

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande        )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Chairman Davie asked for comments on the High Valley Community Center. Commissioner Murphy said the Board's task was to analyze this thoroughly. There were some questions raised at the hearing which needed research. He noted concerns with notification of property owners and individuals who have yet to receive their notification. There appear to be calculations from the service plans that differ with those presented. He also noted the project is for the Del Norte community but much of the cost is on the backs of the neighboring communities. Commissioner Murphy said grants are possible but there is also the possibility of less funding; High Valley Community Center will need more concrete funding. He also had concerns about tax increases for residents on fixed income. Conservation trust funds (lottery funds) are relied on by the local towns and Rio Grande County to improve other parts of the County; if this goes through the amount is cut for the other agencies. Staffing is another concern and the pay associated with the staff positions and hours of operation within the service plan.

Commissioner Hagedorn said this is a great idea for community involvement but noted the cost of a life guard for the facility at the hours stated would only allow that position for one-third of a year. This is one example of the concern of the financial numbers in the service plan not being accurate, grant income as stated in the service plan cannot be guaranteed and might not be stable. He said there were not many future activities in the service plan. Commissioner Hagedorn said this does not seem reasonable for the County with the service plan presented; he asked if it is in the best location and does it pull the County together rather than divide it. The Jasper community cannot participate due to their location and number of months that are inhabitable. The Board looked at calculations if Jasper and South Fork were left out of the tax base and the service plan becomes unfeasible if that were to occur.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to deny the service plan. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Chairman Davie discussed costs and the mill levy ballot issue a few years ago. Residents do not want increased taxes and the County has made cuts because of the mill levy. He noted that excluding agriculture land and Jasper still leaves financial questions. The Board thanked Grace Young and her board for the hard work and effort they have put into the community and the programs that have been started. The Board voted to deny the service plan.

At 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the February 27, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 2:00 p.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly report. The written report was submitted as follows:

- The 7 West Road project was completed; shaping will be done when the ground thaws.
- Most of February was spent snow plowing.
- The dozer operators pushed stockpile material for future use.
- Snow was removed at Ski Hi Park for the Ag Conference on two occasions.
- Assisted the City of Monte Vista with snow removal.
- Damage to signs has occurred due to wind and snow removal; they are being repaired.
- The welding and mechanic shops are busy with numerous repairs.
- Spot-graveling has been started throughout the County.
- Mr. Sullivan, the Commissioners and Sheriff Norton met with the Emergency Preparedness Officer regarding spring runoff and flooding.
- A 2003 Cat 420-D IT backhoe was purchased from the SLV Earth Movers auction for \$45,930.

Proposed work for March includes repairing mud spots, receiving two new dump trucks, sending quotes for liquid asphalt, stockpiling sand in predetermined locations, and pot hole patching will be done as weather allows. Quotes will be sent out for an excavator and Southway Construction may start crushing gravel.

Fourteen projects were completed for a total cost of \$221,186.87. Most of the projects were snow related and totaled \$122,984.92.

Mr. Sullivan said there could be more Medium Cure (MC) asphalt purchased due to the frost level, water and maintenance work this spring. Mr. Sullivan requested a time for the dike inspections. There was discussion of responsibility for landowners who have flattened the dikes. This will be discussed with Bill Dunn, County Attorney. Mr. Sullivan said if earth moving is required it needs to be done soon.

The two older Sterling trucks have front brake problems and have been in the shop for repairs. Mr. Sullivan said he received a call from a resident about sandbags. Sand will be stockpiled in various locations for residents to use; it will not be hauled to private homes. He has contacted private entities because the County does not have enough sand for the requests. Tentative locations are the South Fork County Shop, possibly Ski Hi Park and the Del Norte location is yet to be determined.

Mr. Sullivan received a call from a resident who has a damaged cement pad from the courtesy plowing done on a driveway. He explained that all the homes along the road were plowed out to keep the residents from being stranded. Mr. Sullivan will correct the problem with the cement pad.

Charlie Spielman commented on the River and water levels. Chairman Davie said the County is not responsible for people who build in the flood plain. Ms. Benton said the County web page will have information on sand locations, places to purchase the bags and water levels.

Mr. Spielman said the Monte Vista Golf Course is looking at purchasing land within the County to expand the golf course. He would like the County to be aware of this matter.

Mr. Spielman also commented on supporting the Alamosa Bus Company.

At 3:00 p.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Aaron Welch and Nancy Butler, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RIGHT), joined the session to request a letter of support to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for a 400 acre property abutting the River immediately north of Monte Vista. This is included in the Rio Grande Initiative Program to purchase the development rights. Chairman Davie asked if the land could be grazed as part of a conservation easement. Mr. Welch said RIGHT supports agriculture and can be grazed. Chairman Davie asked if the water would be protected. Mr. Welch said the water is tied to the land. There were not sufficient funds within the Rio Grande Initiative, due to existing projects, to purchase the property. Mr. Welch asked for a letter of support for the project. Commissioner Hagedorn asked about the starch plant facility on the 3 East Road. If the water were tied to the land the water could not be used for the starch plant operations at that facility. Mr. Welch did not have information on the starch plant operations. Commissioner Murphy moved to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the following abatements. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Schedule No.	Assessed	Actual	Tax
19153-00-47	\$6,100	\$21,034	\$282.24
21331-05-002	\$1,570	\$0	\$73.16

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to reappoint Brian David to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Murphy moved to cancel the following warrant. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount	Line Item
125573	3/5/08	Natchez Shooter's Supply	\$283.12	001-0446-4193

Commissioner Murphy moved to waive the Annex use fee for Del Norte Trails Association. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Rio Grande Club. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. There have not been any reports from law enforcement of improper use of the license at the Rio Grande Club.

