

At 9:20 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board. He reported that work is complete on County Roads 29 and 13. On Monday, July 9, 2018, loose rock was brushed back on County Road 13. He also stated that drivers continue to speed on County Road 13. Commissioner Shriver reported receiving compliments regarding the Road and Bridge crew that worked on County Road 13, as well as comments that the road is nice. Commissioner Bothell asked if speeders will tear up the road. Mr. Sullivan said they would, and noted that the S-curves are rough. He said that contractors and delivery services are the main drivers who speed.

Mr. Sullivan reported that paving started on July 10, 2018, on County Road 8 North. He also reported that the bleachers have been busy; they will be used for South Fork Logger Days next week. He said that roadside mowing continues, with more to do.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Department conducted maintenance at the livestock pavilion at Ski Hi Park. Panel brackets were cut by someone who used the building. He also reported that the City of Monte Vista is using the County's electrical power to light the new sign at Ski Hi Park. Commissioner Bothell asked if Mr. Sullivan knew who cut the brackets at the pavilion. Mr. Sullivan said he did not know, and suggested that a walk-through be conducted with renters before the building is used. Commissioner Shriver said that the City of Monte Vista used to do this, and Ms. Wisdom added that the City does not do this now. Chairman Glover stated that a procedure needs to be put in place, noting that inspections and damage deposits are needed. Ms. Wisdom stated that the cost of repairs to the pavilion was \$1,100.00 in Road and Bridge Department time, and said that a \$100.00 damage deposit would not have covered this.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the pavilion could be padlocked. Mr. Sullivan explained that there is an open lane between the pavilion and the McMullen Building, which serves as an expensive parking lot. Mr. Sullivan said he would not mind conducting the inspections. Commissioner Bothell stated that users should be charged for any repairs caused by their rental of the building. Commissioner Shriver stated that 4-H clubs use the pavilion however they want to use it. Chairman Glover suggested meeting with the 4-H community to discuss policy. Mr. Sullivan asked who pays for the power at the pavilion. Ms. Wisdom said the County pays for the power. Commissioner Shriver noted that one meter is used by the carnival.

Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Board consider donating the pavilion to the City of Monte Vista. Commissioner Shriver stated that there was a meeting on July 10, 2018, regarding Ski Hi Park plans. She said this might be a good time to consider donating the pavilion. Chairman Glover said a rental policy is needed, and Commissioner Bothell suggested revising the current rental contract.

Mr. Sullivan reported that paving County Road 8 North will take six or seven days. He said the surfaces of County Roads 29 and 13 will be monitored. The Department will continue to grade roads and mow.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he and the Monte Vista police chief discussed a soft closure of Sherman Avenue after the concert on July 26, 2018. Flaggers will be used to control traffic. Mr. Sullivan is in favor of this for the sake of safety. He explained that all road closures must be approved by the BOCC. He said if this works, the policy may be developed for the future. The consensus of the Board was to approve the soft closure of Sherman Avenue after the concert. Mr. Sullivan stressed the importance of using qualified flaggers rather than citizens because of liability issues.

At 9:50 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Mr. Kern reported that building permit revenues to date are in the amount of \$40,395.00. He said this seems light at the half-year mark, but there are four approved new single-family home plans that need to be sent out. Commissioner Shriver asked where the homes are being built. Mr. Kern stated the homes are located in Willow Park, Del Norte, south of Monte Vista, and southeast of Monte Vista. He said there are also partial plans that have been submitted for a home and garage. Mr. Kern said that renovation plans for the old El Rancho motel in Del Norte will be finalized this week; the motel will be called the Mellow Moon Lodge.

Mr. Kern reported that his inspection schedule has been busy, with inspections being done every day. He also said the Department has had some computer issues: the cable to the main router had to be replaced, at a cost of approximately \$800.00.

Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Kern if he had been in touch with the person who has complained about a privy in Jasper. Mr. Kern said he contacted the owner of the privy, noting

that he could not contact the complainant because the letter was sent anonymously. Commissioner Shriver said that the complainant participated in the recent Summitville tour, and she will provide his name to Mr. Kern.

Mr. Kern said that the concern of the complainant was how close the privy is to the spring, which is owned by the Jasper homeowners association. He said the privy is 250 feet from the spring, which is acceptable. Commissioner Shriver suggested that a letter about the privy and the spring be sent to the homeowners association. Mr. Kern said that the complaint came from an individual rather than the association.

Ms. Diltz reported that she is working on the request for proposal for the revision of the County's land use code book. She said it will be posted next week, when she receives the contract from the State.

Ms. Diltz reported that she has finished 12 Planning Institute of Colorado certification courses. She said that she needs to take one to two continuing education hours from the International Code Council to maintain her permit tech certificate before October 2018.

Ms. Diltz reported receiving questions about zoning from realtors. She also said that there have been blight complaints.

Commissioner Bothell stated that the property on Highway 112, south of Center, looks better. Chairman Glover explained that the blight was simply moved from one side of the house to the other. Ms. Diltz said there has been some clean up on this property and she will drive by again.

Ms. Diltz reported that there is probably a family camping on County Road 15. Mr. Kern said the family has talked about building a home on the property but has not yet. Commissioner Bothell asked if a property owner can build a shed if he or she has a building permit. Mr. Kern said the both a house and an accessory building can be permitted.

At 10:05 a.m., County Assessor J.J. Mondragon was present. She reported that there were 14 adjusted protests to property valuations; nine protests were denied. She reported that some adjustments were made on vacant land. The valuation for assessment purposes of all taxable real property in the County for 2018 is \$171,956,120.00, subject to approval by the Board of Equalization, the State Board of Assessment of Appeals, and the State Board of Equalization. The valuation for assessment purposes of all taxable possessory interests in the County for 2018 is \$23,460.00, subject to approval by the County Board of Equalization, the State Board of Assessment of Appeals, and the State Board of Equalization. The valuation for assessment purposes of all taxable personal property in the County for 2018 is \$11,586,586.00, subject to approval by the County Board of Equalization, the State Board of Assessment of Appeals, and the State Board of Equalization.

Ms. Mondragon reported that the value of personal property increased by \$4 million and there were no protests. The State assessed value has been reduced. The railroad paid a portion of its property taxes in Costilla County. Ms. Mondragon stated that personal property is taxed at a rate of 29 percent. Businesses are taxed; fixtures are taxed; inventory is not taxed.

Ms. Mondragon asked if the County has a list of vacation rentals. She said the Assessor's Office received a list from the Town of South Fork. Commissioner Shriver explained that the County receives lodging taxes. Commissioner Bothell asked if the rentals were commercial rentals, and Ms. Mondragon stated that they are residential rentals, which can be charged for personal property. The personal property has to be worth \$350.00 or more.

At 10:15 a.m., pursuant to C.R.S.25-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Shriver moved to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:55 a.m., the Board came out of executive session and the meeting resumed.

At 11:00 a.m., Mark Rudolph and Mary Boardman, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Angie Krall, US Forest Service, Jesse Aviles, Environmental Protection Agency (by telephone), and Christy Borchers, Project Manager (by telephone), were present to discuss the Summitville project.

Mr. Rudolph introduced Ms. Boardman, who will be replacing him after the land transfer with the Forest Service is complete. Ms. Boardman is familiar with the Summitville site.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the tours of Summitville on June 29 and 30, 2018, went well. She said 115 to 120 people participated. Ms. Krall conducted walking tours of the site, and Ms. Boardman and Mr. Avilles conducted driving tours of the water treatment plant and the mines. Commissioner Shriver also said that the Great Divide Mountain Bike riders stopped to tour the area.

Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Rudolph for an update on the project. Mr. Rudolph reported that he is waiting for a contract from the State that will provide the funding to hire Alpine Archeological Consultants and Ms. Borchers in advance of the land transfer. The contract should be completed by the end of next week. Two weeks after the contract is complete, Alpine Archeological Consultants can begin the field work and complete it this year. Ms. Krall stated that the appraisal of the land needs to be current, and noted that Tom Malecek is working to keep the process moving. She said the National Environmental Policy Act information is attached to the process. She said that the goal is to complete the land transfer by fall. Mr. Rudolph explained that the cabin preservation documents need to be completed first, but this will not hold up the rest of the process.

