

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Members present were Chairman Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioners Doug Davie and Karla Shriver, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the February 23, 2011 minutes as amended. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:10 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. She said a film crew was at the Courthouse recording scenes for "Disappeared" regarding the Danice Day case. The area suggested at the Del Norte Airport for mud bogging was discussed. Ms. Benton recommended to the Chamber of Commerce that another site be used.

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

- The final changes have been made on the 9 North and 2 East intersections, including a two week traffic count.
- Snow was plowed at the Ski Hi parking lots for the Ag Fair.
- The rock crushing demonstration was held with Hartland Excavating.
- Plowed snow at a total cost of \$83,634.24
- Hauled the TDN loader to Valley Tractor.
- Completed 75% of the 2 East project.
- Mr. Sullivan met with the Rio Grande Head Water Restoration Group regarding the 5 North and 5 West Plaza Project.
- Mr. Sullivan met with the Community Service Project Group regarding Safe Routes to Schools.
- The crew demonstrated a Cat Loader and Komatsu Loader.

Work proposed for March includes completing the grade work on the 2 East Road, begin crack sealing, begin patching potholes, continue to grade gravel roads, begin reclamation work at the Maxeyville Gravel Pit, and Ms. Romero and Mr. Sullivan will attend a Pro Com Seminar.

There was discussion of using a portion of RAC funding for rock crushing in the Jasper area. Mr. Sullivan has talked with the Forest Service road crew and Conejos County to make this a joint effort to improve this Schedule A road.

Mr. Sullivan commented on his meeting regarding the Plaza Project. The McDonald Ditch is leading this project but other projects are being tied into the proposition including other ditch systems, a possible hydro-plant, and some reclamation work that the County will be doing at the site cleaned last summer. Mr. Sullivan said he is willing to participate with in kind work in the amount that it would require to complete the reclamation work he is scheduled for. The in kind work would help the entire Plaza Project as matching funds for

more State funding. Commissioner Shriver disclosed that she is on the Rio Grande Restoration Board.

Mr. Sullivan discussed the two loaders that were tested. He was more impressed with the Caterpillar loader. He noted the different options and maintenance contracts with both companies. There are Caterpillar mechanics in the Valley where a Komatsu mechanic would have to travel into the Valley. There are no other Komatsu machines in the Valley at this time and Mr. Sullivan noted that he needs a reliable machine because it is used daily.

The State gravel pit inspector visited the County sites with Mr. Sullivan. He noted the paperwork process that has to be done for reclamation at the Maxeyville Pit.

The two new employees have helped the workload tremendously.

Commissioner Davie said the Veteran's Center is expanding their cemetery site. James Cooley has donated all of the excavation work, Alamosa County has donated the liquid asphalt but they may need gravel and the use of the County hot plant. Louis Entz is heading this project.

There was discussion of a barricade at the Del Norte Airport to keep people from using the old road. Mr. Sullivan suggested cutting a deep burm to keep the public on the new road.

At 10:00 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. She discussed an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of South Fork for commercial building inspections. Up to this point, the County has not had any agreements with South Fork for building inspections. The Town has a residential inspector and the County Building Inspector has done some occasional commercial inspections as requested by the Town. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to sign the IGA with the Town of South Fork for commercial building inspection services. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver made the motion to approve the following abatements. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Actual	Assessed	Tax
35313-42-015	\$0	\$1,217	\$99.80
11184-00-475	\$30.749	\$8,196	\$604.68

Chairman Murphy presented a request for a letter of support for the High Valley Community Recycling Center grant application. Commissioner Davie made the motion to send a letter of support. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Davie made the motion to appoint Mari Lyn Hathorn to the Museum Board. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:30 a.m. Aaron Derwingson, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RIGHT), joined the session to update the Board on conservations within the County. Over 16,000 acres of land is under easements in the County. Of these, 5,585 acres are protected along the River corridor. RIGHT has brought over \$5.5 million to the County, mostly to the individual landowners of the easements. They are actively working to complete three more for 2011. Commissioner Shriver suggested that RIGHT quantify the amount of surface water that is tied to conservations and cannot be moved from the land. There was discussion of knowing this information at a statewide level.

At 10:45 the Board continued with pending matters. Commissioner Shriver discussed the County Census results and revisiting the district boundaries within the County. The Clerk and Recorder would be involved in the process of redrawing any Commissioner District boundaries. This can be discussed at a future meeting.

At 10:50 a.m. Rusty Strohmayer, County Coroner, and Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss the Coroner budget. Mr. Strohmayer stated that for many years there have not been any changes in the operations of this department. He attended the County Coroner training and was used as an example at the school because of his budget, equipment and staff. He is supposed to be provided with equipment for Coroner work and is to have expenses paid, not from his monthly salary. He relayed that Hospice is putting more pressure on the Coroners to attend to a death even though the patient is under a doctor's care. The highly potent medications that these patients are taking could turn up on the streets if they are not accounted for. The drugs need to be disposed of by the Coroner or Sheriff. Mr. Strohmayer said he is not being compensated through his budget. He gave examples of the Road and Bridge Department not having to provide their own graders, etc. He stated that in a statewide comparison, his budget is \$39,000 and the next lowest budget is \$80,000. He uses his personal vehicle for Coroner business. Mr. Strohmayer said he could charge a fee to the County for the use of his equipment, such as \$250 per call. He has phone numbers of officials and other Coroners in the State that the Board can call for reference. He will be installing security cameras at the office and the garage where bodies are held. The cooler is owned by Mr. Strohmayer and he has to be careful as to where it is located. Chairman Murphy clarified that Mr. Strohmayer owns all the equipment and none was passed down from Dr. Haug; Mr. Strohmayer confirmed this. He discussed holding bodies in his garage and that other Coroners have the same practice because some bodies are a health hazard and cannot be subjected to the public. Mr. Strohmayer related other information he learned at the training.

