



At 9:37 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board.

Mr. Sullivan reported that cold weather ended the striping season; 75 percent of the striping projects are complete. Striping will begin again in April 2019.

Mr. Sullivan reported that staking for construction projects has started, included County Road 11 North at Highway 112, and County Road 11 South.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the channel under the bridge at County Road 6.5 North and County Road 4 West has been cleaned. Mr. Sullivan said that both sides of the bridge have been cleared, which created a 100-foot berm on each side. Mr. Sullivan noted that this bridge needs to be upgraded in the future.

Mr. Sullivan reported that a half-mile crushing and repair project was completed on County Road 70. He said this is a very rough road, and the tractor crusher was used. He reported that the crews are learning the different crushing materials that can be used successfully on specific roads. Commissioner Shriver asked if the crusher's teeth are holding up. Mr. Sullivan said they are holding up well.

Mr. Sullivan reported that wings are being installed on graders for the winter season.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the welding shop made two sander racks and installed them on the truck-mounted sanders. A sander can now be mounted in 15 minutes. One more sander rack needs to be built. Mr. Sullivan noted that these racks provide for safety and efficiency.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he and Darryl Miles attended the CCI winter conference. He said the most beneficial session focused on the Colorado 811 locating program. Mr. Sullivan explained that the County Road and Bridge Department is currently a Tier 2 member. By 2021, it will have to become a Tier 1 member. At that time, by law, the cost of a notification ticket issued to a facility owner will be \$1.42. Mr. Sullivan said that the Department needs to know if a company is digging on a County right of way and a permit to do so is needed from the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Sullivan said that the language on the Department's permit should change to clearly address the depth at which cable can be buried. This would allow the Department to migrate away from CO811 and the required positive response. He explained that a culvert system is not classified as an underground utility. Commissioner Bothell asked if the Road and Bridge Department inspects projects where cable is being buried. Mr. Sullivan said it does and suggested that the cost of these inspections should be passed along to the construction companies.

Mr. Sullivan reported on proposed work:

- Hauling rock to the hot plant for future crushing
- Starting the base work on County Road 11 North at Highway 112
- Cleaning the ponds at the hot plant
- Pushing stockpile in the Del Norte pit and the County Road 10 South pit
- Plowing snow as needed (crews were plowing on December 3, 2018)
- Grading as weather permits; shaping where possible

Chairman Glover asked if the Road and Bridge Department has any lighted stop signs left; Mr. Sullivan said it does. Chairman Glover asked if a lighted stop sign could be installed on County Road 3 East at Highway 112. He added that rumble strips have been removed from this intersection. Mr. Sullivan explained that a written request needs to be made of the Road and Bridge Department in order to obtain permission for the stop sign from the State. He stated that a limited number of lighted stop signs are available for high priority intersections. Chairman Glover asked why the rumble strips were removed from the intersection. Mr. Sullivan said that if a lighted stop sign is installed, rumble strips will also be installed. He said that the County can install the rumble strips and the State can install the lighted stop sign, and suggested that the County pay for the stop sign, if the Colorado Department of Transportation will maintain it. Chairman Glover asked that the rumble strips be installed now. Mr. Sullivan agreed, noting that other work on Highway 112 can be done through the summer.

At 10:00 a.m., Jody Kern, Department of Social Services, and Jackie Stevens, Single Entry Point, were present to update the Board.

Ms. Kern reported receiving a letter from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing that states that Rio Grande County's Single Entry Point must repay a deferred

revenue balance in the amount of \$522,907.00. This payment is to be sent no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019. Ms. Kern indicated that DSS Attorney Ryan Dunn believes this repayment might be avoided. She also said that a conference call is scheduled later today with other counties that want to refute the repayment.

Ms. Kern explained that Conejos and Costilla Counties will provide care for SEP clients, but will not provide case management. Alamosa County will provide case management and care will be provided by Ravenswood. Blue Peaks will provide care, but will not do case management. Ms. Kern said this leaves Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties to provide case management for the Valley. She noted that SEP remains understaffed; only two people have applied for the open position.

Ms. Kern reported that Rio Grande County SEP has the funds to make the repayment, but said she strongly disagrees with why it has to be made. She expressed concern about what will happen next. SEP cases were reviewed recently by the State, and there were two findings. However, the State did not provide information about which cases were reviewed. Ms. Kern stated that SEP cannot force clients to take recommended treatments. She said the paperwork associated with the reviews and other compliance are ridiculous.

Ms. Kern stated that it might be possible to combine services with another agency. She will explore the possibility of partnering with Alamosa County, but was unsure if this would be something they would be interested in.

Chairman Glover asked if Ms. Kern can discuss this issue with Alamosa County. Ms. Kern said she would with the approval of the BOCC. This discussion will help formulate strategy and determine options. Commissioner Bothell asked how partnering with Alamosa County would work. Ms. Kern stated that her preference would be for Rio Grande County to provide office space for staff that would report to Alamosa County. She said that both counties offer the same benefits, so staff would not lose anything. She stated that she does not want Mineral and Rio Grande County clients to lose services.

Commissioner Shriver suggested that Ms. Kern inform Colorado's federal representatives about this problem. Ms. Kern stated that communicating with the State is problematic, and having a federal advocate would be helpful. Ms. Kern said that the situation may change with the new administrative term in January. The entire amount that the State expects to be repaid by various SEP programs is \$12 million.

Chairman Glover stated that the County needs to be prepared. Ms. Kern said that there are 300 cases in Conejos and Costilla Counties, including Blue Peaks cases. These cases will have to be managed by some entity. Commissioner Shriver asked what the caseload is for County SEP staff. Ms. Stevens stated that staff handles approximately 70 cases each. Chairman Glover asked if Denver could refer cases to the County. Ms. Kern said that cases could come from Denver and the County will not know that until a client comes through the door. She said clients may choose who they want to manage their cases. Commissioner Bothell stated that it makes sense to have SEP administration in one place. Ms. Stevens said that there is no direction from the State and each program works differently.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve SEP exploring various options, including contacting federal representatives. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Shriver excused herself from the meeting. The discussion continued.

Ms. Kern stated that this is bad business to not involve the counties in the discussion before a letter is sent asking for the funds, and noted that relations between the State and counties have declined. She said that SEP is not a mandatory program and the State will not care if Rio Grande County pulls out of it. However, she stressed that there are clients to be served. Ms. Wisdom asked if it would help to hire an administrative assistant to work with SEP. Ms. Kern said it might be helpful, noting that Alamosa County has to administer the program in any case. Ms. Wisdom said that the solution to the problem might become a model for how the region can be served. Ms. Kern suggested that case management by Rio Grande County might be considered an in-kind contribution.

Ms. Kern explained that the SEP contract is signed on a yearly basis, and then the County is paid by the case. The rate paid is the same throughout the State, and Ms. Kern noted that payments are not always received in a timely manner. The current repayment amount was calculated based on information from 2009 to the present; Ms. Kern stated that the original promise was that any repayment would be calculated only one year back.

Ms. Kern stated that if the amount is not repaid, this may cause an audit finding. If a finding is noted, 50 percent of the DSS accounts would be audited for two years. Ms. Kern said this would be expensive and time consuming, and recommended that the entire amount be repaid.

At 10:30 a.m., Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department was present to update the Board. He reported that a Maintenance Department employee is taking a 12-week leave. A replacement was hired to start on December 2, 2018. Mr. Medina said there were some issues to work through.

Ms. Wisdom asked about the heating system. Mr. Medina reported that four to six steam valves have to be replaced; the valves have been ordered. Chairman Glover asked if the valves have pressure gauges. Mr. Medina said there are no pressure gauges on the valves. He said the valves work with thermostats.

Ms. Wisdom asked if the boiler needs to be replaced. Mr. Medina said the boiler is only 18 years old. He said there was a problem with the boiler this morning, but it has been repaired. Commissioner Bothell asked if the boiler should be inspected. Mr. Medina said that Ralph Martinez can inspect the boiler when he is doing other repair work on December 6, 2018.

Mr. Medina suggested installing water filters in each County building. He said that each filter would cost approximately \$1,500.00. Ms. Wisdom said that maintaining the filters will have to be worked out. Commissioner Bothell asked what would be filtered from the water. Mr. Medina said this would depend on the type of filter. Chairman Glover said that water filters should be researched. Mr. Medina will obtain information and prices.

Ms. Wisdom asked if the sprinkler system has been blown out, and if the Department is prepared for snow. Mr. Medina said that the snow sweeper needs repair. He said it can be used through the season and repaired in the spring.

Chairman Glover asked if the two generators recently taken over by County General are working. Mr. Medina said they both run and that they need batteries. Chairman Glover asked if they generate electricity. Commissioner Bothell stated that they should be kept in case of an emergency. Chairman Glover said that if the generators do not work, they should be discarded. He stated that batteries should not be installed now, but asked again that the electrical output be checked. Mr. Medina noted that batteries are not needed to start the generators. Commissioner Bothell asked if there are any other generators, besides the generator at the jail. Mr. Medina said there are no others. He stated that the generators are checked every Tuesday, and the oil is changed every four or five years. Mr. Medina said he does not know how to check for electrical output, but does check everything else.

At 10:52 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reviewed the Board's schedule for the next several weeks:

- December 2, 2018, reception for Dr. Carmen Simone, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Trinidad State Junior College, Alamosa
- December 11, 2018, Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council, Mountain View, Monte Vista
- December 11, 2018, Airport meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- December 12, 2018, BOCC special meeting for budget and resolutions
- December 12, 2018, equipment meeting with Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department
- December 13, 2018, Board of Health, 3:30 p.m. (Chairman Glover to attend)
- December 19, 2018, Managers' Meeting, 8:30 a.m.,
- December 19, 2018, BOCC meeting, 10:00 a.m., for the certification of mill levies
- December 28, 2018, BOCC meeting, 9:00 a.m., for supplemental budget
- January 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m., swearing in of newly elected officials
- January 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m., BOCC meeting for resolutions, meeting schedule, holidays
- January 8, 2019, Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council, 7:00 a.m., Windsor Hotel, Del Norte

Commissioner Bothell asked if there would be a salary increase for Road and Bridge staff that is different from the increase for other County employees. Ms. Wisdom explained that all County employees, including Road and Bridge staff, will receive a five percent cost of living increase, plus a two percent merit increase.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the newly drafted procurement policy requires a great deal of conversation. Commissioner Bothell said that input from department heads is needed. She also

suggested that a work session be scheduled with the Administration and Accounting staff and the Board to discuss new accounting policies. Ms. Wisdom stated that a meeting has been held with Administration and the Accounting staff, noting that everyone involved in the accounting process was involved in drafting the policies. She said that the accounts payable policies already existed, but internal procedures needed to be drafted in order to show checks and balances in the system.

Ms. Wisdom asked if employees of the SLV Regional Solid Waste Authority have chosen to obtain insurance through CTSI. Chairman Glover explained that approval is needed from CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency. Ms. Wisdom said there is a limited time to enroll the employees with CTSI. Chairman Glover said that CIA-Leavitt costs have increased.

Chairman Glover noted that the Tourism Board meeting, scheduled for December 12, 2018, may not be needed. New officers have been elected, and he recommended that the meeting be taken off the Board's schedule.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the monthly meetings with the City of Monte Vista will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. She said she is waiting to hear from the Town of Del Norte and the Town of South Fork.

Commissioner Bothell suggested dropping Columbus Day from the County's 2019 holiday schedule because it falls in the middle of the time the Board works on the next year's budget. She suggested exchanging this day for a full day off on December 24.

At 11:15 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the proclamation to recognize December 15, 2018, as Bill of Rights Day. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the proclamation. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Glover and Commissioner Bothell read the proclamation into the record:

#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the first ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 15, 2018 marks the two hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental human and civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights is the foundation of American liberty, securing our most fundamental rights including the freedom to speak, assemble, and practice our faith as we please; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers, and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving with police agencies and the Armed Forces of the United States, have sacrificed, suffered and died; and

WHEREAS, the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebration and the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a special day honoring the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights, and proclaims these rights to the citizens of Rio Grande County, the State of Colorado, this Nation, and to the World; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Commissioners for Rio Grande County, Colorado, hereby proclaim December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as:

#### **BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**

We urge all citizens of Rio Grande County, Colorado, to observe Bill of Rights Day in a manner that brings to mind the meaning and importance of each of the Ten Articles contained in the Bill of Rights.

GIVEN under our hands this 5th day of December, 2018.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The proclamation was signed. Ms. Wisdom explained that the proclamation will be recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder, posted on the bulletin at the courthouse, and will be run in the newspaper. Book 595 Page 383

At 11:20 a.m., Chairman Glover asked for updates from the Commissioners.

Chairman Glover reported that the Rio Grande County Library District has finalized its 2019 budget. He said the recent meeting was well attended, and the next meeting will be in March 2019. At that meeting, a new person will step in to lead the board.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a request from Dan Hicks, Town of South Fork. Mr. Hicks has asked that the Town of South Fork be paid by the Tourism Board for the second and third quarters of 2018. Ms. Wisdom said the request is not in accounts payable. Chairman Glover called a member of the Tourism Board, and was told that the payments were scheduled to be paid in November. Chairman Glover will contact Mr. Hicks.

Commissioner Bothell reported that it has been a calm week.

At 11:25 a.m., Ms. Wisdom asked the Board to name proxies for CCI steering committees. Commissioner Bothell stated that she will attend the steering committee meetings, and Chairman Glover said he would attend them as well. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve Jody Kern as the proxy for the Health and Human Services Committee, if one is needed. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bothell asked if information has been received from Community Energy Solar. Ms. Wisdom said no information has been received. She added that the solar garden at the middle school in Monte Vista is 94 percent subscribed at this time. She said that Wanda Patterson will be present later to encourage the County to subscribe to the solar garden. A work session has been scheduled for January 2019.

Commissioner Bothell expressed concern about getting something for nothing; she said it sounds too good. Ms. Wisdom said the contract with Community Energy Solar would be in force for 20 years. Chairman Glover said he was not opposed to installing solar panels on the courthouse, but is unsure what the solar garden will do. Ms. Wisdom explained that Community Energy Solar has estimated a savings to the County in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Commissioner Elect John Noffske asked why the solar garden needs subscribers. He also asked why Xcel Energy cannot provide subscriptions. Ms. Wisdom noted that the County was asked to subscribe earlier and did not subscribe. She said this is a different business model to understand.

Commissioner Bothell noted that Community Energy Solar has not presented a contract for the County to review. Mr. Noffske suggested that if the solar garden cannot be built without the County's subscription, the "pot should be sweetened."