Ms. Boardman reported that the water treatment plant is running. She said that due to the limited snowpack this year there is less water to treat. There are no major issues. Mr. Rudolph reported that because of the spruce kill, defensible space mitigation may be done. He asked if special consideration would be needed in order to cut trees. Chairman Glover and Commissioner Shriver said no special consideration would be needed. Ms. Wisdom added that a wood chipper is available for use in South Fork at the fire department.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the Park Creek fire caused the need for evacuation. Mr. Rudolph said the area was evacuated for three days. He stated that the evacuation plan has been kept active since the West Fork fire. Ms. Wisdom asked for a copy of the plan so it can be given to the County's emergency manager and the fire districts.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the private land owners, who will be affected by the land transfer, are moving forward. Mr. Rudolph added that owners of the last parcel visited the area and were impressed by the ongoing preservation work. The quit claim deed for this parcel was sent to County Attorney Bill Dunn.

Mr. Rudolph reported that the covenants are being revised and recorded. They no longer include the County and Forest Service parcels. When the covenants are reviewed by the EPA, they will be available for the BOCC to review.

Mr. Avilles reported that the tours went well. Commissioner Shriver told Mr. Avilles that earlier in the meeting it was learned that the person complaining about the Jasper privy had complained anonymously. (The complainant had spoken to Mr. Avilles during the tour.) Randy Kern, Building Department, joined the meeting to further explain the situation (see above).

Ms. Krall presented information about Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Most Endangered Places project. She said that applying for Summitville to become a Most Endangered Place would provide an opportunity for people to learn about Summitville and to obtain grants. She said that as either a preservation site or an endangered place, covenants could be drafted and State funding could be obtained to move the cabin to County ownership. A value added preservation plan could be drafted with the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team, Adams State University, and the Forest Service.

Ms. Krall said that Ms. Borchers has participated in this program and is a good grant writer. Commissioner Shriver explained that the vision is to include ideas for Summitville from the public. Ms. Krall noted that heritage tourism is more lucrative than arts tourism. Heritage tourists are destination oriented and spend money while in the area. She said that the area needs some trail maintenance and signage.

Ms. Krall stated that there are 117 endangered sites in Colorado. She said there are long-term grants that fund these sites. This year's application is due August 15, 2018, but Ms. Krall said an application can be made in the future. She added that an application is being made for the fluorspar mine in Hinsdale County. Summitville could be tied into this site, as well as Creede and Platoro. Ms. Krall said this would be a chance to reframe the Summitville site from a Superfund site to a historical site. She said there are opportunities to create trails from Forest Service land to the Summitville town site, which is on County land.

Ms. Krall explained that Colorado Preservation, Inc. is a source for networking and galvanizes stakeholders. Commissioner Shriver stated that there is no commitment to spending money if

an application is submitted. The application would simply set up the process for the future, which would include public input. Ms. Krall said the investment of time would be worth it.

Mr. Avilles expressed concern about the price of preservation, and asked if there is an estimate of costs to be incurred. Mr. Rudolph explained that the Endangered Places application is for structures. Rather, it is a way to bring awareness to the area. Ms. Krall said the preservation plan will show an estimate of the costs to stabilize the area and to restore the area. The basic preservation plan includes trails and some repairs to structures.

Ms. Boardman asked if there is an application fee, and Ms. Krall said there is not. Ms. Borchers said that being on the list of endangered places is helpful and once a site is on the list, it will not be taken off. The site then has access to State assistance and marketing. She explained that the Ute Ulay Mill and Town site was not chosen as an Endangered Place with its first application. CPI only chooses a few sites each year, but sites can reapply. Commissioner Shriver asked if Summitville should be designated as historically significant. Ms. Krall said it should, which is now a gain for the County. She said the cabin can also be leveraged as a benefit to the County, if the County designates it as historically significant. She said this process can be done locally through a resolution. When the resolution is complete, State funding can be obtained.

Kristy Borchers explained that Hinsdale County commissioners simply voted to designate the Ute Ulay site as historically significant, and then they were able to apply to the National Historic Register. The property was kept as Hinsdale County property.

Commissioner Shriver asked if there was a cost to apply for Summitville to be chosen as a Most Endangered Place. Ms. Borchers said there was no cost. She added that these projects are exciting because they build off one another throughout the region. Commissioner Shriver recommended that the BOCC designate Summitville as historically significant, then apply to become a Most Endangered Place. Commissioner Bothell asked if the application would have to be made every year or if it would carry over from year to year. Ms. Krall said she believes the application carries over, noting that the application is easy to complete; she offered to complete it for Summitville.

Ms. Wisdom stated that nothing can be done with the Superfund part of the site. However, Mr. Rudolph said there might be opportunities that can be discussed with the State and the EPA. All inquiries will be entertained. He said that housing could be built for people who want to study the Superfund site. Because the site is vacant during the winter, there might be opportunities for snow cat skiing with certain restrictions. Mr. Avilles said there might be opportunities for passive enjoyment of the site, but nothing could be done that would damage the site. Mr. Rudolph said that in the summer, people need to be kept safe from dump trucks moving through the area. Commissioner Shriver said that other businesses might be interested in the area.

Ms. Wisdom stated that all the partners in the project need to support the efforts. Mr. Rudolph said that the State will provide a letter of support for the application to become a Most Endangered Place. Commissioner Bothell asked if the entire site would be considered a Most Endangered Place. Ms. Krall said the designation is for the structures. She added that interpretive signs help establish the feeling of "place." She said these are the last structures that exist at Summitville, and this includes a structure on the Superfund site, but not the Superfund site itself.

Commissioner Shriver recommended moving forward with the Most Endangered Place application with Ms. Krall's assistance. She said there is no downside to this and it sets up the area for the future. Commissioner Bothell said there is no "maintenance nightmare." Ms. Borchers reiterated that a site is rarely taken off the list. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve Ms. Krall's making the application for Summitville to become a Most Endangered Place. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Shriver moved to designate Summitville as a historically significant site. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bothell asked if the State would provide a letter of support, and Mr. Rudolph said it would. Mr. Avilles also offered a letter of support from the EPA. Ms. Krall said this is a phased approach to preservation. Mr. Rudolph said that Adams State's work at Fort Garland is complete and a new project like Summitville might be needed.

Ms. Krall stated that the Colorado Tourism Roadmap contains information on heritage tourism. She also said that the Alamosa Tourism Board is a good resource.

At 12:10 p.m., the meeting recessed.

At 1:17 p.m., the Board meeting resumed.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council meeting was moved from Alamosa to Denver because of the Spring Fire. The Council may meet in Alamosa in October.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the Regional Emergency and Medical Trauma Services Advisory Council is revising its bylaws. They will be complete on July 13, 2018, and presented to the San Luis Valley County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bothell reported that she was in the Emergency Operations Center the day after the Spring Fire started. She said it was very interesting.

Commissioner Bothell reported that reminders of Hazmat dues will go out shortly.

Commissioner Bothell reported that tele-med mental health services may be available at the jail on a per call basis. Pricing is being sought.

Commissioner Shriver reported that she is on a San Luis Valley County Commissioners committee to address drugs and crime. Costilla County Commissioner Lawrence Pacheco and Assistant District Attorney Ashley McCuaig are also on this committee. A discussion regarding organizing and funding a task force will take place after the November election.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the Antique Iron Club is looking for a space to display its tractors. The parking lot across from the Rio Grande County Museum is being considered. This space was mentioned at an earlier meeting for use as an electric car charging station. Ms. Wisdom said that there might be an area for a smaller charging station.

Commissioner Shriver reported that renovating Ski Hi Park will be a long project. She recommended that the County discuss the pavilion and McMullen Building with the City of Monte Vista. The County has a 50-year lease on the property from Monte Vista.