Mr. Strohmayer requested \$500 per month for equipment use and would split the cost of a new cot with the County. There was discussion of who would own the cot if he chose not to run for this office in the future. Mr. Strohmayer said he does not have a computer and things need to be filed online. Ms. Benton asked for a list of equipment that he needs because the County could have a computer that could be used in his office. There was discussion of Mr. Strohmayer's contract work with other counties, such as Mineral and Saguache. He said he handles the funeral home work separately. Deputy Coroners are different than having an assistant or chief investigator so that the Coroner is not on call constantly. Ms. Benton said he has not submitted a budget or attended the budget work sessions in the past. Mr. Strohmayer stated he did not know he was supposed to do those things.

Mr. Dunn said Mr. Strohmayer has compared his budget to other counties but he has not included the number of calls compared to other counties and autopsy deliveries. The Coroner is required to send a body for autopsy in any unattended death. There was discussion of Hospice care fitting into this situation. Mr. Strohmayer said any time there is an accident an autopsy will be done. Mr. Dunn asked for the number of deaths that he is investigating each month. The Board cannot evaluate his needs properly without this information. Commissioner Davie agreed that a comparison would be helpful. Mr. Dunn read the letter from Attorney Ben Gibbons who represents Mr. Strohmayer. Mr. Strohmayer has not been reimbursed for mileage. He also discussed the cooperation of the Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies to remove bodies rather than having a Deputy

Coroner with him on all the calls. He has fixed an enclosed trailer which he uses for search and rescue as well. Mr. Strohmayer said the way things have been done are outdated and need to be reviewed. Commissioner Shriver asked how soon he could have the equipment costs and number of calls he attends. There was discussion of a full time deputy and the cost. The deputy would split the time for being on call at half of the salary of the Coroner, about \$800 per month. Ms. Benton said there are other costs of having an employee such as workers compensation, payroll taxes and possibly health insurance since the current deputy is a part-time County employee. Mr. Strohmayer said when he retires if the next Coroner does not have a funeral home he will need this equipment.

At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the following claims. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

County General Fund

Adeline Lee	2008 SHSG	\$	417.00
Amsterdam Printing	supplies	\$	101.82
CED/American Electrical	repairs	\$	223.56
Co Dept of Human Services	Exp	\$	25.00
Dave Pote	homeland sec.	\$	350.00
Davis Engineering Service	prof. fee	\$	325.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	39.96
District Attorney Office	2nd pmt	\$	13,389.75
Fleet Services	Fuel	\$	4,243.66
Jim Felmlee	2009 SHSG	\$	273.93
Karla Shriver	reimbursed exp	\$	377.11
Mary Beth Miles	reimbursed exp	\$	79.20
Motorola Inc	2010 Home Sec	\$	64,664.15
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	1,004.63
San Luis Valley	revolving loan	\$	145,000.00
SLV RC&D	dues	\$	500.00
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	333.84
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	repairs	\$	1,512.00
Valley Publishing	legal notice	\$	296.00
Vendola Plumbing	repairs	\$	365.48
Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	875.50
Victim Assistance Fund	January	\$	25.00
Waste Management	annual trash	\$	3,733.68
WSB Computer Services	maintenance	\$	2,500.00
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	8,483.29
TOTAL		\$	249,139.56
American Public Life	January	\$	432.12
BC Services Inc	January	\$	301.66
Community Bank of the Rockies	January	\$	51,574.66
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	158.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	1,267.45
Pre-paid Legal Services	exp	\$	139.45
Rio Grande County Treasurer	January	\$	44,596.34
Security Benefit	exp	\$	2,550.00
TOTAL		\$	101,019.68
ACCA, Susan Scott	dues	\$	125.00
ACS Services	computer svc	\$	2,185.00
Adams Drug Store	jail meds	\$	29.71

Adeline Lee	2008 SHSG	\$	417.00
Alamosa County	VOCA grant	\$	2,210.04
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	14.39
Billings Electric	repairs	\$	1,268.03
Bresnan Communications	subscription	\$	719.40
Business Solutions Leasing	copier	\$	410.33
CCCA	dues	\$	540.00
CED/American Electrical	repairs	\$	255.90
Center Consolodated	SRS distribute	\$	4,835.73
Co Dept of Public Safety	traffic fines	\$	525.00
County Sheriffs of Colo	dues	\$	25.00
Dave Pote	2009 SHS	\$	910.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	20.51
Del Norte School District	SRS distribute	\$	31,163.59
Digitcom Electronics	supplies	\$	48.00
Duckwall-Alco Discount	supplies	\$	362.03
Dunn Law LLP	legal	\$	593.75
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	5,408.64
Fleming Chemical Co	supplies	\$	432.88
Galls, Inc	supplies	\$	229.80
Gobins	supplies	\$	71.68
Government Finance Office	supplies	\$	190.00
H-Land Potato Company	jail food	\$	15.00
Jack's Market	supplies	\$	101.06
Jack's Market	supplies	\$	22.34
Jack's Market Pharmacy	jail meds	\$	518.55
Jeff Babcock	Homeland Sec	\$	7,722.23
John Michalke	Prj 2 Intel	\$	6,169.13
Ken's Service Center	repairs	\$	119.56
MB Police Equipment	supplies	\$	129.03
Meadow Gold Dairies	jail food	\$	250.34
Mike Maddox	repairs	\$	514.00
Monte Vista School District	SRS distribute	\$	59,360.32
NADA Appraisal Guides	supplies	\$	160.00
Notes & Numbers	board clerk	\$	670.00
Oncall Paging Service	RGCSO	\$	239.70
Peggy J Kern	reimbursed exp	\$	132.56
Postmaster	postage meter	\$	5,000.00
Pueblo Co Information System	computer svc	\$	5,200.00
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	44.78
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	744.90
Redwood Biotech	RGSO	\$	113.07
Rio Grande Hospital	inmate exp	\$	39.31
Rose Vanderpool	reimbursed exp	\$	60.30
Safeway Inc	supplies	\$	143.91
Saguache County Jail	holding	\$	2,790.00
Sargent School District	SRS distribute	\$	21,445.41
Shamrock Foods Company	jail food	\$	1,698.97
SHRM	dues	\$	180.00
Sue Davis	Homeland Sec	\$	2,991.76
Suzanne Benton	reimbursed exp	\$	57.15
Telesforo J Dominguez	reimbursed exp	\$	47.70
United Reprographic	supplies	\$	285.82
Valley Courier	subscription	\$	260.50