Ms. Wisdom said the solar garden at the Monte Vista middle school has not been built. She told the Board that she has asked for references from people who have benefitted from Community Energy Solar projects; these references have not been provided.

Chairman Glover stated that the efficiency of solar power is not as good as previously thought. Ms. Wisdom stated that there are months when Del Norte Bank, with its solar panels, does not pay for electricity. Mr. Noffske stated that local farmers have not benefitted from solar power.

Chairman Glover said that it takes 20 years to pay off the contract with Community Energy Solar, and noted that there may be savings here and there. Commissioner Bothell stated that no electricity produced in the Valley stays in the Valley. If there is a power outage because the lines over Poncha Pass go down, the Valley will not have any electricity. Mr. Noffske said electricity staying in the Valley depends on the power grid structure. He asked why the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative is not participating with Community Energy Solar. Chairman Glover said that this question has been asked and has not been answered. Commissioner Bothell stated that solar gardens are being built because a new law must be complied with. She noted that solar power is not the most efficient source of power. Mr. Noffske said that the cheapest form of power is hydroelectric power. Chairman Glover said that this leaves the

options as coal and natural gas. Ms. Wisdom asked how Del Norte's solar gardens perform. She will ask Del Norte's Town Manager.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the contract with Valley Lock and Security for security at the Rio Grande County Museum should have been completed in 2016. That contract should have covered what was completed through the end of 2017. The meeting later today will be a good opportunity to talk to the company. Chairman Glover noted that the security system currently installed at the Museum is not what is needed. Commissioner Bothell noted that the 2016 contract may have been a low-ball bid. Chairman Glover stated that even if it is more expensive, the Museum's security system has to work.

At 11:45 a.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Glover called to order a public hearing to hear a conditional use application. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Bill Shoen and Thomas O'Rourke, as well as several community members were present. Chairman Glover swore in all those wishing to speak at the hearing.

Ms. Diltz explained that Mr. Shoen and Mr. O'Rourke have applied for a condition use permit to operate a gravel pit, located on Mr. Shoen's 295-acre property at 5367 County Road 15, South Fork. The property is zoned agricultural ranching. Notification of the application was sent to the 374 neighbors outside the perimeter of the property on October 22, 2018. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal on October 31, 2018. The Planning and Zoning Board heard the application on November 20, 2018. Ms. Diltz reported that 31 responses were received from neighbors: 17 neighbors were opposed to the gravel pit; 13 supported the gravel pit; one neighbor did not express either opposition or support. The letters were sent to the BOCC before the hearing. (These letters are on file in the Land Use office and can be reviewed on request.)

Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial of the permit because the gravel pit did not meet five specific requirements of the County's Land Use Code: location, truck traffic, visibility, visibility of equipment, and noise generation. Ms. Diltz reported that since the recommendation for denial, the applicants have mitigated, or tried to mitigate, the concerns of the Planning and Zoning Board.

The location of the gravel pit has been moved approximately one-quarter mile from any residence, except for the residence of the applicant. The area surrounding the gravel pit is now agricultural. The truck traffic access has been moved to the center of the property, off County Road 15. Ms. Diltz reported that the Road and Bridge Department has tentatively approved this access. Ms. Diltz said that a permit will be needed from the ditch company to install a culvert. Ms. Diltz reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation has approved the truck access.

Chairman Glover asked that the hearing attendees speak in turn, for two minutes each. He asked that the attendees not repeat others' comments.

Donnie Lee stated that he has lived in South Fork for 25 years and worked with CDOT for 34 years. He has worked in a gravel pit and noted that typical working hours of a gravel pit are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at which time the pit work is shut down. He said the proposed pit will run for one month. He said there will be sand and dust in the air, but noted that that is already the case in the area. Mr. Lee said that the Road and Bridge Department maintains the road. He recommended that Mr. Shoen and Mr. O'Rourke be given the opportunity to make money. He noted that without the proposed gravel pit, gravel has to travel too far to get to the South Fork area.

Murry Polk asked why notice of the hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal, rather than in the South Fork Times. He said the timing of the hearing was too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas, and expressed concern that people will not be allowed to be heard. He stated that the proposed gravel pit will create plenty of dust and requested that a decision be delayed until summer so that all the residents of the area can be heard.

Diann Velasquez stated that there will be noise from the proposed gravel pit. She stated that she does not oppose the project.

Don Lange stated that there is currently no dust or noise in this area. He said it is a beautiful Valley. He stated that the proposed gravel pit does not yet meet the standards outlined by Land Use Code. He said that gravel is available elsewhere, and disapproves of the project.

Julia Lange stated that Mr. Shoen and Mr. O'Rourke are her friends. She said she appreciates that the proposed gravel pit has been moved, but asked why it was done "under the dark of night." She explained that she was unaware of the mitigation efforts until she came to the hearing. She expressed concern that the proposed gravel pit will reduce the value of neighboring homes, and that the gravel pit will expand. She said that approving this gravel pit will set a precedent for the approval of others.

Michael Gatlin stated that he will hear noise every day, even at a quarter mile away. He said he moved to this area to "be in God's county." He said that people were against the proposed gravel pit, until they found out it is not located in Alpine Village.

Rick Hardy, River Island Ranch, reported that a recent lawsuit has been settled, and there are 60 lots for sale east of the proposed gravel pit. He said that the development's water system is complete. The developer and contractor are ready to build spec homes. He stated that the proposed gravel pit will make noise, and this will prevent the purchase of the spec homes. He said that it would be better to have several homeowners paying property taxes rather than one business. Mr. Hardy said that there are currently 16 homes in the River Island Ranch development and 13 of these homeowners live out of state.

Fritz Allen stated that he bought his property, which is close to the proposed gravel pit, in 1996. He said he has no problem with the project, and welcomes the possibility to obtain building materials close by. He noted that River Island Ranch has been improved but it does not want others to grow as well. He said that the efforts to mitigate the proposed gravel pit were good.

Hap Chapman said, "No gravel, no taxes, no benefit to the County."

Ms. Diltz explained that notice of the public hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal because, according to policy, it is the acknowledged newspaper of the County. She reiterated that all neighbors of the property, whether in-state or out of state, were notified of the conditional use application. She said it was their personal choice to travel to the hearing or not, or to send a comment letter or not. Ms. Diltz said that anyone who owned property more than 1,500 feet beyond the perimeter was not notified about the conditional use application.

Ms. Lange asked if the fact that the pit has been moved to another location on the property increases the number of neighbors who should be notified. Ms. Diltz said it does not.

Chairman Glover stated that State statute requires the County to use one newspaper for its public notices. Mr. Polk suggested that when the County is dealing with a project that affects one town, notices should be published in that town, as well. Chairman Glover said that tax dollars are used to publish the notices, and it would increase expenses if the notices are published everywhere. He said that letters were sent to neighbors to make sure everyone was notified. Mr. Polk said the process should be made more transparent. Chairman Glover said that neighbors could have responded. Ms. Diltz stated that only seven letters were returned due to undeliverable addresses. Ms. Lange stated that the proposed gravel pit will affect residents who live outside the area where people were notified. She also noted that County Road 15 is ATV friendly.

Mr. O'Rourke stated that after the Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the conditional use application be denied, a decision was made to mitigate the Land Use Code issues. Mr. O'Rourke said that Mr. Shoen said nothing about the River Island Ranch gravel pit, even though the gravel pit was close to his septic system. Mr. O'Rourke stated that he owns his own gravel pit on County Road 18, and noted that work is not done there every day.

Mr. O'Rourke explained that the location of the proposed gravel pit was moved 1,300 to 1,800 feet from any residence. With regard to equipment and noise, Mr. O'Rourke explained that the Bureau of Reclamation requires a no dust policy. He noted that a farm produces more dust than the proposed gravel pit will. Mr. O'Rourke stated that a berm will be created to reduce the noise from the proposed gravel pit. He said that only one front-end loader will be visible. Mr. O'Rourke noted that County Road 15 is already being used to deliver gravel; this is not new.

Mr. O'Rourke assured the Board that the proposed gravel pit will not be expanded. Work will begin in the fall of 2019 and will finish in 2027; it will be a temporary operation. He stated that the land around the proposed gravel pit is flat and difficult to irrigate. He also reported that the existing gravel pit has been beneficial to wildlife. He stated that the proposed gravel pit would be better than an RV park. He also said that gravel pits are regulated by the EPA, the County, the State, and the Bureau of Reclamation. He stated that gravel pits pay taxes.

Mr. Shoen stated that he does not see a problem with the proposed gravel pit. He said he lives next to the proposed gravel pit and his goal is to level the land and provide gravel as a benefit to people in the area. He acknowledged that the proposed gravel pit will generate noise, but this will not happen every day. He said that he does not see dust from Mr. O'Rourke's other gravel pit, and he cannot hear noise from the River Island Ranch gravel pit. He stated that property values have not decreased, and noted that the proposed gravel pit is not in a residential area. He stated that he has spoken with property owners near the proposed gravel pit, and no one has objected.

Chairman Glover asked if topsoil would be taken from the east wall of the proposed gravel pit. Mr. O'Rourke said topsoil will be taken from both walls. Chairman Glover asked if the equipment would be inside the proposed gravel pit and not visible. Mr. O'Rourke said that two trucks would be inside the proposed gravel pit. Mr. O'Rourke stated that other businesses would be allowed to use the proposed gravel pit, but he would rather reserve the gravel for himself. Mr. O'Rourke stated that the proposed gravel pit will close down at 5:00 p.m., and noted that the noise that will be generated is "the noise of work."

Commissioner Shriver asked about procedures with regard to the Planning and Zoning Board. She asked if the applicants were required to present their efforts to mitigate the Planning and Zoning Board's concerns to it again. Ms. Diltz explained that procedures have been followed. The first presentation to the Planning and Zoning Board allowed the concerns to be heard. The applicants chose to mitigate those concerns, so no further presentation is needed. Commissioner Shriver asked if the BOCC could set additional conditions on the conditional use application. She suggested that the proposed gravel pit be allowed to operate for no longer than through 2027, with a five-year review in the meantime. Mr. O'Rourke said that would be acceptable, and noted that the proposed gravel pit would likely not operate for that long.

Ms. Diltz explained that, according to County Land Use Code, the proposed gravel pit qualifies as a mining operation, with the exception that material will be hauled away from the site. She noted that River Island Ranch used its material on site, so did not have to apply for a conditional use permit. She stated that the proposed gravel pit could be allowed, if the concerns of the Planning and Zoning Board were mitigated.

Commissioner Shriver noted that there are pros and cons to this application. She said that all the land in the area was originally agricultural, then some of it was developed. The uses of the land have changed. She said that she has no problem with the mitigation efforts, if the time limits stated above become part of the approval. She added that along with the time limits, reclamation, a performance guarantee, and a bond should be required of the applicants. Commissioner Bothell said the applicants did a good job in their efforts to mitigate the concerns of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the conditional use application to operate a gravel pit through December 31, 2027, with a five-year review, with the conditions that reclamation be performed at the end of the operation, and that a performance guarantee and a bond be issued. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver told the applicants that a certified copy of the bond would be required.

Chairman Glover stated that the residents of affected municipalities will receive information in the future. However, he also said that the appropriate procedures were followed regarding this application.

Ms. Lange stated that the land owners were blindsided by the information received today that the location of the proposed gravel pit was moved. Mr. Hardy said that people should have been notified, and suggested that emails were received. Ms. Diltz stated that emails counted as comment letters. Chairman Glover explained that even though the location of the gravel pit was moved, it remained on the same property. Commissioner Bothell noted that this would not have changed who needed to be notified of the application.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the County Land Use Code Book is being revised and that the suggestions made during this meeting will be taken into consideration, and that the public should stay engaged during its development.

Ms. Lange asked how the gravel pit meets codes. Ms. Diltz explained that County Road 15 is a County road, rather than a residential road. Mr. Lange asked how moving the gravel pit met the codes. Ms. Lange stated that the gravel pit will still be visible. Commissioner Bothell explained that this is not a significant impact. Ms. Lange stated that 1,300 feet does not mitigate noise. Ms. Diltz explained that the gravel pit is now surrounded by agricultural land; the County Land Use Code Book does not specify a boundary. She stated that trucks will not run parallel to the

residential road; they can now move straight to the County road. Ms. Diltz also noted that any deliveries of gravel will be on residential roads. The berms will block visibility of the site. Ms. Diltz also said that letters of support were received after the mitigation plan was made. Ms. Diltz invited those who disagree with the procedure to discuss it with her. Mr. Polk said he learned of the changes to the gravel pit on Facebook. He claimed that this was a set up and not a transparent process. Ms. Diltz encouraged starting conversations, and explained that as a County employee, she is not allowed to respond to Facebook posts.

Ms. Lange asked if there are any next steps. She asked if the application was approved or if it has to be approved by the State. Commissioner Bothell asked the audience to provide input on the revised Land Use Code Book.

Mr. Allen stated that no one had a problem with the River Island Ranch gravel pit and the fact that it is not being reclaimed, so the concerns raised regarding the proposed gravel pit were puzzling. He stated that reclamation is required by law. Ms. Lange said that River Island Ranch should take responsibility for reclamation. Mr. Lange added that there will be many trucks. Mr. Allen said there will be a finite number of trucks no matter how long the proposed gravel pit operates. He added that Mr. Shoen and Mr. O'Rourke have been willing to work with their neighbors. Mr. Lange said that only two people will make money from the gravel pit. Shawn Early, Pueblo Bank and Trust, stated that he is concerned that it will be difficult to sell lots near the gravel pit.

Chairman Glover said that everyone needs to be on the same page, and that maybe notices should be sent to areas that might be concerned with future applications. He stated that the residents present are neighbors and should work together. He stressed that the procedures followed with this conditional use application were not underhanded and said that slanderous comments are not welcome. He added that the County Land Use Code is a living document. He thanked everyone for attending.

At 2:40 p.m., the public hearing was adjourned.

At 2:45 p.m., Wanda Patterson and Jonathon Moore, Community Energy Solar, were present to request the County's participation in a solar garden.

Ms. Patterson reported that she was able to access six Xcel Energy accounts with the County. She asked if there are more. The report produced based on these accounts indicates that 236 kilowatts would be available to the County. This would anchor the Monte Vista Solar 2 project. More power could be available if there are additional Xcel accounts.

Ms. Patterson reported that the solar garden that will be located at the Monte Vista middle school is fully permitted. Some of the subscribers include Monte Vista School District, North Conejos School District, and San Luis Valley Federal Bank. Other subscribers are confidential. Commissioner Shriver noted for full disclosure that she is a member of the San Luis Valley Federal Bank board of directors. Ms. Patterson reported that 10 percent of the project is reserved for low-income customers, so 50 families would be able to offset their energy bills over the next 20 years. Mr. Moore stated that estimated property taxes to be paid by the solar garden developer would be approximately \$35,000.00.

