

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 3, 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 Murphy made the motion to approve the February 24, 2010 minutes as presented. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Sheriff Brian Norton, Jail Administrator Kelly Black, and Arlyn Oakes, Monte Vista Ambulance, joined the session to discuss dispatch services. Ms. Oakes said the Ambulance board is looking at options for dispatch services. She has talked with the Colorado State Patrol and will be meeting with other agencies to discuss dispatch services. South Fork and Del Norte have been under the County's dispatch services for many years. Ms. Oakes said they get about 800 calls annually. Sheriff Norton said he did not feel adding the Monte Vista Ambulance would require another staff person for dispatch. There was discussion of the State Patrol dispatch fees. Ms. Oakes said the Ambulance has a 911 pager; these pages are duplicated on the Monte Vista Ambulance channel to be sure that the ambulance personnel have all the information. There was discussion of the Sheriff having a 911 pager. Ms. Oakes said it could be programmed for a specific area such as Monte Vista, South Fork and Del Norte. A separate pager would be needed for each area. There was also discussion of the new 911 system. There was discussion of the cost of calls and how service calls are charged through the State Patrol. The Board asked Sheriff Norton to figure a cost per call if the County were to dispatch the Monte Vista Ambulance. As the County grows there are more emergency calls placed. Ms. Oakes said a Valley-wide ambulance district has been discussed. The City of Monte Vista needs to decide if they will dispatch the calls for the Ambulance.

Sheriff Norton will talk with the Jack's Market Pharmacy about jail medications.

Sheriff Norton said there are three water valves that need to be replaced at a cost of \$1,500 at the jail. The hard water deposits have accumulated and ruined the valves. The Board discussed a water softener system.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion approving the following February 2010 claims. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

**County General Fund**

Valdez Roofing	repair	\$	525.00
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	75.43
Brown Industries Inc	awards	\$	171.75
Co Dept of Human Services	January	\$	30.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	38.31
Del Norte Prospector	subscription	\$	34.75
District Attorney Office	2nd payment	\$	13,389.75
Gobins	supplies	\$	514.06
Hart Intercivic	supplies	\$	79.98
Jack's Market	supplies	\$	101.10
O&V Printing	supplies	\$	191.50
Pueblo Co Information	computer svc	\$	5,237.33
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	2,011.62
San Luis Valley	grant funds	\$	193,952.00
Spectracom	programming	\$	7,000.00

Staples Business	supplies	\$ 68.36
Todd Wright	January exp	\$ 347.48
Town of Del Norte	water/sewer	\$ 2,292.48
Valley Courier	subscription	\$ 103.00
Vendola Plumbing	repair	\$ 717.38
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	\$ 1,201.72
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	\$ 194.52
Victim Assistance Fund	January	\$ 30.00
Waste Management	trash	\$ 3,624.96
Wright Valley Oil Inc	fuel	\$ 41.92
WSB Computer Services	computer svc	\$ 18.00
Xcel Energy	utility	\$ <u>8,869.67</u>
<b>TOTAL (2009 Expenses)</b>		<b>\$ 240,862.07</b>
Colorado Department of Revenue	exp	\$ 434.46
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$ 54,863.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$ 106.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$ 158.00
Pre-Paid Legal Services	exp	\$ 139.45
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$ 45,325.38
Security Benefit	exp	\$ 450.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$ <u>          </u>

		<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 101,976.29</b>
ACS Services, Inc	computer svc	\$ 7,294.12
Adams Drug Store Inc	jail meds	\$ 2,065.00
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$ 391.72
Bresnan Communications	subscription	\$ 722.35
Business Solutions Lsng	supplies	\$ 410.33
Co Dept of Public Safety	exp	\$ 210.00
Conejos County Hospital	jail exp	\$ 121.00
Conejos County Sheriff	holding	\$ 410.00
Dave Pote	homeland sec.	\$ 665.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$ 21.02
Duckwall-Alco Discount	supplies	\$ 166.46
Dunn Law FLP	legal svc	\$ 1,418.75
Easter-Owens	locks	\$ 240.00
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$ 2,996.60
Galls Inc	supplies	\$ 1,070.99
Gobins	supplies	\$ 1,281.03
Goodyear Wholesale Tire	RGSO	\$ 553.36
Government Finance Office	dues	\$ 190.00
Intab	evidence sply	\$ 131.91

