

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)

County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 5, 2013. Members present were Chairman Karla L. Shriver, Commissioner Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, and Senator Lewis Entz, and Suzanne Benton, County Administrator.

At 9:00 AM, Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. Senator Lewis Entz led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of November 25, 2013, were tabled by a motion made by Commissioner Bricker, seconded by Commissioner Davie and passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Senator Entz was present to request assistance from the Rio Grande County Commissioners on behalf of the Veteran's Center Foundation concerning the expansion of the Homelake Cemetery. Last year, the six counties of the San Luis Valley joined together to construct the new roadway around the expanded cemetery. The Superintendent of Homelake, along with the grounds manager, the architect, and Kevin Ross, the Buildings Manager for the Department of Health and Human Services are now changing the design resulting in removal and relocation of portions of the new roadway. These decisions have been made without any input from the Center's Foundation and the State Veteran's Home Committee which obtained the support from the counties and also private individuals. The new plan also includes trees and shrubs and pathway lighting which add future costs in maintenance, water, and electricity. The residents of the Center pay for the care of the cemetery. Senator Entz requested Rio Grande County to draft a letter to the State requesting local input into these changes and to get all the other Valley counties on board to support this request. The letter needs to be completed by the first of the year. The next Foundation Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11th. The commissioners agreed to draft the letter and get it circulated to the other counties.

One bid was received for the painting of the ceiling and walls of the District courtroom from The Finishing Edge. Their bid was for \$5,698.00 and the project will be completed within one week which will be December 21 through December 29 since no court matters are scheduled. The motion was made by Commissioner Davie, seconded by Commissioner Bricker and passed on a unanimous vote to accept the bid from the Finishing Edge of \$5,698.00.

Kent Rominger has requested to move the lease for Tract 11, Astronaut Rominger Airport, from his father's name to his. The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Davie, seconded by Commissioner Bricker and passed unanimously. Mr. Rominger paid the 25 year lease payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davie to approve the November claims as presented. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

County General Fund

CDHS Central Accounting	Court Surcharge	\$	10.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$	126.94
Century Link	Telephone	\$	499.74
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	725.08
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	409.04
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	13.73
Del Norte Auto Supply	Parts	\$	86.42
District Attorney Office	11th Portion	\$	14,041.67
ICP, Inc.		\$	125.00
Jack's Market	Supplies	\$	9.03
LaJara Pharmacy	RGSO	\$	17.91
Larry Black		\$	140.00
Monte Vista Co-operative	Repairs	\$	617.23
Rio Grande County	SRS Distribution	\$	13,505.05
Root House Studio, LLC		\$	5,099.30
S & S Distributing		\$	66.00
Staples Business	Supplies	\$	11.98
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$	1,077.00

Victim Assistance Fund	Surcharge	\$	10.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$	320.40
Xcel Energy	Utilities	\$	3,092.03
TOTAL		\$	40,003.55

American Public Life	November	\$	420.44
Community Banks of Colorado	November	\$	58,469.76
Credit Service: Legal De	November	\$	133.61
Family Support Registry	November	\$	320.91
Family Support Registry	November	\$	200.00
Family Support Registry	November	\$	355.00
Family Support Registry	November	\$	317.00
Family Support Registry	November	\$	405.00
Legalshield	November	\$	64.75
New Mexico CSED	Child Support	\$	171.00
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	43,060.57
Security Benefit	November	\$	2,550.00
TOTAL		\$	106,468.04

Kraft Building Services	GOCO	\$	40,050.00
ACS Services	Computer Services	\$	4,191.35
American Planning Association		\$	95.00
Billings Electric	Repairs	\$	144.21
Business Solutions Leasing	Contract	\$	58.83
Carla Clutter	November	\$	100.00
Century Link	Telephones	\$	37.88
Century Link	Telephones	\$	93.40
Chardell Barton	LAT Testing	\$	113.50
CO Dept of Public Safety	General Operating	\$	315.00
Colorado Chapter	March 3-7, 2014	\$	475.00
Conejos County Sheriff	October Services	\$	5,500.00
County Sheriffs of Colorado		\$	3,377.43
Dave Pote	November	\$	595.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Repairs	\$	141.48
Direct TV	RGSO	\$	130.99
Discount Auto Parts	Repairs	\$	55.17
Duckwall-Alco Discount	Operating Supplies	\$	97.28
El Paso County Coroner	Autopsy	\$	2,600.00
First Bankcard	Card payment	\$	3,991.77
Galls, LLC	Uniforms	\$	246.16
Gobins	Office Supplies	\$	754.88
GreatAmerica Financial	Maintenance Cont	\$	452.00
Hart Intercivic	Elections	\$	8,857.17
Haynies Inc.	Parts	\$	22.00
Jack's Market	Supplies	\$	223.95
Jeanette Howey	LAT Testing	\$	118.00
Jeff Babcock	November	\$	7,290.92
Jerry Dennis	November	\$	115.30
Kara Brittain B-4 Studio		\$	832.00
Ken's Service Center	RGSO	\$	502.12
KVS Information Systems		\$	998.00
Lorell Rae Cotton	November	\$	180.60
Main Copy Source		\$	435.00
Mary Lamb	November	\$	230.60

Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	RGSO Food & Meals	\$	267.84
Monte Vista Cooperative	Repairs	\$	185.17
O & V Printing	Printing	\$	775.56
Oncall Paging Service	Work Release Fund	\$	71.91
Peggy J. Kern	November	\$	9.00
Rio Grande Pharmacy	RGSO Medical	\$	1,087.99
Rio Grande Services	Repairs	\$	136.75
Rose Vanderpool	November	\$	56.88
Safeway, Inc.	RGSO Meals	\$	294.88
San Luis Valley RSVP		\$	1,000.00
Shamrock Foods Company	RGSO	\$	3,104.87
Statues Unlimited		\$	225.00
Superior Filtration		\$	709.08
Telesforo J. Dominguez	November	\$	9.47
Terisa Atkins	November	\$	230.60
Thomas Johnston		\$	60.00
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Maintenance	\$	151.76
United Reprographic	Maintenance Cont	\$	123.01
Valley Courier		\$	105.00
Valley Electric		\$	187.55
Valley Publishing	Advertising	\$	1,080.00
Vendola Plumbing	Repairs	\$	2,656.74
Waste Management		\$	63.07
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$	5,652.49
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$	3,481.02
WSB Computer Services	Services	\$	13,823.00
WSB Computer Services	Services	\$	45,981.00
WSB Erecyclers, LLC	Recycling	\$	10.80
Xcel Energy	Utilities	\$	132.88
TOTAL		\$	165,095.31

Road & Bridge Fund

Business Solutions Lsng	Copy Lease	\$	102.40
Center Parts Store	Parts	\$	1,496.80
Center Redi Mix	Concrete	\$	225.38
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	55.63
Del Norte Auto Supply	Parts	\$	243.91
Delta Rigging & Tools, Inc.	GRAPS	\$	432.00
Gobins	Supplies	\$	33.20
Gunbarrel Service Station	Repairs	\$	293.00
Mathias Concrete, Inc.	Concrete	\$	766.75
Michael Todd & Company		\$	9,806.25
Parts Plus	Parts	\$	1,487.13
Rio Grande County Weed District		\$	13,036.21
SLV REC	Utilities	\$	164.00
Staples Business	Supplies	\$	370.39
Valley Courier	Advertising	\$	207.22
TOTAL		\$	28,720.27

American Public Life	November	\$	367.30
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	21,905.58
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	17,926.42
Security Benefit	November	\$	30.00
Total		\$	40,229.30

Airgas USA, LLC	Welding Supplies	\$	396.18
Alcon Construction	Building Supplies	\$	55,811.67
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$	17,558.67
Century Link	Telephone	\$	494.24
D-4 Lubricant Company	Lubricants	\$	7,365.05
First Bankcard	Card payment	\$	49.29
Gobins	Supplies	\$	33.20
Haynies, Inc.	Parts	\$	601.21
Industrial & Farm Supply	Parts	\$	24.26
Intermountain Sales		\$	1,020.00
Jack's Market	Supplies	\$	26.00
Lenco West	Parts	\$	449.82
LeRoy A. Romero	November	\$	125.00
Mackey Construction	Culvert	\$	28.38
Monte Vista Cooperative	Parts	\$	715.32
Monte Vista Tractor	Parts	\$	42.61
Myers Brothers Truck	November	\$	336.38
Transwest Truck, Inc.	Parts	\$	38.25
Valley Lumber and Supply	Materials	\$	504.71
Valley Tractor Repair	Repairs	\$	396.16
Wagner Equipment	Repairs	\$	462.04
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$	2,123.78
Xcel Energy	Utilities	\$	1,655.32
TOTAL		\$	90,257.54