Ms. Patterson reported that the cost to build the solar garden would be approximately \$3.5 million. She said this is the last opportunity for the County to participate. Ms. Patterson noted that the project is limited by the capacity of the nearby substation, and there is no room left to build another project. Mr. Moore noted that Xcel has no plans to expand the number of substations. Ms. Patterson said that the goal is to close subscriptions as soon as possible.

Ms. Patterson reported that the annual Xcel credit rate will increase at a rate of 3.1 percent. The solar subscriber rate will increase at a rate of 2 percent. Any additional savings will be passed on to the subscriber. The net benefit to the County is estimated to be \$178,552.00. Mr. Moore said this is indicated in the Community Solar Garden Subscription Agreement. This agreement was distributed to the Board.

Chairman Glover asked if the subscribers would pay the difference, if there is a dip in rates. Ms. Patterson said the subscribers would pay the difference. Mr. Moore added that the SRC rates are adjusted yearly and are loosely based on retail rates. He noted that this is the risk of subscribing to the project. Commissioner Bothell asked why annual power production decreases yearly. Ms. Patterson explained that the solar panels become less efficient over time.

Ms. Wisdom asked who is responsible for maintaining the solar garden. Ms. Patterson said that Community Energy Solar will maintain the solar garden. Other than mowing the grass, little

maintenance is needed; the solar panels are not washed. Mr. Moore stated that he does not know how this affects efficiency, but will provide the information at a later date.

Commissioner Bothell asked how subscribers would be affected if, for example, a microburst destroyed the solar garden. Ms. Patterson explained that if there is no power production the system shuts down. The subscribers would return to their original Xcel rates.

Commissioner Shriver asked when the solar garden is scheduled to be built. Mr. Moore said the goal is to be operational by the end of June 2019. He said it will not take long to build the solar garden. He added that Community Energy Solar wants the County to participate. A second solar garden may or may not be built, but a property has been optioned. He stated that investors in the project require a solid municipal base. Commissioner Shriver clarified that no credits will be received by subscribers until the solar garden is built. Mr. Moore said that this is correct.

Commissioner Bothell asked who pays the solar credits. Mr. Moore said that Xcel pays the credits. Ms. Patterson said that the Xcel bill will show the solar production credit. A total of 100 percent of the credit will be given to the County, then the County will pay 90 percent of the credit to the developer (the County will keep 10 percent of the credit). Commissioner Bothell clarified that a check is written to the developer. Mr. Moore said the County will send the check to the developer. He noted that the County will pay no money down to subscribe. Ms. Wisdom noted that this reduces the debt of the developer.

Ms. Wisdom explained that the entire amount of the contract will have to be included in the County's budget. Commissioner Bothell asked if the bills will be paid monthly. The budgeting, billing, and check writing procedures were discussed.

Ms. Patterson reported that the SRC Subscriber Agency Agreement describes how the third-party developer works with Xcel. The developer has access to credits earned by the County so that billing will be done correctly.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the subscriptions would be complete if the County subscribes. Ms. Patterson said it would; however, there is some ability to adjust the number of subscribers. She stated that it is difficult to get subscriptions in the Valley, and noted that the Conejos County solar garden will probably not be built.

Chairman Glover said that the Board needs to discuss this project to see how the County would be affected. Mr. Moore suggested that the contracts be reviewed by the County Attorney. Chairman Glover said a decision could be reached fairly quickly.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the number of solar garden sites is limited. Mr. Moore said that two sites can be supported by the Homelake substation. The second possible solar garden has had to start from the beginning. Commissioner Bothell asked if another substation is available, and Mr. Moore said Xcel will not award another substation. Ms. Wisdom asked if the project has all the investors it needs, and Mr. Moore said it does. The credit worthiness of the customers is being weighed, with the goal of achieving a good balance between municipalities and subscribers.

At 3:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Gene Glover, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of the Rio Grande County Commissioners met in Special Session on December 12, 2018. Members present were Chairman Gene Glover via telephone, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell; acting Vice Chairman, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, Clerk of the Board Mona Syring, and Clerk of the Board in Training Nikita Christensen.

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

Vice Chairman Bothell asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Ms. Wisdom noted that the mid-month vouchers be added to the consent agenda. She noted that the vouchers had been sent out to the Board just not formally included in the agenda. She noted that she would like to change the policy discussion agenda item to an Administration update. Ms. Wisdom also noted that the Budget Resolutions should be in the order of: 1. Resolution to Adopt Budget, 2. Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money, 3. Resolution to Set Mill Levies. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve agenda as corrected. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Bothell asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the minutes with changes. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The consent agenda, which included accounts payable and mid-month vouchers, was presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the consent agenda. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Accounts payable and mid-month vouchers were signed.

The Resolution Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund, and Adopting a Budget for County of Rio Grande, Colorado for the Calendar Year beginning on the first day of January, 2019 and ending on the last day of December, 2019 was presented. Ms. Wisdom noted that there were no public comments regarding the budget. Chairman Glover moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Commissioner Shriver called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Shriver voted "nay", Vice Chairman Bothell voted "aye", and Chairman Glover voted "aye". The motion carried.

The 2019 budget passed two-one.  
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Commissioner Shriver explained her position on the Adoption of the Budget. She also submitted a written copy of her comments for the minutes, see below.  
*"As I said last year, the County is like a wheel with many spokes with all spokes having services and responsibilities that serve Rio Grande County residents. The Board (BOCC) is responsible for the budget of all the departments and other elected official offices of the County: the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Treasure, Coroner, the Sheriff's Department and Jail, Road and Bridge, Weed District, Airport, Department of Social Services, Department of Public Health, Land Use Department, Building Department, Maintenance Department, etc. Employees are the County's most important asset, and Rio Grande County has some excellent employees. I believe the Commissioners should not cherry pick preference of one department over another, which seemed to start last year with some. Again, each department or office has specific duties that it performs and serves the County.*

*I said last year, that I felt most all departments and offices were very frugal with their budgets with exception of one whom I feel was not managing the employee raises that were available or classifying the employees within the salary chart correctly. The start of increasing the salaries in one department has escalated to all departments which I don't blame the other department/office heads wanting larger raises for their employees to catch their employees up if one department is getting raises. It's not that I don't believe the County needs to pay more as I am PRO Employee, as I do want to give Rio Grande County employees as much as they deserve which is a lot; it just comes back to what the County can afford. Previous BOCC recognized that Rio Grande County was not keeping up with salaries compared to other areas such as Alamosa County, but it was recognized that Rio Grande County did not have the revenue that Alamosa County and some other areas with higher salaries had compared to our County.*

*Just to follow up with last year, it was pointed out that the Sheriff's Department's projected budget exceeded estimated property tax revenue. I stated, in my opinion, that the department was inefficient which began a County internal political upheaval. The 2019 Sheriff's budget was submitted by an out-going elected official. I hope the in-coming elected sheriff will look at his department for efficiencies and cost savings, plus ways to generate revenue which has been ignored in the past. As it was projected in 2018, the 2019 law enforcement budget is again more than the revenue generated from real estate property tax revenue. From 2018 to 2019, the real estate property tax revenue is projected to be flat. However, the expenses projected from the County's law enforcement budget are estimated to go up a total of 23 percent.*

<u>Projected Budget</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change from previous yr.</u>
R/E Property Tax Revenue	\$2,096,450	\$2,099,703	0.0015%

**Law Enforcement Proposed Budget:**

Sheriff	\$ 784,328	\$1,172,474	49%	
Jail	\$1,505,870	\$1,644,658	9.2%	
Total	\$2,290,198	\$2,817,132	23%	

*This year, the 2019 County general budget is projected to need \$2.1 million from its general fund account to be a balanced budget. This deficit spending trend cannot continue as it is not sustainable. I know some on the BOCC feel that the new law of being able to tax internet purchases will solve the County's revenue problem. This potential new source of funds will help the county's deficit, but won't solve the whole problem. The other issue is timing. It may take several years for the County to realize the full potential of this internet sales tax funding as there are many bugs to work out, and implementation has already been postponed this year with an out that it could be postponed again later in the year.*

*I appreciate the time County Administrator Wisdom has put in on developing this budget as well as all of the staff and other elected officials. Rio Grande County has some daunting challenges ahead, and I wish the public would have stayed engaged. I feel awareness needs to be brought to this issue. Continued deficit spending can't continue. The Board got a grant this past year and was on the path of seeking professional help which did not materialize. I hope the upcoming BOCC will continue to seek the grant opportunity and once again seek some professional help."*

The 2019 County Budget will be posted on the County's website.

2019 Budget Message

Enclosed please find the 2019 Rio Grande County Budget. This budget is for County General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Capital Expenditures, Conservation Trust, Astronaut Rominger Airport, Tourism and the Rio Grande County Weed Control District's 2019 budget. *The total of this budget is \$23,662,785 which is an increase of 5.42% from the 2018 budget. This consists of an 18.30% overall increase in Personnel, 2.18% reduction in Operating, and 49.41% increase in Capital Expenditures. Revenues are projected at an increase of 3.21%, which helps to offset the increase in expenses. However, if the budget stays true, the County will need to use \$2,107,199 of their fund balances to balance the budget.*

Rio Grande County financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue when eligibility requirements are met. Sales and use taxes, other taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues, and interest are all considered to be prone to accrual and so will be recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Major points of interest

- Revenues: We have projected slight increase in property taxes due to an increase in property tax assessments in 2018. Property taxes are 12.7% of the total budget, close to 2018 revenues. Local revenues are down slightly and intergovernmental revenues continue to decline.

Revenues	2017 Actual	% of Total	2018 Budget	% of Total	2019 Projected	% of Total
Property Taxes	\$ 2,776,112	15.9%	\$ 2,889,545	12.9%	\$ 2,994,054	12.7%
Local Revenues	\$ 2,572,113	14.7%	\$ 2,988,885	13.3%	\$ 2,788,827	11.8%
Intergovernmental	\$ 12,140,129	69.4%	\$ 15,007,246	66.9%	\$ 15,772,705	66.7%
Total Revenues	\$ 17,488,354	100.0%	\$ 20,885,676	93.0%	\$ 21,555,585	91.1%
Fund Reserves	\$ -		\$ 1,561,265	7.0%	\$ 2,107,199	8.9%
Balanced Budget	\$ 17,488,354		\$ 22,446,941		\$ 23,662,784	

- Sales taxes are trending slightly upward which is reflected in this budget.

- Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. There is pressure in Washington to make this mandatory funding instead of the discretionary program it is right now. At this point, funding remains steady but should Congress decide not to fund it, the County would have to make serious reductions in programs and employees.
  - Highway User's Tax Fund is statutory funding that comes from motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, driver's license fees, etc. It is projected to be lower in 2019.
  - Intergovernmental funds are made up of revenues that come through state and federal grants. This can be anything from TANF to Homeland Security grants and can vary widely from year to year depending on federal funding. Many of our employees and programs are dependent on this revenue.
  - Local funds including building permits, interest, licenses and permits, charges for services and miscellaneous. Building and other permits are trending slightly higher and are budgeted the same.
- Personnel:
    - Rio Grande County has experienced a need to substantially increase employee wages in an effort to keep quality staff. Several departments re-classified their employees during 2018 and the Commissioners are needing to address the needs of those departments that did not seek reclassifications. At this time, the budget reflects a 5% Cost of Living increase and the department heads will be able to offer a 2% merit increase upon a successful evaluation.
    - The Sheriff's department is requesting 4 new Deputies, 2 new Investigators, and addition of the Undersheriff, which has been open since 2016. Additional cost the Sheriff's department, without benefits, is estimated at \$258,000.
    - The Jail department is requesting \$2.00 per hour, for all employees which is an increase of approximately \$110,000. This is in lieu of any cost of living increases. The Jail department currently has 4 open positions.
    - Health insurance increased approximately 5.5% in 2019 which will be covered by employee premium increases. The Commissioners looked into a High Deductible Health Insurance plan to lower premiums but the majority of the staff was satisfied with the lower deductible and higher premium.
  - Capital Expenditures:
    - The following capital expenditures have preliminarily been approved:
      - 2 - Sheriff vehicles (\$80,000)
      - Coroner Van (\$30,000)
      - Emergency Manager vehicle (\$30,000)
      - County General: 1 SUV and 1 4-wheel drive vehicle for all County Staff (this cost is offset by sale of approximately 4 used vehicles) (\$60,000)
      - Social Services:
        - Transportation van (\$35,000)
        - Computers, laptops, copiers (\$100,000)
    - All departments requested small capital funding requests in anticipation of unexpected equipment replacement.
    - Replacement of carpeting in community room at the Annex and re-upholstery of the annex chairs (\$10,000)
    - Road and Bridge will be replacing the following:
      - Asphalt Distributor (\$210,000)
      - Hyster Lowboy Trailer (\$100,000)
      - Weed Mower (\$18,000)
      - 2 – Fleet vehicles (\$60,000)

**Rio Grande County Consolidated 2019 Budget**  
Final revision: November 29, 2018

	General Fund	Road and Bridge	Social Services	Airport	Capital Expenditures	Conservation Trust	Tourism	Public Health	Grand Total
2017 Fund Balance	\$4,128,130	\$5,454,140	\$874,891	\$225,529	\$8,180	\$392,048	\$248,253	\$379,013	\$11,710,184
Restricted Funds	-\$128,892	-\$562,837	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$691,729
Emergency Reserves (3%)	-\$140,000	-\$85,000	-\$78,000	-\$1,000	\$0	-\$200	-\$7,448	-\$8,000	-\$319,648
2018 Est. EOY Fund Balance	-\$132,073	-\$103,361	\$0	-\$8,487	\$0	\$18,460	-\$131,536	-\$95,781	-\$452,778
2018 EOY Est. Fund Balance	\$3,727,165	\$4,702,942	\$796,891	\$216,042	\$8,180	\$410,308	\$109,269	\$275,232	\$10,246,029
Taxes	\$3,255,503	\$422,064	\$494,267	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$76,167	\$4,408,001
Miscellaneous	\$91,730	\$5,250	\$30,000	\$246,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,100	\$393,080
Licenses & Permits	\$113,250	\$38,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$151,250
Investment	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,100
Intergovernmental	\$2,299,581	\$2,449,196	\$10,123,745	\$38,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$817,183	\$15,772,705
Charge for Service	\$591,950	\$0	\$0	\$88,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$710,450
Grand Total	\$6,472,014	\$2,914,510	\$10,648,012	\$372,600	\$0	\$45,000	\$160,000	\$943,450	\$21,555,585
Personnel Expenses	\$4,119,710	\$1,330,175	\$2,404,757	\$19,120	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,494	\$8,234,256
Operating	\$3,320,294	\$1,955,880	\$8,273,877	\$334,050	\$0	\$45,000	\$148,900	\$541,528	\$14,619,529
Capital Expenditures	\$244,000	\$415,500	\$134,500	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$809,000
Grand Total	\$7,684,004	\$3,701,555	\$10,813,134	\$368,170	\$0	\$45,000	\$148,900	\$902,022	\$23,662,785
<b>Net Revenues less Expenses</b>	<b>-\$1,211,990</b>	<b>-\$787,045</b>	<b>-\$165,122</b>	<b>\$4,430</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,100</b>	<b>\$41,428</b>	<b>-\$2,107,199</b>
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,515,175	\$3,915,897	\$631,769	\$220,472	\$8,180	\$410,308	\$120,369	\$316,660	\$8,138,830

Rio Grande County Weed District

The *Rio Grande County Weed District* is funded through a separate mill of .5 on an assessed value of \$162,060,685. Rio Grande County provides administration and employee services for the District. The mission of the Weed district is eradication and control of noxious weeds in Rio Grande County, working closely with surrounding counties to control the spread of their weeds into our County. The Director works closely with her Board of Directors in planning each year's activities to include local citizens, Colorado Department of Transportation, State and Federal Agencies. The District has 1 FTE and up to 6 PTE during the spraying season.