Jack's Market	supplies	\$ 128.56
Jeff Babcock	homeland sec.	\$ 7,829.20
John Michalke	homeland sec.	\$ 5,779.20
Ken's Service Center	repairs	\$ 287.49
Law Enforcement Assn	registration	\$ 1,609.00
M B Police Equipment	supplies	\$ 303.70
MARC	cleaning	\$ 340.00
Meadow Gold Dairies	jail food	\$ 354.76
Mount View Communication	RGSO	\$ 119.85
New Horizons Packaging	cleaning	\$ 362.75
Notes & Numbers, LLC	clerk of board	\$ 465.00
O&V Printing	supplies	\$ 408.82
Peggy Kern	February	\$ 19.80
Pro Com	exp	\$ 140.00
Qwest Communications	phone	\$ 44.77
Rio Grande County Clerk	title	\$ 7.20
Rio Grande Hospital	inmate exp	\$ 1,155.38
Safeway Inc	jail food	\$ 133.59
Saguache County Jail	holding	\$ 2,100.00
Shamrock Foods Company	jail food	\$ 2,270.65
Spectracom	radios	\$ 40.00

Sue Davis	homeland sec.	\$	
			2,669.49
Suzanne Benton	reimbursed	\$	
	exp		342.00
True Value Hardware	supplies	\$	
			7.41
United Reprographic	supplies	\$	
			44.02
Valley Courier	ads	\$	
			268.90
Valley Electric	repairs	\$	
			143.71
Valley Lock and Security	courtroom sec	\$	
			10,213.28
Valley Meat	jail food	\$	
			691.67
Valley Performance	repairs	\$	
			796.06
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	
			47.60
Valley Wide Health System	inmate exp	\$	
			53.10
Vendola Plumbing	repairs	\$	
			1,179.23
Wright Valley Oil Inc	fuel	\$	
			137.80
WSB Computer Services	computer svc	\$	
			<u>1,144.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>61,997.63</b>

**Road & Bridge Fund**

Business Solutions Lsng	copier	\$	
			110.08
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	
			53.85
Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	
			<u>156.21</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>320.14</b>
Carol Voris	exp	\$	

		250.00
Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$ 23,507.17
Family Support Registry	exp	\$ 487.00
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$ 19,305.74
Security Benefit	exp	\$ <u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 43,599.91</b>
Airgas Intermountain Inc	supplies	\$ 274.29
Alcon Construction	repairs	\$ 64.90
All Truck and Trailer	repairs	\$ 179.70
Alta Fuels	fuel	\$ 24,983.34
APR Electric	repairs	\$ 136.44
Burk Drilling	supplies	\$ 2,289.58
City of Monte Vista	annual water	\$ 486.94
CNH Capital	supplies	\$ 120.80
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$ 255.99
Division of Reclamation	permit	\$ 323.00
Duckwall-Alco Discount	supplies	\$ 18.97
Gobins	supplies	\$ 26.64
Gunbarrel Service Station	repairs	\$ 178.00
Haynie's Inc	supplies	\$ 1,481.79
ICP Inc	exp	\$ 48.85