Valley Electric	repairs	\$	325.00
Valley Performance	auto repairs	\$	212.48
Valley Publishing	job ads	\$	48.20
Vendola Plumbing	repairs	\$	4,102.34
WSB Computer Services	computer svc	\$	176.00
TOTAL		\$	175,082.83

Road & Bridge Fund

Business Solutions Lsng	copier	\$	110.08
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	176.00
South Fork Propane	fuel	\$	1,025.00
Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	122.93
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	3,088.27
TOTAL		\$	4,522.28

American Public Life	exp	\$	226.82
Community Banks of Colorado	exp	\$	20,709.75
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	18,922.70
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
TOTAL		\$	39,909.27

Airgas Intermountain	supplies	\$	377.68
Alta Fuels	fuel	\$	21,476.25
Center Parts Store	supplies	\$	421.11
Colorado Public Utility	supplies	\$	10.00
Division of Reclamation	permit	\$	323.00
Drive Train Industries	supplies	\$	454.88
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	192.20
Fleet Services	fuel	\$	1,283.73
Gobins	supplies	\$	29.30
Grainger Parts	parts	\$	43.77
Gunbarrel Service Station	repairs	\$	364.00
Haynie's Inc	parts	\$	1,353.49
Lawson Products Inc	supplies	\$	2,198.28
Layton Truck Equipment	supplies	\$	1,725.00
Lenco West	supplies	\$	716.21
Leroy A Romero	maintenance	\$	125.00
Monte Electric	repairs	\$	89.62
Monte Vista Cooperative	supplies	\$	69.50
Myers Brother Truck	repairs	\$	272.86
Petty Cash	misc	\$	70.83
Qwest Communication	telephone	\$	524.87
Reliance Steel Co #12	supplies	\$	344.28
Rocky Mountain Upholstery	repairs	\$	125.00
Sanner Brothers Salvage	supplies	\$	114.00
SLV Glass	repairs	\$	130.00
United Rentals Inc	supplies	\$	13.89
Valley Courier	ads	\$	170.10
Valley Lumber and Supply	supplies	\$	23.60
Wagner Equipment	repairs	\$	746.73
ZEP Manufacturing	repairs	\$	306.98
TOTAL		\$	34,096.16

Pest Control

Alltel	cell phone	\$	36.60
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	70.00
TOTAL		\$	106.60

Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	1,510.11
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	1,078.48
TOTAL		\$	2,588.59

First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	31.71
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	83.06
TOTAL		\$	114.77

Airport Fund

TOTAL		\$	-
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San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	123.00
TOTAL		\$	123.00

Capital Expenditure Fund

TOTAL		\$	-
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Conservation Trust

TOTAL		\$	-
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Tourism Trust

Colorquest Graphics, Inc	brochure	\$	7,698.00
Creede Art Council	donation	\$	500.00
Doug Davlin	railroad car	\$	532.24
Harris Publishing	ads	\$	225.00
Hawk Media	ads	\$	752.06
Monte Vista Crane Festival	donation	\$	600.00
Monte Vista Historical	donation	\$	500.00
Riverbend Resort	donation	\$	40.00
South Fork Visitor's	donation	\$	350.00
Weaver Multimedia Group	brochure	\$	8,500.00
TOTAL		\$	19,697.30

Public Health Department

Glaxosmithkline	supplies	\$	1,401.60
Jack's Market	supplies	\$	4.58
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	103.74
Sanofi Pasteur Inc	vaccine	\$	1,029.48
Staples Business	supplies	\$	20.58
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	61.51
Tamarac Medical	supplies	\$	40.00

Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	122.42
TOTAL		\$	2,783.91
American Public Life	exp	\$	104.98
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	8,070.91
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	5,309.26
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	100.00
TOTAL		\$	13,635.15
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	94.77
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	4.19
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	206.72
TOTAL		\$	305.68

At 12:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Dennis Murphy, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Members present were Chairman Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioners Doug Davie and Karla Shriver, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set with two additions. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the March 2, 2011, minutes as corrected. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented pending matters. She noted the pending meeting schedule and reservations for the Governor's 'Bottom Up' and Civic Engagement Meetings.