The Weed District 2019 Budget is \$240,800 which is a reduction of \$11,565 from the 2018 budget of \$252,365. The Weed District has no capital expenditure in 2019 but includes a salary adjustment of 5% with possible merit increase of 2%, and general operating increases. The property tax revenues increase is less than the increase allowed under the Tabor amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit as of November, 2018.

**Mill Levy**

Rio Grande County is dependent, in large part, on their Mill Levy of 15.567 which has not increased in 30 years. This is the maximum Rio Grande County can levy without going to a vote of the people.

Based on an assessed valuation of \$192,333,374, Property tax is approximately \$2,994,054 of county revenues, an increase of \$104,509. The distribution of the mill levy is shown in the chart below.

- The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of the County and provides funding for all departments with the exception of Road and Bridge, Social Services, and Public Health. Only the Funds noted above receive funds from property tax.
- The *Road and Bridge Fund* is used to account for the maintenance and improvements of streets and highways. The sources of funds include property taxes, highway user's fees, and other revenue sources. Road and Bridge will receive 2 mills.
- The *Social Services Fund* is used to account for the operations of social programs; i.e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Old Age Pension, Aide to the Blind, Aide to the Needy and Disabled, among others. Financing is provided by grants, allotments, and property tax revenue. Rio Grande County is required by statute to provide approximately 20% in matching funds for DSS funding which requires the County to budget 2.3 mills.
- Approximately 92% of the revenues used by the *Public Health Fund* comes from state and federal grants. These grants require matching funding, which the County provides through a .35 mill.

<b>Weed/Pest District</b>	
Fund Balance	\$161,547
Restricted Funds	\$ -
<Emergency Reserves (3%)>	\$ (5,000)
2018 Estimated Fund Balance	\$156,547
<b>Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$ 89,580
Miscellaneous	\$ 77,000
Licenses & Permits	
Investment	\$ 100
Intergovernmental	\$ -
Charge for Service	\$ 76,120
Total Revenues	\$ 242,800
<b>Expenses</b>	
Personnel Expenses	\$ 113,234
Operating	\$ 121,650
Capital Expenditures	\$ 6,000
Total Expenses	\$ 240,884
<b>Net Revenues less Expenses</b>	
	\$ 1,916
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 154,631

	<b>County General</b>	<b>Road and Bridge</b>	<b>Social Services</b>	<b>Public Health</b>	
<b>2019 Mills</b>	10.917	2.000	2.300	0.350	15.567
Property Tax Receipts	\$ 2,099,703	\$ 384,667	\$ 442,367	\$ 67,317	\$ 2,994,054

*Fund Reserves*

*Rio Grande County had Fund Balances of \$12,118,851 as of December 31, 2017 with \$1,019,709 held in reserve for various uses such as restricted funding sources, bridge replacement, road and bridge inventory, and Social Service programs. Based on preliminary estimates, the 2018 Fund Balance will be reduced approximately \$452,778. Although the 2018 Budget reflected a much larger use of Fund Revenues, Rio Grande County employees have been most diligent in their use of tax payers' dollars. The Commissioners recognize the 2019 budget is showing a need to use Fund balances to balance the budget. They understand that the use of these funds are not sustainable and serious discussions need to begin soon regarding increasing revenues or the county will be forced to reduce expenses through reduction in staff and programs. Discussions have begun to explore ways to increase the mill levy and/or other revenue sources to provide additional funding so we will be able to continue to offer the services that are expected by Citizens of Rio Grande County.*

*Other Funds*

*Astronaut Rominger Airport is a special revenue fund funded through County General, lease of hanger space, sale of avgas, CDOT Aviation Grants, and donations through the Colorado Enterprise Zone for capital projects. ARA does not have FAA designation and due to extensive regulations, does not anticipate applying for this designation. They do plan several expansions to the Airport including building a pilot's lounge, adding Jet A fuel, and developing a taxiway to meet the needs of new interest in the airport hangar lease program. The funds to complete these items are included in the 2019 Budget; however, this budget amount cannot be used without receipt of a corresponding grant to cover the cost. The Airport is managed by the County Commissioners and a Board of Directors appointed by Rio Grande County Commissioners. Presently, the Airport has 2 PTE.*

*The Tourism Fund receives their revenues through a special Lodging Tax which the County collects and distributes to the fund. The tax is used to support various marketing efforts and local events such as the Monte Vista Crane Festival, Rio Grande County Museum, South Fork Welcome Center, and Rio Grande Country Visitors Guide. The fund is managed through a board of volunteers appointed by the Rio Grande County Commissioners. The Commissioners work diligently to ensure fair representation from all communities and the county on the Board which meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the Rio Grande County Commissioners Chambers. You can find a complete description of the Tourism board and their activities at: [www.riograndecountry.com](http://www.riograndecountry.com).*

*Long Term Liabilities*

An annually renewable lease purchase agreement, dated January 11, 2005, was entered into between San Luis Valley Federal Bank (the "Bank"), as lessor, and Rio Grande County (the "County"), as lessee. The bank issued \$2,500,000 to the County for the purchase of the McCallister Building, the Courthouse Annex, the Road and Bridge Shop Building, and the Road and Bridge Truck Garage. The County is leasing the buildings back via the lease purchase agreement at 4.50% interest. The County used the proceeds from the sale to construct and equip a new jail facility. Payments are due to the Bank in annual installments through October 2025, from the General Fund. The buildings are included in fixed assets at a cost of \$1,762,653 with accumulated depreciation of \$899,422. Principal balance at December 31, 2017, was \$1,266,748.

A Lease Purchase Agreement, dated November 20, 2012, was entered into between All American Investment Group, LLC, as lessor, and Rio Grande County (the "County"), as lessee, in the amount of \$367,062, with an interest rate of 2.50%. The County is drawing down the proceeds to purchase energy efficient components based on an energy efficiency audit on the County buildings. Quarterly payments of principal and interest are made from the General Fund through January 2023. Principal balance at December 31, 2017, was \$197,765.

A Lease Purchase Agreement, dated June 24, 2015, was entered into between Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation as lessor, and Rio Grande County as lessee for lease of 12M3 Caterpillar Motor Grader. Payments of \$17,420.09 are payable in 5 equal installments with a final lease payment of \$129,180.09.

A Lease Purchase Agreement, dated June 24, 2015, was entered into between Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation as lessor, and Rio Grande County as lessee for lease of 12M3AWD Caterpillar Motor Grader. Payments of \$31,120.87 are payable in 5 equal installments with a final lease payment of \$152,960.87.

A Lease Purchase Agreement, dated June 24, 2015, was entered into between Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation as lessor, and Rio Grande County as lessee for lease of 12M3AWD Caterpillar Motor Grader. Payments of \$32,328.69 are payable in 5 equal installments with a final lease payment of \$154,168.69.

A Lease Purchase Agreement for Accounting Software, dated July 13, 2016, was entered into between Computer Information Concepts, LLC as lessor, and Rio Grande County as lessee. The total of the Lease is \$72,079.14 with an initial payment of \$6,603.90 due on July 20, 2016 and an additional three payments with the final due July 20, 2019.

A Lease Purchase Agreement for Assessor Software and equipment, dated April 18, 2018, was entered into between Municipal Leasing Consultants, LLC as lessor, and Rio Grande County as lessee. Payments of \$50,503.78 are payable in 4 equal installments beginning April 13, 2019 and ending April 13, 2022.

**Expenses**

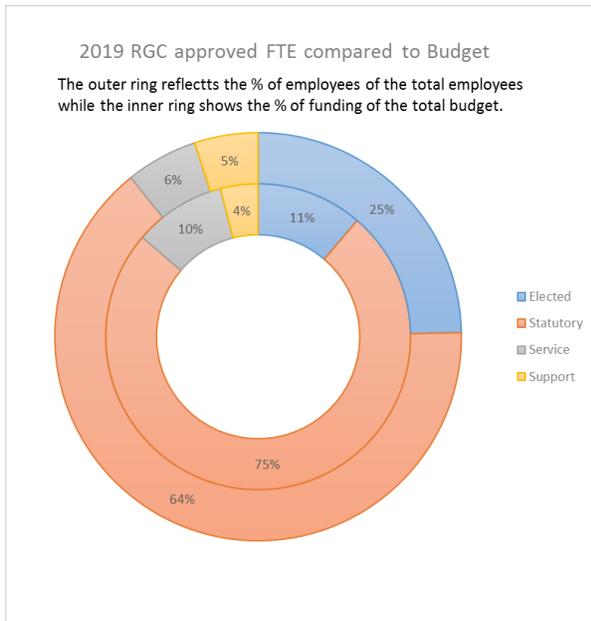
Expenses for the County can be divided into three very distinct areas: Salaries, Operating, and Capital Expenditures. These are shown in the Consolidated Budget on Page 5. Because County General houses many departments, it is sometimes easier to understand their budgets when broken out and examined separately.

The chart to the left is a visual of the total expenditures of each department and separate fund, the number of employees in each department, and the percentage their budget is of the overall budget. Finally, it separates the departments into categories explaining their function in the overall scheme of Rio Grande County and how they serve our constituents.

Elected are departments that are required by Colorado law. They are administered by County citizens who are elected to serve a four year term. These departments are critical to the County and, while services can be cut back – shorter hours, etc., they cannot be eliminated.

Statutory services also cannot be eliminated. Many of these departments are managed by employees’ appointee by the Commissioners or are managed by an elected official. They have been created by Colorado Statute and require the County to fund their departments.

<i>Department</i>	<i>2019 Budget</i>	<i>Budgeted FTE</i>	<i>% of overall budget</i>
Assessor	435,922	6.00	1.82%
Clerk & Recorder	451,402	6.00	1.89%
Commissioners	234,495	3.00	0.98%
Coroner	106,141	2.00	0.44%
Sheriff	1,172,473	18.00	4.90%
Treasurer	292,773	4.00	1.22%
<b>Elected</b>	<b>\$ 2,693,206</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>11.27%</b>
Dept of Social Services	10,813,134	39.50	45.24%
District Attorney	266,000	-	1.11%
Election	194,701	2.00	0.81%
Jail	1,644,658	26.00	6.88%
Public Health	902,022	7.00	3.77%
Public Trustee	15,356	0.50	0.06%
RGC Weed District	240,884	4.00	1.01%
Road & Bridge	3,701,555	23.00	15.49%
Tourism	148,900	-	0.62%
<b>Statutory</b>	<b>\$ 17,927,209</b>	<b>102.00</b>	<b>75.00%</b>
Airport	368,170.00	1.00	1.54%
Building Department	148,131.84	1.00	0.62%
Capital Expenditures	0.00	-	0.00%
Code Enforcement	2,700.00	-	0.01%
Community	65,227.00	-	0.27%
Conservation Trust	45,000.00	-	0.19%
Courthouse Security	114,555.44	2.50	0.48%
Emergency Management	54,825.15	0.50	0.23%
Extension Services	51,119.59	1.00	0.21%
Homeland Security Grants	224,761.00	-	0.94%
Land Use	175,498.00	1.00	0.73%
McMullen/Ski Hi	13,200.00	-	0.06%
Museum	64,127.07	1.00	0.27%
RGC Grants	952,000.00	-	3.98%
Veteran Services	21,984.10	0.50	0.09%
Victim Advocate	29,033.91	0.50	0.12%
<b>Service</b>	<b>\$ 2,330,333</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.75%</b>
Administration	330,984	4.00	1.38%
Attorney	22,550	-	0.09%
Custodial Staff	240,236	4.00	1.01%
Indirect	359,150	-	1.50%
<b>Support</b>	<b>\$ 952,920</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>3.99%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,903,668</b>	<b>158.00</b>	



Service departments provide services and/or offer amenities that citizen's use and that, a lot of the time, would not be provided for by private business. Some of the departments provide "pass through grant funding" for Homeland Security grants or Revolving Loan Funds for businesses. These departments receive funding from various sources including state and federal grants, payment in lieu of taxes, local revenues, charges for services, etc.

The support departments provide direct support functions for the County i.e. accounting, human resources, facilities maintenance, the county attorney, etc.

The Social Services Department has the largest budget at \$10.8M and the most employees. 93% of DSS budget is state funded. Road and Bridge has 14.6% of the employees with a budget of \$3.7M.

The majority of the R & B budget comes from state and federal funds, 84.25%.

64% of the County General funding comes from local revenues. The Sheriff and Jail departments, which are open 24/7/365, have the largest budgets at \$1.17M and \$1.64M and 31% of the employees combined.

County General will receive approximately \$2.099M in property tax. These two departments' use more than the total amount of property tax Rio Grande County receives through its mill levy. The rest of the county departments are funded through PILT, charges for services, other grants, investment income, etc.

### *Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners*

The job of the Board of County Commissioners is to lead the county government toward a desired performance and to assume a good faith effort toward those objectives. The Board's leadership is unique to its trusteeship role and necessary for proper governance and management. The Board of County Commissioners is the county's legislative body. It also serves as the chief administrator for several important county operations. As administrators, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for all administrative duties of running the county which are not expressly given to any other separately elected offices.