Industrial & Farm Supply	supplies	\$	31.50
J and S Contractor Supply	supplies	\$	846.74
Lawson Product Inc	supplies	\$	99.95
Leroy A Romero	maintenance	\$	125.00
Lyle Signs	signs	\$	1,894.98
MHC Kenworth	repairs	\$	574.16
Monte Vista Cooperative	exp	\$	423.99
Monte Vista Tractor	exp	\$	552.78
Myers Brothers Truck	repairs	\$	303.02
Petty Cash	postage	\$	21.22
Pro Com	radios	\$	137.50
Pro Build	parts	\$	33.26
Pueblo Bearing Service	repairs	\$	818.11
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	403.56
Rylind	repairs	\$	364.80
South Fork Propane	fuel	\$	2,211.75
Town and Country	exp	\$	28.10
Valley Tractor Repair	repairs	\$	433.12
Wagner Equipment	repairs	\$	2,945.31
Whiteall's Alpine	exp	\$	33.85
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	<u>3,021.71</u>

**TOTAL** \$  
**46,173.64**

**Pest Control**

Alltel	cell phone	\$	28.55
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	21.17
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	67.00
SLV Potato/Grain Conf.	fees	\$	<u>45.00</u>

**TOTAL** \$  
**161.72**

Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	1,578.52
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	<u>1,002.48</u>

**TOTAL** \$  
**2,581.00**

Colo Dept of Agriculture	license	\$	110.00
Darrel Plane	reimbursed	\$	
	exp	\$	30.00
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	99.94
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	<u>83.31</u>

**TOTAL** \$  
**323.25**

**Airport Fund**

San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	<u>520.43</u>
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**TOTAL** \$  
**520.43**

**Capital Expenditure Fund**

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**TOTAL** \$ -

**Conservation Trust**

**TOTAL** \$ -

**Tourism Trust**

AARP Life@50+	booth rent	\$	
			1,050.00
Weaver Multimedia	brochures	\$	
			<u>4,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,050.00</b>

**Public Health Department**

City of Monte Vista	kids club	\$	
			475.00
High Valley Community Center	prevent part.	\$	
			450.00
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	
			396.04
Rio Grande Hospital	tests	\$	
			50.00
Saguache Co Public Health	translation	\$	
			20.08
Staples Business	supplies	\$	
			273.88
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	
			579.00
Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	
			<u>121.64</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,365.64</b>
Alamosa Credit Union	exp	\$	
			200.00
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	
			11,092.94
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	

		5,932.01
Security Benefit	exp	\$
		50.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$
		<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>
		<b>17,374.95</b>
Costilla County Nursing	services	\$
		3,556.00
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$
		159.11
Mineral County Public	services	\$
		806.40
Mineral County Sheriff	prof. svcs	\$
		125.00
OMNI Institute	survey	\$
		868.60
Physician Sales & Service	supplies	\$
		922.35
Qwest Communications	phone	\$
		9.06
Qwest Communications	phone	\$
		50.16
Qualistar Early Learning	training	\$
		30.00
Rio Grande Hospital	tests	\$
		58.39
Trinidad State Jr College	training	\$
		<u>81.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>
		<b>6,666.07</b>

Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to sign Colorado Wildlife Assistance Grant for \$3,200 of which the County can retain about \$500. Most of the funding will be disbursed to the schools and special districts. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Chairman Davie noted that there will be a hearing at the Capitol for moving the Port of Entry from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Safety.

Ms. Benton discussed the security system and repair at the Museum. The Board agreed to the bid from Valley Lock & Security.

The Board approved the security system upgrades for Single Entry Point and the District Attorney's office.

There was discussion of Action Agency funds for a Rio Grande County resident and employee of a local business who could receive the internship and training. The Board asked Ms. Benton for more information on this matter. This is acceptable for the internship funds but the Board had questions on the training funds.

Ms. Benton presented a letter from a resident concerned about the tax protest period from 2009. Ms. Benton said the County acted within the Statute according to the County Assessor. Ms. Benton will respond to the letter.

Ms. Benton updated the Board on a Social Services conference call. The Board agreed to send the letter drafted to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Ms. Benton updated the Board on Senate Bill 6 pertaining to birth and death certificate fees for TANF clients.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Mr. Dunn noted that a County business in question had renewed its certificate of good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State.

Chairman Davie updated Mr. Dunn on the Stewards of the Land seminar he attended.

