

Mr. Sullivan reported that Saguache County requested assistance on a paving project north of Crestone. Five County trucks and a roller will be used on this project. Commissioner Bothell asked how this work would be paid for. Mr. Sullivan explained that Saguache County will help with a Rio Grande County project when needed. Chairman Glover stated that it is good to work with other counties.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the final grade work will be done on County Road 8 North, in advance of paving.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he met with Xcel Energy regarding its gas line project on County Road 1 South. He said road realignment needs to be done as part of this project. Commissioner Shriver said that this might be good timing for this project, now that Xcel is involved. Mr. Sullivan stated that there may be an overlapping easement and property may need to be purchased in order to realign the road. Ms. Wisdom asked if Wilbur Ellis might contribute funds to the County for this purchase, if it can receive a tax credit. Mr. Sullivan said that Wilbur Ellis is concerned with the safety of moving hazardous materials, so might contribute.

Chairman Glover asked if the original schedule for moving items back into the Rio Grande Museum could be changed because of the painters' schedule. Mr. Sullivan said the chairs could be moved back on May 21, 2018, and the remaining items could be moved on May 29, 2018.

Commissioner Bothell reported that legislation regarding 811 calls (locate calls) requires that a list of roads on which work is to be completed be submitted to the State every six months. Mr. Sullivan said that the Department is up to date on this legislation, and noted that it is not a functional plan and is not feasible. Mr. Sullivan discussed the inconsistencies in how deep cable and lines are laid. He stated that the Road and Bridge Department works with companies to repair lines when they are cut.

Mr. Sullivan reported that Jade Communications has been awarded a contract to lay fiber in Platoro. This may affect the County as the project moves into Jasper.

Mr. Sullivan reported that Jamie Hart, McDonald Ditch Company, has encountered more obstacles related to the river project on County Road 5 North.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the crusher and tractor will ship this week and will be delivered next week.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Forest Service has instituted stage one fire restrictions. He explained that the river is measuring 2,000 acre feet; this may last another two weeks. Commissioner Shriver stated that Mineral County has enacted stage one fire restrictions, as well.

Mr. Sullivan reported that Xcel will install guard rails on County Road 14 in areas where risers come up next to the road. The guard rails will be designed to Colorado Department of Transportation specifications and will be maintained by Xcel. However, if there is an accident that causes safety issues, the Road and Bridge Department will repair the guard rails until Xcel is able to conduct its own repairs. The guard rails will be installed in mid-July and August. Guard rails will also be installed on County Roads 1 South and 2 East.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the price for asphalt is \$370.00 per ton, and may fluctuate. Fuel prices may also fluctuate. He explained that it is no longer possible to contract ahead for asphalt and noted that last year, shipping was a problem.

At 9:48 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, John Bricker, Pam Bricker, and Neal Walters were present. Mr. Bricker explained that he did not come to the meeting representing other residents who live on County Road 13. He said he received an email which was complimentary of the work done on the road by the Road and Bridge Department. However, he expressed concern about the statement in the reply email saying that the paving of County Road 13 was anticipated to be in 2019. He said that prices may fluctuate and the residents need a drivable road. Ms. Bricker said that she is thrilled with the road, but stated that it is not drivable. She stated that UPS and gas companies have complained about the rough road. Mr. Bricker stated that the road was torn up after it was graded, and said that emergency and service vehicles need to be able to get through. He asked what the status of the road will be in a year.

Mr. Sullivan explained that at the inception of the project in October 2017, it was stated that the asphalt would be laid in 2019. He explained that the road base needs to set before the road can

be paved. He also stated that he is waiting for equipment that will mitigate the current problems. Mr. Sullivan explained that the road base comes directly from the pit and this is not interlocking rock. The mobile crusher will crush the round rocks on site, which will improve the base. He also explained that if crushed rock is hauled from the pit, it is very expensive, so it is better to crush it on site.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he has developed a good relationship with the home owners association on County Road 13. He said that the Road and Bridge Department takes pride in its work. He also said that the Department cannot take responsibility for speeding drivers. Mr. Walters noted that the road was bad until it was watered on May 15, 2018.

Chairman Glover reiterated that the home owners were told originally that this would be a long process. Commissioner Shriver added that the crusher will be delivered soon, and used first on County Road 29 and then on County Road 13. Mr. Sullivan explained that the material used on County Road 13 has no binder, so working with the crusher will be a learning experience. He said if the crusher does not work to improve the road base, topsoil will be used. He said this is an expensive solution.

Mr. Bricker said he is worried about the S-curve. Mr. Sullivan said the area will be signed properly.

At 10:15 a.m., Jack Martz and Larry Martz, Sundance Landing, were present. Chairman Glover recused himself and stepped out of the meeting.

Jack Martz explained that the Sundance Landing subdivision was started 20 years ago, and the project has not progressed very far. It was approved by the County in 1998, with lots to be sold for houses and hangars. Water then became a problem.

Mr. Martz explained that water is now available and this will help develop County land. A pit for storing water will be available for a yearly fee, and a water augmentation plan will be developed. Mr. Martz said that the County does not want to allow use of the runway, so the Martzes would like to sell the lots.

Mr. Martz stated that 10 lots have electricity; it will cost between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00 to provide more electricity. He said the real problem is installing a septic system, which will cost between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. A well will cost an additional \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Mr. Martz stated that the lots cannot be sold for \$60,000.00. He said that a solution will require the County's assistance.

Mr. Martz stated that two lots have been donated to Rio Grande Hospital, and that the County has built a road in the subdivision. He proposed that seven available lots be used for recreational vehicles. The existing septic system for these lots has never been used and the well is good. He suggested that the property convert to a commercial well that can be used to supply water. The existing septic system could be used for the RV dumping area. Mr. Martz stated that a conditional use permit might be needed in order to use the lots for RVs. He stated that it needs to be determined if there is a market for this type of project, and if it will recoup the Martzes' expenses.

Commissioner Shriver said that the County does not want to stop commercial activities that are within the rights of the owners. She noted that there were issues with the Colorado Department of Transportation regarding the road/runway, as well as issues as to who would build the road/runway. Commissioner Shriver agreed that the water supply proposal would work for the area. Larry Martz stated that the property is zoned rural recreational. Commissioner Bothell asked if an RV can be parked on a property without a house.

Commissioner Shriver said that the process would have to start with the Land Use Department. Larry Martz requested "a nod" from the Board that it will not object to the conditional use permit, noting that the BOCC can override the Planning and Zoning Board. He stated that the County owns the land around Sundance Landing.

Mr. Martz noted that Rio Grande County has not had a subdivision request in more than 20 years. Jack Martz suggested that the rules be updated. Commissioner Shriver stated that the County is updating its Land Use code book, and stated that the Board is not opposed to reviewing the Martzes' project. She said there is a process that must be followed. Larry Martz stated that they would meet with the Planning and Zoning Board to obtain a conditional use permit. Commissioner Bothell recommended that they speak to the Land Use Department first.

Jack Martz stated that land might be traded for electrical work. He stated that it would be a benefit to the County if this property was zoned industrial because it would create jobs. He said that the County lost population last year and that the County needs to be turned around. Commissioner Shriver said that an industrial corridor has been identified in the County's master plan. She explained that land use codes remain the same unless a property owner requests a change. Larry Martz asked if the existing septic system would be able to be used. Commissioner Shriver explained that current septic regulations are State regulations.

Larry Martz stated that owners of the lots could begin with RVs and build houses later. He asked if in the interim, the existing well and septic system could be used. Commissioner Shriver suggested setting up a home owners association or drafting covenants for the properties. Commissioner Bothell said that the existing septic system might be grandfathered in, but this will have to be determined. She suggested that the Martzes speak to the Building Department about this. Mr. Martz stated that the County needs water for the airport and should share the costs of water on the Martz property. Commissioner Shriver stated that there is a different well that can be used by the airport. Jack Martz stated that a way to meet expenses needs to be determined. Commissioner Shriver said that the airport wells will have to be researched.

At 10:47 a.m., Chairman Glover returned to the meeting.

At 10:50 a.m., Travis Smith and Kristine Borchers, Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team, were present.

Mr. Smith thanked Rio Grande County for working with Hinsdale and Mineral Counties during the fire in 2013. He explained that RWEACT has changed in the five years since the fire. Saguache and Alamosa Counties have become involved. He stated that RWEACT is in a better position to deal with the next event. Its role is to bring the public together, determine who makes certain decisions, and deal with the impacts after an event.

Mr. Smith said that radar was installed on Bristol Head for two months in 2013 to predict the impact of rain on the burn scar. Learning occurred from this process and provided confidence in dealing with storms. He said that public safety is the driver for RWEACT.

Mr. Smith said that radar was installed on Lobo Lookout in 2014, which helped with advance communications regarding storms. Commissioner Shriver said that RWEACT members also received training on how to manage events. She stated that the table top exercises were very educational.

Mr. Smith stated that water user groups struggle with stream forecasting. There are five SNOTEL sites, but budget cuts have stopped maintenance on the sites. However, there is better stream forecasting now and subdistricts are able to predict pumping. Permanent radar is possible for the Valley. Mr. Smith said that CDOT is interested in the radar facility and funds for its installation are available from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, CDOT, and water users. Alamosa County may be the fiscal agent for the funding and the radar will be located at the Alamosa airport. He asked for the Board's support for the process. Mr. Smith stated that RWEACT's Task Order 11 will fill funding gaps for the permanent radar project. Mr. Smith said that the costs are unknown at this time and that requests for proposals will be drafted. He said that Alamosa County will decide next week on the radar project. A stakeholder group will be formed. Mr. Smith said that information from the permanent radar system will include stream forecasting and information needed for decision making. Chairman Glover said he is supportive of the radar system. Commissioner Shriver said the system will provide public safety. She said that CDOT noticed that Rio Grande County and other counties assisted Costilla County during a snowstorm in 2016, and noted that this storm could have been better predicted if local radar had been available. She said that the system will provide economic development through better air transportation. It will also help in planning recreational opportunities. Mr. Smith also said the radar system will help water subdistricts in their planning and costs.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the National Weather Service would use the radar system and if information could be purchased. Mr. Smith said that when information is generated there will be a demand for it. He said that it needs to be determined if there will be charges for the information. He stated that RWEACT is focused on the need for the information the radar system will provide. He said that the radar system will be very effective in a fire situation.