The Rio Grande County Commissioners set forth the following goals and objectives for 2018.

#### Advancement of Stated Goals for 2018:

- Completion of Accounting and Grants Management Policies and Procedures – in process
- Implementation of Capital Asset Software program - completed
- Completion of Rio Grande County Employee Handbook – in process
- Completion of Unfunded Courthouse Grant Assessment – will be completed by 12/31/18

#### Possible capital improvements:

- Social Service – purchase of property next to Social Service facility for future expansion.
- Road and Bridge
- Astronaut Rominger Airport – RFP completed without any bidders. Continuing to work with board on advancement.
- Administrator offices - completed

#### Commissioner Goals for 2019

1. Revenues are a serious and ongoing concern for the Rio Grande County Commissioners. Their top priority is to address the shortfalls Rio Grande County is experiencing which is depleting reserves leaving the County in an unhealthy financial position. They are going to compete a fiscal analysis of the revenues and develop a mechanism to increase revenues, either through a mill levy increase or sales tax increase. The fiscal viability of Rio Grande County depends on this analysis.
2. The Commissioners feel there needs to be more communication with their constituents. They have set as a goal in 2019 to develop stronger and more consistent communication channels so citizens can better understand their success, concerns, and issues.

3. The Rio Grande County employees are the backbone of the County. It is the desire of the Commissioners to do 1) wage survey with comparable counties, and 2) an analysis of the existing step and range compensation system to determine if it needs revising. They will work closely with the elected officials and department heads as they move through this process.

### *Rio Grande County 2017 Audit*

Rio Grande County received an Internal Control Audit Finding in 2017 because the County has not implemented a complete system of internal control to prevent and detect financial misstatements. Due to the timing of prior year audit finding, implementation of adopting policies and procedures was not expected until December 31, 2018. In their response to the audit finding, administration noted that they had executed the following steps as the move toward the implementation of a comprehensive system of internal controls.

1. Identified and documented necessary internal controls needed as set forth in the 2016 Corrective Action Plan by December 31, 2017.
2. Employed a staff accountant who will be responsible for monitoring accounts payable and payroll activity, monitoring department budgets, balancing receipts, balancing the software banking system, and working closely with the County Administrator on a monthly basis to make sure entries are correct.
3. The Staff accountant will also provide comprehensive grants management for Administration and Public Health.
4. Purchased, installed, and implemented a fixed asset system to allow for entering, monitoring, depreciating, and disposing of County assets.
5. After an extended medical leave, the HR/Payroll clerk returned. Her leave allowed other staff members to learn and create procedures for Payroll that had not been completed.
6. The internal control policy and procedures will be completed before December 31, 2018.

Administration will continue to use a team approach to develop, document and monitor internal controls. These policies and procedures will allow the County to review and identify concerns within the accounting system which may allow for misstatements in the financial statements. The Audit, in its entirety, is available at the County Administration office and at [www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org).

### Economic Outlook

Rio Grande County is part of a global community, and thus, must seriously look at what is happening not just locally but regionally, nationally, and across the world. Our economy depends on many different factors which directly affect the county and how we operate and can offer services to our constituents.

- Rio Grande County economy depends on three economic drivers: agriculture, tourism, and the citizens receiving payments in the mail i.e. retirement, snap, etc. It is important for the County to work locally, regionally and with the State to develop diversity in our economy as the changes in water law, drought, tariffs, and other issues outside of our control will continue to impact Rio Grande County
- Agricultural production centers on the potato crop in the San Luis Valley, one of the driest regions in the state. The entire region experienced extreme drought conditions throughout the summer. Despite the lack of precipitation, 84 percent of the potato crop is in good or excellent condition, and the harvest is slightly ahead of last year's. Barley, alfalfa hay, and livestock are also grown and raised in the region, all of which can tolerate dry conditions. Potato prices have remained relatively flat over the last several years, adding stability to producer profits. While domestic demand is expected to remain strong, tariffs imposed on U.S. frozen potato exports by Mexico pose a downside risk for producers reliant on foreign markets.<sup>1</sup>
- Tourism lodging tax receipts are now 21% as of September indicating a tough year for tourism. The drought, lack of snow, and fires raised a bit of havoc with our tourism industry, which, with the early snow fall, we will see turn around for the end of 2018 and into 2019.
- Unemployment has stayed fairly steady in Rio Grande County, beginning the year at 5.7%. In September, 2018 it was at 4% with slight fluctuations during 2018. Rio Grande County saw turnover in staffing almost all departments. The Sheriff and Jail continue to have the most turnover in employees.
- Sales taxes and lodging taxes have increased, again showing a rebound in the economy. Interest rates are up slightly, helping our investment income. ***The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc. offer a possible increase to local sales tax revenue forecast, as the ruling allows states to require that out-of-state (including online) retailers***

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<sup>1</sup> Colorado Legislative Council Staff, September 2018, Economic & Review Forecast  
<https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/sept2018forecast.pdf>

*collect and remit sales taxes. While the State has begun working on the mechanism to facilitate this change, the County is not sure what we will see in additional revenues.*

- Rio Grande County has an estimated population of 11,301 (as of 7/1/17) which is a reduction of 5.7% from April 2010. While Rio Grande County shows a median household income of \$40,177 (in 2016 dollars), 17.5% of our citizens are living in poverty.<sup>2</sup>
- Intergovernmental funding is changing. The climate at the federal level seems to be favoring less assistance for citizens with needs and an emphasis to help them become more self-sufficient. The Department of Social Services was granted the only rural funding for a Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program (STEP) to help our DSS clients become self-sufficient. Rio Grande County exceeded their goal by 128%.
- *The Gallagher Amendment continues to be a concern for the County and all the institutions that depend on property taxes for revenue. As the metro areas continue to grow, their housing increases exponentially quicker than the value of housing in rural areas. The Gallagher Amendment allows for an increase or reduction in the Residential Assessment rate which will reduce the assessed valuation and property taxes on residential properties.*
- Health care continues to be a concern for citizens, employees and the employers. Health insurance premiums continue to rise and employees are seeing more of their paychecks being used for health care.
- Health care for jail inmates has become an increasing liability for the County as we are responsible for the health and welfare of those inmates in our care. The Jail has hired a Jail Nurse who is seeing inmates and determining who is in need of advanced care in an effort to mitigate hospital emergency room visits. While the program has not been in place long enough to have any real data, the Sheriff believes it will ultimately save the County money.
- As the minimum wage increases, the County must continue to look at those increases as they relate to our employees. While we have no full time employees who make minimum wage, the 9% increase in wages must be reflected in salaries for our employees. The County saw a 5% increase in wages across the board to address the needs of our employees.
- Housing starts, additions, remodels, and commercial building has stayed steady during 2018 which is an excellent sign that the economy is rebounding from the recent recession. The vacancy rate for housing is at 33% but there is a need for affordable housing for middle income households. Several businesses have opened their doors and/or expanded. We are looking forward to working with them through SLVDRG, URGED, and Workforce Development.

Final thoughts:

I would like to thank the Commissioners, Elected Officials and department heads for their time, input and patience with the creation of this budget. It is never easy to manage employees, operating, and the need for equipment when money is tight. The next several years will be very challenging and budget issues will not be resolved quickly.

I respectfully request our communities, taxpayers and citizens of Rio Grande County help the Commissioners as they look to address the needs of Rio Grande County. They face great challenges as our neighboring counties continue to grow and take sales, revenues, and sales taxes from our businesses and communities. The Commissioners recognize the 2019 budget dips into Rio Grande County Fund balances to balance their budget, which is not sustainable. If revenues are not increased, then the Commissioners will have to begin seeking ways to reduce expenses in order to preserve the Fund Balances.

It is my pleasure to work for this organization. I believe that Rio Grande County has great opportunities ahead; we are rich with natural assets, beautiful vistas, and wonderful people. Our challenge is to increase our tax base to balance our budget without dipping into our reserves in order to manage a \$23MM business. It will take all of us to create a stronger and more diverse economy which we need to address the shortfalls we are experiencing.

Budget prepared by:

Roni K. Wisdom, Administrator

Date: November 5, 2018

Original draft: 10/10/18

The Resolution Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds and Spending Agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes as set forth below, for the County of Rio Grande, Colorado for the 2019 Budget Year was presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 594 Page 973

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/riograndecountycolorado/PST045217>

The Resolution Levying General Property Taxes for the Year of 2018, to Help Defray the Costs of Government for the County of Rio Grande, Colorado for the 2019 Budget Year was presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the Resolutions to Set Mill Levies. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.  
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Resolutions were signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a warrant for Internet Honey from April 7, 2017, for \$121.48 to be voided. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the voided warrant for the Internet Honey. Commissioner Glover seconded, and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) extended the grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Rio Grande County to explore ways to increase revenues.

Ms. Wisdom presented a note of appreciation from County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) for the County for another good year.

Ms. Wisdom noted that the Community Energy Solar garden updated their information with the Department of Social Services (DSS). Ms. Wisdom wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board to see if it would like to have a work session with Community Energy Solar. County Attorney Bill Dunn's concern was that it is a 20-year contract. Vice Chairman Bothell mentioned that she was researching this and thought it would be beneficial to have more time. Commissioner Glover mentioned that we need more time to research and decide as a Board. He felt a work session with Community Energy Solar was not needed.

Ms. Wisdom reminded the Board that the Managers Meeting is set for December 19, 2018 at 8:30a.m. A regular meeting will follow at 10:00a.m.

Commissioner Shriver updated the Board on the water export meeting that she attended. The Water Export Plan will export water out of the Valley. The proposal is for 22,000 acre feet, however the plan is only developing the water and end user will pay for pipeline. She noted that the end user could increase the pipeline. The plan is developing water to go to South Denver, the Colorado Springs area, and Pueblo. Commissioner Shriver noted that this will affect all counties. The main area affected will be in Saguache County; however, this opens the gate for other issues. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is taking the lead on this issue and will most likely be joined by the Rio Grande Round Table. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that the Rules and Regulations that will be approved shortly by Judge Swift, may work against the Valley. Chairman Glover asked that Commissioner Shriver provide more information. Commissioner Shriver suggested that this be an agenda item for the first 2019 San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting. She also suggested that Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, and others that are involved be invited to this meeting.

Chairman Glover updated the Board on the Safe Routes to School. He met with the Town of Center about the Safe Routes to School and decided that this project may need to wait until next year for funding because it is competitive.

Erin Minks, Field Representative for Michael Bennet, reported that she had discussed the County's concern with the Single-Entry Point with Jody Kern, Director of Department of Social Services. She also reported that the Farm Bill should be complete within the week. Additional funding for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was included but there was very little change for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Decriminalization of Hemp went through with this Farm Bill. She noted that this will be an economic value to counties like Rio Grande and Saguache due to increased jobs. Other programs such as the Cooking Matters Program and other nutritional health programs also were on this bill. Commissioner Shriver noted that the Milk Policies included in the Farm Bill will indirectly affect the valley due to hay prices. Ms. Minks noted that the Specialty crops also had a few key policies involved with this bill.

At 9:30 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, presented options for grader replacements. Mr. Sullivan noted that the department has approved funds in the budget to obtain two more graders through a lease program to replace two graders. He noted that the department has done a lot of research in the last four months on the technology and operators' preferences for these replacements. Mr. Sullivan had two main options that he recommended to the Board. This included a Governmental CAT 140AWD and Governmental/Owner John Deere 672G. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that two operators are due for replacements. The proposed graders have antler rack steering wheel configuration, which allows the operators to

move away from joystick configuration. Mr. Sullivan noted that this will help with health and wellness of his employees. Mr. Sullivan explained how the other configuration affects his operator's health negatively. He mentioned that these operators are long term, 30 plus years in the department, and are good employees. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that he wants to get equipment that is best for his employees. He also noted that proper equipment will avoid long-term health issues. Mr. Sullivan noted that another operator believes that the antler rack steering allows for better control when grading.

Mr. Sullivan explained the differences of the two machines but noted that they are basically the same machine. Mr. Sullivan outlined the detail of the grader prices. The CAT 140AWD quote is \$215,553.00, with an annual payment of \$30,515.91 and the John Deere 672G is \$201,105.00 with an annual payment of \$23,485.74. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that the line item in the 2019 Budget will cover these annual payments. Mr. Sullivan reported that the operators would prefer to go with the CAT product because of how it operates and parts availability. Mr. Sullivan noted that the warranty is very compatible and within the five years, the company will come fix it and/or supply a machine if long-term problems arise.

Chairman Glover mentioned that it is important to take care of the employees. He also said that the CAT would be a good fit with the County program.

Vice Chairman Bothell asked about the comparisons of the two machines as far as repairs and maintenance are concerned. Mr. Sullivan explained the tier four engine and differences between the machines. He also mentioned that the mechanical maintenance in both machines was due to wear and tear. Mr. Sullivan noted that John Deere has a repair technician in the Valley and CAT has three repair technicians. Mr. Sullivan noted that the department has done a lot of research, and that his priority is employees, then the County Road and Bridge program. Currently, Mr. Sullivan recommends that the County invest in the CAT machine. Commissioner Shriver asked if the County has mostly had CAT machines, and noted that keeping that consistent may be beneficial to the Department.

Commissioner Shriver noted that she agrees with Chairman Glover that the employees come first. Vice Chairman Bothell asked for clarification that both machines are the same configuration. Mr. Sullivan clarified that both machines are the antler rack configuration that would benefit employee health.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the CAT 140AWD Grader lease purchase. Vice Chairman Bothell interjected that she would like to look at the documents Mr. Sullivan presented before making a decision, as documents had not been presented prior to the meeting. Chairman Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried two-one. Vice Chairman Bothell noted that she voted no because she wanted to look at the documents, not that she did not approve of the purchase, but felt that it is the job of Commissioners to read documents before committing the funds.

Chairman Glover asked Mr. Sullivan if the rumble strips on County Road 3 East at Highway 112 were installed. Mr. Sullivan reported that they have not put in the rumble strips yet, however, the stop sign is ordered, and the County will own and maintain the sign. The Colorado Department of Transportation will put the post up for the sign.

At 9:56 a.m., Don Toews, Corbett Hefner and Randy Wright from the Power Zone Company, along with Marty Asplin from the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development were present to discuss the their move into Rio Grande County.

Marty Asplin also presented photos of the boulders that were purchased with the conservation grant for the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project to show some of the progress that has been accomplished in Del Norte.