Chairman Glover reported that he attended a meeting on overcrowding in jails. He said that all jails are affected by this. He said that a bill is being drafted to provide more funding for the District Attorney. Underfunded courthouses were also discussed at this meeting. Chairman Glover said that the roundtable also discussed counties working together with the same goals and including a mental health component. He said that a single group is needed to organize these efforts.

At 1:30 p.m., Gabor Silkosi and Jeff McNeilly, American Fidelity, were present to discuss employee investment and benefit opportunities. Some of American Fidelity's other county customers include Huerfano, Elbert, Kiowa, Otero, and Crowley Counties. The company works with educators and public sector employees, and takes an active interest in entities that support and benefit counties, such as CCI. The company has an A+ rating and has been in the top 100 companies to work for the last 14 years. All policies are underwritten by American Fidelity. Mr. Silkosi said that if an employee changes his or her health insurance to an American Fidelity policy, the premium cost will not change much. Commissioner Shriver asked if American Fidelity works with schools in the Valley. Mr. Silkosi said American Fidelity works with 80 percent of the schools in Colorado. Mr. McNeilly stated that American Fidelity is unique because its employees are salaried rather than commissioned employees.

American Fidelity currently has active billing with Rio Grande County. Expanding available benefits will simply add to this billing. Ms. Wisdom said that there is no information on the other benefits that the County could offer its employees.

Mr. Silkosi explained that American Fidelity will educate, communicate, and activate with each employee. Options will be presented to each employee to fit his or her needs. This will be a consistent, annual process and relationships will be built over time. Commissioner Shriver clarified that these are elective benefits and would not be required of employees. Mr. Silkosi said that taking advantage of any American Fidelity benefits is voluntary; the only mandatory piece is that American Fidelity will meet with each employee whether or not the employee signs up for benefits. He said that at the end of each session, each employee will receive a copy of his or her "hidden paycheck," which will outline all benefits to the employee, noting what is paid by the County, taxes, etc. He stated that every employee will have the option to participate.

Mr. Silkosi, Mr. McNeilly, and the Board discussed flexible spending accounts, health savings accounts, and medical gap plans.

Mr. Silkosi explained that group meetings will be held with employees where a full summary of benefits would be described. Then each employee will be given an opportunity to make an online or in-person appointment with an American Fidelity representative. He said that there is usually 40 percent participation in the health savings account benefit. Mr. McNeilly explained that American Fidelity will work with CTSI to understand how the County health plan works so employees will understand all the parts of the American Fidelity plans and make good decisions.

Chairman Glover said it is good that American Fidelity employees are not commissioned. Mr. Silkosi said employees have sales quotas, so they have to sell. However, so much is provided by American Fidelity to support the employees, that it is possible for them to concentrate on sales.

Ms. Wisdom asked what the timeframe to sign up would be for new employees. Mr. Silkosi said this would be up to the County. American Fidelity would meet with new employees and also offer self-enrollment.

Commissioner Bothell noted that pre-existing conditions are not covered for 12 months under American Fidelity's high deductible health plan. Mr. Silkosi said this would be determined on a case-by-case basis. He said that American Fidelity would not work against an employee's best interest. Mr. Silkosi said that benefits could be enacted in August; enrollment could be completed in September; communication with employees could be completed in October; and final enrollment could be completed in November.

At 2:00 p.m., 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, July 25, 2018. Members present were Chairman Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring. Commissioner Karla Shriver was absent.

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

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of the wolf resolution and the addition of a clarification regarding vouchers. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the July 11, 2018, minutes with changes. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The consent agenda, which included the July 2018 end-of-the-month vouchers, July 2018 payroll, letters of support, and approval of tax lien assignments, was presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the consent agenda. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vouchers were signed. The letters of support were signed and included:

- Colorado Water Conservation Board, for the Colorado Water Plan grant application for the Del Norte Riverfront Project
- SLV Development Resources Group, for the Rio Grande Hospital Enterprise Zone application
- SLV Development Resources Group, for the SLV Great Outdoors Enterprise Zone application
- Great Outdoors Colorado, for an open space application for the Fuchs Ranch

At the request of the Treasurer, the following tax lien assignments have been approved and signed:

Tax certificate #7797 is assigned to Scott Holman. Assessed owner is Edward C. Tietig. Property is located at Lot 16, Block 19, Alpine Village No. 5. Schedule: 19304 27013, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$90.89.

Tax certificate #7521 is assigned to Trenton Boudreaux. Assesed owner is Graham and Boudreaux. Property is located at Lot 2, Block 14, Alpine Village No. 3. Schedule 21250 14001, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$213.27.

Tax certificate #7779 is assigned to Faretta Downing. Assessed owner is Edward C. Tietig. Property is located at Lot 12, Block 23, Alpine Village No. 7. Schedule 19303 19008, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$84.54.

Tax certificate #7824 is assigned to Lynne Harms and Jerry Ellenberger. Asseseds owner is Edward C. Tietig. Property is located at Lot 10, Block 15, Alpine Village No. 3. Schedule 21250 15010, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$90.63.

Tax certificate #7838 is assigned to Teresa and Kevin Petty. Assessed owner is Edward C. Tietig. Property is located at Lot 18, Block 17, Alpine Village No. 1. Schedule 21251 17013, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$134.05.

Tax certificate #7857 is assigned to Shirley Swan Irr. Trust. Assessed owner is Edward C. Tietig. Property is located at Lot 12, Block 30, Alpine Village No. 2. Schedule 21252 30009, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$133.06.

Tax certificate #7814 is assigned to Richard S. Tetu. Assessed owner is William L. Salyers. Property is located at Lot 3, Block 11, Alpine Village No. 3. Schedule 21250 11003, for tax year 2014, in the amount of \$282.14.

July 2018 Mid-Month Vouchers (including second run)

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Adamson Police Products	Acct Co521/Pino	\$77.95
All Truck and Trailer	Switch Assembly Steering	\$114.48
Alta Fuels, LLC	Acct# 1935	\$3,832.54
American Electric Company	3 Lights/Lamps for the Annex Building	\$58.57
Antonio Martinez	Monthly Pay for June 2018	\$145.50
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Rental Portable Restrooms Biweekly	\$76.00
CATA-Co Assn Tax Appraisers	CATA Registrations/Carden/Trujillo	\$500.00
CDHS Central Accounting	CDHS	\$3.00
CenturyLink	7198524781	\$431.30
CenturyLink	Telephone	60.22
Co Dept. of Pub Hlth & Env Co Division of Oil and Public Safety	Account 03-14 Isds Fees/"12" OWTS X \$20.00	\$240.00
	Elevator Certificate	\$30.00
Colorado Depart. of Revenue	Sales Tax for June 2018/01277561-0001	\$157.00
Community Resource Center	Co Grants Guide/Rural Municipal/Gov	
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Subscription	\$399.00
	Monthly Computer Services	\$2,624.96
Cynthia Ford	Coordinator Salary Last 1/2 of June	\$2,175.00
Cynthia Ford	Coordinator Salary July 1st Week	\$1,260.00
Cynthia Ford	Miles and Verizon	\$242.13
Cynthia Ford	Miles for June 19 2018	\$193.05
District Attorney Office	7th Portion of the 2018 Budget	\$19,666.67
DP Ag Services	Vanquish Herbicide	\$790.35
	Hi-Dep Herbicide/Rangestar	
DP Ag Services	Herbicide/Vaporgard/Locktite	\$936.85
El Paso County Coroner	Autopsy	1400
Endpoint Direct, Inc.	Postage Delinq Notices	\$586.97
	Acct# 3737546/Rigid Long Arm Kit/Easy Wedge	
Galls, LLC	Inflatable/Uniforms	\$327.33
GCR Tire Center/Tds	Cust# 636802	\$9,668.68
Great America Financial		136.17
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Inv Cont - 560202 560269	\$2,697.51