Ms. Borchers said that RWEACT's fifth anniversary will be in June. There will be events and reports to mark the occasion. She explained that Rio Grande County oversaw RWEACT from 2013 to 2017 and served as its fiscal agent for a Department of Local Affairs grant. Commissioner Shriver moved to support RWEACT's proposal for Task Order 11. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was noted that there is no letter of extension 2013-022 at this time. It may be discussed with the Board in the future.

At 11:17 a.m., Commissioner Shriver suggested that commissioner updates and the discussion about fire restrictions be moved to later in the agenda.

Nick Marcotte, Element Engineering, was present to discuss the Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant Study. Mr. Marcotte explained that Element Engineering is a year old and works in Del Norte, Center, Monte Vista, and Manassa. He said that the study has been reviewed with the City of Monte Vista staff.

Mr. Marcotte explained that wastewater treatment is complicated in Monte Vista, so the scope of the study was expanded. The Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant is not operational year round because it freezes. Water is diverted to nearby lagoons in the winter; this water evaporates during the summer. Mr. Marcotte said this is not ideal. Mr. Marcotte stated that if the capacity for industrial discharge was maximized, this would create an asset for the County. This would also provide long-term compliance with the health department.

Mr. Marcotte explained that the wastewater treatment plant was built for the Staley Starch Plant; there were several compliance issues. Mr. Marcotte said the study recommends creating a flow to the Henderson ponds. He also said that it is hard to predict industrial needs.

The Henderson ponds and the Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant are both municipal facilities and are regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Mr. Marcotte stated that both facilities need expensive upgrades.

Ms. Wisdom asked how long it would take to make the Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant an industrial plant. Mr. Marcotte said this could happen fairly quickly by moving the municipal flows to the Sherman Avenue interceptor.

Commissioner Shriver suggested that the Board take some time to read the study and then schedule a work session with the City of Monte Vista and Element Engineering. Mr. Marcotte said this was a good idea. He noted that upgrading and maintaining the facilities is not inexpensive. Mr. Marcotte recommended that the municipal flow be moved out of the Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant. Then the plant can treat waste water from Proximity Malt LLC. If another user needs to use the plant in the future, the plant can be expanded. Ms. Wisdom asked how the municipal flow can be moved. Mr. Marcotte explained that a lift station would have to be built, as part of the City of Monte Vista's responsibility. However, Monte Vista has not started to plan this process.

Ms. Wisdom asked how Proximity Malt used the plant during the winter. Mr. Marcotte said there were no State violations. He said this is a good time to plan to move the municipal flows with Monte Vista. Commissioner Shriver said that a timeline should be developed and roles should be determined. Proximity Malt needs to be involved. Mr. Marcotte added that who will run the facility needs to be determined.

Ms. Wisdom stated that Center Sanitation is managed by Idaho Pacific. Mr. Marcotte said that it might be possible to create a sanitation district in Monte Vista. He stated that Monte Vista could sell its asset to the district to offset improvement costs. Mr. Marcotte noted that the County is Element Engineering's client, and said that Monte Vista could be a partner in the project.

Mr. Marcotte stated that the Veterans Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be heated. Commissioner Shriver said that the goal is to not shut down Proximity Malt during the winter; this would impact the economic growth of the County. Chairman Glover suggested moving forward with improving the building with Proximity Malt and the City of Monte Vista.

Ms. Wisdom noted that the property is owned by the State. She said there is a loose agreement to use the facility with the City of Monte Vista. Monte Vista wanted to sell the facility but was unsuccessful. Commissioner Shriver stated that there are several entities involved.

Mr. Marcotte stated that it is difficult to find funding for an industrial facility. Federal funds, grants, and bank loans are easier sources of funding. He said that he could provide funding ideas. Mr. Marcotte requested input on the study from the BOCC and the study can be accepted after a vote.

At 11:50 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), Commissioner Shriver moved to go into executive session for legal advice. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to come out of executive session. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was recessed.

At 1:00 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the County's fire restriction ordinance. Commissioner Bothell noted that when people who burn their trash are restricted, they will leave their trash on the road. She asked if burning trash in a burn barrel with a screen should be added to the restrictions. Chairman Glover stated that this is included in the ordinance. Commissioner Bothell recommended moving the statement about burn barrels with screens out of the definitions and make an exception for stages 1 or 2. Commissioner Shriver said this is acceptable for stage 1. Commissioner Bothell stated that Devin Haynie stated that the wording of the ordinance could be changed to suit the County's needs.

At 1:09 p.m., pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Shriver moved to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Glover asked if the medical services contract was final. Commissioner Shriver asked if a job description for the doctor had been drafted. Commissioner Bothell explained that the job description is included in the contract. Commissioner Shriver noted that a job description is usually different from what is included in a contract.

At 1:22 p.m., the Board went into executive session.

At 1:37 p.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:39 p.m., Wanda Patterson and Jonathan Moore, Community Energy Solar, Robert Webb, Monte Vista School Superintendent, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present. A public hearing regarding a conditional use application was opened.

Ms. Diltz reported that the conditional use application from Consolidated School District No. 8 and Community Energy Solar is for a two mega-watt solar farm, located at 283 South County Road 3 East, in Monte Vista. The property is on Sherman Avenue and County Road 3 East, near the middle school. The property is zoned agricultural estate. Neighbors were notified of the project on March 26, 2018 and notice of the public hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal on April 6, 2018. There were no comments from neighbors. Ms. Diltz reported that the Road and Bridge Department had no concerns, as long as permission for access is obtained from Mark Deacon. Ms. Diltz reported that Colorado Parks and Wildlife had concerns that have been satisfied. She also reported that the Lariat Ditch Company had concerns, and Community Energy Solar made revisions to the project to satisfy those concerns.

Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the conditional use application on April 17, 2018, and recommended approval contingent on the solar garden complying with setbacks and easements, and receiving approval for access from Mark Deacon. Mr. Moore reported that verbal agreement to access has been received from Mr. Deacon. Mr. Moore stated that there is an alternative access if Mr. Deacon does not agree. Commissioner Shriver asked if the easement had been surveyed. Mr. Moore said it had. Commissioner Shriver asked for clarification of the ditch company's concerns. Mr. Moore explained that the site was moved seven feet, so that it would be 35 feet from the center of the ditch. He said this information is included on the site development plan. Mr. Moore reported that CPW was concerned that the solar garden would affect wildlife.

Chairman Glover asked how weed control will be managed. Ms. Diltz explained that Community Energy Solar will manage weeds. She also said that the Community Energy Solar's lease with the school covers the decommissioning of the property if it is no longer used as a solar garden.

Mr. Webb reported that funds from the lease, in the amount of \$6,500.00 per year for 20 years, will be used for school staff development. He also said the site would be used for learning; a meter will be placed in the middle school science department. Mr. Webb said that some students might be employed to help manage weeds.

Ms. Patterson reported that the school can become a subscriber to the solar garden, and there will be other subscribers, as well. Mr. Moore stated that subscribers will come from the County or adjacent counties.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the solar garden could supply energy if the supply lines over Poncha Pass were down. Mr. Moore said energy probably could not be supplied. He said there are other transmission sites; this solar garden will connect to the substation at Homelake. It will not be a back-up power system.

Commissioner Shriver asked if major utilities will get credit for energy produced by the solar garden. Mr. Moore said they would. Community Energy Solar has a power purchase contract with Xcel Energy, with the right to extend it. Mr. Webb said that the school has subscribed to a solar garden in Conejos County and also to this one. This will save the school \$15,000.00.

Mr. Moore stated that Community Energy Solar has one more project to complete in Rio Grande County, along with two in Alamosa County and one in Costilla County, if there are enough customers. Ms. Patterson stated that people do not believe that there is no cost to them. Commissioner Bothell asked what the gain is for Community Energy Solar. Ms. Patterson said customers receive a 10 percent credit on their Xcel bills; the remaining 90 percent is paid to Community Energy Solar. She said the garden is separate from the school and provides a cost savings to the school. Mr. Moore added that the solar garden will become part of the County's image.

Chairman Glover stated that he is excited about the experience for the students. Mr. Webb added that it is important for the middle school students to have ownership of the project. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the conditional use permit to build a solar garden near the middle school. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 591 Page 1056

Chairman Glover asked if Mr. Moore and Ms. Patterson have visited the Del Norte school, and suggested that they speak to Chris Burr. Mr. Moore told the Board that Ms. Diltz was very professional and open, and that they worked well together on this application.

At 2:05 p.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present. Ms. Diltz explained that she met with Larry and Jack Martz, and requested clarification as to what the Board agreed with regard to the Martzes' RV project. Commissioner Bothell explained that the Board did not agree to anything. She also explained that the Martzes' plan is to create an RV park where individual lots would be sold and serviced by one well and one septic system. She expressed concern that current zoning would not accommodate this plan. Ms. Diltz reported that the property is zoned rural residential. Commissioner Bothell stated that a camper cannot be parked on property where there is no house.

Commissioner Shriver explained that the Board told the Martzes that there is a process to follow for either a conditional use permit or for a zoning change. Ms. Diltz stated that she told the Martzes that their plan would not be approved. Chairman Glover stated that the Martzes were told they had to go through the Land Use Department and follow the process. He asked if the old septic system could be used as a dump station. Mr. Kern stated that he is unable to find a record of this septic system. Commissioner Bothell asked if the system would be adequate for an RV dumping station. Mr. Kern stated that the system would have been designed to accommodate a certain amount of gallons per day. He expressed concern about chemicals used in RV holding tanks, stating that some are biodegradable and some are not. Commissioner Bothell reiterated that the Board did not agree to anything. Commissioner Shriver said the Board is open to ideas, but did not agree to anything. Chairman Glover said that the septic system is a 1,000 gallon system that the Martzes say has never been used.