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

Attest:

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Lyla Davis      Doug Davie

Clerk of the Board      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, March 10, 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 Murphy made the motion approving the March 3, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session to discuss a commercial building inspection. The Town of South Fork has asked for an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) because the Town does not have a qualified commercial building inspector. There is a business within the Town that will be adding to an existing building but the County will be performing the inspections. Mr. Kern said he would like to work out a onetime agreement for the inspections and fees. He will draft a contract for this project and discuss an IGA for future commercial building inspections. Mr. Kern will inform the South Fork Town Manager of this decision.

Mr. Kern discussed regulations for lead based paint. There is a federal regulation for homes built prior to 1978 to test for lead. The State and counties are not being mandated to implement this regulation yet. Mr. Kern said there are some exceptions within this regulation. Chairman Davie said the County will not enforce this until it is mandated. There was discussion of the problems with having a residential fire suppression sprinkler system.

At 9:25 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly road report. The written report was submitted as follows.

- Completed base work on the 8 North Road, final shaping will be done when the frost is out of the ground.

- Started grade work on the 10 North Road between the 2 East and 3 East roads.
- Spent several days plowing snow mainly in the South Fork area.
- Cleared the parking lots at Ski Hi for the Ag Conference.
- Plowed snow at the Worker's Union Cemetery.
- Removed snow and ice from the Courthouse complex.
- Kelly Maestas hauled a grader to Pueblo for warranty work.
- The shop has been busy with repairs on numerous pieces of equipment.
- The crew completed crack sealing on the 4 West Road; the project was suspended due to extreme cold and wet weather.
- Hauled the Town of Del Norte's grader to Valley Tractor for repair.
- Carl Hill has been working on guardrail projects for bridges requiring repair.

Proposed work for February and March includes completing the grade work on the 10 North Road, continue crack seal projects, begin patching potholes, continue to grade as the weather warms and continue to manage mud problems as they arise.

Mr. Sullivan said he talked with Jamie Hart who will be meeting with Craig Cotten, Division III Water Office, about the Maxeyville Gravel Pit. Ms. Benton said Bill Dunn, County Attorney, has the signed closure on the Sanderson Gravel Pit with Thad Elliott.

Mr. Sullivan said he will be fencing the storage lot in Maxeyville.

There was discussion of the McMullen Building use. It has been rented a couple of times for riding. There was discussion of other uses such as the Crane Festival and having a place for vendors with RVs to have power. The Board agreed to allow limited access for the Crane Festival.

Mr. Sullivan said he saved a significant amount of money on parts for the snow blower with a used parts dealer from New York. He said one of the new graders needs extensive repairs. Mr. Sullivan noted a call from Sam Corey regarding a possible land exchange at the Del Norte Airport. Ms. Benton suggested a work session with Mr. Dunn and Mr. Sullivan to look at the details of this proposal.

Mr. Sullivan discussed employee positions. One employee will be leaving. Mr. Sullivan said he is not ready to hire for the vacant position at this time.

Chairman Davie discussed a request from some elderly people near South Fork to have their private driveway graded open due to wind. He told the residents that he would talk to Mr. Sullivan about this policy. Mr. Sullivan said the County would help when they have a grader in the area.

At 10:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. The Board approved a one year hangar lease for William Schoen for Tract 24 and ½ of Tract 25.

Chairman Davie signed the letter of support to the Representatives of the House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee for United States Senate Bill 10-098.

There was discussion of PILT funding and decreases to the County to support the school districts. The State had guaranteed this funding to the counties and is now considering removing this funding. Ms. Benton said the County General budget cannot be cut \$500,000 this year.

Commissioner Murphy made the motion passing the resolution seeking National Review of the US Statutes and Rules Concerning Railroad Powers. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:15 a.m. Jody Kern, Interim Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:25 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to reappoint Ray Wright to the Rio Grande Water Conservancy District Board. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

The Board agreed to reappoint Dale Becker to the 4-H Fair Board per the Fair Board's recommendation.