Hart of the Valley, LLC	Repairs	120.95
ID Edge	Acct Riograqnde2	\$140.00
	Inv Cont - 337948 338670 338836 339711	
	340350 341093 341403 240188 240373	
Jack's Market	141829 344322 344424	\$102.31
Jade Communications, LLC	Acct 2938	\$86.91
Ken's Service Center	Inv Cont - 51470 51563 51552 51245	\$2,028.22
Ken's Service Center	Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	\$92.14
Kimberly Vialpando	Monthly Pay for June 2018	\$605.70
Mary Sue's Morsels	Meetings - Nancy	\$200.00
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Quarterly Website Hosting RGPP	\$120.00
MDS Waste & Recycle, Inc.	Recycling of Chemical Containers	\$34.00
MDS Waste & Recycle, Inc.	July	\$143.00
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Inv Cont - 810001145/Acct# 1052229	\$366.40
Modern Marketing	Acct# Msd81132	\$986.92
Mona Syring	Clerk to the Board - 6/3-6/27/2018	\$432.00
	Acct RGSO/Reset Picture Window In Sheriff's	
Monte Glass Shop	Office	\$80.10
	Fuel/Pick Up Repair/Sprayer Repair/Shop Tools	
Monte Vista Cooperative	/Acct# 4545094	\$1,375.88
	Acct RGSO/Light Bar Inop, Rear Bumper Lights	
Moonlight Customs LLC.	Inop	\$289.00
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	Unit 84	\$23.70
	Meals for Drives Training 6 Emp X 10 Days X	
Mystic Biscuit	\$15	\$900.00
O & V Printing, Inc.	Vinyl Lettering	\$95.31
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment Drug Tests	\$111.00
R&D Towing	2012 F150 Took to Kens	\$220.00
Rio Grande Hospital	Lab Fee	\$34.00
Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC	Ciproflozacin/Dozycycl/Emergency Medications	\$165.36
Roni Wisdom	Miles to Montrose for Budget Training w/ Tina	\$76.73
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$36.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$42.40
Sam's Club	Acct# 10182538	\$1,891.51
San Luis Valley TV Inc.	3rd Quarter/Statement #3 2018	\$1,450.00
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Tubersol/Typhim Vi/Jap B Encp	\$1,995.11
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont - 10984485 10941206	\$3,794.62
Sirchie Products, LLC	Acct RGSO/Search Kit Evidence Tube	\$474.95
SLV Development Resource Group	Grant Pass Through Request #8	\$69,600.00
SLV Parts, Inc.	Snap Ring Pliers/Acct 7050	\$7.99
South Fork Lumber	Rebar	\$56.49
Stericycle Inc.	Containers	\$83.34
Superior Filtration Products	Filters for Jail	\$1,058.72
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Elevator Inspection	821.44
	Acct# 5660/Made Repairs On Valves/Repair	
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC	and Install New Toilets	\$3,995.45
Town of Del Norte	Cust#'s 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01/1538.01	\$548.37
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Acct# Riogr007	\$25.87
Valcomm	Antenna	\$138.00
Valley Courier	48 Weeks Acct RGSO Subscription	\$115.00
	Request for Proposal - Design/Build Bids to	
Valley Courier	Construct A Terminal Facility	\$23.25
Valley Equipment Leasing, Inc.	RGCMV	\$2,383.19
Valley Lock and Security, Inc.	Monitoring	\$105.00
Valley Publishing	Legal 4229 - 6/20/Announcement In the Paper	\$8.00
Valley Publishing	Lnmark Frontier	\$24.00

Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00002	\$250.13
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00005	\$170.68
Victim Assistance Fund	VA	\$3.00
	Inv Cont - PooC2075929, PooC20759058, Po3C0466414, Po3C0466640, Poor0426755 /	
Wagner Equipment	Acct 74470	\$1,014.33
Waste Management	Trash	234.06
WSB Computer Services	Back-B9Up Battery for County Phone System	\$230.20
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$2,772.59
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$2,116.93
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1083310-0	\$2,082.75
Total		\$155,214.23

July 2018 End-of-the-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
2nd Steel	Parts	\$704.86
Ace Towing	Impound	\$307.50
Airgas USA, LLC	Welding Supplies/Acct2414544	\$220.37
Alamosa County	August Rent 2016 Grant M&A	\$315.00
	Inv Cont - 192334, 192723, 194037, 194201, 194202	\$17,485.78
Alta Fuels, LLC	Fan for Tina's Office	\$36.70
Brandon Rogers	2 Board Meeting and Miles	\$112.33
	DN Hot plant Customer Restroom/8 North 5 East Restroom	\$50.50
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Pump Grease Trap	\$460.00
Bryan Christensen	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$120.70
Business Solutions Leasing, Inc.	Copy Lease	\$60.10
Carla Clutter	Election Judge Rla/Mileage	\$102.00
CATA-Co Assn Tax Appraisers	CATA Dues for Tim & Dale	\$50.00
Celbee Gallegos	Election Judge	\$220.00
CenturyLink	7196570646508	\$159.94
CenturyLink	7196573454	\$59.92
CenturyLink	7198735588	\$57.51
Charles Stillings	Board Meeting and Meeting Miles	\$65.75
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000703800	\$97.39
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000860100	\$124.60
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000751300	\$566.55
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000758500	\$97.75
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct#7000751200	\$526.25
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000709880	\$59.95
Co. Bureau of Investigation	Acct# Co0530Ccw	\$105.00
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Land Records Mgmt System	\$1,657.80
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Comp Services/Additional Seat	\$656.25
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Track Search	\$25.00
Cynthia Ford	Miles to Meetings	\$294.75
Cynthia Ford	HCC Coordinator Salary	\$1,515.00
David Yoder	Repaint Tina's Office Walls	\$250.00
Dianne Koshak	Miles to Meetings	\$57.60
Direct TV	Acct# 045235405	\$178.98
Doug Cooper	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$104.14
DP Ag Services	Vaporgard	\$353.50
Dwight Freeman	Board Meeting and Miles	\$63.50
Element Engineering, LLC	Wastewater Treatment #4	\$860.00
Emily Brown	Miles to Meetings	\$565.93
Everett Myers	Board Meeting and Miles	\$65.30
Faiz Jaspar Abu-Jaber	SLVPHP Community Health	\$1,200.00
	Mileage and Per Diem and Parking for Meeting	
Gene Glover	CCI-Denver	\$316.94
Gobins, Inc.	Copier	\$33.78
Grainger Parts	Window A/C Heat	\$739.65