Ms. Diltz asked the Board if it is open to a conditional use permit for single RVs. She said a zoning change would require one lot with six RV spaces; there could not be individual sales of lots. Ms. Wisdom noted that if this is approved, it will change how other lots with campers are managed. Chairman Glover said that the Martzes need to be given options so they can choose a path forward.

Mr. Kern explained that flow rates for an individual septic system are 100 gallons per day per unit; for a group septic system the flow rates are 50 gallons per day; flow rates for a residence are 450 gallons per day. Chairman Glover stated that the County has a nice airport and that these property owners are unable to sell their property. He said there are cost factors for adding water and septic systems to individual sites. Ms. Diltz said that individual sites are entitled to house wells. Commissioner Shriver added that the wells require augmentation plans.

At 2:27 p.m., Ms. Wisdom reported making the changes on the fire restriction ordinance as requested. Commissioner Shriver noted that the ordinance can be amended, and Commissioner Bothell added that the function of the ordinance is to put a framework in place if a fire ban is implemented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve Ordinance 2018-01. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The ordinance was signed.

Ms. Wisdom read the amended County fire restriction ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE NO 2018 – 1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO GRANDE COUNTY RE: ORDINANCE RESTRICTING OPEN FIRES AND OPEN BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §30-11-107 et seq., and §30-15-401 et seq., the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County, Colorado (hereinafter the “Board”), has the general enabling power to adopt Ordinances for the control or licensing of those matters of purely local concern, and to do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the present and future residents of Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n5), the Board has specific authority to adopt an Ordinance banning open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the dangers of wildfires within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the County where danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-15-405 provides that except for Ordinances calling for special elections or necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety and containing the reasons making the same necessary, such Ordinances shall not take effect and be in force before thirty days after they have been so published; however, an excepted Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption. As an excepted Ordinance, a second reading and subsequent publication by reference to title only are not required; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Rio Grande County ("Sheriff") is authorized under the provisions of C.R.S. §§ 30-10-512 and 30-10-513, to act as Fire Warden of the County in case of prairie or forest fires, and to assume charge thereof or to assist other governmental authorities in controlling or extinguishing forest or prairie fires; and

WHEREAS, open fires and open burning can be a prime cause of forest and prairie fire in Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has advised the Board that atmospheric conditions, including lack of moisture and other local conditions, create a high danger of forest and prairie fires in Rio Grande County, thereby making open fires and open burning within the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County hazardous; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff monitors fire weather conditions and fire danger ratings, such as the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado State Forest Service rating systems; and

WHEREAS, changing atmospheric conditions require that fire restrictions need to be implemented and/or released in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon the advice of the Sheriff, finds that for those days on which the National Weather Service notifies Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office Communication Center of a "red flag warning" (a term used by fire-weather forecasters to call attention to limited weather conditions of particular importance that may result in extreme burning conditions), that the initiation or continuance of open burning within those sections of unincorporated Rio Grande County that are subject to the "red flag warning," shall be prohibited and persons or entities shall be prohibited from open burning and subject to Stage 1 Restrictions regardless of any burn permit that may have been issued by a fire district within unincorporated Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that competent evidence has been presented indicating that the danger of forest and prairie fires in Rio Grande County is periodically high, and therefore it is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County to occasionally impose a restriction on all open fires and open burning within the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously adopted Ordinance No. 2013-2 regarding fire restriction in the unincorporated Rio Grande County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the existing Ordinance No. 2013-2 is in need of revision to comply with current practices and standards to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the County and desires to repeal Ordinance No. 2013-2 and replace it with this Ordinance regulating the same matter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Rio Grande County Open Fire and Open Burning Restriction Ordinance," and may be cited and referenced as such.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande, Colorado, by restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County in order to prevent forest and prairie fires given the high danger of such fires as a result of atmospheric conditions, including lack of moisture and other local conditions in Rio Grande County.

Section 3. Authority: This Ordinance is authorized by, inter alia, generally, part I of article 11 of title 30, and part 4 of article 15 of title 30, and specifically, part 4 of article 15 of title 30 at C.R.S. §401(1 (n-5).

Section 4. Interpretation: This Ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County, Colorado, by restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County in order to prevent forest and prairie fires given the high danger of such fires in Rio Grande County. Section headings and any cross references, if any, of this Ordinance shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify, or affect in any manner the scope, meaning, or extent of the provisions of this Ordinance or any section thereof.

Section 5. Application: This Ordinance shall apply throughout the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County, including public, private, state, and federal lands and to any incorporated town or city which elects by Ordinance to have the provisions thereof apply.

Section 6. Definitions:

Fire Restriction Evaluation Guidelines: That set of evaluation criteria currently in use by local Federal, State, and local fire suppression/management agencies for monitoring fuel moistures, fire danger class, current impacts on suppression resources, current fire cause types, fire weather forecasts, and other indicators of predicted fire danger.

Fireworks: As defined in C.R.S. § 12-28-101(3)(a), including any composition or device designed to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and that meets the definition of articles pyrotechnic, permissible fireworks (per Section 12-28-101 (8)(a)), or display fireworks.

Open fire or open burning: For purposes of this Ordinance, open fires or open burning shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, bonfires, campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fires in wood-burning stoves, the use of explosives, outdoor welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials, fireworks of all kinds or brands, burn barrels without screens, and the prescribed burning of irrigation or drainage ditches, fence lines or rows, fields, farmlands, rangelands, wild lands, trash and debris.

Red Flag Warning: a term used by fire-weather forecasters including, but not limited to, the National Weather Service ("NWS") to call attention to limited weather conditions of particular importance that may result in extreme burning conditions.

Stage 1 restrictions: (Prohibits the following activities):

- (a) Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials, and those other exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section 10.
- (b) The sale or use of fireworks (as defined in Section 6) pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n7).

- (c) Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Stage 2 Restrictions: (Prohibits the following activities):

- (a) All open burning as defined other than those exceptions/exemptions in Section 10.
- (b) The sale or use of fireworks (as defined in Section 6) pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n7).
- (c) Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- (d) Operating or using any internal combustion engine is not permitted on public lands without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - i. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - ii. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice 5335(b) and J350(a).
- (e) Welding, or operating acetylene or other similar torch with open flame, unless said work is performed in an area at least thirty (30) feet in diameter that is clear of flammable vegetation and unless the worker has ready access to a fire extinguisher or water supply suitable to suppress any fire that results from the welding operation.

Section 7. Declaration of an Open Fire Ban: The Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners or the Rio Grande County Sheriff, or his designee, shall have the authority to declare an open fire ban whenever the danger of forest and grass fires is found to be high, and without further proceedings or Ordinance. Any declaration of an open fire ban made pursuant to this section shall specify the Stage level restriction, the parameters of the ban and the duration of the ban as deemed necessary and appropriate, and shall be promptly published through a general press release to local television, radios and print media, Rio Grande County website, and social media. Likewise, when conditions indicate a reduction or increase in restrictions, or the suspension or release of restrictions, the same notification to the public shall occur.

Section 8. No Open Fire or Open Burning When Red Flag Warning is in Effect: No person or entity shall initiate or continue an open fire in unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County on a day in which the National Weather Service has issued a "red flag warning" for any part of unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County. Any existing burn projects must be extinguished when a "red flag warning" has been issued. For the purposes of this Ordinance, when the Nation Weather Service issues a red flag warning, Stage 1 Restrictions shall be in effect and open fire or burning during a red flag warning period shall be treated as a violation of Stage 1 burn restrictions as set forth in this Ordinance. A declaration pursuant to Section 7 of this Ordinance shall not be necessary.

Section 9. Unlawful Acts: It shall be unlawful for any person to build, maintain, attend or use an open fire or conduct an open burn in the unincorporated areas of Rio Grande County in violation of this Ordinance, including public, private, state, and federal lands and to any incorporated town or city which elects by Ordinance to have the provisions of this Ordinance apply.

Section 10. Exceptions/Exemptions: The following activities shall be exempt from this Ordinance:

- (a) Commercial or community fireworks displays properly permitted.
- (b) Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves.
- (c) Indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.
- (d) Outdoor charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves during Stage 1 Restrictions providing they are at private residences and in an area cleared of all flammable materials including dry vegetation.
- (e) Burn barrels providing they are at private residences and in an area cleared of all flammable materials including dry vegetation and covered with a screen.

(f) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

(g) Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting agency in the performance of an official duty.

(h) Any further exemptions to either the meaning of terms or the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be granted only by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee, or for exemptions upon or within state or federal lands located within Rio Grande County, by the administering state or federal agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Rio Grande County Sheriff, or the Sheriff's designee, to be safe.

Section 11. Enforcement: This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Sheriff, through his Deputies in conjunction with fire code officials and upon receipt of a statement of probable cause, the Fire Chief of any fire protection district or his designee, the administering agencies of the state and federal lands located therein, or Fire Chief or his designee, of any incorporated city or town who adopts this Ordinance, and any peace officer in and for the State of Colorado as described in C.R.S. § 162.5-101, and they shall have authority to order any person to immediately cease any violation of this Ordinance. This authority shall include, but not be limited to, the right to issue a penalty assessment notice and the right to take such person or persons into temporary custody if necessary.

Section 12.1 Violations: Any person who violates this Ordinance from the effective date to and including the day prior to suspension or rescission of this Ordinance, commits a Class 2 Petty Offense under C.R.S. § 30-15-402(l) and, upon conviction or confession of guilt thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each separate offense plus a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00), under C.R.S. § 30-15-402(2). Fines are to be set by the County Court, unless the violator wished to confess guilt and pursuant to the penalty assessment procedure within twenty (20) days of issuance of the ticket, pay the fine indicated plus the ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge.

Section 12.2: Each violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate and distinct from any other violation of this Ordinance or of any other federal, state, or local law rule, order, or regulation.

Section 12.3 Criminal prosecution may be brought against a violator in accordance with C.R.S. §§ 30-15-402 and 30-15-410, and under the penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. §16-2-201. The Sheriff's Office is authorized to devise a ticketing system in conformance with C.R.S. § 16-2-201.