The Board agreed to the contract for the anti-virus and firewall for the computers.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board adjourned for job interviews for the Social Services Director.

At 3:10 p.m. the Board reconvened to discuss the hiring of the Social Services Director.

At 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to hire Jody Kern as Director of Social Services at an annual salary of \$60,000. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 3:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis            Doug Davie

Clerk of the Board    Chairman of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 17, 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 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order following the monthly managers meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the March 10, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:15 a.m. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, joined the session for and exempt division of land application for Mike and Glenalee Mitchell. The property is located in the SE ¼, Section 1, T 39 N, R 8 E, containing 2 acres, more or less. They would like to separate the corner with a home site from the farm

ground. There was discussion of the sprinkler end gun and existing structures. Even if the structures are 100 feet away from the end gun, the sprinkler can still spray water beyond 100 feet. There would be little room within the parcel for any additional structures, such as a garage, to meet the setback regulations. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the division with the condition that the 100 foot buffer zone be maintained with any existing and future structures. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 548 PAGE 977

At 10:20 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Director, joined the session for the monthly report. She discussed a concern with the Del Norte Elementary School which may involve the Public Health Agency.

Ms. Perry discussed a deceased individual with active tuberculosis at the time of death within Rio Grande County.

The written report was reviewed as submitted.

Ms. Perry presented a contract for additional H1N1 funds in cooperation with the Rio Grande County Hospital. The Hospital will receive digital trunk radios.

She reported that they also received grant funds to improve the reception/waiting room area. Ms. Perry said she would like to update the office with a counter and chairs. Ms. Benton suggested portable furniture similar to the new furniture at Social Services. Ms. Benton added that the County should try to obtain grant funding for a defibrillator in each building. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to sign the grant. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

There was discussion of regionalizing the HCP office. This is not a decision that needs to be made immediately. Ms. Perry noted that the Public Health Department is a mosaic of funding sources.

Ms. Perry noted a thank you letter from the Monte Vista Police Department for providing flu shots and health information to the staff. She also discussed the Project Public Health Readiness (PPHR) plan approval. This document can be reviewed electronically because it is lengthy to print. The goal is to build capacity and capability within the County by working with residents who fit the program. Ms. Perry said the comments should be submitted by May 2010. She discussed mass burial in

the event of a major catastrophe. This needs to be addressed in the PPHR document.

At 11:00 a.m. Sammy Frazier joined the session for an exempt division of land application. The property is located in a fraction of the SE ¼, SE ¼, Section 7, T 39 N, R 7 E, containing approximately 7.12 acres with a division of 2 acres for the existing home site and 5.12 acres for a new home. Mr. Frazier said the tax assessor's map has less acreage than the survey map. There was discussion of the railroad right-of-way. Ms. Vanderpool noted that there was one opposition in the Planning Commission because the application should have been a minor subdivision application since County went to great lengths to reduce the exempt division of land applications. Ms. Vanderpool said the letters from the fire department, utility company and road and bridge supervisor have been received. Mr. Frazier said the surface water with the property will stay with him as well as the stock water use from the existing well. A new domestic well will be drilled. Ms. Vanderpool said she would like written access approval from Evelyn Buss who owns the adjacent property. Mr. Frazier said the deed will show first right of refusal to Ms. Buss. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the division contingent upon the access letter and survey. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:15 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters and correspondence. The Veteran Officer's report was signed.

Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion approving Review of the U.S. Statutes and Rules Concerning Railroad Powers. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 548 PAGE 668

There was discussion of complying with the State rules for applying sewage as fertilizer. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to give notice to the County septic companies that as of July 1, 2010 the County land used for septic waste will be closed. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

There was discussion of the Action Agency Board, American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) and Community Development Block Grant funds.

At 11:35 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Cary Ames also joined the session to discuss the airport development maps and plans. Mr. Ames reviewed the maps and discussed the possible roadways.

Mr. Dunn presented existing property deeds adjacent to airport property. He will work on deeds to transfer property with Sam Corey.