At 9:15 a.m. Mike Blenden, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, joined the session to discuss the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. He explained that it involves the three national wildlife refuges - Alamosa, Monte Vista and the Baca. It will involve managing habitat, noxious weeds, staff, facilities and their locations, to name a few, over the next 15 years. He asked for the Board's input on the economic impact to the County and Valley from the Refuge. One option being considered is moving the headquarters for all three Refuges to the Monte Vista office because it is visited by the public more than other offices. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which this plan falls

under, highly involves the public and their input and review. Mr. Blenden intends to make it a collaborative effort between many entities. He discussed a conservation easement segment of the Plan as well. The Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Refuge Revenue Sharing payments will all be decreasing in the future. Land protection, or easements, is done on the landowners' willingness to sell the development rights as with any other conservation easement. The Refuge element would not compete with existing easement groups but would enhance the properties that are prime locations for land protection based on fish, bird and wildlife habitat. Commissioner Davie asked if the Refuge would have any oil drilling operations. Mr. Blenden said there are no plans to drill on the Monte Vista Refuge. There are some solar panels currently on the Refuge. Commissioner Shriver commented on the solar "mirrors" and riparian fly-ways over the Valley. Commissioner Davie asked about grazing at the Refuge. Mr. Blenden said they are rebuilding that program and have sheep and cattle on the meadows.

At 9:40 a.m. Cindy Hill, Clerk and Recorder, joined the session to obtain signatures for retail liquor licenses. She also discussed digitizing the aperture cards with land records. There are over 150,000 images to scan and index. In February, a title company bought all the recorded documents from 2000 to present. This generated \$24,500 in revenue which could be applied to the cost of digitizing and indexing. Bids were received ranging from \$16,000 to \$25,900 for this project. There was also discussion of merging with U.S. Imaging rather than staying with ACS Services and the transition and merger of information between the two computer systems. There was discussion of hiring a private contractor to complete this project. The U.S. Imaging company can enhance the image through their equipment which would give a higher quality picture. ACS Services has been slow to respond to Ms. Hill's request. The income from the mass record sale is income that the office has not had in the past. Ms. Hill added that the staff has been working on this project for two years and has only digitized 14,000 images. It is tedious and time consuming work. There was discussion of the pros and cons of hiring staff and/or outsourcing. Ms. Hill will find out how the images will be returned to the County and how it will merge with ACS Services. The Board agreed that Ms. Hill should pursue the options with U.S. Imaging.

Ms. Benton said she spoke with Ms. Hill about redistricting the County. At this time, there would not be significant changes or benefits to new district lines.

Randy Kern, Building Inspector, has installed some insulation in the attic of the Annex which has helped tremendously with the heat and water pipe problems.

At 10:00 a.m. Cory Off, Off Ranches, joined the session for two exempt divisions of land for estate planning. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, reviewed the application. The first property is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T 40 N, R 7 E, containing 1.45 acres, more or less. This division does not meet the two acre minimum but has been an established home site for many years. Mr. Off could either have the survey redrawn to include more land to meet the two acre minimum or submit a variance to the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Off would like to talk with the surveyor about extending the property line to make a two acre parcel. This division will be tabled until further notice from Mr. Off.

The second division of land is located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T 40 N, R 7 E, containing 2.22 acres, more or less. Commissioner Davie

made the motion to approve the division of land. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 553 PAGE 162

At 10:15 a.m. Brian David joined the session with Mr. Off to update the Board on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Mr. Off said he has received calls from people in Saguache County regarding the Closed Basin. He said he would discuss their concerns at the meetings but he represents Rio Grande County. There was discussion of the sub-district process and the implications if it is not successful, such as canals forming their own districts. Mr. Off also discussed reservoirs that can store water and their bylaws allowing water to be used to repay depletions to the River regardless of the ditch or canal. Santa Maria Reservoir, for example, could lease shares to other ditch systems not part of the Rio Grande Canal. Mr. Off noted changes to the Santa Maria bylaws which may affect how Rio Grande Canal water is used on farm quarters which could potentially affect farm land values.

Mr. David said the sub-district is waiting for the Supreme Court ruling. Commissioner Shriver noted that the supplemental plan that Senator Schwartz submitted was denied. Mr. Off relayed his thoughts on how the school's BEST funding relates to farming and the sub-district. There was discussion of funding from the State and the costs already accrued for the sub-district. Mr. Off and Mr. David asked that the Board relay any concerns to them so they can better represent the County.

Tom Walter presented a packet of information to the water representatives, Mr. Off and Mr. David, regarding the oil and gas regulations and how drilling will affect the entire Valley. He does not feel the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) will look at the best interests of the Valley. The Board thanked Mr. Walter for his time and information.

At 11:15 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to reappoint Pam Bricker to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 553 PAGE 164

The monthly Veteran's Report was signed.

Two bids for Sheriff's vehicles were received. Ms. Benton said she does not know if they are for the same vehicle or two different vehicles. She said she does not have any more information from the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Shriver suggested looking at them during the lunch break. There was discussion of several other confiscated vehicles being stored at various locations that need to be sold.

At 11:25 a.m. Ed Gonzalez, Viero Wireless, joined the session to discuss more communication towers to be placed in the Valley. He spoke with Tom Malacek, U.S. Forest Service, and was directed to the communication tower on Baxter Hill near South Fork. Mr. Gonzalez said Viero is aware that there is not power to this site and he is willing to work with the Forest Service and County to provide more cell phone coverage for the Valley. A new tower would have to be built on the site. He noted that a propane tank is placed at the sites to fuel a generator in the event of a power outage. A new tower would be built at the site. Commissioner Shriver asked about customary lease amounts. Mr. Gonzalez said the Forest Service would dictate this rate since it is on Forest Service property. The County leases this site so Viero would sub-lease or the County could remove itself and Viero could work directly with the Forest Service. He added that emergency

responders can also place equipment on the tower which would be a benefit to the County. Ms. Benton said the existing tower is 32 meters (100 feet) above ground. Mr. Gonzalez said there is a possibility that the tower will be relocated once they can scout the site this spring. There is an easement to cross a portion of South Fork Ranches, LLC, to access the site. Viero is compatible with AT&T and T-Mobile services; there is not a Verizon relationship. Viero also has broadband capabilities and will be converting all of its towers to 4G and broadband services.