Grover Hathorn	Board Meeting and Miles	\$63.50
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Tires for County Vehicle	\$329.36
Haynie's Inc.	Acct# 7066	\$1,043.18
Ida Salazar	Miles to Meetings	\$230.40
James Clare	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$102.25
Jean Borrego	Coordinator Salary/Shsg 2016 Proj 1 L 1	\$5,000.00
Jean Borrego	Travel/Shsg Proj 1 L 2	\$162.00
Jean Borrego	Shsg 2016 Proj 1 L 3/Verizon	\$100.69
Jeanette Howey	Election Judge Canvass/Mileage	\$68.00
Jorie Scott	Election Judge Rla/Mileage	\$102.00
KD Klene	Acct# S10627172P	\$126.48
Kimberly Bryant	June 2018 Monthly Pay	\$4,112.67
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay June 2018	\$1,609.87
	2018 Web Search Storage and Access	
Leds, LLC	Fee/April/May/June	\$1,716.00
Lenco West, Inc.	Parts	\$37.36
Leroy A Romero	Monthly Office Cleaning	\$150.00
Leslie Lopez	Mileage for June and July	\$48.60
Linda Robinson	Election Judge Canvass/Mileage	\$88.50
Lyle Signs, Inc.	Street Signs	\$1,084.72
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment	\$30.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment – RN	\$30.00
Mark Mueller	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$112.60
McKesson Medical Surgical	EPR Supplies	\$90.98
Mike Schaefer	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$112.60
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Recycling Fee	\$28.00
Monica Falk	Election Judge/Mileage	\$236.50
Monica Felix	Election Judge/Mileage	\$290.50
Monte Canvas and Upholstery	Repair to Curtain and Screen /McMullen	\$120.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4532229	\$10.00
	Inv Cont - 3141 4342 15297 16570 16510 608	
	15729 3241 2887 15797 14986 3826 14041	
Monte Vista Cooperative	16913 15729 15152/Acct# 4531231	\$569.85
Monte Vista Machine Tool	Bend Material	\$20.00
Mountain View Restaurant	Craw Sim/Work Group Work Shop	\$131.88
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	Po A31	\$261.56
Nancy Davis	Election Judge/Mileage	\$263.50
Nancy Molina	Miles to Meetings	\$108.00
O & V Printing, Inc.	Tina's Business Cards	\$116.00
Parts Plus of New Mexico, Inc.	Acct# 13016	\$26.45
Paul Wertz	Miles to Meetings	\$67.95
Peggy J Kern	Mileage to PO and Dist. Meeting	\$36.45
Petty Cash, R & B Dept.	Postage/Repairs/Per Diem/Misc.	\$82.16
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$37.00
Pro Com, LLC	Pre-Employment	\$74.00
Pro Com, LLC	Acct# RGSO Pre-Employment Rn	\$37.00
	June 30 2017 - June 30 2018 Postage for Public Health	
Rio Grande County		\$168.43
Rio Grande County	June 30 2017 - June 30 2018 Postage for EPSDT	\$38.59
Rio Grande Hospital	Pre-Employment	\$34.00
Rocky Mountain Plumbing	PVC threaded Sprinklers	\$18.15
Runbeck Election Services	Shipping - Toner & Drum - Bod	\$37.08
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water for July	\$18.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$40.00
Sarah H. Rierson	Election Judge/Mileage	\$253.80
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont - 10941206 Cr 10941206/Acct# 86268	\$3,016.68
SLV Behavioral Health Group, Inc.	Behavioral Health Group/Sim - June 2018	\$7,414.89
SLV Parts, Inc.	Round Mirror	\$14.67
SLV REC	Acct# 4705001905	\$98.00
	Acct#	
	1337000605/7000235200/7000524700/70005414	
SLV REC	00	\$504.00

SLV REC	SF - 4699010705/DN - 759843705	\$175.00
Solar Traffic System, Inc.	Sla Battery Pack	\$75.00
Staples Business	Toner	\$106.99
State of Colorado	July 2018 Renewals	\$492.24
	Inv Cont - 302900817, 3035290805, 3050710818, 4098040800, 3055950800, 4002440804, 2064060823	
Summit Market		\$148.03
Terisa Atkins	Election Judge/Mileage	\$290.50
The Master's Touch, LLC	Remainder of Printing	\$2.22
Tom Haefeli	May and June Board Meeting and Miles	\$132.40
Toni Steffens-Steward	Consulting June 2018	\$1,800.00
Total Office Solutions	Toner, Ink, Towel and Stamp	\$588.41
Total Office Solutions	Acct# 13756/Planner	\$14.29
Town of Del Norte	Acct# 1538.01/12 Months Water and Sewer	\$1,055.88
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Part	\$1,886.25
Ultramax	Acct# Ri115	\$2,540.00
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement/6/22-7/21/2018	\$124.31
Valley Courier	Help Wanted Ad for Clerk	\$150.75
	Add Switch and Light Fixture In Office/Add 2 Led Lights Tina's Office	
Valley Electric, Inc.		\$1,435.29
	Inv Cont - 98431 98525 98523 98524/Acct# RGCMV	
Valley Equipment Leasing, Inc.		\$8,556.94
Valley Publishing	Prevent Youth Substance Ad	\$215.00
Vaxcare, Inc.	June 2018 Payment	\$272.42
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006-May 26-June 25	\$299.48
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 842020320-00001	\$361.86
	Inv Cont - So3W0840491, PooC2077114, Po3C0467513, PooC2079257, Po3C0467026	
Wagner Equipment		\$6,881.90
Wesley O'Rourke	Board Meeting and Miles	\$63.50
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-819100-9	\$366.13
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-819105-5	\$531.38
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-821424-9	\$4,898.53
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$656.25
WSB Computer Services	Apc Backup - Equipment Room	\$214.00
WSB Computer Services	Office Equipment (Computer Services)	\$511.00
WSB Computer Services	Maintenance Agreement	\$2,500.00
Xcel Energy	Acct# 531143312-0	\$1,413.40
	Acct# 53-1084871-0 Balance from Payment on July 10 th	
Xcel Energy		\$863.57
TOTAL		\$101,452.34

July 2018 Payroll

County General:	\$210,535.21
Road and Bridge:	\$ 75,086.14
Social Services:	\$118,829.54
Weed District:	\$ 11,347.44
Airport:	\$ 784.37
Public Health:	\$ 24,082.09
TOTAL:	\$440,664.79

At 9:15 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 9:26 a.m., the Board meeting resumed. Tom Monaco, Small Business Development Center, was present.

Mr. Monaco explained that the SBDC is a resource to small businesses and serves as a support for economic development in the Valley. He said he is reaching out to all Valley communities in order to serve them better and to not appear Alamosa-centric. Mr. Monaco plans to spend one day per month in each community to discover each one's business challenges.

Mr. Monaco stated that he is creating an education plan for the Valley; Leading Edge will be brought back and will be presented twice per year. There will also be Lunch and Learn meetings and roundtable discussions with successful business owners. Mr. Monaco also said there is grant funding for health education.

Chairman Glover stated that this is the direction that SBDC should go. He said that training and leadership are important, and asked if Mr. Monaco would speak to the local Rotary club.

Mr. Monaco said that his goal is to be seen consistently and to slowly build relationships. Chairman Glover said that the problem with the SBDC has been that people had to travel to Alamosa to meet with it. He suggested that Mr. Monaco speak to Barry Van Zandt, president of the Saguache Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Bothell also suggested that Mr. Monaco speak to high school students. She said the students have plans to be explored and need to learn soft business skills. Mr. Monaco said he spoke to at-risk students in San Luis, recently. Chairman Glover said a program for youth would be good. Commissioner Bothell suggested meeting with Future Business Leaders of America clubs. Mr. Monaco added that meetings will be held with Adams State University and Trinidad State Junior College.

Mr. Monaco stated that business owners need to provide employee retention. He said he may create a blog so the public can comment on what it wants in terms of businesses to incubate.

Mr. Monaco explained that one of the challenges to business creation is that there is not enough fiber optic capability; another challenge is attracting millennials to the area. Mr. Monaco said that SBDC wants to support each community's vision and more community consultants are needed. Commissioner Bothell said that seeds need to be planted.

Mr. Monaco stated that there are many support jobs in the fields of value-added agriculture and unmanned aerial vehicles. He said that vocational jobs can lead to very good careers and salaries. He suggested creating a "makers' space," which would allow several businesses access to equipment.

Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, reported that health inspections are required for restaurants and health inspectors are needed. She suggested that Mr. Monaco contact Lynnea Rappold from Alamosa County when food-based businesses or tattoo businesses are being considered. Mr. Monaco explained that he encourages people considering new businesses to contact their county's land use department and the relevant inspectors before starting the business.

Charlie Spielman stated that the middle school in Monte Vista was originally a vocational school. Ms. Wisdom noted that the vocational school lost its funding. Chairman Glover said that Cortez had a good vocational/technical school, but it also changed.

At 9:50 a.m., Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board.

Ms. Brown reported that a health assessment planning and staff retreat is tentatively planned for August 20 or 24, 2018. The Public Health Office will be closed on the day of the retreat.

Ms. Brown reported that the travel clinic will be postponed until a new nurse is hired. Travel clinics are available in Salida, Durango, and Pueblo.