Mr. Dunn prepared a draft letter to Bill Miller regarding disposal of cull potatoes and dead animals. There was discussion of cull potatoes being dumped around the County and other residents that need notification that as of June 1, 2010, the State Board of Health will take action. There was discussion of the State Statute and rules regarding disposal of cull potatoes.

Mr. Dunn said he has received documents of exchange of discovery regarding a pending court case. Ms. Benton will file the documents.

An elected official talked to Mr. Dunn about disparaging comments made by a County resident. The Board is aware of the matter and sent a letter to the resident to clarify any misconceptions.

At 12:20 p.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the following abatements. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Assessed	Actual	Tax
29241-01-012	\$3,430	\$43,091	\$154.04
23102-07-016	\$21,810	\$273,946	\$979.52
17311-00-627	\$7,410	\$25,567	\$332.78

There was a request for electricity for a hangar at the airport. The Board agreed to grant power after the fees are paid.

Ms. Benton reviewed pending meetings and appointments. She presented the report of animals at the SLV Conour Animal Shelter. The County paid \$157.14 per animal in 2009 and \$101.15 per animal in 2008.

At 12:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch and a work session.

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Lyla Davis      Doug Davie

Clerk of the Board      Chairman of the Board

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At 9:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to leave deeds to the land trade between Rio Grande County and Sam Coury. These are two 40 acre parcels adjacent to the Del Norte airport. No money will be involved with this transfer. Don Bousquet, another neighbor to the airport, joined the session to inform the Commissioners that he would be willing to give a 60 foot right of way through his property for the proposed road around the airport. The Commissioners will take both offers for consideration at a later date. The exact location of the new road has not been determined at this time.

At 9:15 a.m. the following five employees were recognized for their service to the County. Those presented with a certificate and pins were:

Gary Bruder    5 years

Rose Vanderpool    10 years

Cathy Gonzales    15 years

Carl Hill      20 years

Mike Pena 25 years

At 9:30 a.m. Sandy Jackson, County Clerk and Recorder, Cindy Hill, Deputy County Clerk and Michelle Montoya, Motor Vehicle Clerk met with the Board to review the Hatch Act. The Rio Grande County Clerk's office did receive a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant and expended that grant in 2006 for the purchase of the required voting equipment. Since 2006, the office has not had any federal grants. After the research County Attorney Bill Dunn had done and other research by the Commissioners, the County Clerk, and CCI, it appears that the Hatch Act does not apply to the Rio Grande County Clerk and Records Office or the employees.

At 10:00 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Hagedorn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy approving the contract with Colorado Department of Local Affairs for a Best and Brightest Intern for \$35,000. The motion passed and the contract was signed. The draft MOU with the Rio Grande County Museum, Inc., the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and the County for operation of the museum was reviewed. One change was proposed. Museum Board member, Gene Farish, will be notified about this change.

A one-year construction hangar lease for Tract 26 and ½ of Tract 25 was approved by a motion by Commissioner Hagedorn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy; the vote passed unanimously.

Peggy Kern, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss staff changing in her office. One employee has resigned and the office will continue to operate with only two employees. Ms. Kern said there may be over time costs during the busy periods.

The meeting was adjourned to a work session at 11:00.

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Suzanne Benton            Doug Davie

County Administrator/    Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, March 31, 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 March 17 and 24, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Jon Wagner, CTSI, joined the session for the Colorado Counties Casualty Pool updates. He noted that there were very few insurance claims from the County last year. In the past five years there have only been 27 insurance claims. Mr. Wagner noted that this is a very low number of claims. He said that defensive driving classes could be offered for all County employees as well as a specific class for law enforcement through CTSI. The Board felt that this would be beneficial. The next section of the report was Worker's Compensation. Mr. Wagner noted that 2007 was a high claim year but claims have significantly decreased. There have been 44 Worker's Compensation claims in the past five years. The written report was reviewed and discussed.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved 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
Franke, Craig	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.	\$	2,447.47
Atencio, Valerie	sal.	\$	280.00
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.	\$	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
Lucero, William	sal.	\$	1,468.48
Martinez, Robin	sal.	\$	2,447.47
Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$	2,398.93
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$	5,550.00

Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,750.80
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,440.28
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,546.27
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 2,011.59
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,272.53
Bollinger, Jason	sal.	\$ 1,917.89
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,478.56
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 1,996.32
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,010.90
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,184.00
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,988.94
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,272.26
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,782.37
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,342.80
Pacheco, Helen	sal.	\$ 1,511.47
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,360.00
Salazar, Alicia	sal.	\$ 2,000.26
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 2,009.19
Stambaugh, Keith	sal.	\$ 1,916.24
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,192.51
Vest, David	sal.	\$ 1,760.00
Wright, Todd	sal.	\$ 1,203.75
Strohmayr, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Ferran, Camille	sal.	\$ 1,993.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,133.90
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,544.82
Webb, Victor	sal.	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
		<b>\$178,520.94</b>

(Taxes Withheld, \$28,685.25; Deductions Withheld, \$23,524.37)

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,357.33
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,435.47
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 3,178.10
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,931.93
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.	\$ 3,539.07
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,546.09
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 3,057.60
Cervantez, Manuel	sal.	\$ 2,184.00
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 3,050.67
Gates, Marvin	sal.	\$ 2,279.60
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 4,007.77
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$ 2,452.67
Steffens, John	sal.	\$ 4,045.35
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$ 5,455.45
Trujillo, Adelmo	sal.	\$ 2,384.28
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$ 2,405.87
		<b>\$ 73,865.52</b>

(Taxes Withheld, \$12,917.69; Deductions Withheld, \$10,204.43)

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 2,130.38
Casias, Brenda	sal.	\$ 3,504.86
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.	\$ 2,692.34
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,628.25
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Harmon, Alicia	sal.	\$ 918.45
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 4,129.13
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,199.63
Jiron, John	sal.	\$ 864.00

Kern, Jody	sal.	\$	5,000.00
Lester, Heather	sal.	\$	2,028.17
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.	\$	2,998.83
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$	2,184.43
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$	3,796.00
Pena, Mike	sal.	\$	4,538.63
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.	\$	2,826.38
Villagomez, Rashel	sal.	\$	1,767.60
Vrooman, Kristina	sal.	\$	2,774.38
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$	1,756.30
White, Victoria	sal.	\$	<u>2,255.50</u>
			<b>\$104,036.78</b>

(Taxes Withheld, \$15,873.84; Deductions Withheld, \$15,809.99)

**PEST CONTROL**

Christensen, Bryan	sal.	\$	100.00
Clare, James	sal.	\$	100.00
Miner, Craig	sal.	\$	100.00
Mueller, Mark	sal.	\$	100.00
Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$	3,913.40
Rogers, Barry K	sal.	\$	100.00
Schaefer, Michael	sal.	\$	<u>100.00</u>
			<b>\$ 4,513.40</b>

(Taxes Withheld, \$679.76; Deductions Withheld, \$820.09)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Brown, Linda	sal.	\$	4,137.16
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$	3,138.03
Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$	2,230.00
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$	2,528.59
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$	4,642.65
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$	1,961.77
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>\$ 28,875.04</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$5,289.35; Deductions Withheld, \$5,283.17)

At 10:15 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters and the meeting schedule.

At 10:30 a.m. Larry Heersink and Kay Hutchinson joined the session to sign the operation agreement between the Rio Grande County Museum, Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and the County.

At 10:45 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. The Board reviewed the Weed District Bylaw revisions.

She presented demographic information about the County from the Department of Local Affairs.