Chairman Murphy said the first step is to determine if the existing footprint will be the best site for the tower. It will be four to six weeks before the site can be visited due to the snow. Mr. Gonzalez will check the maps with the coordinates given by Ms. Benton and will communicate with her on this matter.

Chairman Murphy asked if Del Norte could be a WiFi hotspot for broadband internet service. There was work done in the past which never came to fruition. Mr. Gonzalez said with the tower north of Del Norte there could be a possibility for this service; he will research this matter.

Mr. Gonzalez has talked with Ms. Vanderpool about zoning regulations specific to communication towers. In an effort to update the County Code Book, she asked Mr. Gonzalez for his professional opinion. He stated that there are two towers, a self supported (triangular shape), without guide wires, which taper as they get taller. There is a relatively small site footprint with space for an outbuilding. Some concerns with these towers are ice accumulation, sustained winds of 90 miles per hour and gusts of up to 135 miles per hour, and improper installation. Tornado strength winds are calculated into the structure design. The debris is 50% of the tower height. If a self supporting tower fails and falls down it falls in on itself and rarely tips over because of the design. Mr. Gonzalez stated that self support tower failures are very rare. The second type is a guide tower with guide wires. These can be built much taller with specific angles for the support wires. These towers are used more on flat terrains.

In working with each county, Mr. Gonzalez felt that Huerfano County had the best regulations for communication towers and could be used as a model. A letter from the design engineer could be submitted and used as the setback guideline based on the individual design of each tower. Setbacks are not only in place for safety but also for community aesthetics. Regarding radiation from towers, numerous studies have shown there is not a problem of radiation from towers. A microwave transmitter will emit 2,000 watts; a home microwave will emit 1,000 watts. The Board thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his input.

At 12:15 p.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session to discuss a certified letter he received from an attorney about a rental home that does not have an adequate heating system. There was a letter attached from the plumber stating that the furnace is not in proper working order. Mr. Kern said he understands that this landlord and tenant were in court over eviction matters. The plumber testified and the judge did not deem that the furnace had to be repaired. The attorney asked that the house be condemned until the heating system is repaired. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, was contacted on this matter. He directed Mr. Kern to talk with the plumber about this home and he would follow up with the attorney. Mr. Kern determined that the heating system has been repaired several times but the repairs to do not require a plumbing or building permit. Mr. Kern said he has been called into this matter and needs to know how the County plays a

Some vehicles are old patrol cars others are confiscated vehicles. The Board will entertain a recommendation from Sheriff Norton. The Building Department will inspect commercial buildings for the Town of South Fork under the International Building Code per the intergovernmental agreement previously signed. The Town was unclear of the definitions between zoning and building codes. The Town signed the agreement after this clarification.

Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the following tax abatement. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Actual	Assessed	Tax
37062-31-034	\$0	\$3,483	\$285.55

At 11:00 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Agency Director, joined the session for the monthly report. She reviewed the written report and noted that clinics were fairly slow this month. Only twelve patients were seen in February.

The radon test results should be available soon. There are a few kits left for distribution and some are being held in case a second test is needed. There will also be a booth at the health fairs with information.

The Project Public Health Ready application has been completed and submitted.

There may be funding for a position for community health assessments and health improvement plans. This would be a regional position. The County may have funds to contribute with the retirement of a nurse. Ms. Perry is still working with the State office of Planning and Partnership. The State component would be to conduct community health assessments and gather data including a health report status. This is a grant funded position and Rio Grande County would be the fiscal agent.

Ms. Perry said she is supportive of a social network such as a County Facebook page as a way to reach the public. Ms. Miles is working on this policy.

The Public Health Agency is willing to help with the upcoming Caudle trial on any related matters.

There was discussion of relocating the defibulator within the building.

There was discussion of security and the number of people in the Courthouse during the Caudle trial in May. Ms. Perry suggested that each employee wear their identification badge during the trial. It was suggested that a staff entrance be used so that employees are not hindered.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. He presented a letter from the attorneys regarding the Harvest Select case. A Sheriff's Deputy may still be called as a witness during the trial. There are two motions for summary judgment and the court will not set a trial date until the judgments are resolved.

There has not been communication on the easements at the airport.

The pending blight matters will be discussed next week.

Ms. Benton said the County has been asked to have a ballot item to increase County sales tax to fund the schools. This has been discussed with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and is being

requested of other counties. Ms. Benton said she expects this to be an item of discussion at CCI. There was discussion of having all of the Valley school districts involved or looking at the matter with a statewide sales tax.

Chairman Murphy signed a letter to Rusty Strohmayer, County Coroner, regarding his funding request.

At 11:50 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. The resolution regarding transfer of the Korean Leaflet was presented for review and signature. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to sign the resolution authorizing the transfer of the A.L. Chung leaflet. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 553 PAGE 534

Commissioner Shriver made the motion to designate Chairman Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioner Doug Davie, County Clerk Cindy Hill, County Treasurer Peggy Kern and Deputy Treasurer Cheri Rue as authorized check signers. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton reviewed the meeting schedule.

Ms. Miles discussed the meeting scheduled with Attorney General John Suthers about senior citizen fraud to be held Saturday, May 3, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the Annex.