Section 12.4: The penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. § 16-2-201 may be followed by any arresting law enforcement officer that is provided with a statement of probable cause from a fire code official for any such violation. The graduated fine schedule for such penalty assessment procedure shall be:

- (a) Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense;
- (b) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the second offense within sixty (180) days of the first offense;
- (c) Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for the third offense within sixty (180) days of the first offense;
- (d) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each additional offense within sixty (180) days of the first offense.
- (e) In addition to the penalty prescribed in this Ordinance, persons convicted of a violation of this Ordinance are subject to a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Section 13. Disposition of Fines: All fines paid for the violation of this Ordinance shall be in negotiable funds made payable to Rio Grande County and submitted to the Rio Grande County Treasurer's Office, 925 6th Street, Rio Grande, CO 81101. All fines for the violation of this Ordinance received by the County shall be remitted to the Rio Grande County Treasurer and deposited into the general fund. All surcharge dollars shall be paid by the defendant to the Clerk of the Court and credited to the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Colorado pursuant to C.L.S. § 30-15-402(2)(a). The defendant shall also pay court costs.

Section 14. Additional Remedies: The remedies provided in this Ordinance shall be cumulative and in addition to any other federal, state, or local remedies, criminal or civil, which may be available. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude prosecution under any applicable statute, including but not limited to, prosecution under C.R.S. § 18-13-109, or any applicable local, state, or federal statute, Ordinance, rule, order, or regulation.

Section 15. Safety Clause: The Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County, Colorado.

Section 16. Severability: Should any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

Section 17. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions: All former County Ordinances, rules, or regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 18. Effective Date: 18.1 This Ordinance shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until such time as this Ordinance is amended by the Board, or enforcement is temporarily suspended by the Board, Sheriff, or his designee.

Section 18.2 The Board further orders that this Ordinance be published in full in the Monte Vista Journal as an excepted Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County. As an excepted Ordinance, a second reading and subsequent publication by reference to title only are not required.

Section 19. Publication and Adoption: The foregoing text was INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED on first reading as an excepted Ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County this 16th day of May, 2018, in Rio Grande County, Colorado at a regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Shriver moved for the adoption of the following Ordinance. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion. Roll call vote resulting in unanimous approval BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO GRANDE COUNTY (S E A L) By Gene Glover, Chairman. ATTEST: By: Mona Syring, Clerk to the Board. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION AND ADOPTION I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced, read, and adopted on first reading at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County on the 16th day of May, 2018, as an excepted Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rio Grande County, and the same was published in full as an excepted Ordinance in the Monte Vista Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in Rio Grande County, on the 23rd day of May, 2018. As an excepted Ordinance a second reading and subsequent publication by reference to title only are not required. By: Mona Syring, Clerk to the Board Book 591 Page 1057

Ms. Wisdom reported making changes to the medical services contract that state that the job duties are included in the contract. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the medical services contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion, noting that the memorandum of understanding with Saguache County needs to be reviewed. Commissioner Bothell said the medical services contract is between Rio Grande County and the doctor, regardless of what Saguache County does. The motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the job description for the nurse should include that this is a nonexempt position. Commissioner Shriver asked if this is limited to the nurse. She also recommended that the nurse's license should be current when he or she is hired and should be maintained. Commissioner Bothell said that the nurse's wages should be changed to \$60,000.00 per year, because this is what Dr. Thompson said would be required. Ms. Wisdom explained that Public Health nurses make \$50,000.00 per year, and that to maintain the proper step and wage, the jail nurse's salary should be the same. If the nursing position is a contract position, the salary could be higher, but if the nurse is hired as a County employee, the salary should be comparable to existing employees' salaries. Commissioner Bothell stated that the jail nurse and the Public Health nurses are different. Commissioner Shriver recommended adding on the signature line that the jail nurse acknowledges that he or she is an at-will employee. Ms. Wisdom said that she would review other employees' job descriptions. Ms. Wisdom reported that other changes made on the jail nurse's job description include language stating that the nurse may work eight hours per week in Saguache County. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the jail nurse contract as amended. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bothell asked that the position be posted on the County website. She stated that the Sheriff, jail administrator, and the doctor will interview candidates

for the nurse position. Ms. Wisdom added that the Rio Grande County Sheriff will be the nurse's supervisor.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving an email from the Council of Governments regarding a grant for the Summitville bathroom, which will cost a total of \$43,785.00. A total of \$8,750.00 will be provided by COG. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Conservation Trust Fund provide \$8,750.00 plus an additional \$20,000.00. A cash match in the amount of \$37,000.00 is needed. This funding, which is not yet committed, will be sought from El Pomar, the Forest Service, and the Conservation Connection Initiative. In-kind donations from CDPHE and Rio Grande County are in the amount of \$6,285.00

Ms. Wisdom explained that COG wants a commitment to full funding from the Conservation Trust Fund, but will attempt to find funding elsewhere. Commissioner Bothell expressed concern about this arrangement. She said that the Forest Service got the best land in the land swap and should provide the bathroom. Commissioner Shriver said that the Forest Service cannot supply the bathroom because it would not be located on federal land. She said the Forest Service might be able to provide \$5,000.00 for the project, but noted that the bathroom would be located on County land.

Ms. Wisdom noted that CDPHE will provide the maintenance of bathroom, if the County can build it. Commissioner Bothell suggested that the bathroom is not needed, if it will cost \$30,000.00. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the funding from the Conservation Trust Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00, with the knowledge that other funding sources are being sought. She said that the potential of the area is growing and it is unsanitary not to have a bathroom at Summitville park shelter site. She said this would not be good for public safety.

Chairman Glover asked what other projects are earmarked for Conservation Trust Fund funding. Commissioner Bothell said the bathroom should be put on Forest Service land. She stated that the land trade resulted in the County getting land of lesser value, while the Forest Service got valuable land. Ms. Wisdom explained that the lesser valued land shrunk the County's responsibility and it can now be used as a working asset with the help of the Environmental Protection Agency and CDPHE. Commissioner Shriver added the covenants of the area were also reduced. Now trails can be built and the utilization of the area can be expanded. She said that the area is now defined. Chairman Glover said that this is a Superfund site, and it might as well be improved. He asked about the status of the other buildings. Commissioner Shriver said that the revised covenants and the requests for proposals need to be approved first. She said that CDPHE will make recommendations for these on Friday, May 18, 2018. After these are received, work can proceed on the buildings.

Chairman Glover asked what the timeline is for COG. Ms. Wisdom said that it needs a commitment as soon as possible, otherwise other organizations will be awarded the grant. Commissioner Shriver said that this funding is in high demand. Commissioner Bothell asked what the vision is for the area. Commissioner Shriver said the project manager will help develop a vision for the building sites. She also said that a bathroom is needed at the park shelter, no matter what.

Chairman Glover stated that he is not opposed to using Conservation Trust Funds for the bathroom. Commissioner Shriver explained that the plan originally called for a two-room bathroom, but that it was decided that this was too expensive and not justifiable. She added that CDPHE providing the maintenance is a huge savings. Commissioner Bothell asked what other funding might be available. Commissioner Shriver said that it is a risk; she said she did not know what other funds are available until they are applied for. She said that Conservation Trust Fund funding is available. Ms. Wisdom stated that funds are needed before the project can be started. Commissioner Shriver said that the COG grant is not a reimbursable grant; funding cannot be sought after the project is complete. She said that she does not want to lose the COG funding. Chairman Glover said that he wants to make sure that other funding is sought so that all funds available from the Conservation Trust Fund are not used. Ms. Wisdom said that \$20,000.00 would come from the Conservation Trust Fund, and \$8,750.00 is committed from COG.

Chairman Glover seconded the motion. The motion carried with Chairman Glover and Commissioner Shriver voting aye, and Commissioner Bothell voting no.

Ms. Wisdom requested approval of the first amendment of the environmental covenants for Summitville. She reported that the EPA made revisions on the version of the covenants the Board approved on April 25, 2018. She said that County Attorney Bill Dunn reviewed and approved the covenants. The amended covenants include new maps. Commissioner Bothell

moved to void the approval of the covenants from April 25, 2018 and to approve the amended covenants. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Duane Larson is selling his hangar at the airport to Mr. Unruh. She requested approval of the assignment of the lease, including water and the septic system. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the assignment of Mr. Larson's lease to Mr. Unruh. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving approval from the Department of Local Affairs for the \$10,000.00 grant to fund a consultant on the revenue generating project. She stated that matching funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 are needed and were budgeted.

Ms. Wisdom reported that references were received from David Yoder, Portable Horse Barns, for repairs to the Rio Grande Museum. References were not received from Garcia Construction, so the job was awarded to Portable Horse Barns. Commissioner Shriver moved to ratify awarding the bid to Portable Horse Barns. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the analysis of the Tourism Board funds by Commissioner Bothell indicates that a total of \$100,000.00 should be split between the communities, with no funds going to the County. Del Norte would receive \$11,618.00; Monte Vista would receive \$24,368.00; South Fork would receive \$64,014.00. Notification of this division of funds needs to be sent to the communities. Chairman Glover noted that the Board will meet with the Tourism Board on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. He said that the BOCC should receive checks and balances, as well as a report on how the funding is spent, noting that these funds are not for the communities' general funds. Commissioner Shriver noted that the communities and the Chambers of Commerce of Monte Vista and Del Norte are not as active in tourism projects. Commissioner Bothell asked if the funding should be sent to the Chambers of Commerce or to the communities. She said that the entity receiving the funding should provide the accounting. Ms. Wisdom said this would be a good way to involve the communities in tourism. Chairman Glover said that the checks will not be written until the Board meets with the Town of South Fork to explain the division of funds. He said another meeting would then be held with the communities to distribute the funds. Commissioner Bothell recommended that receipts be submitted to the Board indicating where the tourism funds were spent. The consensus of the Board was that this plan is acceptable and that the numbers are correct.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the railroad owes the County \$365,000.00 in back taxes. Huerfano County has a similar problem and has sent a letter to the railroad. Ms. Wisdom asked if Rio Grande County should send a similar letter to the railroad. Commissioner Shriver asked if the letter should be signed by County Attorney Bill Dunn. The consensus of the Board was to send a letter from the County to the railroad, similar to Huerfano County's letter.