At 11:00 a.m. Daniel Pruss joined the session to request property tax abatement for his RV park. The schedule number is 23162-00-112. Mr. Pruss's written statement indicates that the land value was changed to the commercial rate. At least 1/3 of the land should be at the residential rate since it is rented during the summer months. Joe Dominguez, County Assessor, was also present to discuss the property abatement denial. Mr. Pruss said 100% of the property is valued as commercial property which is taxed higher than residential property. His home is on this property along with a rental property which has had the same renter for three months at a time for the past five years. He understands Colorado State Statute pertaining to property value as 'weekly or nightly rent' as commercial use; this should not include his monthly rental property. Mr. Pruss feels his property is disproportionally valued. He noted comparisons to other cabins in the South Fork area. He said his property was

built in the 1950s so it is not a new facility. He feels the RV rental spaces should be taxed as residential because the same people have rented these spaces for the past 20 years for 3-4 consecutive months. Mr. Dominguez listed the values per the property records. He is valuing this property as 'motel use'; this property does not meet 'residential use' per the State Statute. Mr. Pruss said there are different RV uses. Some people rent the same spot year after year so he feels this is a residential use because it is a long term rental. Since Mr. Pruss's home is on this property it should be residential. He also has one cabin that is rented for a year at a time which should be residential. Mr. Dominguez said everything is valued as 'commercial use' except for the RV hookups and his residence. Mr. Dominguez does not have a problem with the home being reclassified.

Mr. Dominguez said this is a lodging/campground facility. He referred to Statutes on this matter. He has assessed the neighboring campgrounds the same as Mr. Pruss's facility. This facility also has 15 acres of riverfront property that the other campgrounds do not have. Mr. Pruss did not protest the valuation during the protest period last summer. Mr. Dominguez valued the hookups at a residential rate; there are four cabins that have remained valued as residential properties. Mr. Pruss said his cabins are trailers that have no Blue Book value. Mr. Dominguez said he has maintained them and kept them available for use. He presented comparable properties. Mr. Dominguez has been giving the RV hookups a residential rate but every campground, according to the Division of Taxation, should be assessed at the commercial rate. Mr. Dominguez said instead of a \$32,000 value it should be \$84,000 so he has erred in favor of the property owners up to this point. He also said RVs are licensed motor vehicles, not homes. This property is vacant land. He presented a ruling from another county with a similar case. Vacant land is assessed at 29%, the same as commercial property. This is a mixed use property; Mr. Dominguez said he has referred to the State Assessor's Library on this matter. The tax savings would be \$56; the Assessor does not show that there is a garage on the property which Mr. Pruss claims to have. The property taxes would increase on this site if Mr. Pruss's request was approved. Mr. Dominguez said this property should have a full appraisal.

Comparable site, Fun Valley, is valued as commercial use; there are no residential sites at Fun Valley. Mr. Pruss said he pays twice as many taxes as his competitors. Mr. Dominguez said Mr. Pruss has more property than the other RV parks.

Mr. Pruss said he was told that the abatement would increase his taxes which he felt was intimidating. He added that he is protesting the land value. Mr. Dominguez said the improvements change the value because they are assessed, too. Mr. Pruss read from the information presented from Mr. Dominguez about mixed use property which can be assessed partially at a residential rate. Mr. Dominguez said he needs written statements of historical use from Mr. Pruss. Mr. Pruss added that he has some wasteland and if Fun Valley can have wasteland he should too. Chairman Davie said the Board would take this under advisement and make a decision within 30 days.

At 11:45 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session to briefly discuss two culvert replacements on Swede Lane. This project will deplete this fund so any more culvert projects will require additional funding. The crew is also starting the Plaza bridge project. This is a safety issue as well as cleaning the dumping ground.

At 11:50 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. There was discussion of appropriating the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment from the federal government and the decrease in these funds. Mr. Dunn will review the correspondence from the State on this matter.

A notice will be sent to John Divine that the cull potatoes must be spread and chopped by June 1, 2010.

Mr. Dunn asked if the Board wanted to obtain title insurance on the property exchange with Sam Coury. Mr. Dunn did not believe there were any encumbrances on the deed but will verify with Mr. Coury.

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

Attest:

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Lyla Davis      Doug Davie

Clerk of the Board      Chairman of the Board