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

Attest:

Dennis Murphy, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. Members present were Chairman Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioners Doug Davie and Karla Shriver, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order. Commissioner Shriver gave the opening invocation and Ms. Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the March 16, 2011, minutes as amended. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Chairman Murphy presented the following years of service awards.

- Ramon Trujillo 5 Years (not present)
- Jeremy Meder 5 Years
- Sean Canada 5 Years
- Sherryl Steving 5 Years (not present)
- Kevin Atencio 10 Years

Anthony Archuleta 10 Years (not present)
Richelle Jaramillo 15 Years
John Steffens 25 Years (not present)

At 9:25 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session to discuss a complaint about ATV traffic on road 22-A. Mr. Sullivan has had some calls about people driving over the burm and runway at the Del Norte Airport. It was suggested that the Sheriff have a presence at the airport occasionally to monitor this area as best possible.

Shane Burris talked with Mr. Sullivan about an event to be held over the next four weekends at Ski Hi Park including barrel racing, mutton busting, and other rodeo events to draw locals for a family event for a minimal entry fee. Mr. Burris asked the County to water the arena. Mr. Sullivan said if an employee volunteers to water he will give comp time at the end of the week. There would be minimal diesel fuel use and no liability to the County. The event host must purchase water from the City of Monte Vista. Commissioner Shriver said the arena needs to be worked but Mr. Burris has everything in order. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve this request. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:35 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Davie made the motion to sign the Annual Fire Operations Plan. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

Darrel Plane, Weed Supervisor, submitted bid specifications for a new four wheeler (ATV) for weed spraying. The Department has sufficient funds for this purchase; the request was approved.

An elected official is required to serve on the SLV Community Action Agency. This is a federally funded grant and the office is now located with DRG in Alamosa. Commissioner Shriver volunteered to serve on this committee.

The Sheriff's Department needs security cards to access the Courthouse. Ms. Benton said the funds for these cards could come from 'Miscellaneous Services' for this one time request. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to purchase 50 cards for \$250 for Courthouse door security. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented a request for electricity and a twenty-five year lease for a hangar at the Del Norte Airport. The hangar has been constructed and can be connected to the County's electrical meter. Commissioner Davie made the motion to sign the lease with Harold Peck. Commissioner Shriver seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver made the motion to approve the following tax abatement. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Actual	Assessed	Tax
37124-00-506	\$23,061	\$1,836	\$123.47

Ms. Benton asked if the Board would like to reconsider the bids for the Sheriff's vehicles. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to accept the high bid for the Crown Victoria. The second bidder will be offered the second Crown Victoria for the low bid submitted. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, joined the session for pending blight matters. A second letter was sent to Valerie Braun-Fry. Ms. Fry requested the location for the

parcel that is not in compliance. She has not responded to the second letter. If the County cleans the property the cost will be added to the property taxes. There was discussion of the vehicles on this property. Commissioner Davie will call the State Patrol on this matter. Ms. Vanderpool said the mobile homes at the site should be condemned as they are uninhabitable.

There was discussion of the mobile home, as discussed last week, which was without a heating system. This mobile home never went through the conditional use permit process so it is a nonconforming use. The owner of this mobile home is a relative of Ms. Fry and is in the vicinity of the blight property. Commissioner Davie asked to have Ms. Fry meet with the Board to address this matter. There was discussion of involving the Health Agency Board on this matter.

At 10:25 a.m. Thomas Wolter joined the session to discuss what he feels is an error in the County Oil and Gas Regulation regarding the testing intervals. He also said that Hughes Oil develops oil and gas fields and will not be drilling one test well. Three thousand acres have been leased for this purpose. He feels there is more going on with this development than has come to the Board. The Assessor has been taking classes on how to assess the equipment and the Road and Bridge Supervisor has talked with Hughes Oil about easements. The Board said they cannot address these specific matters until there is an application before them.

Mr. Wolter is also in favor of the impact fees and hopes that they can be used to help the property owners get water when their wells are contaminated. Mr. Wolter also asked if the Board would like to meet with a geologist and Allen Davey about the Conejos formation. Mr. Wolter suggested having an independent geologist, not one from the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission.

At 10:40 a.m. John Drake and Jim Clare joined the session to discuss RC&D and the Valley Weed District. Since RC&D will be dissolving the Weed Coordinator will be in need of office space. Commissioner Davie said there is room in Darrel Plane's office and Rio Grande County could assist as the fiscal agent for the Valley Coordinator. This position is important to the Valley because it bridges the counties together. For example, if a landowner in Conejos County does not spray noxious weeds and there is no enforcement from the County, this Coordinator can assist with the matter. Rio Grande County residents feel their spraying efforts are worthless because the neighboring counties do not spray. Mr. Drake said that Vern Elliott has been working as the regional Coordinator and is doing a good job. He has \$280,000 in grant funding that will be put to use this year. Mr. Elliott is a pathologist and brings a lot of experience to the Valley. He is aware of noxious weeds in Wyoming that could spread and Colorado needs to be prepared for new noxious weeds. Mr. Clare added that this is a self supporting position and does not require any County funds. Mr. Elliott is doing a great job of bringing the counties together and could be an example for other areas in the State. Much of the work is done in the field so Mr. Elliott would not be in the office set hours. Ms. Benton said the County would issue the checks as the fiscal agent and Mr. Elliott would be considered a County employee unless he is paid as contract labor. Mr. Clare said they are looking at various partnerships. Mr. Elliott is researching options for working through a fiscal agent or setting up a 501-c-3 to be a self supporting agency. Ms. Benton said with State and Federal funds there must be a separate fiscal agent from the organization. The County would add this budget and be responsible for the audit. Mr. Drake said some of the grants have administrative funds to offset the time that the County would be spending by taking on the extra

project. Mr. Drake thanked Ms. Benton for her information about contract and employee labor and how expenses are handled.