Social Services

American Public Life	November	\$	479.54
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	33,849.30
Legalsheild	November	\$	30.90
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	27,374.15
Security Benefit	November	\$	155.00
TOTAL		\$	61,888.89

Pest Control

SLV REC	Utilities	\$	93.00
TOTAL		\$	93.00

Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	1,565.75
Rio Grande County Treas.	November	\$	1,215.48
TOTAL		\$	2,781.23

Centurylink	Telephone	\$	86.45
First Bankcard	Card payment	\$	31.09
Monte Vista Cooperative		\$	3,049.21
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$	31.96
TOTAL		\$	3,198.71

Airport Fund

Blueglobes, LLC	Lights	\$	3,020.88
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	116.37
Federal Aviation Administration	PAPI	\$	8,808.60
TOTAL		\$	11,945.85

SLV REC	Utilities	\$	536.00
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Total		\$ 536.00
Capital Expenditure Fund		
TOTAL		
Conservation Trust		
DOI/BLM		\$ 152.21
TOTAL		\$ 152.21
Tourism Trust		
Daniel Cornum	November	\$ 944.91
Devi Jardon	Dec 12-Nov 13, 2013	\$ 1,260.00
Got Print. Com		\$ 93.66
International Sportsmen	Advertising	\$ 1,400.00
Martin Danko		\$ 100.00
Summit Publishing	Advertising	\$ 750.00
Texas Monthly	Advertising	\$ 2,074.00
TOTAL		\$ 6,622.57
Public Health Department		
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$ 3.08
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$ 169.59
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$ 79.52
Lake County Health Dept.	EPSDT Contract	\$ 700.00
Staples Buisness	Supplies	\$ 76.85
TOTAL		\$ 1,029.04
American Public Life	November	\$ 38.28
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$ 3,754.31
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$ 2,585.26
TOTAL		\$ 6,377.85
Centurylink	Telephone	\$ 17.66
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$ 452.10
Merck & Company, Inc.	Vaccine	\$ 1,622.14
O & V Printing	Printing	\$ 232.93
Staples Business	Supplies	\$ 374.47
Town of Del Norte	Permit	\$ 25.00
Valley Courier	Advertising	\$ 274.70
Valley Publishing	Advertising	\$ 129.25
TOTAL		\$ 3,128.25

Ms. Benton requested January 8, 2014, be set as the first meeting date for 2014. The Board agreed.

Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, joined the meeting. The Gas and Oil Task Force that was suggested several months ago was discussed since only three people had shown interest. Along with the holidays and very busy schedules, it was agreed to re-evaluate the need of the Task Force until after the first of the year. Ms. Vanderpool will contact the three interested parties and explain the situation.

At 10:10 am, The Budget Hearing for the 2014 County Budget was opened. The Budget Message was presented by County Administrator/Finance Officer Suzanne Benton, outlining the major points.

**BUDGET MESSAGE
2014 BUDGET**

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

Attached is the 2014 Rio Grande County Budget. This budget includes the following county funds: County General, Road & Bridge, Social Services, Capital Expenditures, Airport, Conservation Trust, Tourism, and Public Health Agency. Also included in the document is the RIO GRANDE COUNTY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT'S 2014 budget.

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

The 2014 County Budget is \$19,864,704 and the Weed Control District Budget is \$143,775. This is a decrease of \$350,959 (1.7%) for the County budget and an increase of \$6,950 (5.1%) for the Weed Control District. The Budget, as presented, is balanced in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 29-1-101 through 115. The budgeted revenue amounts for the Weed Control District are under the amount of increase allowed under the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit. Rio Grande County did successfully pass the removal of the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit in November 1999. The accounting basis of modified accrual is utilized for Rio Grande County.

In 2014, the County's mill levy will remain the same as previous years at 15.567 mills. This is the maximum number of mills Rio Grande County can levy without going to the vote of the people. The total property tax revenue will decrease in 2014 by \$45,669 (1.7%) due to an appraisal year which reflects a decrease in value.

The major points of interest in the 2014 budget are as follows:

- A two percent wage increase for merit was given to the employees on their anniversary date along with a 3% wage adjustment due to requirements of the Affordable Health Act. The health insurance premiums increased by ten percent (10%) for the upcoming year and the county will contribute an additional \$20 per month and the employee will contribute \$13 per month for single coverage for this increase. The county and the employee will pay an additional \$20 to \$55 for either couple or family coverage of this increase. It was calculated that for the month of October, 2013, the average take home pay across all county employees was \$1,984.79.
- The funding from both the State of Colorado and the Federal Government is projected to decrease by \$735,609 (5%) this coming year. This contributed to half of the shortfall projected in the 2014 budget of \$1,431,196.
- Completion of the San Luis Valley Trails Master Plan and the Ski Hi Park Pavilion is due by the summer of 2014.
- Upgrading of computer equipment in the Assessor's Office.
- Upgrading of the electrical service for the County Courthouse to accommodate the increased electronic needs of all offices.
- Two new sheriff vehicles will be purchased.
- An increase for the amount of asphalt purchases to \$325,000 for the coming year to meet the rising cost of asphalt. No new paving projects are scheduled, only maintenance.
- The "Employment First" program through Social Services to assist DSS clients to become self-sufficient is showing results and will continue in 2014. The exploration of another employment readiness is being designed for implementation in 2014.

The 2014 budget will be funded from the following sources:

2014 Budget 2013 Budget

Property Tax	\$2,588,417	13.0%	13.0%
Other Local Sources	\$1,831,350	9.2%	9.3%
Federal and State	\$14,013,741	70.6%	73.4%
Fund Reserves	\$ 1,431,196	7.2%	4.3%

The accomplishments for 2013 were:

- Completed an energy audit and obtained financing for the necessary upgrades.
- Received and completed a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation for installation of runway lights and an AWOS system at the Astronaut Rominger Airport.
- Installation of a new roof on the courthouse and enclosing of the Del Norte Shop for additional storage of equipment.
- An economic brochure for Rio Grande County was designed and is available for distribution.

Projects Goals for 2014 are:

- Augment and move an agricultural well from other county property to the airport to provide a water source for a future FBO at the Astronaut Rominger Airport.
- If awarded a CDOT grant, will acquire a fuel distribution system for aviation fuel at the Astronaut Rominger Airport and complete an Airport Master Plan.
- Work with the municipalities, URG EDC and SLV Development Resource Group to improve the economic base in the County by hiring a professional economical developer through a public/private partnership.
- Work closely with all county departments in determining ways to reduce expenditures and increase revenues.

The County has six lease agreements: Four agreements with Business Solutions Leasing for four copiers, a lease purchase with San Luis Valley Federal Bank for the addition and remodeling of the jail, and a lease purchase for financing of the energy upgrades with All American Investment Group, LLC.

The 2014 County Budget shows an ending fund balance of \$7,493,122 which is down by \$1,431,196. By utilizing \$1,431,196 of unappropriated funds to balance the 2014 budget the county continues to utilize its savings; this policy is un-sustainable and in the future either revenue will have to increase or the county will be forced to further reduce expenditures. A major concern is the failure of the Federal Government to authorize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. PILT reimburses counties for the loss of tax revenue for federally owned lands. For Rio Grande County, this is \$685,000 per year. These funds are deposited in the County General Fund. This would equate to a reduction of 12% in the 2014 budget immediately. This reduction will have to be accomplished by reducing or eliminating various services and staff.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various funds that have a significant impact on the 2014 budget that were not discussed above:

General Fund: The Sheriff's department will be replacing two vehicles and the Assessor's Office will be updating computers. The courthouse needs additional electrical services to accommodate increase electronic usage. The Homeland Security grants for the San Luis Valley of which Rio Grande County is the financial agency have been decreasing over the past several years. Fifty-percent of this fund is personnel expenditures since the following departments are funded through County General: Commissioners, Finance, Land Use, Building, Clerk and Recorder, Elections, Assessor, Treasurer, District

Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Coroner, Emergency Preparedness, Veteran's Officer, Extension Service, Museum and Building & Grounds.