Power Zone is expanding into Rio Grande County in the old Schall Iron Works Building on Highway 285 in Monte Vista. Mr. Asplin suggested possible ways the County could help offset costs for this project. Mr. Asplin presented the idea of freezing taxes for two or three years to help with this economic development. Another way the County might help with this development would be assistance with building permits to update this building. Power Zone is looking for assistance with this large investment from the County because it will provide jobs and economic gain for the County. This location would produce primarily hemp equipment. Mr. Hefner mentioned that 10 new positions would be in this location including engineers and researchers that would have high income jobs. He noted that Power Zone is the only company in the United States that makes this type of hemp equipment.

Mr. Wright mentioned that he has been working on economic development in the Valley and believes this is an excellent way to provide economic development. He noted that the hemp

industry is expanding and with the Farm Bill expected to pass, the industry could explode even more. This new division will be under the name of Formation Ag. Mr. Wright reiterated that a little help from the County would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Hefner showed the Board a video of the current machinery. Ms. Wisdom asked about a time line for this project. Mr. Toews explained that this was intended to be an exploration meeting with the Commissioners and these details have not been discussed yet. Mr. Wright mentioned that the first level of investment could be approximately \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Toews said he was interested in personal property tax benefits. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that a formal proposal is needed, and the County would need to look at a policy for this type of issue. She mentioned that this would set a precedent for future economic development. Mr. Wright said he would be happy to work with the County to help develop this policy. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that the Board is pro-business but needs to look at the long term affects.

Mr. Wright asked the Board about the next step and what the County will need from Power Zone. Vice Chairman Bothell noted that the County will need specific details for tax benefits and incentives. Mr. Wright asked if the County would like to work with Power Zone on this formal proposal or if the Board would like Power Zone to present their formal proposal. Vice Chairman Bothell said it would be best if Power Zone submitted a formal proposal independently. Commissioner Shriver agreed. Mr. Wright asked if the County has a time period that Power Zone should follow to present the formal proposal. Ms. Wisdom asked about the project time line again and said that timeline would be important to take into consideration. Commissioner Shriver noted that as soon as Power Zone is able, they can present their proposal. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that the County can also start the research process about a policy and visit with the State to figure out how to best handle this project. Ms. Wisdom mentioned that because school districts, and special districts benefit from personal property taxes there are other impacts to consider and so there are many hoops to jump through. Vice Chairman Bothell asked if two years would be Power Zone's goal for tax benefits. Mr. Toews mentioned that these details have not been decided at this time. Commissioner Shriver noted that the hemp industry as well as this project is going to be a game changer for the Valley.

At 10:20 a.m., Richard Hardy, River Island Ranch, and Shawn Early Pueblo Bank and Trust, were present to discuss the issue of the sand and gravel pit conditional use reconsideration. Commissioner Bothell introduced the information from Donald and Julia Lange.

Vice Chairman Bothell noted that the County understands that Ron Howard has possibly been retained to represent some landholders in this case. She also noted that no official action will be taken on this matter during this meeting, but the Board is happy to listen to the Lange's comments. This matter will need to be discussed with the Rio Grande County Attorney, Bill Dunn. After today's meeting, this discussion can be rescheduled for a time that all of the parties and attorneys can be present for the discussion.

Mr. Hardy asked if the meeting with the attorneys would be within the 21 days of the appeal process. Vice Chairman Bothell noted that because the attorneys are involved there is little the Board can do to influence the time line. Mr. Hardy asked if all members of the Board have a copy of the letter from the Langes. The Lange Letter, dated December 7, 2018 is included with these minutes.

Mr. Hardy wanted to highlight a few items within the Lange's letter including: "in the middle of an application process, an applicant was allowed to move this proposed site to the other end of the 295 acres without any additional notification for public comment." Mr. Hardy proceeded to discuss issues outlined within the letter. Mr. Hardy also outlined page two of the Lange Letter, dated December 12, 2018, section 2. He noted that his notification letter was sent to a mail box that does not exist with the Postal Service. Mr. Hardy noted that he knew of nine supporting letters, one of which was outside area of concern. This letter was from a resident in Creede, Colorado. Another issue highlighted by Mr. Hardy was section 3 of the Lange Letter. Mr. Hardy noted that Pueblo Bank and Trust, which owns 64 lots of River Island Ranch, is opposed to this sand and gravel pit. He discussed other lot owners who are also opposed to this pit.

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Donald & Julia Lange  
522 Pfeiffer Parkway  
South Fork, CO 81154

December 7, 2018

Rio Grande County Commissioners  
Ms. Suzanne Bothel  
Mr. Gene Glover  
Ms. Karla Shriver  
925 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 207  
Del Norte, CO 81132

RE: Meeting Agenda Request 12/19/18 <sup>12/2/18</sup>   
Request for Appeal/Reconsideration  
O'Roarke/Shoen Proposed Sand/Gravel Pit Application

Dear Ms. Bothel, Mr. Glover, and Ms. Shriver,

We are writing to you regarding the O'Roarke/Shoen Proposed Sand/Gravel Pit that was presented to you at the meeting dated 12/5/18 in which you unanimously voted to approve.

We are continuing to object to this decision and we are asking to be given time on your next meetings' agenda on 12/19/18 to discuss this objection.

We called several departments within Rio Grande County to ask what the "Appeal Process" was for this county and spoke with Ms. Roni Wisdom, County Administrator, who kindly helped. Ms. Wisdom proceeded to contact the County Attorney so she could give us the correct procedure. It was determined that since Rio Grande County does not have any specific Appeals process in place, we were advised that we had two options:

- 1) Informally contact you, the Commissioners, and ask for time to discuss this with you directly.
- 2) Since Rio Grande County lacks a specific Appeals process, we are entitled to file directly an Appeal with the District Court, Colorado Rules Civil Procedure Rule 106 (a) 4. From our research, we believe this immediately begins a lawsuit, but we aren't sure, and gets "over our head".

Time becomes of the essence due to the fact if we are required to file an Appeal with the District Court (option 2) we only have 28 days to do so from what we read and understood. It is our opinion that if we are forced to do that in order to save any options or possibilities for our case to be heard we would need to seek legal help in filling out the forms and this would take more time.

The reasons we are requesting this Request for Appeal/Reconsideration are as stated here. We reserve the right to present more evidence either at our meeting or within the Appeal filing with the District Court.

1) Public Open Records: This Application was submitted and the public documents that were made for Public review during the Application process was locating the Pit site at an entirely different location than what was submitted to you for your review. The switching of the new, stated Pit location was never brought to the Public's attention nor was the public notified in order to come into the Land Use Office to study or review. This apparently was done only between the Applicant and the Land Use office without any reasonable time for prepared public comment or concern. Apparently this procedure is not against "Code", but this still does not seem right or fair. This Pit site has moved from essentially, the very East end of 295 acres to almost the very West end of that acreage. That does cover a significant distance and could raise some different concerns and time should be given to address them.

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12/7/2018  
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2) Notification Letter Count Presented as Evidence: It is our belief that the Letter count presented as evidence at both , the Land Use meeting and at the County Commissioners meeting were inaccurate. We believe this to be true because it was stated that approx 374 letters were required to be mailed out, to each tax paying parcel within the radius of the affected area. It was stated the there were approximately 21 letters returned, approximately 16 opposing, 4 supporting, 1 discarded., and several 'return to sender' (These numbers are approximate and not verbatim). We disagree with this calculation because it could look as though the neighboring properties were unconcerned with this project. The opposite is true. Several of those opposing letters received by the Land Use Department were in fact representing MANY individual lots, each with their own parcel number and payment of its' real estate taxes, but owned by one person or entity. In order to feel that each individual parcel was represented the "count" should have been more accurately represented to give you, the County Commissioners, the complete picture of how the residents of South Fork, current and future, especially in the immediate area will be adversely affected by this project.

3) Residential Area Code: It was stated that by moving the Pit location to more in the center of Mr. Schoen's property that they mitigated the code violation of being in a Residential area. We disagree completely with that assumption. Mr. Schoen's property may immediately surround the pit entirely with "Agriculture" but we believe the encompassing properties that border Mr. Schoen's should be considered. By placing the Pit in the middle of his one property doesn't negate the fact that he is still surrounded by Residential homes.

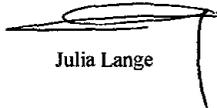
4) Visible by Surrounding Homes: It was stated that this Code violation was also negated by placing it in the middle of the Schoen property . This is also not true. Yes, it was moved from being approximately 150 feet from our front door to now 1300 feet but it will still be visible by our home and the surrounding homes.

We could continue our objections on why we feel the mitigations presented at the meeting fall into a very slim margin and should allow this decision to be either reversed or at the least, a Stay be issued until further public review and comment can be made. We further believe that this change to the application and presentation to the Commissioners was made in haste without time for adequate study and possible resulting ramifications for all parties involved.

We invite each of you to visit the site, and our home if you haven't already done so to get a clearer picture on why this is causing such disruption in your constituent's lives.

We look forward to your response and appreciate your time.

Sincerely,   
Donald Lange

  
Julia Lange

Mr. Hardy noted that the letter dated November 11, 2018 misstated Mr. Shawn Early's title. Mr. Shawn Early is the Assistant to the Vice President at Pueblo Bank and Trust. Mr. Hardy continued to highlight issues within the letters.

Donald & Julia Lange  
522 Pfeiffer Parkway  
South Fork, CO 81154

December 11, 2018

Rio Grande County Commissioners  
Ms. Suzanne Bothel  
Mr. Gene Glover  
Ms. Karla Shriver  
925 6th Street, Room 207  
Del Norte, CO 81132

RE: Invitation: Special Commissioners Meeting 12/12/18  
O'Rourke/Shoen Gravel Pit Reconsideration

Dear Ms. Bothel, Mr. Glover, and Ms. Shriver:

Thank you for the invitation to appear before you at your meeting on 12/12/18. It is with deep regret that due to a family emergency out of state we will be unable to attend in person to present our "case" to you. However, we would still like to submit this letter of our continued objection to this Sand & Gravel Pit application.

Ms. Wisdom gave us permission to invite other interested parties in this matter to appear in person, on ours, other property owners, and their own behalf. It is my understanding that Mr. Rick Hardy (President, River Island Ranch HOA) and Mr. Shawn Early (Vice-President, Pueblo Bank & Trust) will be planning to attend the meeting to discuss this matter with you, informally, as the County Attorney had offered as an option prior to our filing an Appeal with the First District Court.

In addition to the concerns we stated in our original letter to you dated 12/7/18 requesting time at the meeting, we wanted to introduce some other concerns we have that we feel should be considered by you. We still disagree that this Application fails to meet the Land Use Codes we objected to originally. In addition, we also believe it fails to meet the following:

1) "Approval Criteria Article, Article XII. Zoning Administration" :

b. NO conditional use shall be approved unless the Board of County Commissioners finds that the application complies with ALL requirements imposed by this Section....

It is our opinion that this Application, even with the attempts at mitigation, still fail to meet sections:

C. (1) this location could possibly be detrimental to public safety, and may even be considered "materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity"...

(2) " Will the proposed use be compatible with SURROUNDING land users and uses?"

Reasonable suggestions and OBJECTIONS FROM PERSONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE A MEASURE OF COMPATIBILITY AND MUST BE UTILIZED". We feel that, with the corrected objection letter count, you have almost ALL of the surrounding parcels OBJECTING to this application and this requirement was not properly complied with.

(3)" Will the use result in undue traffic congestion or traffic hazards"? this is arguable.

(5) "Will the use adversely affect soil, water, air, value and aesthetics...." Absolutely to some of those, possible to others. We don't know if it will affect the neighboring drinking well supply. Several of us have private wells, and I believe River Island Ranch has a community well. It was stated that the water table is VERY shallow at the proposed site..does this mean if accidentally it gets dug too deep , it would inadvertently contaminate or disrupt our drinking water supply? I don't know, but it is our opinion that ANY risk for something as important as water is too much a risk for someone elses financial gain.

Another point for discussion is how , in the middle of an Application process, an applicant was allowed to move this proposed site to the other end of the 295 acres without any additional notification for public comment. We have been told that this was completely legal. I have not seen anything to support or deny that, so I don't know. Regardless, it sure doesn't seem ethical. Especially when we went to the Land Use office in person (prior to the first hearing) to look over and request copies of the file and were very involved in the opposition to this application. In fact, we called and spoke directly to the Land Use Administrator on 11/26/18 (after the denial at the first meeting, but prior to the 2nd meeting) to ask some questions regarding the next meeting and also if letters of objections needed to be resubmitted for the next hearing. It is our belief, that while on the phone, we should have been notified of the new location, etc being discussed and invited down to look at the changed location, etc at that time. It was obvious how involved we were in the protesting of this application. In addition, there were several letters submitted AFTER the change of location supporting this move, but none supporting it. It possibly therefore may have skewed facts presented to you at the hearing. Thus, only certain people were "hand picked" to be notified? Could this be considered a C.O.R.A . hiccup? Again, I don't know, but these things must be considered.

These points would have been some of what we would have discussed with you in person at the informal meeting that you have generously allowed time for. We respect that your agenda was already "tight" for time, and yet you have allowed us to present more facts with the hope that you will, in a timely fashion, reverse your approval of this application and deny it completely. We do not know your procedures and how this will be handled. Apparently this is uncharted territory for all of us. However, since there is not any formal appeals process in place with Rio Grande County, we default into a 28 day from your approval date (12/5/18) as stated in C.R.C.P Rule 106 to proceed. Therefore, we are in hopes you will respond to our request quickly.

Thank you again for your time. We appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,



Donald Lange



Julia Lange

He suggested that this conditional use permit should be re-applied for. Mr. Hardy reiterated that neighboring property owners were not notified of the move until the meeting on December 5, 2018. He also mentioned that the Planning and Zoning Board voted this Conditional Use proposal down.

Mr. Early noted that the Langes had a medical emergency, which is why they were not present at this meeting. The Pueblo Bank and Trust has 64 lots and feel that they should have 64 "votes" instead of one. He mentioned that they are concerned with the zoning of this gravel pit. Mr. Early said that he believes several items go against zoning and they mentioned the pit could be in operation for more than 10 years. These concerns, Mr. Early noted, really are not taken care of with the mitigation presented. He noted that the County has a code that states that crushers will only be allowed in a gravel pit under a different conditional use application. Mr. Early highlighted the Langes' points within their letters.

Mr. Early recognized that no decision can be made today; however, the appeal needs to be made within 21 days. He stated that a new conditional use application would be acceptable to Mr. Early so that they have time to consume the information. Mr. Hardy asked if they will receive information from the Board within 10 days. Vice Chairman Bothell replied that since attorneys are involved the Board does not have control of time line. Ms. Wisdom mentioned that the Board is aware of the time line for appeal.