Ms. Brown distributed a chart compiled by the Area Health Education Center regarding demographic information for the SLV Health Access Risk Reduction Project. Ms. Brown said that 45 clients have been served by this project, most of which are from Alamosa County. Ms. Wisdom asked if this is because AHEC is in Alamosa, and Ms. Brown said that this is where the program is set up, so it is convenient and transportation is easy. Ms. Brown said that the Department is working to set up a similar program in Monte Vista, if it is needed and if there is interest there. Commissioner Bothell asked if 45 clients is enough to justify the cost of the program. Ms. Brown said that there are not many costs associated with the program. The program is staffed by Americorps and other volunteers, and Valley Wide Health Systems provides its mobile van. The main costs are for needles. Ms. Brown said that some funding will become available in November, which will help pay for staff and supplies for other sites. The program runs only one day per week.

Ms. Wisdom asked if drug users were part of the needle exchange. Ms. Brown said that to be part of the program, clients must become members with identification and supply their demographics. Program rules are explained to each client. Clients are given clean needles and the old needles are disposed of. Clients are also given the opportunity to obtain services such as testing, care coordination, and counseling. Ms. Brown said that this program provides trusted support to its clients. She said that Behavioral Health in Monte Vista may have available space for a program and noted that it would be worth starting a program in Monte Vista.

Commissioner Bothell reported that at the recent San Luis Valley County Commissioners meeting a questionnaire was distributed that referred to “special communities.” She said that several attendees were offended by the question. Ms. Brown said she would research the issue.

Ms. Brown reported that there will be a Big Latch On event at Carroll Park in Alamosa on August 3, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. There will also be a Neonatal Symposium on August 9 and 10, 2018, in Alamosa. There will be a Healthcare Coalition Council meeting on August 14, 2018, in Denver.

Ms. Brown reported that there will be a Colorado Directors of Environmental Health meeting on July 26 and 27, 2018 in Alamosa. She explained that Lynnea Rappold is part of this group. She said that there will be a mold seminar and Brown’s Septic will make a presentation on how the septic process works.

Ms. Brown reported that there will be a Public Health Business Summit on July 26, 2018, in Denver. Tina Wilson will accompany Ms. Brown to this meeting. The grant process and other financial information will be discussed. Ms. Wisdom said there will be a conference on the Super Circular in October that Ms. Wilson should attend, as well. She asked if the Department of Public Health could assist with the cost of attending this conference. Ms. Brown said it could.

Ms. Brown reported that the Department has a nursing position open. The applicants must be Registered Nurses. Two applications have been received through Facebook. The ads will close on August 8, 2018.

At 10:10 a.m., Charles Spielman was present to discuss the Superfund site at Summitville. Mr. Spielman has written and published an editorial for the Valley Courier and the Monte Vista Journal with this information. Mr. Spielman proposes that the site no longer be designated as a Superfund site. He said he is deadly serious about this proposal and will talk to the State.

Mr. Spielman reported that Joe Harrington proposed to purchase the Superfund site in 2004. He stated that Mr. Harrington can cure the site rather than treating the symptoms. Mr. Spielman said that technology has improved and there is a good chance Mr. Harrington can succeed at Summitville like he has at the London Mine. Commissioner Bothell asked if there is an option to purchase a Superfund site, once the Environmental Protection Agency has made the designation. Mr. Spielman said he would find out.

Mr. Spielman reported that the operating costs of the site are in the amount of \$2 million. He noted that 90 percent of this amount is paid by the EPA; 10 percent is paid by the State. He said that in a few years the State will be responsible for the entire amount. He said that even if the BOCC rejects this proposal, the site could still be turned over. If the BOCC approves the proposal, maybe the State will change the designation. Commissioner Bothell asked if there are documents to support this proposal. Mr. Spielman said that with new people at the State and County levels, it might be possible.

Mr. Spielman said the benefits to the County of this proposal include improving the water quality of the Alamosa River and there is also the possibility of a mining project, which would provide jobs. Mr. Spielman suggested there might be enough gold and silver content in the heap leach pile to justify reprocessing this material. He said developing mineral properties is “iffy.”

Ms. Wisdom asked how the EPA reacted to the purchase proposal in 2004. Mr. Spielman said the offer was made to buy the site and change the acidity of the soil and to stop the leaching by using potatoes. Mr. Spielman said the BOCC at the time hesitated and the State and EPA were not in favor of the purchase.

Commissioner Bothell expressed concern that the EPA receives so much money for maintaining the site. She said that property tax revenue from the site and jobs would be good for the County. Mr. Spielman encouraged the Board to keep an open mind and asked it to not be in direct opposition to the proposal. He asked for an explanation of the preservation project at Summitville. Ms. Wisdom explained that the preservation is restricted to a miner’s cabin. She said that the area of the Superfund site has been reduced and that the town is no longer part of the Superfund site. Chairman Glover stated that his mind is open, especially if there is a possibility of jobs and mining. Commissioner Bothell noted that federal funds are “her money” and that she would support the proposal because having a Superfund site in the County is not good.

At 10:30 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the forced entry list from the Weed District. Ms. Wisdom reported that no forced entries have been done this year. Chairman Glover asked how the previous list was resolved. He said he would ask this question at the Weed District meeting

tonight. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the forced entry list. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The list includes:

Land Owner/Lessee	Weed Species	Parcel No.	Mode and Date of Inspection
Tom and Sherri Henton	Russian Knapweed, Swainson Pea	6311201001	Mailed written notice 7/2/18
Marvin Calkin	Russian Knapweed		7/3/18
Claunch AR Ranches/Partners		6313100282, 6313400318	7/3/18
Tri-County Properties		6314200364, 531100356, 6113100055	Called 7/3/18
Eric Pfannenstiel		371600474	Called 7/5/18
Century Property Management – Rental Property	Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress	6310300230	Contacted via voicemail 7/5/18
			Verbal notice to renters 7/5/18
Michael Quintana	Russian Knapweed	3924100057	Verbal notice 6/28/18
Pescatore/Old Western Heritage LLC	Russian Knapweed, Canadian Thistle	4126300081	Called
David Schneider	Spotted Knapweed	2133409004	Mailed written notice 7/19/18
Paula Diepolder	Spotted Knapweed	2133409016	Mailed written notice 7/19/18
Rebecca Helmstetler	Spotted Knapweed	2133409008	Mailed written notice 7/19/18
Joe and Suzanne Dudek	Musk Thistle	2133409010	Mailed written notice 7/19/18
Rio Grande Club and Resort	Canadian Thistle, Spotted Knapweed, Field Bind Weed, Musk Thistle	2127300245	Mailed written notice 7/23/18
Craig Mintzlaff	Canadian Thistle	2126301006	Mailed written notice 7/23/18
Robert Flynn	Canadian Thistle	2126301009	Mailed written notice 7/23/18
Bear Creek Subdivision	Canadian Thistle	2126201030	Mailed written notice 7/23/18

At 10:35 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that Kristy Dennis will return to work on August 6, 2018.

Ms. Wisdom reported that because of personnel changes, the Wex Fuel Card authorization contacts need to be changed. She noted that the Department of Social Services is under the County General account. Ms. Wisdom requested approval for the following changes:

County General: Bobbie Hatton, Tina Wilson, Gene Glover
 Sheriff's Department: Bobbie Hatton, Tina Wilson, Frank Clark
 Road and Bridge: Olivia Romero, Tina Wilson, Patrick Sullivan

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the changes on the Wex Fuel account. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that two water heaters at the jail need to be replaced. The two 85-gallon water heaters were installed at the same time and one is leaking. She reported that Torres Plumbing and Heating provided a quote in the amount of \$15,409.00, which did not include labor, parts, or disposal of the old water heaters. Ms. Wisdom requested additional quotes from Vendola Plumbing and Heating, Husman Plumbing, Brumley Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning, Jaho Plumbing, Heating and Electrical, Rocky Mountain Plumbing Supplies, Ford Plumbing, and McQuitty Plumbing and Heating.

Husman Plumbing's quote was in the amount of \$21,990.00, including labor, disposal, and parts, for one water heater. Vendola Plumbing and Heating's quote was in the amount of \$18,872.00, including labor, parts, and disposal, for one water heater. Ms. Wisdom asked for quotes on on-demand water heaters. Vendola's quote for one on-demand water heater was in

the amount of \$14,715.00 for one water heater. Husman did not provide a quote for an on-demand water heater.