At 3:15 p.m., Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, Jack Martz, and Larry Martz were present. It was reported that the Martzes are giving up on the Sundance Landing RV project because of the County's regulations. They will attempt to sell home sites, which will require a well and a septic system for each lot. There will be no change to the existing plat. The Martzes will disclose to buyers that the County has approved access to the airport runway. If the new owners desire direct access from their lots to the runway, they can pay to build the access; it will not be built at the Martzes' expense. It was suggested that the airport could buy the property being discussed.

Chairman Glover asked what the selling price of the lots would be. Jack Martz reported that the price would be in the amount of \$30,000.00 each, with full disclosure. Larry Martz noted that a home and a hangar could be built on each of these lots. Jack Martz said that they would be happy to sell the lots to the County. Larry Martz stated that the property could be used as an industrial park.

Jack Martz asked Commissioner Shriver to speak to Heather Dutton regarding the status of the water on the property. Larry Martz suggested that it might be possible to install the original type of septic system because of the type of soil on the property. Jack Martz recommended that the County change the Land Use rules to allow RVs to camp on lots without houses. He will write a letter requesting a zoning change.

At 3:37 p.m., Chairman Glover asked for Commissioners' updates.

Commissioner Bothell reported attending a land use and wildfire workshop on May 15, 2018. She said the workshop was interesting, and included information that applied to building codes.

Commissioner Bothell attended a marijuana and hemp workshop, which discussed the cost of marijuana to communities. She said that hemp is interesting. Hemp contains 0.03 percent THC and hemp oil contains six percent THC, which would cause a user to test positive on a drug test. She reported that the THC can be removed, but few producers do this. She reported that marijuana oil contains 99 percent THC. This oil is dried and smoked, which can cause schizophrenia that is never cured.

Commissioner Shriver reported attending the Tri-County Senior Citizens' fund raiser. The organization has received grants for improvements. Commissioner Shriver is helping it to obtain other loans.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the airport board met on May 15, 2018. The board is discussing building a small pilot's lounge and is revising RFPs to fund the cost of the lounge. She reported that grants are also needed to fund this project.

Commissioner Shriver attended a RWEACT meeting. She also attended a CCI meeting, where last-minute legislative bills were discussed. She said that many of these bills focus on jails and mental health. Ms. Wisdom asked if an off-highway vehicle bill would be required for county roads. Commissioner Shriver explained that the bill applied only to Hinsdale County in order to balance being more stringent and not lose grants.

Chairman Glover reported that the Tourism Board met on May 15, 2018. He said that he attended the meeting to provide eyes and ears on the Tourism Board's activities. He said he told the Tourism Board that problems would be remedied and that patience is needed in order to remedy the problems.

Chairman Glover reported that Bustang now has a bus line that will begin on June 5, 2018. It will run from Del Norte to Monte Vista to Center to Saguache to Villa Grove, and to Salida, where it will stop for three hours, before returning to Del Norte. This route will run on Tuesdays only. The Wednesday route will run from Saguache to Alamosa, where it will stop for three hours before returning to Saguache. The cost per ride will be \$11.00, round trip. Medicare and Medicaid may help to pay the costs for some riders. Commissioner Shriver noted that the Department of Social Services should be notified about the bus service, and Chairman Glover said he would speak to DSS.

Chairman Glover reported that CDOT will be working on Highway 112, Highway 17, and on Wolf Creek Pass. The project on Wolf Creek will redo the barriers on the overlook. He said that CDOT has discovered funds to use on various projects.

At 3:42 p.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
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, May 30, 2018. Members present were Chairman Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Glover called the Board meeting to order. Commissioner Bothell gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agenda with the additions of a discussion regarding the Summitville program manager and a request for approval for the Weed District's forced entry list. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Erin Minks, Field Representative for Senator Michael Bennet, was present.

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the May 16, 2018, minutes with changes.
Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The consent agenda, which included the May 2018 end-of-the-month vouchers and the May 2018 payroll, was presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vouchers were signed.

May 2018 Mid-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Aardvark Plumbing & Heat.	Ice melt Project - Repair Annex Sidewalk	\$600.00
Agency Tourism Marketing	Leads Processing	\$100.00
Airgas USA, LLC	Welding Supplies	\$696.25
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	Cribs for Kids	\$86.50
Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv Cont 183573 184194 184193 183569	\$3,522.93
Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv Cont 183573 184194 184193 183569	\$11,676.02
Alta Fuels, LLC	Fuel	\$354.64
Antonio Martinez	Monthly Pay	\$307.20
Assn. of Colo Cnty Admin	2018 Dues	\$200.00
Bobbie Hatton	Detail the Ford Taurus	\$19.00
Bobbie Hatton	Curtains for Tina's Office	\$73.95
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Shop Supplies	\$20.00
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Biweekly Rental Portable Restroom	\$76.00
Burris and Sons Bucking Bulls, LLC	Year 2 of 3 Announcer Sponsorship	\$3,000.00
CDHS Central Accounting	CDHS	\$4.00
CenturyLink	719-657-3325 233B	\$58.73
CenturyLink	7196573454 5.4.18	\$59.46
CenturyLink	719852781 4.16.18	\$425.71
CenturyLink	7198735588 5.4.18	\$53.97
Chaffee Cnty Public Hlth Co. Bureau of Investigation	EPSDT Contract Billing	\$1,445.00
Colorado Counties Inc. Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Acct# Co0530Ccw	\$157.50
Colorado Counties Inc. Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	CCI Summer Conference	\$700.00
Colorado Counties Inc. Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Track Search	\$25.00
Colorado Counties Inc. Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Cust# 287831/Computer Services	\$2,624.96
Costilla County Public	EPSDT Contract Billing	\$2,140.00
Covered Wagon Days	2018	\$3,500.00
Cynthia Ford	April 19-30 2018 Miles	\$474.75
Cynthia Ford	April 19-30 2018 Timesheet	\$1,650.00
Cynthia Ford	May 1-8 2018 Mileage and other Costs	\$239.85
Cynthia Ford	May 1-8 2018 Mileage and other Costs	\$221.60
Cynthia Ford	May 1-8 2018 Timesheet	\$930.00
Del Norte School District	SRS Distribution for 2018	\$4,676.09
District Attorney Office	5th Portion of the 2018 Budget	\$19,666.67
Dixie Diltz	Meeting Miles	\$26.10
Early Childhood Council	April 2018 Healthy Community Services	\$1,666.67
Ediface Creative	Tourism Engine	\$41.31
El Paso County Coroner	Cust# 451135	\$8,400.00
EZ Liner Industries	Equipment Repairs	\$464.74
GCR Tire Center/Tds	Tires	\$2,705.86
Gobins, Inc.	Copy Machine Maintenance	\$34.73
Good Speed Automotive	Check Charging System	\$89.95
Great America Financial	Agreement# 019-0875950-000	\$156.50
Great America Financial	Agreement# 019-0875950-000	\$56.43
Haynie's Inc.	Acct# 7072	\$445.47
High Valley Community Ctr	Stmt #2 5.7.18	\$289.22
Industrial & Farm Supply	Equipment Repairs	\$143.05
Industrial & Farm Supply	Pulley and Key stock	\$26.80
J.J. Keller & Associates	Annu Veh Insp Decal	\$233.20

Jack's Market	Bleach and Paper Towels	\$552.72
Jack's Market	Inv Cont - 317421, 319420, 319873, 109894, 322916, 229172/Acct# 4000	\$43.68
Jack's Market	Inv Cont - 317421, 319420, 319873, 109894, 322916, 229172/Acct# 4000	\$63.26
Jade Communications, LLC	Acct# 2938	\$78.91
Jaime Hurtado	2017-2018 RGPP Meetings	\$500.00
Karla Shriver	Mileage to CCI Committee	\$462.30
KDVR-TV	Fox 31 Denver TV Ads	\$1,025.00
Ken's Service Center	Inv Cont - 50456, 50377, 50363, 50642, 50680, 50547/Acct RGSO	\$975.56
Ken's Service Center	Inv Cont - 50456, 50377, 50363, 50642, 50680, 50547/Acct RGSO	\$363.52
Kimberly Bryant	Monthly Pay for Sim April 2018	\$2,989.95
Kimberly Vialpando	April 2018 Pay	\$402.00
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay for March and April 2018	\$3,328.18
KWGN-TV	Colorado Cw2 TV Ads	\$1,100.00
Law Enforcement Systems	Acct 81132	\$306.00
Lenco West, Inc.	Grade 5 Nuts and Bolts	\$105.05
Mackey Construction Co.	1 - 24" Band	\$35.70
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment	\$30.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment	\$30.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment Seasonal	\$180.00
Marv's Small Engine Repair	Test for no Start /Found Bad Fuel Pump - Replaced/Mounted and Replaced 3 New Tires	\$776.91
Mary Sue's Morsels	Meetings-Nancy	\$100.00
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Stmt 10090	\$1,100.00
MDS Waste & Recycle, Inc.	Acct# 2016 RGC Weed	\$34.00
MDS Waste & Recycle, Inc.	May 2018 636860026494	\$143.00
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Inv Cont 81000347 81000462 Credit	\$95.34
Medibadge Inc.	Stickers for Shots	\$21.93
Michael Todd & Company	Channel Post	\$2,924.50
Monte Vista Chamber	2018 Taste of the Valley	\$2,500.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4545094	\$1,601.87
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4545094	\$61.95
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4545094	\$841.02
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4545094	\$387.39
Monte Vista Cooperative	Customer #4530243	\$209.02
Monte Vista School Dist.	SRS Distribution for 2018	\$12,674.36
Motorola Inc.	Radios	\$10,000.00
Motorola Inc.	Radios	\$8,000.00
Motorola Inc.	Radios	\$18,000.00
Motorola Inc.	Radios	\$4,000.00
Motorola Inc.	Radios	\$6,000.00
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.		\$16.61
Paxvax, Inc.	Vaxchora Pwd/Vivotif	\$625.40
Pen Craft Design Company	April Tourism	\$800.00
Pro Com, LLC	DOT Alcohol Test	\$43.20
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$222.00
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$37.00
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$37.00
Pueblo Co Information Sys	Computer System - Usage	\$59,220.00
Renshaw Locksmith Service	Keys Made for Admin Restroom (3)	\$6.00
Rocky Mountain Plumbing	2 Toilet Seats for Restrooms in the Courthouse	\$56.58
Rocky Mountain Plumbing	13 Sprinklers 15 Spray	\$125.76
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$18.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$57.80
Saguache Co Public	Tob Sub Contract Payment/February 2018	\$4,338.26