Road & Bridge Fund: In 2010, 94% of the Road & Bridge Department was funded by HUTF. HUTF is gas tax placed on both gasoline and diesel and is distributed by the State to operate Colorado Department of Transportation, municipal streets and county roads. In 2014, HUTF to Rio Grande County is projected to fund only 78%. With continued decline in revenues, no new paving projects will be done during 2014. Major equipment purchases will be for a welder truck, 4 sanders and a trench compactor.

Social Services Fund: The funding for the Social Services' budget is based upon the allocations issued by the Operations Office, Colorado Department of Human Services. All allocations from the State must be matched by local funds. Programs such as Child Day Care, Child Welfare and County Administration have been underfunded by the State in past years which has required transfer of funds from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or County tax dollars. The "Employment First" program will continue for a second year which assists in getting more people employed and off the assistance payrolls. The State has not proposed any changes to the program benefits guidelines.

The upcoming year is full of uncertainty. The County has seen a \$2,939,453 decrease in property values; however, with the mortgage sub-lending problems across the country and the resultant foreclosures, there is no surety that the County's assessed values will remain at the current level. With the West Fork Complex Fire during the summer of 2013, the County's revenue from sales tax is down approximately 3% and several businesses in South Fork and Monte Vista have closed. Combine the current economic environment and taxpayers hurting from increased governmental mandates resulting in less individual disposal income, it is understandable that finding additional tax dollars at the local level is very difficult. However, County government is operated by State Statutes and most of the services provided are mandated by these Statutes. Programs like the Museum, animal control, riding arenas, etc. are great amenities for a community. When the citizens of the County vote for a smaller government, then smaller government means less services and programs.

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

All costs of doing business continue to rise for government just as it does for other businesses and private individuals. The County has to purchase supplies, insurance, utilities, food, and equipment. These costs have perpetually increased without corresponding revenue increases. Businesses may pass along these increases to their consumers, but the County does not have this option.

The County was cautious when projecting revenues reflected in the 2014 budget. Most of the Federal and State revenues are for Social Services programs, (\$9,443,821), HUTF (\$2,000,000) and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (\$685,000). With the revenue uncertainties that exist, the officials of Rio Grande County will need to work closely with the State to assure our current level of funding is maintained and also work with the various offices to reduce spending throughout 2014 so the expenditures balance more closely with the incoming revenues. Our current unappropriated fund balance is equivalent to just over a three month's cash flow. This is dangerously low and constant monitoring will be necessary during the year to respond quickly to any changes. If revenues fail to be generated, the budget will be amended downward quarterly to prevent future eroding of the stability of the county's finances.

Budget prepared by:

Suzanne L. Benton

County Administrator/Budget Officer

Date: December 5, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Bricker, seconded by Commissioner Davie to Adopt the 2014 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2014, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014

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

WHEREAS, Suzanne L. Benton, Budget Officer, has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 10, 2013, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 5, 2013, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

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

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

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

General Fund	\$6,041,548
Road & Bridge Fund	2,563,280
Social Services Fund	10,191,409
Airport Fund	514,644
Capital Expenditures Fund	0
Conservation Trust Fund	40,581
Tourism Fund	119,700
Public Health Agency	<u>393,542</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$19,864,704

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

General Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$4,298,548
From the general property tax	<u>1,743,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,041,548

Road & Bridge Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$2,233,330
From the general property tax	<u>329,950</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,563,280

Social Services Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$ 9,758,442
From the general property tax	<u>432,967</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,191,409

Airport Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 514,644</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 514,644

Conservation Trust Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 40,581</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 40,581

Capital Expenditure Fund

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

Tourism Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 119,700</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 119,700

Public Health Agency

From sources other than general property tax	\$ 311,042
From the general property tax	<u>82,500</u>
	\$ 393,542

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

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

ADOPTED, this 5th day of December, 2013.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karla L. Shriver, Chair

Doug Davie, Commissioner

Pam Bricker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Bricker, seconded by Commissioner Davie to appropriate the Sums of Money. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 5, 2013, and;

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

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

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

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

General Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$6,041,548</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,041,548

Road & Bridge Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,563,280</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,563,280

Social Services Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,191,409</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,191,409

Airport Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 514,644</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 514,644

Conservation Trust Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 40,581</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 40,581

Capital Expenditure Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0

Tourism Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$ <u>119,700</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 119,700

Public Health Agency Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$ <u>393,542</u>
Total Public Health Agency Fund	\$ 393,542

ADOPTED, this 5th day of December, 2013.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karla L. Shriver, Chair

Doug Davie, Commissioner

Pam Bricker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Bricker, seconded by Commissioner Davie to Set the Mill Levies.
Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2013, TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the Rio Grande County has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 5, 2013, and;

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

General Fund	\$1,830,064
Road & Bridge Fund	346,373
Social Services Fund	432,967
Public Health Agency	<u>86,593</u>
Total	\$2,695,997

WHEREAS, the 2013 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande County as certified by the County Assessor is \$173,186,674.

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

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the County of Rio Grande during the 2013 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of:

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

totaling 15.567 mills upon each dollar of total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County of Rio Grande for the Tax Year of 2013.

ADOPTED, this 5th day of December 2013.

Karla L. Shriver, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

The hearing was closed at 10:30 AM.

County Attorney, Bill Dunn, presented an update on the landfill closure. Amanda at the Title Company feels the latest information provided by Mr. Dunn will allow her to complete the necessary research next week and the covenant can then be prepared and submitted to the State. Mr. Dunn has received no communication from Joey Edge concerning the status of the Fishing Club. As for the status of the final payment to Kraft Builders from Evergreen Builders for the Pavilion, Mr. Matt Hobbs, Attorney for Kraft Builders, indicated that one last attempt will be made to receive the balance due. If not, then they will start legal action.

After discussion with Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator and the Commissioners, it was agreed to place a hold on any legal action against Caroline Kloberdanz since it appears she is no longer living at the site.

Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Dunn if the county attorneys discussed the transportation of prisoners for court appearances at the recent County Attorney’s Meeting. Undersheriff Raps joined the meeting and explained the increasing costs and safety issues. Commissioner Shriver had discussed the problem with CCI Lobbyist Eric Bergman earlier in the week. Mr. Bergman will discuss this problem with the Sheriff’s Association and maybe between the two associations, some type of legislation or compromise can be reached with the judges to allow more video conferencing in lieu of face-to-face hearings.

Undersheriff Raps wanted to determine what might be done to remove the ice in the jail’s south parking lot. While driving into the parking lot, one employee slid into another employee’s car. Since the county does not own either vehicle, it will be up to the owners to repair their own vehicles. If the insurance companies feel it should be paid by the County, then they will need to subrogate with the County’s insurance. County Administrator Benton will contact the Road & Bridge Department to have sand spread and to have the courthouse maintenance crew remove snow after each storm to help alleviate the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver, Chair of the Board

Suzanne L. Benton, Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Commissioner Davie gave the opening prayer. Ms. Slade led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as amended with discussion on the Rio Grande cutthroat trout added. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from November 25, 2013 were approved as amended on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:20 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the Board for his monthly report.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board of the projects completed in November as follows:

- The construction work continued on the 5 South.
- We installed one new window in the Monte Vista Shop and still have another to install, weather permitting.
- The Del Norte Shop expansion continues on schedule.
- We installed taxiway reflectors at the Del Norte Airport.
- Delivered the bleachers to Centauri High School for their playoff game. The bleachers are stored in Monte Vista until the Del Norte Shop expansion is complete and they will be transferred to Del Norte.
- We picked up two additional message board in Denver.
- We plowed snow for several days in November.
- We stock piled sand in South Fork for the upcoming snow season.
- The shop continued repairs and preparing snow removal equipment.
- We filled the sand bunk in South Fork with sand.
- We assisted the Town of Del Norte with their water crisis by posting the message board where the town wanted. The boards are back in the Monte Vista shop ready to go.