Commissioner Davie said this Valley-wide effort should be continued. Commissioner Shriver asked if the NRCS office had space if the other options default. Mr. Drake said this is where Mr. Elliott is currently housed but this federal office may not be able to continue to lease office space. Ms. Benton suggested the Extension Office for alternate office space. Commissioner Shriver noted that the office space could be used as in-kind funding for grant applications. It was noted that Mineral County has a high level of noxious weeds.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to cancel the following warrant. Commissioner Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount	Line Item
133012	3/3/11	Co Public Utilities	\$10.00	002-0474-4700

At 11:15 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Agency Director, joined the session to discuss the Public Health Act. After attending a regional meeting, Ms. Perry learned that there should be a local regional planner. Paula Hendricks' name was mentioned for this position. She has worked with Prevention Partners, the cardiovascular program and has experience in this field. Rio Grande County would be the fiscal agent for this program. Ms. Hendricks would be a County employee with grant funding. The job description is based on a community health assessment. The position develops regional public health improvement plans and participates in the implementation of statewide activities.

Ms. Perry said this would be handled on a voucher or purchase order basis for three months. This is a mandated program which will determine the health problems in this area and causes of death. Commissioner Shriver asked what would happen after three months. Chairman Murphy said some of the data is available from death certificates and research already conducted. Ms. Perry said this data has to be put together so it can be utilized. There needs to be a way to track positive changes. Commissioner Shriver asked who would be the fiscal agent if Rio Grande County declines. Ms. Perry said Ms. Hendricks is already a County employee and is a good fit for this position. There is a possibility of continued funding from the State for another year; there will also be a savings to the County from the retiring nurse. Ms. Hendricks' training is in health education; she is not a registered nurse. Ms. Perry said the duties of this job do not require a registered nurse. Chairman Murphy asked if this position had to be advertised being that it is a new position. Ms. Benton said Ms. Hendricks does have a history with the County and would be paid at the grant funding level. If she continues as an employee after the grant ends, the pay level would revert to the appropriate step on the County pay scale for the job description. This is a combination of State, Federal, and private foundation funds. Commissioner Shriver said the County doesn't want to end up with an employee that can't be funded after three months. Ms. Perry said she has been looking at changing the staff duties in the office because not all of the duties require a registered nurse. The retiring nurse is doing some of these duties but Ms. Hendricks brings many other skills to the office. The office has been a Public Nurse since the 1960s and is now a Public Health Agency so changes have to be made for this. This is a way to make changes without letting staff go. The other county directors are in favor of this arrangement. Ms. Perry will complete the paperwork as the fiscal agent, not Ms. Benton.

Chairman Murphy asked if Ms. Hendricks had another position. Ms. Perry said she does not and is available for this job. The County

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the following payroll. Chairman Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

County General

Davie, Douglas	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Murphy, Dennis	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Shriver, Karla	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Benton, Suzanne	sal.	\$	6,963.03
Dennis, Krystal	sal.	\$	2,267.42
Bricker, Pamela	sal.	\$	50.00
Brown, Leonard	sal.	\$	50.00
Freeman, Dwight	sal.	\$	50.00
Hathorn, Grover	sal.	\$	50.00
McCallister, Vern	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.	\$	4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$	2,591.33
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
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$	3,107.29
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$	2,264.05
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
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$	1,944.80
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$	2,996.93
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$	2,496.00
Fresquez, Adam Paul	sal.	\$	2,398.93
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$	2,643.33
Lucero, William	sal.	\$	3,068.75
Martinez, Robin	sal.	\$	2,447.47
Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$	2,398.93
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$	5,550.00
Raps, Edward	sal.	\$	3,596.67
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$	2,750.80
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$	2,464.27
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$	2,546.27
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$	2,073.88

Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,272.53
Bollinger, Jason	sal.	\$ 1,920.69
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,678.29
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 2,002.15
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,003.53
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 1,505.07
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 2,000.61
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,209.52
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,241.35
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,325.89
Pacheco, Helen	sal.	\$ 1,582.34
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,559.93
Salazar, Alicia	sal.	\$ 1,999.24
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 2,021.89
Stambaugh, Keith	sal.	\$ 1,906.67
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,192.13
Vest, David	sal.	\$ 2,077.11
Wright, Todd	sal.	\$ 1,518.75
Strohmayer, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Ferran, Camille	sal.	\$ 1,993.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,574.12
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,544.82
Miles, Mary B	sal.	\$ 2,608.33

\$178,322.32

(Taxes Withheld, \$26,509.35; Deductions Withheld, \$27,384.01)

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
Davie, Andrew	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Gates, Marvin	sal.	\$ 2,140.67
Gossard, Bruce	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
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

\$ 67,893.61

(Taxes Withheld, \$11,340.81; Deductions Withheld, \$9,959.31)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
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.	\$ 2,590.25
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, Elizabeth	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.	\$ 3,085.25
Mills-McKim, Natasha	sal.	\$ 2,624.38
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 1,578.00
Pacheco, Leann	sal.	\$ 1,761.50
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,796.00
Resendiz, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,745.50
Roesch, Korissa	sal.	\$ 898.80
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 1,967.77
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
Varner, Julia	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Velasquez, Amanda	sal.	\$ 1,928.88
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,756.30
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
		<u>\$101,524.29</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$14,219.75; Deductions Withheld, \$17,318.76)