Commissioner Bothell said she learned two years ago that the water in this area is so cold that an on-demand water heater cannot heat the water enough. Chairman Glover said that he owns an on-demand water heater and has not experienced this problem. Commissioner Bothell said that another concern is that flies can be sucked into the unit and plug the filters. Chairman Glover said that the water heaters would be exhausted through a vent and that there should not be a problem with the filters. He said he spoke to Vendola about the problem with how hot the water should be for showers and the fact that the kitchen needs water that is hotter. It was suggested that a holding tank be installed with the on-demand system. Commissioner Bothell asked if the jail's kitchen had the appropriate plumbing for this. Chairman Glover said the kitchen's plumbing would be changed. Commissioner Bothell said that Frank Clark expressed concern that the existing water heaters are so large and would be difficult to remove. Ms. Wisdom explained that the plumbing companies reviewed the existing situation and understand the scope of the work. Commissioner Bothell asked if the energy costs for an on-demand water heater would be less, and Chairman Glover said they would. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the purchase of two on-demand water heaters from Vendola Plumbing and Heating, with the kitchen water heater to be installed separately from the other. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The quote was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a report from Frank Muniz, Alamosa County Veteran Affairs Service Officer, regarding the Veteran Transportation Network accomplishments for the grant year 2017 to 2018.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the second annual San Luis Valley economic development summit will be August 6, 2018, at Adams State University. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person. She asked if the Commissioners plan to attend. Chairman Glover and Commissioner Bothell said they would attend.

Ms. Wisdom reported having difficulty finding references for Zilo International, the sole company to bid on the public analysis project. Ms. Wisdom said that she has been able to obtain two vague references. Chairman Glover asked her to follow up on the matter.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the auditors are in the office. The audit will be complete August 15, 2018.

Ms. Wisdom reported speaking to American Fidelity to confirm that no fees would be charged to the County if employees decide to participate in American Fidelity programs. She said a one-day meeting would be held with employees to discuss health insurance. Commissioner Bothell said this will reduce paperwork and the Administration Office's work load. Chairman Glover noted that American Fidelity's report card presentation to each employee does not include CTSI information. He asked if HIPPA prevents this information from being shared. Ms. Wisdom will do more research.

Ms. Wisdom reported that a Board of Equalization meeting will be held on July 31, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Board scheduled a work session for August 8, 2018. Topics will include the Rio Grande Museum, Wolf Creek, and a solar garden subscription.

There will be a meeting with the Town of Del Norte on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

At 11:00 a.m., Sheriff Brian Norton, and Greg Slover, Tyler Kyffin, and Heather Paulson, Sargent School District, were present.

Mr. Slover stated that school shootings were never discussed when he was a child. As he progressed in his career, he worked for a school where there was a school shooting. That school received a grant from the city and the school to hire a school resource officer, which, he said, turned out well. He said that students do not have much respect for authority but the resource officer changed that image in a positive way.

Mr. Slover said that students and teachers are afraid because of the events of this year. He reported speaking to Sheriff Norton about partnering to provide a resource officer in the Sargent school. Both are in favor of this. Mr. Slover explained that the Sargent Board of Education has discuss this topic for two years. He said that grants to fund resource officers will likely become available in the future. He requested approval to work with the County in a joint effort to provide

a resource officer at Sargent because the school cannot afford it by itself. Chairman Glover said a school resource officer is not a luxury item and the students need to be kept safe.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the amount of funding required had been determined. Sheriff Norton reported that a deputy could work half-time at the school and half-time for the County to give him or her a 40-hour-a-week position for the four-day school week. The fifth day of the week could be worked for the County. Another option would be to hire the deputy to work only for the school and follow the school's schedule.

Sheriff Norton noted that there can be issues with a school resource officer liking the work at the school, but not liking work on the road. He said this causes turn over.

Sheriff Norton explained that training for a resource officer costs approximately \$2,000.00 for a 40- to 80-hour class. He stated that the number of calls to the school increased during the 2016-2017 school year, and increased again in 2018. He said a resource officer would be a benefit.

Chairman Glover asked if the resource officer would attend sports practices. Mr. Slover said this is probably not necessary.

Sheriff Norton recommended that the resource officer work with the school counselors in order to learn the students. He said if the resource officer at the school changes, it is difficult for the new officer to get to know the students.

Commissioner Bothell asked if someone could be hired to work on the school's schedule. Sheriff Norton said the right personality needs to be found. He said some people like to work with students. He also said that good information comes from working with the students. He recommended that a full-time deputy be hired who would work on the road the fifth day of the week and during the summer. Commissioner Bothell recommended that the resource officer take the same vacations the school takes. She asked if the school could pay half the officer's salary and benefits, noting that the cost of benefits is approximately 20 percent more than the salary.

Mr. Kyffin noted that parents are more comfortable with hiring a school resource officer than with arming teachers and staff. He said the board of education wants to work in partnership with the Sheriff's Office. He also noted that Sargent and Sangre de Cristo are targets for lone-wolf attacks. Ms. Paulson said that arming teachers is not an option and would be a distraction. Commissioner Bothell said a school resource officer is a good idea, especially if the school is willing to help pay for the position.

Sheriff Norton said that school shootings are a hot topic and that funding will be freed up to address the issue. He said the issue has been discussed for 16 years, noting that the response time to Sargent is 17 minutes; shootings happen in a matter of three to five minutes. Ms. Paulson stated that the board of education will set aside funding for a resource officer for three to five years, in which time other funding may become available. She also suggested the possibility of proposing a mill levy to fund the position. Commissioner Bothell asked if grants are currently available. Mr. Kyffin said grants are not available at this time, but the board of education is looking into the matter. He said the board of education would meet and provide the BOCC with firm costs.

Chairman Glover said that this is very doable and a resource officer is needed now. Commissioner Bothell asked if the officer can be hired by the time school starts. Ms. Paulson said the school would like the officer to start when school starts. Sheriff Norton said he can assign a deputy to the school on a day shift, until the 2019 budget is set. Sheriff Norton noted that if this is done for the Sargent school, the Monte Vista middle school may also request a resource officer. He explained that Sargent and the Monte Vista middle school are the only schools in the County that are not protected by a municipal police force. He expressed concern that there is armed security in the courthouse, but not in the schools.

Chairman Glover stated that he will take the issue to Larry Crowder and Scott Tipton. Commissioner Bothell asked if a Department of Local Affairs grant might be available to fund the position. Ms. Wisdom said she did not think so, because this is an operational position and DOLA does not make grants for operations.

Mr. Kyffin asked if the school could provide half the resource officer's salary up front, and when the County budget is set, the County could provide the other half. Chairman Glover said this could be explored. Ms. Wisdom said an intergovernmental agreement would be needed in order to determine how billing would be done. She said the agreement should also include the

benefits to be provided to the officer, as well as how the officer would be terminated if that became necessary. Mr. Kyffin said the board of education would review other IGAs.

Chairman Glover said that school starts on August 20, 2018. Commissioner Bothell said she would like to see a school resource officer at the school on the first day. Ms. Wisdom noted that the next BOCC meeting will be on August 15, 2018, and this could be approved at that meeting. Sheriff Norton said it may be hard to hire a deputy that quickly; he will discuss the position with two deputies who might be interested. Ms. Paulson said a special board of education meeting could be called, and Commissioner Bothell said that a work session could also be scheduled. Ms. Wisdom added this topic to the August 8, 2018, work session (9:00 a.m.). Sheriff Norton will contact other sheriff's departments to find sample IGAs.

At 11:45 a.m., the Board conducted its annual jail inspection.

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

Attest:

Gene Glover, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARING

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County of Rio Grande)

The Board Equalization of Rio Grande County met in session on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Members present were Chairman Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator and Acting Clerk of the Board, Roni Wisdom.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Glover called the Board hearing to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

THIS MATTER came before the Rio Grande County Board of Equalization for a hearing on the petition of Chad D. Shepherd and Heather D. Shepherd appealing the Rio Grande County Assessor's valuation of petitioner's property located at 52 Rio Vista Circle and 92 Rio Vista Circle, South Fork, Colorado, addressed on Schedule No. 2135204011 and Schedule No. 2135204014 respectively. The subject properties consist of vacant land.