Projects to be completed in December are as follows:

- Continue to plow snow and snow drifts.
- We will continue to work on the 5 South as weather permits. One side will be completed and the project will be continued in the spring.
- We will stake the 10 North West of Highway 112 and County Road 14A south of Highway 160.
- We will install the second window at the Monte Vista shop.
- The Del Norte shop expansion will be completed and the walk through should be done by the end of the week.

Chairman Shriver had an inquiry at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting from Grover Hawthorn regarding the road grader that plows by his home. Mr. Hawthorn would like Rio Grande County to plow the South Fork portion of the road and Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the Town of South Fork has their own equipment and does not share services. Mr. Sullivan will give this some thought and see if there might be any solutions.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the livestock panels are to be delivered today for the Pavilion.

The bridge on the 6 South going West on the Wildlife refuge is in repair and ownership of the bridge is in question. Mr. Sullivan is providing a steel beam and is working with them on repairing the bridge. On the 5 South they are planning on putting in a drain for water under the road. The clay seal on the side of the road protects the road but the water under the road is the issue.

Mr. Sullivan would like to purchase a 2,000 gallon double wall fuel tank and pump for the Del Norte shop. It would replace the 500 gallon tank that is there presently. The added gallons would help in case of emergencies. Alta Fuels will plumb, pipe it and put the spill protection plan together. Mr. Sullivan felt there were adequate funds in his budget to justify the purchase.

Mr. Sullivan has purchased from the Monte Vista Co-operative thermal liners for his employees. The safety of his employees is very important and the extreme cold this winter mandated this.

At 10:05 a.m. Mike Suthar, Kelloff's Restaurant, 2830 US Hwy 160 W, Monte Vista, CO, met with the Board regarding the transfer of a liquor license from Kelloff's Restaurant to Monte Vista Hospitality, LLC. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the transfer of the liquor license from Kelloff's Restaurant to Monte Vista Hospitality, LLC. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Action Items:

Ms. Benton had a request from the Sheriff's Office for a pay grade raise for an employee that was overlooked. The Board approved the pay grade raise.

Cindy Hill, County Clerk and Recorder asked for the Board's opinion on the elected official's salary bill to be presented to the Legislature this coming session. After discussion Chairman Shriver moved to oppose the Commissioner portion and support the other elected official's proposed salary increase if their respective professional association elects to move forward. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton informed the Board the Courthouse Security Grant is not funded to provide for part time employees to go to full time employees. Ed Raps, Undersheriff met with the Board and Rio Grande

County will receive \$85,000 for salaries only. Since courthouse security is mandated by the State of Colorado some adjustments need to be made to the number of employees. The Board will try to meet with Judge Patti Swift on next Wednesday to discuss options.

Ms. Benton presented the annual program paper for the EMPG-LEMS (Emergency Management Preparedness Grant-Law Emergency Management System) Program for signature. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the signing the annual report. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton informed the Board that the SLV-COG Mini Grant deadline is December 31, 2013 and there is approximately \$5,000 left in the grant. Ms. Benton will submit a proposal for new curtains for the Museum for approval.

Ms. Benton reported that they have not received any applications for the Public Health Director position and has received three for the Public Health Nurse position.

Ms. Benton presented the SRS breakdown for 2014. The total funding is \$249,586 and it will be split as follows: Title I, 85%; Title II, 8%; Title III, 7%.

Chairman Shriver had a meeting with RWEACT and Rio Grande Conservation District, Hinsdale, Mineral and Rio Grande Counties and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The US Fish and Wildlife is considering naming the Rio Grande cutthroat as a endangered species. This effects the waters in Colorado and New Mexico and would solidify the existence of the Rio Grande cutthroat. Those in attendance do not want the Rio Grande cutthroat to be named as endangered but as a watched species. The group is wanting to be proactive and form an adhoc group so that we are watching the Rio Grande cutthroat and supporting Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The group is trying to determine a strategy plan so that it stays on the watched list and would like all counties including Rio Grande County to send letters to US Fish and Wildlife stating we would like to manage this locally. Chairman Shriver will keep the Board informed of any further actions.

Ms. Benton presented the proxy letters for the 2014 Steering Committee at CCI. Ms. Benton will vote for Rio Grande County and Jody Kern, Director of Social Services will vote for Social Services.

Ms. Benton presented the CDHS Certification of Compliance, County Merit System, Year 2014 for Ms. Kern for approval. Commissioner Davie moved to sign the certification for Department of Social Services. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton received a phone call from Tom Slade, South Fork Ranches, and informed Ms. Benton that the HOA had sent a letter to Joey Edge and found out that there were some problems with his attorney and he is no longer representing Mr. Edge.

At 11:30 Bill Dunn, County Attorney and Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator met with the Board regarding the resolution for A T & T to the Board. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Denying Conditional Use Application for an A T & Telecommunication Tower. BOOK 566 PAGE 7241

Regarding the public meeting with the High Valley Community Center the notice was not released to the Monte Vista Journal timely. The Board will not make a decision at the hearing and the decision will be need to be made at the January 8, 2014 meeting. Any person who made a public comment during the December 17, 2013 hearing and will not be allowed to comment at the January 8, 2014 meeting; only new comments will be accepted at the January 8, 2014 meeting.

The Board had received an e-mail from Rick Jacobs regarding the landfill issue and Mr. Dunn will review it.

At 12:10 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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2013. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Shriver opened the hearing with comments for the audience and an outline as to The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met for a special hearing on Tuesday, December 17, how the meeting would be conducted. Chairman Shriver explained this is a process required by state statutes and that is all it is. No disruptive discussions will be tolerated in the audience. Chairman Shriver went over the state statutes as follows:

The Board shall disapprove the service plan unless evidence satisfactory to the Board of each of the following is presented:

- There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be serviced by the proposed special district.
- The existing service in the area to be served by the proposed district is inadequate for the present and projected needs.
- The proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within its proposed boundaries.
- The area to be included in the proposed district has, or will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.

In addition the Board may disapprove a service plan if evidence satisfactory to the Board is not presented for any of the following:

- Adequate comparable service is not, or will not be, available to the area through other existing local governments within a reasonable time.
- The facilities and service standards of the proposed district are comparable with those of the County where the district is located and with those of each municipality identified as an "interested party".
- The proposal is in substantial compliance with a County Master Plan.
- The proposal is in compliance with any water quality management plan for the area.
- The creation of the district will be in the best interest of the area to be served.

Tonight the Board can:

- 1. Must determine if those land owners requesting to petition out should be allowed to do so.
 - a. OPT form must be post marked on or before December 7, 2013 (submitted)
 - b. OPT form after December 7, 2013 will be kept, may not be considered.
- 2. Meeting will be continued until January 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
 - a. Public notice requirements
 - b. New comments will be considered (only new).
 - c. Determine action on service plan
 - 1. Approve all or part of service plan.
 - 2. Disapprove all or part
 - 3. Continue the hearing.

Chairman Shriver noted that within 20 days after completion of the hearing, the Board must notify petitioners in writing of its actions, which may include.

- Full Approval of the service plan
- Disapproval with specific, detailed reasons for the disapproval.
- Conditional approval, subject to the submission of charges, modifications or additional information, including the reasons for the conditions.
- Continuation for or to complete additional information.

Chairman Shriver fielded a question from the audience about if he had not received the notice would he have the option to OPT out now. Chairman Shriver informed them they could OPT out but they might not be considered.

Chairman Shriver turned the meeting over to the HVCC for their presentation.

Grace Young, Board President and Adrienne Atencio, Executive Director, did a power point presentation for High Valley Community Center (HVCC). In 2004 HVCC gained non-profit status. Ms. Young went over the mission statement for HVCC which included the following:

- Provide opportunities and activities
- Promote healthy development through creative minds and active bodies
- All ages, classes and ethnicities
- For Del Norte and South Fork citizens

Ms. Young presented their Program Drive Design which included:

- Current location=over capacity
- Growth is stunted
- New building would allow quality programming, innovative programming and expanding programming.

Ms. Atencio discussed HVCC's Timeline to Success as being a creative service plan, going to a public hearing and being allowed to get on the ballot initiative. The property has been donated by Gordon and Suzie Off and is by the Rio Grande Hospital for a community health and wellness facility.

Ms. Atencio presented the High Valley Park and Recreation District (HVPRD) Service Plan to the Board and community. HVCC is asking for a 5.75 mil levy to fund the HVPRD and that would be equivalent to \$45.77 per \$100,000 of assesses property valuation and that would allow the HVPRD to have an annual budget of \$600,000. The boundaries are the same as the Del Norte School District and includes the majority of Del Norte and South Fork.