Ms. Brown is working internally to expand the capacity for Rio Grande County Public Health, as well with the San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership regionally to create duties and positions to cover some of the gaps that the County is not able to fill. Ms. Wisdom mentioned the SLV Community Action Agency may be able to take on regional projects. The department is exploring opportunities with High Valley and the old Middle School building to help with the space capacity issue. Chairman Glover asked about the new SLV Behavioral Health Group in Del Norte. Ms. Brown mentioned that she doesn't know details but heard it is slated to be open in January or February. She also noted that the State Innovation Model Grant has been a process but has changed the relationship with behavioral health and the hospital in the last three years.

At 10:20 a.m. Ms. Wisdom reported that Karen Miller and Doug Knutson are interested in being on the Board of Directors for the Museum.

Chairman Glover mentioned that there was a resignation at the last meeting and this could be good timing for two new members. Commissioner Shriver noted that that board needs involvement and Mr. Knutson has a connection with the Spanish Trails. Chairman Glover said that Ms. Miller would be a good committee member as well. Commissioner Shriver moved to appoint both Mr. Knutson and Ms. Miller to the Rio Grande County Museum Board of Directors. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver noted that it would be good to have more participation from the public.

Ms. Wisdom presented a list of policies for approval to improve the accounts payable policy process and to create more separation of duties to please the auditors. She noted that these are internal policies. These policies included: Grant Administration, Payroll Policy, Accounts Receivable Policy, Fixed Asset and Capital Purchases, Accounts Payable Policy, Cash Receipting with the Treasurer Disbursements. Ms. Wisdom noted that the administration department has been using these policies internally but are making them official policies now. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the Accounting Policies. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. These policies were approved and signed.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Cindy Hill, Rio Grande County Clerk & Recorder suggested that the board review the Annex Rental policy. Ms. Wisdom noted that there has been little to no enforcement of this policy. She noted that direction is needed from the Commissioners on this policy. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that if they are paying, she doesn't see an issue with renting the annex. Commissioner Bothell said that there may be issues with limits for rentals. No decisions were made, and the board will re-visit this at a later date.

At 10:30 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the Certifications of Rio Grande County Mill Levies. The Certifications included recertifications for all entities including schools. Ms. Wisdom discussed the details of these certifications and noted that the levies need to be approved. Commissioner Shriver asked if the calculations were double checked. Ms. Wisdom assured the Board that she double checked the calculations. Chairman Glover asked about the Library district and Del Norte's share of the funding. Ms. Wisdom said it is set up in the library district's original documents. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that the library documents should be in the Rio Grande County Clerk & Recorder's office. Chairman Glover mentioned that this question arose due to the Del Norte Library growing but not growing with financial support.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the Certification of the Rio Grande County Mill Levies for the 2018 tax year. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Certifications were signed.

At 10:40 a.m., the Community Solar contract was discussed. Mr. Dunn is concerned about the 20-year contract, and his research is showing that energy prices should be decreasing in the future however this contract will lock the county in at two percent. Commissioner Bothell agreed with Mr. Dunn's concerns. She also mentioned that if the County reduces their energy usage the County will still be committed to this usage. She noted that alternative energy is one of the most researched topics at universities around the world, and there is liable to be improvements soon. Commissioner Bothell moved to not accept the contract with Community Solar. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that there are benefits to this idea and that renegotiating the contract may be beneficial. Commissioner Shriver noted that she is uncomfortable voting on this issue due to her transition out of office and turning this contract down for the new Board of Commissioners. Chairman Glover noted that Community Solar didn't seem to be open to negotiating this contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion above. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that the new board could reconsider if a renegotiation was made. The motion passed to not accept the contract with Community Solar. Chairman Glover noted that

the uncertainty is a concern with this contract due to the confidence of savings. Commissioner Bothell agreed with Chairman Glover.

Ms. Wisdom presented the discussion about the Annual Governance policy. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that this document has been signed annually for the last 7 years. She noted that this document serves as a reminder to the Commissioners of their responsibilities. She recommended that this be on the agenda for the first meeting of the year. It is a "Pledge" to the county to serve. Chairman Glover suggested that it be on the agenda for the January 8, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Wisdom said that the County Administration Office has been busy and that she would like to take the Administration staff to a Painting Class to show her appreciation. This would require the office to be closed in the afternoon of Friday, December 21, 2018. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that this would be a great employee gift. It was clarified that this activity would not be paid for by the County. Commissioners approved this unanimously.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the county is gaining traction with the Ski Hi Complex. She noted that the discussion has been led by the Monte Vista Chamber. The group has suggested restarting the old Ski Hi Commission with the County, City and Ski Hi Stampede. The new commission may involve other organizations like the Colorado Potato Administration Committee. The Monte Vista Chamber did draft a document for this commission and has included the County in it. She suggested that this issue be included in the next meeting agenda so that the document can be reviewed by the commissioners.

Commissioner Bothell reported that she has been appointed to the All Hazard Committee that works with Home Land Security Grant. She serves as the commissioner representative. She noted that she is looking forward to serving on this committee and is hoping to help rural communities. Ms. Wisdom commented that it is important to have rural representation.

Chairman Glover reported that Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) is making sure Rio Grande County stays active. He noted that there is a meeting at the capital on January 17, 2019, to get everything started for the 2019 year. He mentioned that being involved on the state level is important to represent county and the rural areas. Chairman Glover also noted that he is excited for Ski Hi discussion. He also noted that the Tourism Board will meet after the first of the year.

The Resolution to Approve Schoen/O'Rourke Conditional Use permit was presented. Ms. Wisdom noted that there were concerned landowners at the last meeting of the Commissioners. Chairman Glover stated as County Commissioners, the Board does not want to make a detriment to anyone's property but need to encourage economic development for others. The Resolution was signed. Book 594 Page 279

At 10:45 a.m., Keven Wilkins, Executive Director of for the SLV Development Resources Group presented the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Contract.

Mr. Wilkins noted that the Group is applying for \$600,000.00 for the Revolving Loan Fund, however, do not believe this will be fully funded. The SLV Development Resources Group is expecting to receive around \$300,000.00. Commissioner Bothell asked if they will automatically amend the application to half or if it will be thrown out if it exceeds funds available. Mr. Wilkins noted that it will be amended. Ms. Wisdom clarified that the group would not to have reapply for this funding.

Ms. Wisdom gave background on the Revolving Loan Fund. She noted that this is a small business loan program. The funds are used repeatedly. This also serves as a poverty reduction measure. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that this has been great for small business. Mr. Wilkins mentioned that the portfolio is heavy on hospitality. Commissioner Bothell asked for clarification of Rio Grande County's role in this process. Mr. Wilkins noted that the County is the applicant and the fiscal agent, acting as the pass-through agent for these funds. Commissioner Bothell also asked if there would be any risk passed to the county if loans are defaulted on. Mr. Wilkins said that the risk falls back on the SLV Development Resources Group. Ms. Wisdom clarified that if loan is defaulted, this money does not revolve but no risk is passed to the county. Commissioner Shriver moved to enter into this contract. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed. Ms. Wisdom noted that all six counties sign off on this contract.

Mr. Wilkins also updated the board on Opportunity Zones. There were four proposals for the Opportunity Fund Prospectus from the City of Monte Vista and they will be notified December

21, 2018. He noted that there are very large federal incentives and have six census tracks. There will be funds established and deployed into SLV projects. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that a hemp processing plant may be a good project to help with the growth of that industry.

Ms. Wisdom noted that the County has received a response from Brenda Rippe and Levi Shaw regarding the County's Lawsuit.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attest:

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Gene Glover, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Nikita Christensen  
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of the Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on December 28, 2018. Members present were Chairman Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board, Nikita Christensen.

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

Ms. Wisdom noted that Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, will not be speaking and requested that she be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Shriver 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 December 19, 2018 minutes as amended. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the consent agenda that included the end of month accounts payable and payroll vouchers. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Vouchers were signed.

**December 2018 First of Month Vouchers**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AIRGAS USA, LLC	ACCT# 2414544	\$ 152.73
ALPINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, INC	SUMMITVILLE CDPHE GRANT / 19 FEEA 112652	\$1,454.15
ALTA FUELS, LLC	INV CONT - 210959 / ACCT# 1935	\$2,962.19
BILLINGS ELECTRIC, INC	ELECTRICAL LABOR FOR EXAM ROOM OUTLET	\$ 350.00
BROWN'S SEPTIC SVC INC	BIWEEKLY RENTAL	\$ 82.00
CDHS CENTRAL ACCOUNTING	CDHS CENTRAL ACCOUNTING	\$ 3.00
CENTURYLINK	7196573325233	\$ 61.79
CO.BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIO	ACCT# CO0530CCW	\$ 420.00
COLORADO COUNTIES INC	NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION / JOHN NOFFSKER	\$ 75.00
COLORADO DEPART. OF REVENUE	ACCT# 01277561-0001 / SALES TAX FOR FUEL	\$ 160.00
COLORADO DEPT. OF AG / PLANT IND. DIV.	LIC #00725 BRIANNA BRANNAN	\$ 350.00
CONDUENT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS,LLC	MONTHLY SERVICES	\$3,281.21
CONEJOS COUNTY WEED CONTROL DIST	SPIRAL WEED GUIDE BOOKS	\$ 295.00
DISCOUNT AUTO PARTS & GLA	ACCT 682	\$ 803.88

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE	12TH PORTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET	\$19,666.67
EMILY LOPEZ	DISPATCH TRAINING	\$ 404.05
GALLS, LLC	JACKETS / NAMEPLATES	\$ 508.03
GCR TIRE CENTER / TDS	CUST #636802	\$15,047.63
GENE GLOVER	MILEAGE AND MEALS FOR CCI WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 256.68
GUNBARREL STATION, INC	B-15	\$ 34.00
IHS PHARMACY	ACCT RG99999999	\$ 225.41
J & D ULTIMATE EMBROIDERING	LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS & HOODIES 50% DOWN	\$ 231.00
JACK RUDDER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 38.50
JACK'S MARKET	BLEACH, PINESOL, PLEDGE	\$ 138.09
JADE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	ACCOUNT 2938	\$ 86.91
KEN'S SERVICE CENTER	ACCT RGSO	\$ 74.20
LENCO WEST, INC	INV CONT - 44767	\$ 83.54
LYLE SIGNS, INC		\$ 6,261.69
MDS WASTE & RECYCLE, INC	ACCT# 636860020167	\$ 186.00
MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES, INC	ACCT# 1052229	\$ 183.20
MONTE CANVAS AND UPHOLSTRY	VINYL	\$ 12.00
MONTE ELECTRIC	REPAIR IMPERIAL FLOOR BUFFER ASSEMBLE	\$ 217.50
MONTE VISTA COOPERATIVE	ACCT 4530243 / HEATING PROPANE FOR MAINTENANCE SHOP	\$ 256.61
MOORE MEDICAL, LLC	ACCT RGSO	\$ 106.09
MYERS BROTHERS TRUCK AND TRACTOR, INC	INV CONT - 34371, 34370, 34444, 34439 / PLUS CREDIT INVOICE 44856	\$ 380.66
PRO COM, LLC	PRE EMPLOYMENT TEST	\$ 37.00
PTS OF AMERICA, LLC	ACCT 1652 / PRISONER TRANSPORT	\$ 696.00
RG & ASSOCIATES, LLC	LAND USE CODE UPDATES	\$ 2,317.95
RIO GRANDE COUNTY	DUE TO RIO GRANDE COUNTY PAYROLL OCT AND NOVEMBER	\$ 2,928.32
RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL	SERVICE DATE 6.25.2018 / NEGOTIATED RATE FOR TB TEST	\$ 80.00
RWEACT	FINAL DRAW FOR DOLA 8056	\$53,628.70
S & S DISTRIBUTION, INC	WATER DELIVERY	\$ 62.00
SAFETY - KLEEN		\$ 210.94
SAMS CLUB	ACCT# 10182546	\$ 1,123.57
SHAMROCK FOODS COMPANY	ACCT# 86268	\$ 1,822.24
SLV HEALTH	REIMB. PARTIAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR DONNA WEHE	\$ 466.70
SLV PARTS, INC	ACCT# 7048	\$ 21.84
SLV REC	ACCT# 4705001905	\$ 198.00
SOLAR TRAFFIC SYSTEM, INC	SOLAR STOP SIGN	\$ 1,990.00
STAPLES BUSINESS	ACCT# 10232802RCH / BINDING MACHINES - MUSEUM AND ADMIN OFFICE	\$ 1,479.43
SUMMIT MARKET	INV CONT - 30095708500 / ACCT# 4000	\$ 35.83
TOP VALUE	ACCT# 4781 / ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$ 15.55
TORRES PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	CLEAN SEWER LINE POD B	\$ 427.50
TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INK AND TONER	\$ 576.80
TOWN OF DEL NORTE	CUSTOMERS - 1512.01 / 1892.01 / 1822.01 / 1030.02	\$ 294.88
VALLEY COURIER	AD'S FOR DEPUTY / DETENTION / COOK	\$ 504.00
VALLEY PUBLISHING	ACCT# 2139 / AP-FLU PREPAREDNESS / DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS	\$ 140.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	ACCT# 765509857-00002	\$ 1,993.77
VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND	VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND	\$ 3.00

WAGNER EQUIPMENT	INV CONT - P00C2118696, P03C0475860 / ACCT 74470	\$ 1,577.03
WASTE MANAGEMENT- XCEL ENERGY	CUSTOMER ID# 05925-74006 ACCT# 53-1083310-0	\$ 234.06 \$ 2,420.72