Chad D. Shepherd represented himself. The County Assessor's office was represented by Tim Carden with Dale Trujillo and Jennifer J. Mondragon, Assessor, also present.

At the request of Commissioner Glover, Tim Carden presented first. His presentation stated the following:

- It was the Assessor's duty to determine the Market value of the subject properties for ad valorem tax purposes as of June 30, 2016.
- The property is presently zoned commercial but could be zoned residential. Mr. Carden valued the properties using residential comparable sales as there are insufficient comparable commercial sales to determine the commercial zoning effect on the value. He believe the highest and best use of the properties is residential.
- Mr. Carden inspected the property on May 21, 2018, and again on July 24, 2018. Sales of comparable properties were identified from public databases and inspected on July 24, 2018.
- Mr. Carden stated that all sales follow a rigorous sales confirmation process to determine that the property was sold at an arm's length, market value. He noted that only sales that qualify as market value transactions were selected as comparable sales.
- Mr. Carden stated that as of June, 2016, there were 221 vacant lots for sale in the South Fork area, with a median number of sales per month of two indicating an oversupply of vacant lots, which created a sellout period of nine years and three months as of the appraisal date.
- The properties purchased by Mr. Shepherd were owned by a non-profit organization who received them as a donation. The purchase of these three lots on May 18, 2016, were determined to be un-representative of the current land market, based on comparable

sales. Two lots opposite the subject, were sold on April 14, 2016 for \$15,000. During sales confirmation process in 2016, the sellers admitted to selling the lots under duress due to health issues.

- Seven (7) comparable sales were identified and ranked relative to the subject. Based on the overall rank and the total number of changes, the three most comparable sales were 204 Bristlecone Drive, 159 Ute Trail (both inferior properties to the subject), and 234 Spruce Drive, (a superior property to the subject). The three most comparable properties had a range in un-adjusted sale price from \$17,500-\$29,500 per lot, supporting the equalization amount of \$22,100 per lot for the subject.

Table 1. Qualitative Analysis of Comparable Sales. -1 = inferior, 0 = the same, 1 = superior to subject.

Property	Access Road		Noise		View		Size (acres per lot)		Overall Rank	Total Changes	Sale Amount (per lot)	Sale Date
	Description	Rank	Description	Rank	Description	Rank	Description	Rank				
204 Bristlecone Dr	Dirt Road	0	Traffic Noise	0	Open mountain	0	0.11	-1	-1	1	23,500	3/29/2016
159 Ute Tr	Dirt Road	0	Traffic Noise	0	Enclosed - Trees	-1	0.25 (Each - 2 lots)	0	-1	1	17,500	2/23/2016
Subject	Dirt Road	0	Traffic Noise	0	Open mountain	0	0.31	0	0	0	22,100	6/30/2016
234 Spruce Dr	Paved Road	1	Traffic Noise	0	Open mountain	0	0.28	0	1	1	29,500	2/8/2013
98 Mesa St	Dirt Road	0	Light Traffic	1	Open mountain	0	0.56	1	2	2	21,600	2/18/2014
81 Woodchuck Dr	Paved Road	1	Traffic Noise	0	Open mountain	0	0.55	1	2	2	18,000	12/19/2013
469 Conifer Dr	Paved Road	1	Traffic Noise	0	Open mountain	0	0.51	1	2	2	35,500	5/12/2014
284 Sawmill St	Paved Road	1	Light Traffic	1	Open mountain	0	0.45	1	3	3	18,000	5/24/2016

Mr. Carden concluded that based on the comparable sales of vacant lots within the time frame, the equalization value of \$22,100 per lot is supported by the market. His recommendation to the Board of Equalization is to deny Mr. Shepherd's appeal and uphold the Assessor's adjusted 2018 total value of \$22,100 for 2135204011 and \$44,200 for 2135204014.

Commissioner Glover then asked Mr. Shephard for his comments. Mr. Shephard responded that he has had the lots for sale for \$9,000 with one lot for sale for \$7,000 and has not had any interest. When he purchased the lots, his taxes were \$900 and now they will go to \$1,600. His hope was to purchase the lots and build a vacation home on them. Now he feels that, unless the values are reduced, he will need to sell them as he cannot afford the taxes. He mentioned that there are several land owners around him that are trying to sell their lots but are not able to sell them either.

Mr. Shepherd brought pictures for the Commissioners to review, stating that his views were not good except to the north. There are RV storages, campers, and trailers, and the Lazy Bear Cabins in front of his lots and that no one will want to purchase them with those views.

Mr. Shepherd stated that if property values for vacant land continue to rise, it will drive people away from Rio Grande County. He expressed frustration that if he built a \$100,000 home on the property that his taxes would go down. Mr. Carden explained that was because of the assessment rate of residential versus vacant land, which is set in statute and mill levies could only change by a vote of the people.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the lots had power. Mr. Shepherd said there is power but that a meter set had not been set. He also mentioned that he drove 11 hours to be here for the hearing as this is very important to him.

Commissioner Bothell asked if his plan for building a cabin has changed. Mr. Shepherd said it would depend on today's decisions.

Commissioner Glover asked if there were any further questions or comments. There followed a wide ranging discussion of the Colorado Statutes regarding Assessors duties and requirements, how the property could be improved with trees and/or fencing to cover the less desirable views, the increase in taxes due to passage of the Del Norte School bond issue, the importance of arm's length transactions, and the effect on the market if other transactions are considered.

Commissioner Bothell explained that there was a danger in changing values "willy-nilly" without following due process for all property owners who would be wanting their values changed/lowered.

Mr. Shepherd mentioned again that the lots were not in a desirable location to which Commissioner Glover responded that he had purchased them.

Commissioner Shriver reiterated that the Assessor's offering had numbers and comparable sales from the same time frame with adjustments for differences in the lots. She said it would be hard for her to offer to change the valuation, maybe \$1,000 or \$2,000 but overall, that would not make a difference. She also mentioned that, as a Board, they have to ensure equal treatment for all.

Mr. Shepherd said that he realizes they have a process to follow but that the lots are not moving because they are too high priced.

Mr. Carden mentioned that the lots would be reappraised in next year and that Mr. Shepherd could protest his value next year.

Mr. Shepherd mentioned that the County may end up with a lot of property as people may just walk away due to the high taxes.

Commissioner Bothell mentioned that with the reappraisal next year, the value may change because of the fires and other factors. She also expressed that she understands his concern and how he feels but according to Colorado Statute, the Board cannot change the value.

Commissioner Glover mentioned several things happened that caused the increase including the School Bond issue.

Mr. Shepherd asked if he could be appraised agricultural – raise chickens or something; Mr. Trujillo responded "probably not." Ms. Mondragon mentioned that the subdivision probably had covenants that would prohibit that.

After both sides had presented evidence regarding the proper valuation of Mr. Shepherd's properties, Commissioner Shriver made a motion to retain the County Assessor's valuation of \$22,100 on petitioner's property identified on Schedule No. 2135204011 and \$44,200 on petitioner's property identified on Schedule No. 2135204014. Commissioner Shriver's motion was seconded by Commissioner Bothell and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote by the Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Shriver mentioned that Mr. Shepherd could appeal this decision to the next level. Mr. Carden told Mr. Shepherd the information to do that would be in a letter that we would be sending to him.

Mr. Shepherd asked if he could combine the lots to build a cabin on so as to reduce his tax liability on all of them. Mr. Trujillo suggested he come into the Assessor's office and he would help him look at what would provide the best benefit to him. Mr. Trujillo mentioned that it appears there may be an adjustment in the assessment rate which would reduce residential property taxes.

Mr. Shepherd thanked the Board and Assessor staff for listening and said he would see them next year.

At 9:45 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Roni Wisdom
Clerk of the Board