HVCC is working with architect Mark A. Jones to ensure a successful project that adequately meet as many community request and needs as possible. The proposed facility will be about \$ 4.2 million; totaling about 22,700 square foot. Included in the service plan is our intent to build classrooms, fitness garden, administration and outdoor areas as well as an aquatic center that will service our programs and allow for the growth and expansion we see needed in the community, with monies from mil levy and grants.

The facility would be four interconnecting multi-purpose rooms with a capacity of 20 each. These classes alone would allow for twice the capacity we can currently serve at one time. They could be used for education, arts, conferences and meetings.

The Health, Recreation and Wellness area is designed around the "fitness garden concept". There would be a refreshment and reception area with juice bar and seating area. The indoor track would be 1/20th of a mile, three lane indoor walking track, cardio and strength training machines, a dry sauna, lockers, restrooms and equipment storage.

The "fitness garden concept" includes an all glass south wall-this passive solar heated space is filled with health and recreation opportunities, surrounded by year round flower and vegetable garden planters.

The aquatic center includes the main pool, deep end for diving, shallow for playing and lessons and ample decks and seating and observation areas, a swim spa for training and hydrotherapy, a splash pad, lockers, restrooms, support space and spa equipment space.

The administration and general purpose areas of the building include an exterior covered entry for bikes, picking up and dropping off, an indoor playground, a lobby and reception area, offices and conference space, corridors, restrooms, maintenance, janitorial and mechanical spaces.

The outdoor activity area will have plenty of lighting and perimeter fencing, it will house the community garden and recycling programs and includes a half basketball court, picnic area with shade, tables and barbeques, a grassy play area, a jungle gym and playground, mini volleyball and horseshoe pits, the seasonal ice skating rink and all general site work, grading, utilities, walkways and paved drive and parking for 80 cars.

Ms. Atencio reiterated that the purpose of this hearing was not to convince the community to believe in the mission and vision of HVCC but that they are here tonight to help answer the question of whether the proposed service plan meets the legal requirements necessary for the Rio Grande County Commissioners to allow us to get on the ballot.

Ms. Atencio went over the five points necessary to have a legal service plan as follows:

- There is sufficient need
- The existing level of services is inadequate
- No other source of service is likely to become available
- There is financial capability
- It needs to be compatible with other service standards in our area

Ms. Atencio explained the 1650 square foot facility they are currently using is home to many programs including community garden, recycling, arts all around, performance arts series, summer arts and rec, after school and Friday programs and health and wellness opportunities and ice skating.

Ms. Atencio noted the growth in after school and Friday programs participants from the 2009-2010 school year to the 2012-2013 school year had an increase of 376%. There was also an average of 93 children a day serviced in the eight week summer arts and recreation program.

The second point refers to the service being inadequate Ms. Atencio informed the Board there were no facilities open to all ages, classes and ethnicities or that allows for maintaining and growing the programs and opportunities that are currently so widely used and meets the demands of our community as a whole.

During the summer of 2013, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLVGOCO) conducted a survey of 425 respondents of which 77% were SLV residents. Many people suggested wanting was a substantial demand for indoor swimming, educational outings and programs, increased youth programming, live music and dance, and outdoor volleyball.

The third point in a strong service plan is showing that there are no other services available or likely to become available in a reasonable time. The need for a facility for adult/senior fitness classes and injury and surgery rehabilitation has been identified by Rio Grande Hospital CEO Arlene Harms. Those who use the hospital have no place to go for rehab after their medical emergency or condition has been resolved. The overall growing aging population in the U.S. means that health & wellness and rehabilitation needs for this population will only increase over time.

The hospital plans to send its out-patients to the new facility for rehab, and patients who are in the hospital for longer stays, such as a month to six-weeks, will be taken to the facility for exercise and socialization. The health-wellness recreation facility will work closely with the hospital to determine their needs for exercise and rehabilitation.

The fourth point to be considered is: Do we have the financial capability to provide services in an economical and sufficient manner? The assessed value of the proposed district totals \$830,000, and the 5.75 mills will generate \$478,500. With grants and out of district fees, along with specific ownership tax and Conservation Trust Fund monies, we anticipate a total income of slightly more than \$600,000 annually.

Since the organization's inception in 2000, over \$88,000 has been raised locally and \$750,000 in grants. Ms. Atencio noted that the need for property taxes is the most feasible way to fund the construction and operation.

Ms. Atencio explained the tax increases for businesses in Del Norte at \$107.76 per year and South Fork businesses as \$340.26. Ms. Atencio explained to the Board that a single family dinner or outing to for a family of four to go swimming was comparable to the increase.

Individuals had the right to opt out of the tax but that had to be done by December 6, 2013 to be considered by the Board. Ms. Atencio said they mailed out from Alamosa, Colorado over 4,000 postcards to Del Norte and South Fork residents but there was concern from the audience that many were not delivered. HVCC is asking the Board to keep the proposed district intact and not allow property owners to opt out as it would cost Rio Grande County Assessor more to create the Swiss cheese district than not.

The fifth and final criteria for creating a strong service plan and moving towards going on the ballot, is deciding if the service plan is compatible with other service standards of adjacent areas and is consistent with the Master Plan of Rio Grande County.

The service plan meets all of the zoning and future growth requirements and in conjunction with our legal, engineering, and architectural experts, it would meet all building and land codes. The service plan was successfully reviewed by the Rio Grande County Planning Commission on November 19, 2013.

Ms. Young said we are not here to ask you to believe in what HVCC is doing or to support our mission. We can't change the voting laws and regulations to make it more fair, we can't create a plan that everyone will love, we can't convince everyone our work is valuable and our services are worthy of their hard earned money. We are simply here to help determine whether the service plan we've submitted meets the legal requirements to allow it to move forward to the ballot and ultimately let the voters decide.

Ms. Young thanked Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the County Commissioners, and Suzanne Benton, County Administrator for their help and the community for attending the meeting tonight.

Chairman Shriver asked Ms. Vanderpool if she had any additional comments about the Service Plan and Ms. Vanderpool did not.

Supporters

Brandon Ross, 19190 ½ CR 15, Del Norte, CO felt HVCC had met the criteria and it was a minimal investment for individuals at the meeting. Mr. Ross said that for \$50 to \$75 we could have a nice facility for the cost of a good meal. Mr. Ross felt it would promote families moving in or a retired community health and well ness in the community. Individuals with cabin fever could enjoy the benefits of the facility. It would benefit all of the community not just the youth. Mr. Ross felt the investment in community could be a big draw.

Pauline Washburn, 335 8th Street, Del Norte, on the HVCC Board of Directors, likes the community garden at the center. Ms. Washburn would like to thank the Offs for the property donation. The rehabilitation program would benefit the seniors as there is no senior center in Del Norte. The center has some senior programs but mostly they are for the children. Please generously consider our application to go on the ballot.

Nathan Smith, 88 Lookout Drive, Del Norte, believes this would help out our students a lot. Long standing partnership with HVCC and the aquatic center would be beneficial to the school. It would be something our kids do not have and Mr. Smith felt it would benefit them.

Nancy Neal, 7997 CR 13 Del Norte, supports Mr. Ross, Ms. Washburn and Mr. Smith and explained the importance on this getting on the ballot initiative. To build a strong viable community it takes courageous ideas and dedicated people. HVCC is based on this and HVCC has outgrown their current location and its ability to serve the community and demonstrated the need for a new facility. The new HVCC would expand all programs for adults and children, raise quality of life and promote kinship in community. Ms. Neal felt the value oriented life in this rural community would be better with the new center. Giving HVCC the opportunity to raise the quality of life another important notch is the key to our distinction as a uniquely successful rural community. I ask each of you to vote yes to place this initiative on the ballot.