Health		
Saguache Co Public Health	EPSDT Services for April 2018	\$775.00
Sargent School District	2018 SRS Funding	\$4,209.62
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont 10887035 10875820 10879761	\$180.88
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont 10887035 10875820 10879761	\$2,645.53
SLV Auto Repair, LLC	Pick Up Hitch for Chevy - At	\$267.04
SLV Parts, Inc.	Hydraulic Fluid for Elevator	\$49.99
SLV REC	Acct# 4705001905	\$99.00
SLV REC	Inv Cont Dn-759843705	\$175.00
South Fork Chamber	2018 Logger Days Sponsorship	\$2,000.00
Staples Business	Office Supplies Inv Cont - 319420, 319873, 322916, 229172/Acct# 4000	\$154.77
Summit Market	Sheriff Dept.	\$66.90
The Publishing House	Thirst Colorado	\$1,820.00
Toni Steffens-Steward	Consulting/Travel	\$3,157.20
Toni Steffens-Steward	Blue Print Conference	\$40.26
Total Office Solutions	Tape	\$24.99
Total Office Solutions	Binders, Stamp Pad, Toner	\$234.06
Town of Del Norte	Cust#'s 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01/1538.01	\$165.80
Town of Del Norte	Cust#'s 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01/1538.01	\$94.47
Town of Del Norte	Cust#'s 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01/1538.01	\$76.09
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Filters	\$102.99
Valley Courier	Ad for Employment	\$126.00
Valley Courier	Ad for Jail Cook	\$153.00
Valley Lumber and Supply, Inc.	Spikes	\$21.84
Valuewest, Inc.	Commercial Reappraisal Pymt	\$3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 842020320-00001	\$544.76
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$111.78
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$32.21
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$52.53
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$59.38
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$82.18
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 8402020320-00001	\$349.75
Victim Assistance Fund	Victim Assistance Fund	\$4.00
Wagner Equipment	Inv Cont Po3C0462668	\$107.55
Warne Chemical & Equip. Co	Inv # 177852	\$1,960.94
Waste Management	Customer# 05925-74006	\$234.06
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$40.15
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$149.39
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$45.16
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$87.04
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$66.72
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$41.41
Wex Bank	0406-00-8191400-9	\$105.33
Wex Bank	0406-00-8191400-9	\$52.55
Whitehall's Alpine BG+A28	Repairs	\$43.33
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees for April	\$1,806.25
WSB Computer Services (1006)	Gguite (Google App) Tina's	\$36.00
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$1,376.55
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$649.14
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$182.54
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$157.02
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$407.34
Xcel Energy	53-1143312-0	\$11.24
Xcel Energy	53-1143312-0	\$498.35
Xcel Energy	53-1143312-0	\$381.77
TOTAL		\$251,529.39

May 2018 End-of-the-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
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Airgas USA, LLC	Gas	\$220.37
Alamosa County	Rent, Supplies, Material - March 2018	\$300.00
Alamosa Cty Public Health Dept.	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$1,500.00
Alicia Deacon	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$1,500.00
Alta Fuels, LLC	186089,186570	\$2,289.18
Alta Fuels, LLC	186089,186570	\$2,121.41
Business Solutions Leasing, Inc.	Lease	\$60.10
CenturyLink	7196570646508B	\$159.94
CenturyLink		\$14.55
CenturyLink		\$425.84
Chelsea Mc Nerney-Martinez	Attending RGPP Meetings	\$500.00
Chico Bag Company	Chicobag Custom	\$1,387.50
Chris Rodriguez	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$4,000.00
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000708800 Va	\$59.95
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$67.53
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$22.52
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$22.52
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$146.36
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$11.26
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$112.58
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$67.55
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$11.26
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$78.81
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$11.26
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751300	\$11.26
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000860100, 7000860000	\$323.14
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000703800 Museum	\$97.19
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000751200 So	\$525.38
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000758500	\$13.99
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000758500	\$13.96
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000758500	\$13.96
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Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000758500	\$13.96
City of Monte Vista	RGPP Meeting Participation	\$2,000.00
Colorado Assessor's Assoc	J.J. Mondragon	\$400.00
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Support for Software Maint.	\$25.00
Costilla County Planning & Zoning	Chris Rodriguez	\$193.50
Costilla County Planning & Zoning	Chris Rodriguez	\$168.05
Costilla County Public	Tob Sub Contract Payment	\$5,151.19
Cynthia Ford	May 2018 Mileage	\$218.70
Cynthia Ford	9-23 May 2018 Timesheet	\$1,635.00
Dana Delaine	Training In Durango	\$120.60
Dana Delaine	Training In Durango	\$92.25
Daniel Sours	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$1,500.00

Del Norte Prospector	Annual Subscription	\$34.75
Del Norte School District	Rio Grande Prevention	\$3,000.00
Delta Rigging & Tools, Inc.	Chains, Hooks	\$1,186.83
Direct TV	Acct 045235405	\$177.98
Dixie Diltz	Landfill and Training	\$23.85
DP Ag Services	Hose, Valve, Nipple, Herbicide	\$1,277.32
Emily Brown	Meals for Meeting Emily Kaleigh plus Mileage	\$55.80
Emily Brown	Meals for Meeting Emily Kaleigh plus Mileage	\$61.20
Emily Brown	Meals for Meeting Emily Kaleigh plus Mileage	\$36.00
Emily Brown	Meals for Meeting Emily Kaleigh plus Mileage	\$30.60
Emily Brown	Meals for Meeting Emily Kaleigh plus Mileage	\$32.33
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$473.67
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$10.36
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$24.70
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$153.00
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$231.23
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$14.99
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$19.99
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First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$98.82
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$45.93
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$165.82
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$1,016.94
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$59.00
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First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$84.74
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$47.50
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$447.49
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$139.00
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$281.95
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$20.89
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$256.51
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$399.13
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$247.99

First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$389.63
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$100.47
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$50.75
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$155.08
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$2,305.38
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$52.13
Gobins, Inc.	Contract	\$32.82
Gobins, Inc.	Service Contract 13756	\$47.41
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	561002,560927	\$261.00
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	561002,560927	\$285.00
Haynie's Inc.	Statement 41818-52318	\$357.14
Haynie's Inc.	Statement 41818-52318	\$333.78
Ida Salazar	798 Miles @.45	\$359.10
Industrial & Farm Supply	Pulley and Belt	\$33.29
J & D Ultimate	Embroider Logo On Jackets	\$48.45
Embroidering		
Jean Borrego	Verizon Reimbursement	\$130.40
Jean Borrego	May 2018 Travel/Per Diem	\$449.45
Jean Borrego	May 2018	\$5,000.00
KD Klene	Account S10627172P	\$29.77
Lake County Health Dept.	April 2018	\$725.00
Lenco West, Inc.	Washers, Nut and Bolts	\$20.00
Leroy A Romero	Monthly Cleaning	\$150.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment	\$30.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment for Court Security	\$30.00
Mobile Record	Ticket 108168 5.17.18	\$24.00
Shredders, LLC		
Monte Vista Cooperative	Fasteners, Battery	\$53.60
Monte Vista Cooperative	Fasteners, Battery	\$16.29
Monte Vista Machine	Repair Value, Turn Pin	\$187.65
Tool		
Monte Vista School Dist.	Rio Grande Prevention Partners	\$3,000.00
Myers Brothers Truck	Fittings, Filter	\$619.22
And Tractor, Inc.		
Nancy Molina	4th Grade Recognition Mileage	\$67.50
Outdoor Depot	ATV Repair	\$237.00
Peggy J Kern	Mileage PO	\$9.90
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$37.00
Renshaw Locksmith	Repair Office Door Lock	\$85.00
Service		
Rio Grande County	Due To Rio Grande County Payroll	\$4,827.89
Rio Grande Cty	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$1,500.00
Emergency Mgmt		
Rio Grande Public Health	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$4,000.00
Rodney King	05252018 Stipend SLV Healthcare Coalition	\$1,500.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water, Rental	\$42.40
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Rental	\$9.00
Saguache Co Public Health	EPSDT Services May 2018	\$775.00
Saguache Co Public Health	Tob Sub Contract Payment	\$3,221.51
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Tubersol	\$139.28
SLV Behavioral Health Group, Inc.	05252018 Stipend	\$1,500.00
SLV Behavioral Health Group, Inc.	Sim-April 2018	\$6,115.32
SLV Health CCH	Stipend Award	\$1,500.00
SLV REC	1337000605,7000235200,7000524700,7000541400	\$565.00
SLV REC	Weed	\$99.00
SLV REC	4699010705, 759843705	\$175.00
SLV RETAC	052518 Stipend	\$1,500.00
Smile Makers	Stickers for Kiddos	\$30.97
Staples Business	Office Supplies	\$837.47
Staples Business	Rb Office Supplies	\$211.74
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Full Maintenance-Travel	\$2,625.00
Total Access Group Inc.	Zika Grant	\$576.00
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$95.55