PEST CONTROL

Christensen, Bryan	sal.	\$ 50.00
Clare, James	sal.	\$ 50.00
Lester, Howard	sal.	\$ 50.00
Mueller, Mark	sal.	\$ 50.00
Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,913.40
Rogers, Barry	sal.	\$ 50.00
Schaefer, Michael	sal.	\$ 50.00

\$ 4,213.40

(Taxes Withheld, \$608.30; Deductions Withheld, \$896.09)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Brown, Linda	sal.	\$ 8,954.00
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 435.00
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.	\$ 2,026.27
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,768.43
		\$ 25,416.05

(Taxes Withheld, \$5,016.23; Deductions Withheld, \$4,945.64)

At 10:00 a.m. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, joined the session for an amendment to the Conour Animal Shelter conditional use permit. The kennels were originally planned to be Phase I of the project but the Shelter has requested that the crematorium be made Phase I instead. Ms. Vanderpool called the animal facility in Buena Vista to ask about the operations. There is an odor inside the building but any odors outside the building were not mentioned. Ms. Vanderpool said this facility is a non-conforming use in a residential area and should not have been allowed when it was built many years ago so noise abatement must be addressed immediately. She said this is an amendment to the original application because of the substantial change of Phase I. Any future revisions should not have to come before the Board unless they are substantial. Ray Skeff presented a brochure about the cremation process and how remains are disposed of. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the crematorium as Phase I of the Conour Animal Shelter. Chairman Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Mr. Skeff said they would like to have the building permit fee waived for this building. This would not be an expense to the County. Keith Helmstettler, architect, said this would be a commercial building and built to the 2006 International Building Code. Mr. Skeff said he is funding the building and will see that it is done properly. Chairman Murphy said this should be discussed with Commissioner Shriver and suggested the item be tabled. Commissioner Davie said if the Board waives fees then other entities start asking to have fees waived. Mr. Skeff presented an ad from the newspaper showing the amount of support from the community and he didn't feel these people would be asking for waivers or be opposed to the waiver. He also noted that Commissioner Shriver has supported the Shelter. He would publish a notice in the newspaper stating that the County waived the building permit fee since there has not been other support from the County. Commissioner Davie asked if this was a bribe like the other bribes Mr. Skeff has offered that it would not be accepted. Mr. Skeff said he didn't know what was being discussed. Commissioner Davie noted the offer from Mr. Skeff to donate funds to the Airport for lights if the County would waive previous fees for the Shelter and that former Commissioner Hagedorn would be supported by the Shelter if the Board would support the Shelter, not to mention the obscene names that Mr. Skeff has called the Board. A non-profit entity cannot endorse any candidate. Mr. Skeff said his offers were not bribes but offers to support the County. Mr. Skeff left the meeting noting that it was "stinky" like it always is.

Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session. He stated that the building permit for this crematorium would be about \$435.00 based on the dimensions Mr. Helmsteller provided him.

Commissioner Davie made the motion to deny the request to waive the building permit fee for the crematorium. Chairman Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Chairman Murphy added that building permit fees have never been waived.

At 10:30 a.m. Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, joined the session to discuss the roof repairs of the DSS building. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, presented a sketch of the roof from Van Iwaarden Builders and how the repair would be done. Ms. Kern said this repair will likely be county-only funds. She will talk with the State to find out if there are any other funds that can be applied. Mr. Kern said adding layers of roofing will not solve the drainage problem. The Board directed Ms. Kern to look into State funds. Mr. Kern will contact Van Iwaarden Builders to write the proposal.

Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the bid for repairing the stucco on the addition at the Social Services building from JM Stucco and Plaster. Chairman Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Mr. Kern said the Building Department has been asked to perform plumbing inspections for the Town of Creede. There was discussion of the economics of traveling to Creede for this work. Mr. Kern added that if there were more inspections, such as building inspections, it might be more feasible. He also discussed jurisdictions within the State.

At 11:00 a.m. Sheriff Norton and Undersheriff Raps joined the session to discuss the article in the Monte Vista Journal about the March 23, 2011 Board meeting. Three items of concern Sheriff Norton pointed out were the issuance of security cards, the ATVs on the roads near the airport and the two Crown Victoria patrol cars.

Sheriff Norton said he does not have enough deputies to patrol every part of this County. He said he was not aware of the ATV problem near the Del Norte Airport and was not in attendance to be part of the "consensus" of everyone present last week. He has calls from all over the County about ATVs but cannot have an officer in every part of the County at all times.

Ms. Benton said she asked the Board how to fund security cards since the grant did not have additional funding. Sheriff Norton said the security cards are for County employees, not his office. The Sheriff's Department programs the cards. He did not need to budget for this in his office; the article reads that he should have accounted for this expense.

Sheriff Norton also voiced concerns about the article referring to the old patrol cars and abandoned vehicles. He was told the decision about taking them to the Co-op auction was tabled per the Board. The cars have generally brought a higher sale price through the bid process. The Board chose the bid option over the auction option so the bids were accepted at the last meeting. Sheriff Norton said the way the article reads he did not get the cars to the sale.

At 11:10 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session to discuss the Maxeyville Gravel Pit. He has been in contact with Jamie Hart who received a letter from the State regarding requirements to complete the reclamation. This work will begin as time and weather allow.

At 11:20 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters and the meeting schedule for the week.

A second request for time from the critical care fund was presented. The Board reviewed this with the employee's supervisor. Commissioner Davie made the motion to approve the request. Chairman Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

A letter was received about the amount of dust from the landfill. Commissioner Davie will address this matter with the SLV Regional Landfill board at the next meeting.

At 11:30 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Dennis Murphy, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board