Mara McPartland lives part time at 9038 CR 13, Del Norte, had the wonderful opportunity to grow up in Del Norte and attended high school and graduated from Del Norte in 2008 and so I speak to you as one of the younger members of this community and I am speaking in total support of HVCC. Ms. McPartland felt they have addressed all of the necessary legal requirements to be on the ballot. As a child I participated in HVCC as a student and later as a paid employee as a Junior counselor and later as a coordinator. This experience gave me valuable work experience so HVCC can give you healthy, engaged, children and citizens but they can also serve as a significant local youth employer which will promote young people to become mature and responsible adults later on. As a young person looking to relocate

HVCC is a very important aspect. Please allow HVCC to move forward and go on the ballot to ask voters. Ms. McPartland felt the \$73 to \$100 tax increase per \$100,000 was very reasonable and although her home is nowhere worth that she strongly hopes the Board will allow HVCC to go forward and get on the ballot initiative and ask the voters to approve.

Mettje Swift, 95 1st Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado agrees with the comments before me and was impressed with the preparedness of the presentation was impressionable. The thing that did not get said was the partnership between the Hospital, Clinic and this facility when the brave people and organizations got the hospital going it was an incredible miracle almost that we have that hospital that is incredibly important to everybody and this piece is another piece of that facility. So as a person looking at knee surgery in the somewhere in the future I would be glad to have all those services needed to continue my rehabilitation here in this community.

Oppose

Benjamin Cavett, 160 Buck St., South Fork. Mr. Cavett stated it was the first time he had heard any of this but felt that the last thing we need is to raise property taxes with economic problems on young families. Mr. Cavett noted that with girls at home and another on the way and the medical insurance is getting a little outrageous so I do not see any reason to put this on the ballot. Right now to raise property taxes would be difficult and \$50 or \$70 or \$100 doesn't sound like much but when you are scraping by or have a child with diabetes that is a lot of money and I cannot afford to have that coming out of my pocket. It sounds great on paper but the entrepreneurial spirit is to earn the money and sustain yourself not to get it from someone else. We do not need to create another little government that is how I feel.

Travis Smith, 1034 CR 13, Del Norte, I like the process with the Board very compelling stories for and I agree with a lot that has already been said here. The criteria for item #4 demonstrating the financial capability for sustainability I think the district is a little over optimistic that they are going to meet future operating on grants. The pamphlet handed out is a little misleading about the total cost of the project that the swimming/spa/aquatic center will be built with grants. The operations of \$400,000 for operations seems maybe I am not sure how they came up with that number. On the breakout for the annual operating cost, there is no breakout between maintenance staff and programming. Mr. Smith has ten line items on his tax bill and they never go away and is not interested in another taxing entity. This proposed tax district will be back at some time in the future. Mr. Smith noted they had just passed a tax increase for the schools and would like to see more activities at the school. Ms. Smith told the Board he was in opposition to the HVCC proposal and was not interested in another taxing entity.

Ryan Haynie, 770 Spruce, Del Norte opposes another issue on the ballot. Mr. Haynie is not opposed to what HVCC does and appreciates what they do for his children as they go there on a regular basis. Mr. Haynie noted there were already other special districts already on their taxes which include the schools and fire protection districts. Other entities will be coming to the taxpayers and there will be other needs through the schools for a new elementary as the three buildings together are over 170 years old or fire department that just separated from the South Fork Fire District might need an increase to maintain services. Mr. Haynie explained that 19% in Del Norte lives below the national poverty level and that is a lot of people and they cannot afford another tax line. HVCC has a good idea but he feels it is not the right time for growth.

Lola Brimhall, 5125 Lariat Road, Monte Vista, opposes and as I understand the financial aspect of it is what the people what the taxpayers are being asked to pay is not part of the consideration for the being able to move this on. Ms. Brimhall questioned the ability of the taxpayers being asked to pay for it was one of the criteria. Ms. Brimhall agreed with what Mr. Haynie and others said on the financial side of the proposal. What about the private businesses like Hooper get no subsidies from government but they survive and I don't feel it is fair to make the taxpayers subsidize something that competes with private business. She lives in the Monte Vista School District but questions if the boundaries are drawn correctly and not a proper function of government. I applaud the HVCC for the things they have done with the children but I do not feel it is a proper function of the government.

Tom Slade, 832 Blanco Vista Drive, South Fork, Colorado, is currently the president of the South Fork Ranches Association and have representatives from the Bear Creek Subdivision and the River Island

Ranches subdivision with me tonight. We represent about 636 homeowners and 746 lots. Mr. Slade said that over half of the occupants did not get the opt out forms. There is a data base to our 474 owners in South Fork Ranches and asked for replies if they are in favor of this project to get back to him. Ms. Slade has received 2 positive responses. One respondent said the senior citizens were not willing to go to Monte Vista to the senior citizens center and they needed one here. Ms. Slade said the South Fork residents will not come use the facility in Del Norte. Mr. Slade noted that 70% of tax funds in this district come from the South Fork area and doesn't feel it is fair to ask that 70% that won't use the facility to pay for the facility. Mr. Slade felt that if this is such a great concept, and it is, why private funds aren't being used. I think the service fees and fees to use could be enhanced and have private funds fund this and not put it on the taxpayers. Mr. Slade also questioned the plan and the 30% of the \$593,000 were going to be paid to salaries and that is \$175,000 for three people and that is a lot. Mr. Slade questioned if after the 5.75% mil were they going to ask for another mil increase without going to the public. Mr. Slade felt it was a great idea but private funds should be used.

Chris Coulson, 26 Skyline Drive, South Fork or P. O. Box 314, South Fork, CO lives in Beaver Mountain Estates and there are 150 property owners in the association. Very few received notification of the meeting or the opt out process. Ms. Coulson felt the concept was great for development but questioned funding and the opportunity for the people who will be supporting this noting they will not have a vote on this. Most of our association members are non-resident so they will not be allowed to vote. Mr. Coulson said he was not either in favor or opposition and is still trying to gather information and trying to make a recommendation to my Board.

Charlie Byrd, 1521 South CR 1 East, Monte Vista, Colorado is an old time ranch family and questions the boundaries. Mr. Byrd is against the way they are going about funding it and felt the boundaries should be re-drawn. This map that they included shows people would have to travel in excess of 50 miles to utilize this facility and felt the boundaries need to be redrawn to fit the facility. Mr. Byrd felt the South Fork residents needed better representation as they contribute a tremendous amount of tax support. Mr. Byrd agreed with the others and objects to it being supported by another tax line item.

Lola Brimhall got her tax statements out today to see how much it was going to be and the numbers she got today were very different than what was proposed by the district. When multiplied by .00575 it was considerably more than proposed.

Fred Machado, 352 Crow Trail, South Fork, Colorado agrees with the other opposers and felt that if 25% of revenue was going to be 6 part time and 3 fulltime employees was a little extreme. Mr. Machado likes the idea of the facility and moved to South Fork about seven years ago but it was not a factor in moving here. Mr. Machado has family attending the Del Norte Schools and they are moving here in a year and it has nothing to do with their moving here. Mr. Machado agreed it was a great idea but was not in favor of a property tax increase to fund it. There were few ways brought up about how funds would be raised except for property taxes or double the sales tax. Either way it is the property owners who will be paying for the facility, the people who rent or are on government funding will probably be the ones that use the facility as I will not be driving to Del Norte to use the facility. I hope it stays off the ballot so I do not have to vote for it.

Neutral

Charlie Speilman, lives East of Monte Vista on Sherman Avenue and is president of the Monte Vista Economic Development Corporation and has property in South Fork and Monte Vista areas. Mr. Speilman complimented HVCC for a job well done and agreed with the last few speakers on who will benefit from it and who is paying for it. Mr. Speilman said those two points had not been addressed adequately. Mr. Speilman felt they need to find a way to fund it and decide who they will serve. Mr. Speilman refuted what was said about the Monte Vista pool closing as he was on the City Council when it was done. The Monte Vista pool was losing \$10,000 per month for every month it was operating and that is why it was shut down.

Mara McPartland, 9038 CR 13, Del Norte, Colorado stated the question of payment versus benefit she felt it benefits those who live in this beautiful country.. Ms. McPartland noted we contribute as we can as generous committed people who want to see the people around us do better and the ones who benefit are not always the ones who contribute more. Ms. McPartland felt you should give back more to

your community and she was lucky to live here. As a charitable person Ms. McPartland felt it was her duty to make her contribution back to her community and her society.