Total Office Solutions	Paper	\$37.99
Total Office Solutions	Calculator Toner	\$355.87
Valley Publishing	Announcement for Custodian Asst	\$45.75
Valley Tractor Repair	Compressor	\$333.69
Valley-Wide Health System	05252018 Stipend	\$1,500.00
Wagner Equipment	Po3C0463664,Pc3C0463926,Po3R0145360,Po3R0145347, Po3C464212,Po3C0463760, Po3C0464210,Po3C0463949,Po0C2062676, Po3C0463785,Po3C0463588,Po0C2062677,Po0C2060324, Po3C0463927	\$1,301.96
Wagner Equipment	Po3C0463664,Pc3C0463926,Po3R0145360,Po3R0145347, Po3C464212,Po3C0463760, Po3C0464210,Po3C0463949,Po0C2062676, Po3C0463785,Po3C0463588,Po0C2062677,Po0C2060324, Po3C0463927	\$1,142.93
Wex Bank	Acct #0406-00-821424-9	\$2,797.94
Wex Bank	Acct #0406-00-821424-9	\$1,114.70
Wex Bank	Retail Fuel	\$533.77
William F. Dunn	Statement Dated 052518	\$1,693.75
WSB Computer Services	65863,65962	\$126.00
WSB Computer Services	65863,65962	\$166.20
WSB Computer Services	65863,65962	\$2,256.76
WSB Computer Services	Maint Agreement	\$2,500.00
WSB Computer Services	Power Supply for Phone	\$60.00
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	Standard Pro 2 Yr Prepay	\$599.60
TOTAL		\$105,231.06

May 2018 Payroll

County General:	\$203,094.15
Road and Bridge:	\$ 73,835.37
DSS:	\$118,814.30
Weed District:	\$ 6,930.57
Airport:	\$ 1,260.07
Public Health:	\$ 19,806.77
TOTAL:	\$423,741.23

At 9:10 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present. He reported that a CAT 930 K loader has been found to replace the 950 loader. The price of the new loader is \$134,943.41. He requested approval to purchase the loader. He stated that there is \$100,000.00 in the Department's budget for this purchase. Along with a total of \$24,000.00 that was received as payment for the 950 loader, and Alamosa County paying \$18,000.00 for the striper that is being replaced, there are sufficient funds to purchase the new loader.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the new loader has a fusion hitch and that it will be a good fit for the Department. The loader is eligible for a government warranty. The loader can be modified to be multifunctional and can be used as a snow plow. Commissioner Shriver asked how long the new loader is expected to last. Mr. Sullivan said it is a utility loader and will fill in on different kinds of projects. Commissioner Bothell asked if Mr. Sullivan had reviewed the loader's repair records. Mr. Sullivan said the loader has been CAT certified, and he will obtain the repair record. Commissioner Bothell said it would be good to review these records. Chairman Glover said that CAT certification is very stringent. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the purchase of the CAT 930 K loader. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:18 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 9:47 a.m., the Board of the Department of Social Services adjourned. The meeting of the BOCC resumed.

Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was unable to attend today's meeting. Ms. Wisdom presented the Department's monthly update.

The Stericycle contract has been signed and services will begin June 1, 2018, with quarterly pick-ups. The Department of Public Health is working on determining processes, including working with security in the courthouse, staff procedures, and how to promote the program to the public. The Department is also working to determine interest and locations for a County harm reduction program.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for Communities that Care, in the amount of \$161,186.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Shriver move to approve the contract. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with CDPHE, Office of Planning, Partnerships and Improvement, for Local Public Health Distribution/Child Fatality Review/Maternal and Child Health in the amount of \$41,578.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with CDPHE, Prevention Services Division, for Regional Tobacco in the amount of \$200,000.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with Health Care Policy and Financing for Healthy Communities in the amount of \$137,000.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with the Rocky Mountain Health Foundation for Baby and Me Tobacco Free in the amount of \$4,000.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the contract with CDPHE, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, for Emergency Preparedness and Response in the amount of \$20,474.00. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

At 9:52 a.m., the Commissioners presented their updates.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the County will receive a reminder regarding Hazmat dues in a month. She also reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation is training heavy equipment operators to work in fire situations.

Commissioner Bothell reported that there will be a table top exercise on June 12, 2018, regarding public information officers. She also reported that there are multi-mission aircraft from Pagosa Springs flying at 30,000 feet looking for lightning strikes.

Commissioner Bothell reported that Saguache County thanked Rio Grande County's Road and Bridge Department for its help with a paving project.

Commissioner Shriver reported that there is very little activity at this time at the Development Resources Group. She said there are more revolving loan projects. Ms. Wisdom noted that a loan was awarded to a campground in South Fork. Commissioner Shriver reported that a property was sold in Monte Vista.

Commissioner Shriver reported that Tri-County Senior Citizens received a grant for refrigerators, other energy efficient improvements, and re-paving the parking lot. She said there will be a breakfast at the facility on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Chairman Glover reported that the Town of Del Norte and the Del Norte School are discussing which entity owns French Street. It was determined that the Town of Del Norte owns the street. Chairman Glover reported that the water line will be extended through 9th Street, which the school owns. He said the school will revert the ownership to Del Norte and pay for its water. He said an intergovernmental agreement is being drafted.

Chairman Glover reported that the groundbreaking for the new Del Norte school was good. He also reported that Adams State University had agreed to allow the high school football games to be played there, and then backed out. He stated that the Road and Bridge Department will help make the soccer field usable for football games.

Chairman Glover reported that the Bustang/Eagle line will begin running on June 5, 2018, in Del Norte, from the Alta convenience store. He also reported that funding for this bus line has not

come from CDOT; it may take five years for CDOT to take over the bus line. Chairman Glover said it would be great for the Valley to have bus routes to Salida and to Alamosa.

Erin Minks commented that while she is supportive of the new bus line, past history makes her skeptical that it will be successful. Chairman Glover said he hopes that the bus company has the backbone to be successful. Commissioner Shriver said rural areas have transportation issues, and Chairman Glover added that Medicaid will pay the fares for specific riders. Ms. Minks suggested that the Veterans Service piece needs to be added. Chairman Glover stated that CDOT's Transportation Planning Regions are considering plans for bus parking and pull-outs. There is nothing firm at this time.

At 10:17 a.m., Ms. Wisdom requested approval on the forced entry list from the Weed District. Chairman Glover asked if all mandatory notices were sent. Ms. Wisdom said they had been sent. She added that Brianna Brannan, Weed District Supervisor, said that most of the issues would be resolved by the time the forced entry list is approved. Commissioner Shriver stated that the Weed District Board should be notified of the list. Ms. Wisdom explained that the Weed District Board approved the list. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the forced entry list. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The list includes:

Land Owner/Lessee Mailing Address	Weed Species	Parcel No.	Mode and Date of Inspection
Richard Dutton	Hoary Cress	6325400428	Written notice 5/14/18
Ivan and Magdalena Troyer	Hoary Cress	6325200337	Written notice 5/14/18
Jack and Susan Hamilton	Hoary Cress	6326300266	Written notice 5/14/18
Casey and Shari Caldon	Hoary Cress	6327400435	Written notice 5/14/18
Nelson and Wilma Mullett	Hoary Cress	6327300392	Written notice 5/14/18
Lloyd and Emma Mullett	Hoary Cress	6328400225	Written notice 5/14/18

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter to Ed Ellis, San Luis and Rio Grande Railroad, Inc., stating that property taxes have not been paid by the company for many years. The company owes the County a total of \$365,117.56. Copies of the letter will be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration; Cynthia Coffman, Colorado Attorney General; Lucille Marvin, Surface Transportation Board Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance; Governor John Hickenlooper; Senator Michael Bennet; Senator Cory Gardner; Congressman Scott Tipton; Senator Larry Crowder; and Congressman Donald Valdez. Ms. Wisdom said that the Surface Transportation Board may be able to help apply pressure. Commissioner Bothell stated that the railroad has not paid property taxes for a long time, yet the County cannot put a tax lien on the property, nor can it sell the property. She said the letter is what can be done. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The letter was signed.

Ms. Wisdom reported that there were some wording changes made in the recent fire ordinance, and requested that the ordinance be re-signed by the Board. The revised ordinance was signed. Book 591 Page 1057

Ms. Wisdom requested approval for the extension of a support letter, 2013-22. The extension is through December 2018. The support letter was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented comments from Mark Rudolph, CDPHE, and Angie Krall regarding the requests for proposals for the preservation plan at Summitville. The RFPs included:

Logan Simpson:	\$ 92,015.00
SWCA Environmental Consultants:	\$117,100.00
PRO Resources:	\$ 41,273.00
Alpine Archeological Consultants:	\$ 15,683.00

Ms. Krall and Mr. Rudolph recommended hiring Alpine Archeological Consultants for the project because of the price and the fact that they had worked with Alpine in the past. Ms. Wisdom requested approval, and noted that the project would be funded by CDPHE. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the hiring of Alpine Archeological Consultants. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom stated that Mr. Rudolph and Ms. Krall agreed that Kristine Borchers was qualified to be hired as the project manager for the Summitville project. CDPHE will fund this position up to \$15,500.00. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve hiring Ms. Borchers as the project manager. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Shriver reported that Ms. Borchers is working on the Summitville bathroom project. The Forest Service has verbally committed to supplying \$5,000.00 to this project, with the stipulation that CDPHE will pump out the bathroom annually and monitor it weekly. Mr. Rudolph has met with Tom Malecek, Forest Service, and they are working on a draft of the agreement between the Forest Service and CDPHE.

Commissioner Shriver requested approval on a grant request to El Pomar in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the Summitville bathroom project. Commissioner Shriver said the request needs to be received by El Pomar as soon as possible. She also said that support letters from the Forest Service, the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team, and the Town of South Fork are also needed. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the grant request to El Pomar in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the Summitville bathroom project, contingent on finalizing the wording, with the goal of mailing the request next week. Ms. Wisdom reported that the Council of Government grant of \$8,750.00 has been approved. Commissioner Bothell asked who sent bids for the bathroom. Commissioner Shriver explained that there are two companies in the nation that supply bathrooms: one company is in Denver and one company is in Loveland. She stated that the bathroom has not been ordered, but two quotes have been received. Commissioner Bothell stated that when the Forest Service moves a bathroom, that bathroom can be given to another entity. Commissioner Shriver said that the Forest Service does not have a bathroom available at this time. She also stated that the Forest Service gets its bathrooms from the Denver company. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion to approve the grant request to El Pomar with email approval. The motion carried.

Commissioner Bothell said the letter to El Pomar should be reviewed before it is approved and sent. Commissioner Shriver stated that if this project is stalled and not completed within the year, the responsibility would be Commissioner Bothell's. Commissioner Bothell stated that she will not approve the letter without seeing or reading it. Chairman Glover asked for a draft of the letter to be distributed to the Board, for its immediate review, which Ms. Wisdom did.