**December 2018 Mid-Month Vouchers**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AIRGAS USA, LLC	ACCT# 2414544	\$ 220.37
ALAMOSA CO NURSING SVC	PUBLIC HEALTH TOB SUB CONTRACT PAYMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2018 / ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ 3,190.07
ALL-PRO FORMS, INC	TAX INSERT SLIPS	\$ 341.55
ALTA FUELS, LLC	INV CONT - 211801 / ACCT# 1935	\$ 12,960.41
CENTURYLINK	ACCT# 7196573454	\$ 116.44
CHAVEZ PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	FILED DOWN SPARKLERS AND FLAME SENSORS	\$ 156.00
CIELLO POWERED BY SLVREC	ACCT# 7000758500	\$ 1,470.33
COLO WEED MANAGEMENT ASSO	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$ 100.00
CONEJOS COUNTY NURSING	NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 2,137.44
EL PASO COUNTY CORONER	CUSTOMER# 451135	\$ 2,800.00
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 725.00
LEROY A ROMERO	MONTHLY OFFICE CLEANING	\$ 150.00
MONA SYRING	CLERK TO THE BOARD DECEMBER 2018	\$ 87.20
MONTE GLASS SHOP	REPLACED BROKEN INSULATED GLASS UNIT IN SHERIFF OFFICE	\$ 853.50
MONTE VISTA COOPERATIVE	ACCT# 4545093	\$ 515.09
PITNEY BOWES, INC.	ACCT# 0016457644	\$ 475.96
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE AND SECURITY, LLC	HOOD SYSTEM INSPECTION	\$ 1,256.47
SAGUACHE COUNTY JAIL	NOVEMBER HOLDING	\$ 1,350.00
SANOFI PASTEUR, INC.	IXIARO JAP B ENCP	\$ 1,113.63
SKYLINE STEEL	GLAVANIZED ANNULAR ARCH BAND	\$ 9,610.28
SLV BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GROUP, INC	BEHAVIORAL HELATH GROUP / SIM- NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 3,822.46
SLV REC	METER'S : 1001816, 1001815, 1001813, 1003804	\$ 731.00
VALLEY PUBLISHING	YODER, ROBERT / GOAT DAIRY	\$ 72.00
WAGNER EQUIPMENT	CUST# 74470 / ID #464425	\$ 70,511.59
WEX BANK	ACCT# 0406-00-819100-9	\$ 441.45
WINTER EQUIPMENT CO.,INC.	PREMIUM PLOW MARKER 36 INCH	\$ 195.05
XCEL ENERGY	ACCT# 53-0012282874-7	\$ 4,210.54
		\$119,613.83

**December 2018 End of Month Vouchers**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ACE TOWING	IMPOUND	\$ 307.50
AIRGAS USA, LLC	WELDING SUPPLIES	\$ 146.38
ALAMOSA COUNTY	SHSG 2016 OFFICE RENT	\$ 315.00
ALL-PRO FORMS, INC	ENVELOPES	\$ 804.30
ALTA FUELS, LLC	ACCT# 1935	\$ 2,157.96
ASFPM	ANNUAL DUES # 38060	\$ 160.00
BRUMLEY PLUMBING HEATING	CHECKED FOR NO HEAT AT THE MUSEUM / NEEDS NEW HEATER	\$ 172.50
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LEASING, INC	ACCT# 101-1260978-000	\$ 60.10
CAROL VORIS	MILEAGE / POST OFFICE	\$ 9.00
CHARLES STILLINGS	MEETING AND MILES	\$ 65.75

CHAVEZ PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	REPAIRED LEAK ON STEAM BOILER	\$ 163.35
CHRIS ORTIZ	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOTEL	\$ 100.00
CO DEPT OF PUB HLTH & ENV	ACCOUNT 03-14 ISDS FEES / 14 OWTS X \$20	\$ 280.00
CO STATE FOREST SERVICE	2018 FIREWISE PROGRAM	\$ 675.00
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	ACCT# 291679 / TONER	\$ 166.00
CONDUENT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS,LLC	TRACK SEARCH	\$ 25.00
CONEJOS COUNTY NURSING	NHCPC CONF REG / FLIGHT / HOTEL / SHUTTLE / PARKING	\$ 1,587.89
CYNTHIA FORD	HEALTHCARE COORDINATOR MILES / END OF NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 5,788.38
DANA DELAINE	VA MILEAGE / ACCT RGSO	\$ 337.50
DAVID DABOLL	NHCPC CONFERENCE MEALS / HOTEL / AIRPORT SHUTTLE AND AIRLINE TICKETS	\$ 1,574.86
DIANNE KOSHAK	MILES TO MEETINGS	\$ 45.90
DIRECT TV	ACCT# 045235405	\$ 179.98
DIXIE DILTZ	MILES FOR DECEMBER 2018	\$ 40.50
DON MCDONALD	TRAVEL MILES TO TRAINING	\$ 236.70
DWIGHT FREEMAN	MEETING AND MILES	\$ 63.50
EMILY BROWN	MILES TO MEETINGS	\$ 140.85
EVERETT MYERS	MEETING AND MILES	\$ 65.30
FILE OF LIFE FOUNDATION	FILE OF LIFE MAGNETS	\$ 1,531.90
FIRST BANKCARD	SHSG 2016 & 2017 PROJ 1, L1,2,3 M&A	\$ 12,228.08
GALLS, LLC	INV CONT - 11529528, 12005648 / ACCT# 3737546	\$ 1,333.57
GOBINS, INC	STAPLES FOR THE BIZHUB COPIER	\$ 291.96
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL	AGREEMENT# 025-1070947-0000 / ADMIN	\$ 485.30
GROVER HATHORN	MEETIN AND MILES	\$ 63.50
GUNBARREL STATION, INC	4 TRUCK TIRES / 1-B-1, 1- A-51, 2- NEW OIL TANKER	\$ 100.00
HART OF THE VALLEY, LLC		\$ 17.32
HAYNIE'S INC.	ACCT# 7066 / TOOLS / SHOP / REPAIRS	\$ 1,596.05
IDA SALAZAR	MILES TO MEETINGS	\$ 273.60
IHS PHARMACY	ACCT RG99999999	\$ 777.19
INDUSTRIAL & FARM SUPPLY	ADAPTERS	\$ 13.53
JACK'S MARKET	INV CONT - 407211, 403352, 405119, 404025, 405765, 409836	\$ 94.41
JEAN BORREGO	SHSG 2017 COORDINATOR SALARY	\$ 5,388.77
KALEIGH BENAVIDES	MILES TO MEETINGS	\$ 29.25
KIMBERLY BRYANT	MONTHLY PAY FOR NOVEMBER 2018 / SIM	\$ 3,858.91
KRISTI HILLIS	MONTHLY PAY FOR NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 1,125.00
LENCO WEST, INC	COUPLER BALLS AND BUSHINGS	\$ 42.96
MADDOX COLLECTIONS	DRUG SCREEN PRE EMPLOYMENT	\$ 30.00
MARIETTA CLARK	MILEAGE / NHCPC CONF MEALS	\$ 416.62
MASTER PRINT & WEB DESIGN, INC	ENVELOPES FOR HC	\$ 220.50
MATCO TOOLS	SHOP TOOLS	\$ 116.75
MICHAEL MITCHELL	MEETING AND MILES	\$ 65.30
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY	CUST #2786	\$ 1,223.27
MONTE VISTA COOPERATIVE	ACCT# 4531231	\$ 1,033.99
MONTE VISTA MACHINE TOOL	SURFACE FLYWHEEL	\$ 127.39

MYERS BROTHERS TRUCK AND TRACTOR, INC	A-22	\$ 526.10
NEW MEXICO FLOODPLAIN MGR ASSOC.	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$ 35.00
PAUL WERTZ	MILES TO TOB TRAINING AND MEETINGS / REGISTRATION	\$ 691.07
PITNEY BOWES, INC.	RENTAL CHARGE ACCT# 0016457644	\$ 105.00
RELIANCE STEEL CO. #12	ACCT# 253	\$ 897.29
RIO GRANDE CANAL WATER	2019 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	\$ 3,600.00
RIO GRANDE COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE	ACCT RGSO / ANNUAL GRANT	\$ 3,500.00
RONI WISDOM	TRAVEL TO CCI MEETING	\$ 148.59
S & S DISTRIBUTION, INC	WATER	\$ 36.00
SAGUACHE CO PUBLIC HEALTH	EPSDT SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2018	\$ 1,865.23
SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN ROASTERS, LLC	OFFICE COFFEE	\$ 220.00
SLV GIS/GPS AUTHORITY	GEOREFERENCE 1988 FLOODPLAIN MYLARS, INCLUDING ELEVATION CONTOURS	\$ 2,500.00
SLV PARTS, INC	BELT FOR JAIL	\$ 25.75
TONI STEFFENS- STEWART	CTC CONSULTING AND TOB CONSULTING FOR OCT AND NOV 2018	\$ 6,430.20
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	MILEAGE / PER DIEM / PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / CONVERSION	\$ 6,858.78
VALLEY PUBLISHING	12/12 CONTRACTOR RFP	\$ 16.00
VALUEWEST, INC	COMMERCIAL REAPPRAISAL PYMT	\$ 3,000.00
VJ'S EMBROIDERY, LLC	APPRECIATION	\$ 157.00
WAGNER EQUIPMENT	INV CONT - P03C0476284, S0W0843947 / CUST# 74470	\$ 26,057.28
WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	SKY BLUE BUFFING PADS AND RETURN	\$ 75.50
WEX BANK	ACCT# 0406-00-819102-5	\$ 4,426.81
WILLIAM F. DUNN	LEGAL FEES FOR DECEMBER	\$ 775.00
WSB COMPUTER SERVICES	TONER FOR PRINTER	\$ 50.00
		\$110,150.92

**December 2018 Payroll**

County General:	\$235,035.37
Road and Bridge:	\$ 72,326.30
DSS:	\$114,797.21
Weed District:	\$ 3,677.38
Airport:	\$ 950.63
Public Health:	\$ 22,418.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$449,205.69</b>

The Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 9:30 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Department of Road and Bridge was present to discuss the Caterpillar Financial Services Lease. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, has looked over the lease terms, and given legal council approval.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve signing the Cat Financial Services lease. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that he appreciates the expedited process with approval. Mr. Sullivan said that they delivered the check in person to ensure payment.

Ms. Wisdom presented the draft Ski Hi Stampede Commission documents. Mr. Dunn has reviewed these documents. Mr. Dunn did ask about the funding and accounting documents and recommended that they be reviewed further by legal counsel and the Board. Commissioner

Shriver noted that these documents were drafted from a template from years ago and should be edited through the process. She recommended that the board put this on their agenda and stay active with this discussion. The board discussed the current situation of the Ski Hi Stampede Grounds. Commissioner Shriver recommended that everyone stay in this discussion and consider all their questions. Commissioner Bothell noted that it should be up to the board to decide representation. Commissioner Shriver and Ms. Wisdom noted that the template is up for negotiation. It was noted that there is no commitment from the county at this time. The Ski Hi Commission's goal is to look at the complex for the long term. Chairman Glover noted that the original thought was to take down the swimming pool and develop a convention center. Commissioner Shriver mentioned that there is very little detail at this time.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation. She noted that it was published in the newspapers. Commissioner Bothell moved to adopt the 2018 Supplemental Budget for 2018. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 594 Page 1502

Commissioner Shriver updated the board on the Radar for the Valley Radar project. She noted that they had started pouring concrete for the pad.

Chairman Glover reported that museum board has been active. The Safe Route to Schools program has received two more bikes from the Department of Social Services. He also noted that the program has gotten a bid from Kristy Mountain Sports.

Ms. Wisdom reported that she received a letter from the SAM System to activate SAM Entity Registration. She noted that this is the system through which federal grants are processed. The letter states that the county needs a formally appointed entity administrator. She noted that she is already doing this duty. Commissioner Bothell moved to appoint Ms. Wisdom to be the entity administrator for the SAM system. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom updated the board on the Calendar.

- January 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Swearing in of County Treasurer and County Coroner.
- January 8, 2019 Swearing in of newly elected County Officials.

Ms. Wisdom also noted that she received an acting plan from the SLV Transportation Committee. The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development organization is providing Customer Care and Customer Service classes.

Ms. Wisdom noted that Rio Grande County is an enhanced area in accordance with the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone Program. This allows Rio Grande County small businesses and agricultural businesses to be eligible for additional tax credits and incentives. Commissioner Bothell asked if there is an application process for this program. Ms. Wisdom explained that after January 1<sup>st</sup>, of each year, business owners can pre-apply. She noted that business owners can apply year-round, however must apply prior to purchase of equipment or hiring new employees to qualify for tax credits. This information and application process can be found on the Colorado Office of Economic Development Website.

Ms. Wisdom noted that the house behind the DSS building will be having Asbestos Testing.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Outcalt Foundation is providing funding for Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) to build a new trade school facility. The discussion is to put this trade school in Rio Grande County. Ms. Wisdom thanked Commissioner Shriver for being involved with that. Commissioner Shriver noted that there is competition from Alamosa county for the new facility. Commissioner Shriver is on the selection committee for the new president of TSJC.

Commissioner Shriver wanted to address the board as well as submit comments for the minutes for her last official meeting, see below.

*"This will be my last official Board of County Commissioner meeting. It has been an honor to serve the residents of Rio Grande County as well as the Valley as a whole on Valley-wide issues. I am proud of the projects and issues that I have worked on, and I feel I have made some positive impacts on the County as well as the Valley as a whole. The completions of these projects were with no or little county monies. Some include the Pavilion at Ski Hi Park, the Hydrology study, the OHV ordinance, the Summitville project, and the radar project which is not yet complete.*

One project I want to specifically address is the Summitville project. There was a lot of miss-information and lies put out during the 2018 elections about the project cost. I would like to make sure the truth is publicly recorded.

Phase 2 Summitville	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
	Cash	In-kind	Total	Cash	In-Kind	Total
<b>Expense</b>						
Bathroom	\$32,000		\$32,000	\$21,170		\$21,170
Contractor	\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000	In above		
Plumbing supply	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500	0		0
RG Road/Bridge		\$ 4,285	\$ 4,285		\$ 1,858	\$ 1,858
CDPHE		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$37,500	\$ 6,285	\$43,785	\$21,170	\$ 5,358	\$26,528
<b>Income</b>						
RG County CTF	\$ 8,750		\$ 8,750	\$ 7,420		\$ 7,420
Other grants	\$ 28,750		\$28,750	\$ 13,750		\$13,750
RG Road/Bridge		\$ 4,285	\$ 4,285		\$ 1,858	\$ 1,858
CDPHE		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Income</b>	\$37,500	\$ 6,285	\$43,785	\$21,170	\$ 5,358	\$26,528

CTF- Conservation Trust Funds restricted for recreation use only

Summary of Total Summitville Project cost to date

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>CTF Funds</u>	<u>Grants/Other</u>
Phase 1 Shelter/Signs (2015/2016)	\$30,165	\$ 1,565 \$ 28,600
Phase 2 Vault Bathroom (2018)	\$ 26,528	\$ 7,420 \$ 19,108
<b>_ Total Actual</b>	<b>\$ 56,693</b>	<b>\$ 8,985 (16%) \$ 47,708 (84%)</b>

Again, I appreciate the dedication of Rio Grande County staff and their commitment to the County and its residents. They all have different responsibilities and are the “spokes” of a large wheel that makes Rio Grande County roll in a positive manner. I thank them for their service to the County, and best wishes to all.”

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Shriver moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attest:

Gene Glover, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Nikita Christensen  
Clerk of the Board