Benjamin Cavett stated charity is what you give from yourself, tax is what is taken from you. The problem with America today is that they think tax is charity and it is not. Government is not charity people have charity and the bible teaches that and we are not going to learn that anywhere else. This has everything to do with standing on its own because if it can stand on its own it can go through any economic time and make it. But if it cannot stand on its own we are going to be burdened with it and then what will we have in the end. Line items do not disappear, they just keep appearing or increasing. Charity is from an individual not a company or government.

Chairman Shriver noted we needed to stay to the question as to whether we are meeting the legal requirement to get it on the ballot.

Petitioner response:

Ms. Young thanked the audience for their respectful nature.

Ms. Young noted that the mils may not increase without a ballot measure over the 5.75 per Colorado statute without it going to a ballot measure..

Ms. Young noted that there are a lot of out of state residents in South Fork. Ms. Young noted that this is not something they designed, that is the law because if people could vote everywhere they had property then it would not be one person one vote shaping policy for those places.

Ms. Young clarified that the \$175,000 was for 6-8 employees at 25-30 hours per week and 3 full time employees.

Ms. Young did not go over all of the details of line items but the service plan has that detail.

Ms. Young stated that the Monte Vista pool was losing \$10,000 per month and it was an older pool and HVCC is working with an aquatic architect and the newer pools are more cost effective. The new pool would be more energy efficient

Ms. Young will look at the boundary lines as the plan should only include the Del Norte School District and not the Monte Vista area or the Jasper area as they are too far.

Public Comments:

Not a good idea to exaggerate the \$175,000 for the salaries. Does not feel the one person one vote is taxation without representation.

Why not another gym that could be used for pee wee sports be added. Ms. Atencio replied there was not enough money to go around.

Do not believe that if Jasper is in the Del Norte School District they should not be included in tax structure of this district. Those who come into South Fork area in the summer will have to pay to pay a user fee to use the facility. Ms. Atencio replied not if you pay taxes.

You are depending on grants to keep the center open. I write grants for the fire department and it is not a sure thing that you will get it year to year. Ms. Atencio noted there is no guarantee but they have been doing it for the past 12 year and have continued to grow based on the grant monies.

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Bricker questioned about the boundaries as Ms. Brimhall and Mr. Speilman brought to their attention. Ms. Young replied they should not be in the Del Norte School District. Ms. Atencio has received comments that others have gotten cards for other properties. Chairman Shriver noted we need to research the boundaries.

Commissioner Davie asked when you sell a ticket for a swim how will you know if they are resident or not. Ms. Atencio stated you are issued a membership number and you sign in. Commissioner Davie also questioned if HVCC has checked with the highway department about the increase in traffic that would be in and out. Ms. Atencio replied they have complied with the zoning rules and it was okay but did not look into it further. Commissioner Davie inquired if there was a walk way for students? Ms. Atencio said they were working with the Del Norte Schools to possibly bus the kids or possibly HVCC will be able to provide their own transportation.

Commissioner Bricker noted that for anyone out of district there would be a user fee.

Chairman Shriver questioned the issues with the Town of Del Norte and the easement that runs through the property. Ms. Atencio said the issue had been resolved and they are moving forward in a very successful manner.

Chairman Shriver said the first question the Board is going to have to determining is if they should allow the individuals to opt out or not to opt out. Chairman Shriver noted that HVCC has asked that they not be allowed to opt out. Ms. Atencio said it would work if allowed but the cost might be greater to Assessor and County Clerk to allow the opt out.

Commissioner Davie asked about the water for pool and facility and Ms. Young said the Town of Del Norte would be able to provide adequate water. In 2008 when it was last brought to the Board the Town of Del Norte agreed to provide the water for the facility.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the opt out decision is first thing we decide.

A respondent if the audience asked who sent out the notices and when. Ms. Atencio informed the Board they had sent out 4683 from the Alamosa Post Office by first class mail. Ms. Atencio informed the Board she got the list from the Assessors' office.

Commissioner Davie moved to continue the hearing until January 8, 2014 to comply with the advertising issue. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. the hearing was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 23, 2013. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Ms. Benton gave the opening prayer. Commissioner Davie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as amended with discussion on the Rio Grande cutthroat trout letter. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 11, 2013 were approved as amended on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Action Items:

Ms. Benton presented the Certification of levies and revenue for budget year 2014 for taxes collected for 2013. Ms. Benton presented the 2013 Abstract of Levies (Collected in 2014) to the Board for their review. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the Certification as presented. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton has received the rental agreement for the Ag Conference in February, 2014 and they do not wish to use the Pavilion. Ms. Benton will verify with Linda Archuleta that they do not intend to use it.

Ms. Benton discussed PILT payments and the e mails she is sending out.

There was discussion about locking the front door when a deputy is not at the front desk.

At 9:20 a.m. the Board recognized employees for years of service. The Board congratulated the following on their commitment to the County:

- Elaine Brown 5 years
- Korissa Roesch 5 years
- Irma Palacios 5 years
- Victoria White 10 years

Ms. Brown and Ms. White were not present.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board adjourned from the Board of County Commissioners to the Board of Social Services.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the letter regarding the Rio Grande cutthroat trout. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 31, 2013. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. Chairman Shriver led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as amended adding payroll. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 23, 2013 were approved as amended on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 17, 2013 were approved on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:16 a.m. payroll was approved on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

County General

Bricker, Pamela S.	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Davie, Douglas	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Shriver, Karla	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Benton, Suzanne	sal.	\$	7,530.50
Dennis, Krystal	sal.	\$	3,868.06
Vanderpool, Rose	sal.	\$	3,480.53
Diltz, Dixie	sal.	\$	2,184.00
Kern, Randall	sal.	\$	4,562.13
Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$	2,327.87
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Mikeljack, Jason E.	sal.	\$	1,665.73
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$	2,806.27
Parks, Torie Lynn	sal.	\$	1,835.60
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$	2,894.67
Steving, Sherryl M.	sal.	\$	2,272.40
Wilson, Megan M.	sal.	\$	1,799.20
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Leist, Chris	sal.	\$	3,404.27
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$	2,405.87
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$	2,697.07
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$	2,977.87
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$	2,496.00
Trujillo, Dale	sal.	\$	2,598.27
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$	2,598.27
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$	3,175.90
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$	2,520.70
Brown, Elaine	sal.	\$	1,703.87
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$	2,067.01
Medina, Porfie	sal.	\$	3,685.28
Torres, Harold	sal.	\$	1,718.39
Beecham, Alan	sal.	\$	2,546.27
Bonemeyer, Michael	sal.	\$	2,697.07
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$	2,062.67
Coffman, Samuel	sal.	\$	2,750.80
Dean, Tyler P.	sal.	\$	2,447.47
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$	3,180.67
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$	2,496.00
Hensley, James L.	sal.	\$	2,496.00
Hurtado, Jaime I.	sal.	\$	1,700.40
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$	5,550.00
Pena, Mike Dale D.	sal.	\$	1,700.40
Pino, Robert D.	sal.	\$	2,447.47
Raps, Edward	sal.	\$	3,816.80
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$	2,806.27
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$	2,582.75
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$	2,702.27

Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$	2,120.73
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$	3,471.87
Bollinger, Jason	sal.	\$	2,029.46
Bonemeyer, Angela Chris	sal.	\$	1,943.07
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$	2,622.17
Delaine-Stone, Dana	sal.	\$	2,046.43
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$	988.21
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$	2,119.27
Gallegos, Manuel L.	sal.	\$	1,129.85
Hart, Jonathan L.	sal.	\$	2,365.20
Johnson, Brittany	sal.	\$	3,324.00
Pacheco, Helen	sal.	\$	1,844.27
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$	2,560.35
Pino, Michael F.	sal.	\$	1,949.46
Quintana, Jared E.	sal.	\$	2,014.60
Ruiz, Ruben	sal.	\$	2,657.93
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$	2,174.95
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$	2,323.08
Valdez, Pete J.	sal.	\$	1,977.54
Dennis, Jerry D.	sal.	\$	1,140.00
Strohmayr, Rusty D.	sal.	\$	1,841.67
Rudder, Bennie J.	sal.	\$	1,210.40
Colville, Louise	sal.	\$	413.54
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$	<u>2,702.27</u>
		\$	
			189,079.38

(Taxes Withheld \$31,432.42; Deductions Withheld \$28,199.97)