Commissioner Shriver explained that the goal is to have El Pomar receive the letter next week. The letter will be vetted and sent to El Pomar's Board of Trustees. Commissioner Shriver also said that the Forest Service has agreed to provide a letter of support. The Board discussed changes to the grant request.

Ms. Wisdom and the Board discussed letters and billing between attorneys working on a lawsuit involving the County. Commissioner Shriver recommended keeping an itemized list of the bills. Commissioner Bothell asked if the bills will be sent to the County or to CTSI. Ms. Wisdom said she would note where the bills are sent.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Beth Sumner, Alamosa Convention and Visitors Bureau, recently entertained an international group and learned that people from outside the United States come to visit national parks. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the County get involved in the Colorado Tourism Office in order to bring attention to this area of Colorado. Ms. Wisdom reported that Alamosa would like to include Rio Grande County in its marketing, noting that some brochures do not include events in Monte Vista or Del Norte. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Tourism Board might be missing some marketing opportunities. Commissioner Shriver stated that a marketing director is needed and that the Tourism Board is made up of volunteers. Commissioner Bothell asked if the Tourism Board could hire a marketing director. She suggested that the money slated to be returned to the municipalities be reviewed and perhaps used to hire a marketing director. Commissioner Shriver stated that per State statute, lodging taxes have to be spent in certain ways and cannot be used to hire a marketing director. She said a marketing district could hire a marketing director.

Ms. Wisdom suggested that the County work with Alamosa. She also suggested that in the future the County join the Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism, which provides peer assistance and training programs for regions and destinations that want to improve or expand their own tourism assets. Commissioner Shriver suggested that the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council be involved in this effort and help write marketing materials. Commissioner Bothell asked if the Tourism Board could pay for consulting. Commissioner Shriver stated that a marketing position might be used on a contract basis. Ms. Wisdom stated that once a region is in the sights of the CTO, the region will continue to be included. Commissioner Bothell asked if the money slated to go to the municipalities could be used for the

Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism. Chairman Glover said this is a good idea, but that it will not satisfy South Fork.

At 11:04 a.m., Adam Moore, Colorado State Forest Service, was present to update the Board. He reported that Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, participated in a Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire project and learned a great deal. The project will create mapping tools and updates.

Mr. Moore presented the annual forest health report. He said there are many dead and at risk trees in the forest. The San Luis Valley spruce beetle has been the number one killer of trees for the last six years, but overall acreage has decreased. Some new acreage in Rio Grande County and the Valley between Highways 160 and 149 is being affected by Douglas fir beetle activity. The Western Spruce beetle is causing damage near Creede in Mineral County. There is some damage to aspens in the area, which may increase this year because of the drought.

Mr. Moore reported that there is a new sawmill in Blanca that will use dead and at risk trees. Chairman Glover asked if these trees were being cut from the Valley rather than only from Forbes property. Mr. Moore said that the trees are being cut on Forbes property, but may come from the Valley this summer.

Mr. Moore explained that under the Good Neighbor Authority the Colorado State Forest Service is allowed to sell US Forest Service wood to interested people. Small quantities of trees can be cut on Pool Table Road, Pinos Creek, and other areas to be used for fire wood and personal projects. Mr. Moore said that there might be some economic development from this. Chairman Glover noted that timber sales have been slow. Mr. Moore said the Forest Service is trying to speed this up with larger acreage. Mr. Moore explained that finding people to take 10 to 15 acre projects is difficult.

Commissioner Shriver said she learned in a seminar last year that small projects are difficult. She stated that there are approximately six applications for a loan program. Commissioner Bothell asked if permits to cut wood are sold, and Mr. Moore said they are. The Colorado State Forest Service works with the US Forest Service to provide permits and also to review sites after the trees have been cut. A permit costs \$18.75 for 100 cubic feet of wood. Mr. Moore said this allows for sections larger than six feet to be cut. He said he would provide some information about this to newspapers.

Mr. Moore reported that 642 watersheds have been affected by fire damage in Colorado. He explained that different forest practices apply to different situations. He also said that beetle damage has less effect on water than fires does. He stated that dead trees do not necessarily mean that there will be more fires. The increase in fires has to do with weather changes. Mr. Moore said that any forest area will do better after a fire. Commissioner Shriver noted that RWEACT is doing a water assessment, as well.

Mr. Moore reported that the City of Monte Vista has been designated as a Tree City and has received a grant to plant trees. He said that the Town of Del Norte is also working on becoming a Tree City, and there is interest from the Town of South Fork. Commissioner Bothell asked what the requirements are to become a Tree City. Mr. Moore said the town must be incorporated; there must be an ordinance indicating who cares for trees; there must be an indication as to whom the responsibility for the destruction of trees falls. Commissioner Bothell asked if the trees are planted in public or private spaces. Mr. Moore said that \$2.00 per capita has to be designated to maintain trees in a Tree City and that there must be an Arbor Day observance. He said this gives communities input on the town's trees. Tree Cities also receive a sign, which helps define the area. Trees can be planted in either public or private areas, but are general planted in public areas in rural communities. He said that the goal is to provide interest in trees.

Mr. Moore presented the annual Title III agreement between the County and Colorado State Forest Service. Mr. Moore said that last year was slow because there was enough moisture and wildfires were not a concern. Mr. Moore explained that part of the County is not in a fire protection district; these areas are being plotted and the fire protection plan for South Fork is being updated. Mr. Moore reported that the chipper brochure is complete and includes training information. Commissioner Shriver explained that the purchase of the chipper was a joint project between the County, the Forest Service, and the South Fork Fire Department. The project was funded by designated funds and an MOU was drafted between South Fork and the Forest Service. The chipper is used for wildfire mitigation. The chipper is maintained by the Forest Service, and the Forest service provides training to users of the chipper.

Mr. Moore explained that the Title III agreement includes the same processes as last year's agreement and the budget is approximately the same. Ms. Wisdom reported that the trees at the Monte Vista Cemetery are getting old and that the cemetery board is a nonprofit organization. She asked if the Forest Service could help it with tree management. Mr. Moore said he has been approached by the cemetery board and is looking at options. Chairman Glover said that Jeff Harmon is the sole caretaker of the cemetery.

Commissioner Bothell asked what the Colorado State Forest Service's role was during the Park Creek fire. Mr. Moore explained that this fire was on national Forest Service land, so the Colorado State Forest Service did not participate. He also noted that fire suppression is not the role of the Colorado State Forest Service. He stated that the Forest Service may participate as a resource if asked and will provide educational efforts. After a fire, the Forest Service can provide advice on clean up and erosion control.

Commissioner Bothell asked from where funding for this agreement comes. Ms. Wisdom explained that funding comes from Secure Rural Schools funds. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the Title III agreement. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The agreement was signed.

At 11:50 a.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:30 p.m., the meeting resumed. A public hearing was called to order. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Joseph Yoder were present to discuss an amendment of zoning.

Ms. Diltz explained that two parcels owned by Joseph and Regina Yoder (4250 East County Road 7 South, Monte Vista) and two parcels owned by Andrew DePoy (7392 South County Road 4 East, Monte Vista) are currently zoned agricultural estate. The Yoders and Mr. DePoy have requested a change of zoning to agricultural ranch. Neighbors were notified of this application on March 29, 2018. The notice of the public hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal on April 14, 2018. No comments have been received. Ms. Diltz did speak to Tom Hinton on April 10, 2018, who was concerned about how this change might affect his property, which is adjacent. Ms. Diltz explained that the zoning change would not affect him, and Mr. Hinton had no objection.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the notice in the Monte Vista Journal included Mr. DePoy, and Ms. Diltz said it did. Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and Zoning Board heard the application on April 17, 2018, and recommended approval of the zoning change. The parcels are more than 35 acres in size and meet the requirements for the change. Commissioner Shriver asked why the change is needed. Mr. Yoder explained that the change is needed in order for him to apply for a conditional use permit for a woodworking operation. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the application to change the zoning on four parcels from agricultural estate to agricultural ranch. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Diltz explained that there will be four resolutions. Yoder Resolutions: Book 591 Page 1508, Book 591 Page 1510; DePoy Resolutions: Book 591 Page 1507, Book 591 Page 1509

The public hearing was closed.

At 1:44 p.m., Ms. Diltz was present to request administrative approval of an extension of a conditional use permit for Brett and Cheryl McIntosh. The original conditional use permit was approved in May 2017, for the McIntoshes to develop and operate a cabin and RV park at 28422 Highway 160, South Fork.

Ms. Diltz explained that the current conditional use permit expires at the end of May. However, the project is not moving forward as expected. She said the McIntoshes have requested a six-month extension on their permit. Ms. Diltz stated that the area is set up to accommodate five recreational vehicle sites and cabins. She said there have been problems working with the flood plain, the plan was changed, and then the McIntoshes reverted to the original plan. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the six-month extension. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 591 Page 1511

At 1:48 p.m., Ms. Diltz reported that the flood plain has always been an issue for the Land Use Department. She explained that a book of elevation maps for the area between Del Norte and South Fork, and Del Norte and Monte Vista was created in 1988. These maps are used by the Land Use Department and engineers. Ms. Diltz stated that there only two books of maps available at this time. Mylar maps do exist. Ms. Diltz said that she talked with Pete Magee, The San Luis Valley GIS/GPS Authority, about digitizing the elevation maps in order to preserve them and for others to use. This will improve the available flood plain information. The estimated cost for this work is \$2,500.00. Ms. Diltz stated that the Land Use budget only has \$1,600.00

allotted for GIS work. Commissioner Shriver asked if other budget areas could be used. Ms. Diltz said she would explore other areas.

Ms. Diltz stated that the existing book of elevation maps can be copied. Commissioner Bothell stated that it would be a cost savings if people could download the maps from the internet. Commissioner Shriver stated that in 2006 the Board explored updating the maps, but it was very expensive. Ms. Diltz said that she would review her budget. Commissioner Shriver recommended moving forward on the project, if the funds can be located. The consensus of the Board was to agree.

At 1:56 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board