez noted that the letter addresses the purchase price in 2005 but the comparable sale price needs to be within the appropriate sales timeframe. He added that applicant's comparable sales are not listed so the appraiser could not identify which lots the property owner had compared. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to retain the Assessor's valuation. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. He presented a Termination of Easement Deed for review as requested by the Board a few weeks ago. The County owns the property containing the Rio Grande Hospital facility; this will deed the property to the hospital.

Mr. Dunn presented the deed from Sam Courey for the airport property exchange.

There was discussion of the roof repairs by Valdez Roofing. Mr. Valdez is working on the jail roof but is submitting invoices for the work which is supposed to be under warranty.

Mr. Dunn presented various items of correspondence and notices regarding the pending lawsuit involving the Sheriff's Office.

There was discussion of a ballot item for the General Election to increase Rio Grande County taxes one mill to fund various agencies and programs. There was discussion of having a board appointed by the Commissioners to distribute the funds. Chairman Davie signed the letter to the County Clerk and Recorder that the County intends to place a tax initiative on the November ballot to increase the County's mill levy.

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

Attest:

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board