ROAD & BRIDGE

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$	2,744.69
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$	3,702.40
Gardea, Benigno	sal.	\$	2,458.63
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$	3,758.47
Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$	2,362.53
Maestas, William	sal.	\$	4,226.39
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$	3,874.45
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$	4,701.82
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$	4,142.95
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$	2,682.31
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$	3,756.24
Davie, Andrew	sal.	\$	2,689.65
Gates, Marvin	sal.	\$	2,449.39
Harris, Charlie	sal.	\$	2,184.00
Lucero, Darian A.	sal.	\$	2,317.05
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$	4,375.24
Rascon-Dominguez, Eduar	sal.	\$	2,481.68
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$	3,086.34
Steffens, John	sal.	\$	5,106.09
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$	5,903.44
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$	<u>2,553.20</u>
		\$	
			71,556.96

(Taxes Withheld \$13,686.21; Deductions Withheld \$10,285.02)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Aragon, Fae Amor	sal.	\$	1,967.88
Archuleta, April	sal.	\$	3,248.38
Archuleta, Ramona	sal.	\$	3,263.00
Ast, Wendy Leann	sal.	\$	2,826.38
Atencio, Davine M.	sal.	\$	2,255.50
Atencio, Valerie	sal.	\$	2,167.75
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$	2,192.13
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$	2,440.75
Evans, James A.	sal.	\$	2,167.75
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$	1,729.00
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$	2,539.88
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$	2,539.88
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$	4,381.00
Hurtado, Margarita	sal.	\$	2,210.00
Jaramillo, Michaela Sue	sal.	\$	2,125.50
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$	3,394.63
Johnston, Shawna M.	sal.	\$	2,880.00
Kern, Jody	sal.	\$	5,772.00
Lester, Heather	sal.	\$	3,224.50
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$	2,583.75
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$	4,304.63
Martinez, Monica Elaine	sal.	\$	2,167.75
McClure, Brandi M.	sal.	\$	2,962.38
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$	3,164.38
Morgan, Doris E.	sal.	\$	2,435.88
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$	2,393.63
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$	4,192.50
Resendiz, Michelle	sal.	\$	2,880.00
Rios, Noella C.	sal.	\$	2,167.75
Rodriguez, Christina Am	sal.	\$	1,475.50
Roesch, Korissa M.	sal.	\$	1,073.25
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$	2,393.63
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$	2,590.25
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$	2,975.38
Sierra, Jessica	sal.	\$	2,440.75
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$	3,136.25
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$	4,057.63
Varner, Julia	sal.	\$	2,210.00
Velasquez, Amanda	sal.	\$	2,047.50
White, Victoria	sal.	\$	<u>2,393.63</u>

\$
109,372.33

(Taxes Withheld \$17,761.74; Deductions Withheld \$16,507.69)

PEST CONTROL

Plane, Darrel E.	sal.	\$	<u>4,071.50</u>
		\$	4,071.50

(Taxes Withheld \$657.70; Deductions Withheld \$1,036.41)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Brown, Linda Jackson	sal.	\$	4,583.33
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$	3,289.65
Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$	2,234.05

\$
10,107.03

(Taxes Withheld \$2,131.64; Deductions Withheld \$2,064.18)

EPSDT PROGRAM

Salazar, Ida Kay	sal.	\$	1,983.80
		\$	1,983.80

(Tax Withheld \$167.68; Deductions Withheld \$202.40)

Action Items:

Ms. Benton has received the Weather Sure warranty on the Pavilion and presented it to the Board for signature. It is a 25 year limited warranty from Craft Building Services. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the signing of the contract. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton presented the Guardian/Special Caretaker Policy for the Board to review. It is for Rio Grande/Mineral Counties Department of Social Services. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the Guardian/Special Caretaker Policy. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton presented the Medicare recertification for more information and signature.

Ms. Benton presented a request from the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition requesting a donation of \$1,000. Commissioner Davie moved to table action until after the SLV Housing Coalition meeting. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton received a letter from CTSI regarding the audit of the facility. There were a couple items that needed to be addressed and Porfie has taken care of them.

Ms. Benton informed the Board there were two resignations in the Sheriff's Department effective today.

Ms. Benton reported the painting was complete in the Court Rooms upstairs.

At 10:35 a.m. Linda Brown, Interim Public Health Director gave her monthly report.

Ms. Brown reported regarding the Baby and Me grant there is a new contract from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and can be renewed at the end of this contract. It would be possible to use some of the money for a new computer according to the guidelines.

Ms. Brown reported the new telephone line to be dedicated as the sensaphone for the refrigerator has not been installed yet and will contact Kenny again.

Ms. Brown reported the last flu clinic was done at Del Norte High School December 11,2013 and they used vaccine from the state.

Ms. Brown attended the SLV Health Advisory meeting and reported they hoped to be designated as a Level 3 Trauma center by June 2014. Currently they are designated as a Level 4 Trauma center. Ms. Brown reported they will be getting a specialty dentist that would be able to do surgery in the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center along with a pediatric dentist. There could be the expansion of a wound specialist and hyperbaric chamber facility in about the next two years.

Regarding the Tobacco Grant that Rio Grande County partners they are trying to decide if they should do a special project for the San Luis Valley or specific project like a speaker for Rio Grande County.

Ms. Brown has 29 specialty kids in Rio Grande County and has talked with Kelsey Miner at the State regarding HCP.

Ms. Brown reported they are caught up on shingles vaccine.

Ms. Brown reported that San Luis Valley Preventive Health Partners (SLVPHP) is looking for a possible coordinator. Each county will receive approximately \$2,400 per year and possibly the counties can go together to get one coordinator. This is still under discussion. Ms. Brown explained the child fatality program has very restricted funds

At 9:45 Lynnea Rappold, who is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist introduced herself and informed the Board she is here to help with environmental issues. Chris Heffernan is retiring and Ms. Rappold will be taking his place. Right now Ms. Rappold's job is consumer protection for Alamosa County only but in time her duties will expand. There are issues in the Valley that need to be covered and Ms. Rappold helped with the Del Norte water problem. If she was not here the State would have to send someone down to cover issues. The Valley has needs that are the same but each County has their own individual needs. Ms. Rappold explained that the other half of her job is assessments of the needs in the Valley, possibly helping with the Oil & Gas issues in Rio Grande County. They are working at getting septic regulations the same all over the Valley.

Chairman Shriver asked about the poultry farms and their need to be regulated and inspected. Ms. Rappold would be responsible for their inspection.

Ms. Rappold reports that there is a problem with bed bugs and mold in the Valley and she is working on that.

Chairman Shriver inquired if our methane policy was adequate and what happens when a home is designated as a meth lab. Ms. Rappold said policy is up to individual counties and is more reporting to the state.

Ms. Rappold admits there is a problem with trash and recycling and is trying to get a grant for that. Local Hazardous Material employees would find a place to dispose of properly and Ms. Rappold is working with State Patrol regarding this issue.

Commissioner Davie asked what does the coroner do with prescription pills when he picks up a body? Ms. Rappold noted that the Colorado State Patrol is working on setting up a drop box for pills and needles at their offices.

Ms. Benton informed the Board that she has set up an interview via Skype on January 8, 2014 for Emily Brown who has applied for the Public Health Director position.

At 10:30 a.m. Ms. Benton presented the 2013 Supplemental Budget Resolution to the Board for approval. Commissioner Davie moved to adopt the 2013 Supplemental Budget Resolution. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried. BOOK 566 PAGE 7750

At 10:45 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney met with the Board for his weekly report. Ms. Benton presented a Board of Assessment Appeals State of Colorado, Docket Number 62762, Single County Schedule Number 21-330-00-185, Stipulation (As to Tax Year 2013 Actual Value) for Charles and Brenda Murray, Petitioner, vs Rio Grande County Board of Equalization, Respondent. The Board agreed not to pursue and left the tax as it was.

Mr. Dunn has since received the encumbrance report from Rio Grande Mineral Title, LLC, on the landfill. Mr. Dunn has forwarded a copy to Dan Miller, State Attorney. There are 2 ways to proceed and Mr. Dunn sent it to him to make a recommendation as to which was the best.

Ms. Benton informed the Board we will have to pay the taxes on the Wilkerson property that was deeded to Rio Grande County.

The Board discussed the upcoming hearing with HVCC.

At 11:45 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board