Commissioner Murphy moved to close the Clerk & Recorder's Office to conduct the 2008 primary and general elections. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 538  
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The first conservation trust income payment for 2008 was \$14,363.48.

Ms. Benton gave a summary of steering committee meetings. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the modification of the conditional use permit for Franke Excavating not to exceed two weeks in any year with the following contingencies: must use Highway 160 access, two weeks maximum in any year, dust mitigation and time operation of 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturdays. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 538 PAGE 536

At 3:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order following the monthly managers meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the March 12, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:30 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Nurse, joined the session for the monthly report. The written report was presented and reviewed. Ms. Perry presented a report on the active tuberculosis case. Health care workers must observe that the medication was taken by the patient because of the severity of contagiousness. Chairman Davie asked if the Department had been involved with the contaminated water situation within the Town of Del Norte. Ms. Perry said she was contacted and explained her role in emergencies as the Public Information Officer. There was discussion of the reverse 911 calls to the Town and the role of the Emergency Preparedness Officer. The title to the supply trailer has been given to the Rio Grande Hospital.

At 11:00 a.m. James Berg, Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:40 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. He met with Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Planner, regarding various Code Book violations.

Mr. Dunn read from State Statute regarding removal of riverbanks and dikes. The Statute does not address removal of structures by private landowners; however the District Court can order the County the right to maintain the riverbanks and dikes. Mr. Dunn said the landowner who removes a portion of the bank or dike would be responsible for flood damage. There was discussion of public and private roads that have been built creating blocks in the natural flood plain. There was also discussion of liability for homes and septic systems that are damaged due to high water. Mr. Dunn will research liability.

Mr. Dunn updated the Board on a lawsuit regarding the Dream Ranch. He said the County is still being notified of proceedings. The Bureau of Land Management has been dismissed as a defendant in the case.

Mr. Dunn will talk with Eric Schwiesow regarding the gravel pit water augmentation progress. There may be a delay with the water engineer.

At 12:15 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. Courtney Medina, Monte Vista High School Senior Class, joined the session to request support for the Perea Park Project. Teacher Tony Perea passed away during the last school year; the senior class project is to build a pavilion, including a Veterans memorial, in memory of Mr. Perea. The park will be open to the community. Ms. Medina asked the Board for a donation; she said the class will be assisting with the construction. The estimated project is \$32,000 and \$20,000 has been raised. The class is also contributing funds to the project. The Board will consider the request.

At 1:45 p.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Annex use fee waivers were presented for Rio Grande Ditch #1, New Life Fellowship, and the American Legion Post. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the one time uses for the Rio Grande Ditch #1 and the New Life Fellowship. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. The American Legion Post fee waiver request was denied based on the fixed schedule and number of people to use the facility.

Ms. Benton presented correspondence and pending meetings. Chairman Davie signed the letter regarding the Community Development Block Grant contract to amend the original contract by \$25,000 and extend the deadline of the contract to June 30, 2008. The funds would support a solar power plant feasibility study.

At 2:00 p.m. Herb Myers, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the session. The Board had concerns with building maintenance while he is on vacation. Mr. Myers said they have been short an employee and the regular maintenance has not been fully covered. The other two employees will cover the work for all buildings and grounds. The Board asked Mr. Myers about his leave on Friday afternoons. Mr. Myers said it is annual leave.

At 2:05 p.m. Arlene Harms, Rio Grande Hospital, joined the session to update the Board on the Hospital plans. There will be a clinic operating this fall near the Hospital. The loan has closed and construction should begin within a month. She also noted concerns with the lighting at the turnoff on County Road 14. She was referred to the State Highway Department. Ms. Harms said a Monte Vista Clinic will be

opened in April to better serve the entire County. The office will be located on Rupert Street near Dr. Santi's dental facility. She said there is no intention of putting another physician out of business or take clients away from those physicians; there is a need for a Rio Grande Clinic in the Monte Vista area for those residents. Ms. Harms said Neenan Company will be the general contractor and local subcontractors will be used as much as possible on the Del Norte clinic. She thanked the Board for their continued support of the Hospital.

At 2:15 p.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. There was discussion of purchasing a Ford Expedition from Routt County for Emergency Management. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to request the donation of the 2004 Ford Expedition from the Routt County Emergency Management department. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 2:20 p.m. Kelly Black, Jail Administrator, joined the session to discuss concerns with Colorado State Patrol and paging ambulance and fire departments.

At 2:30 p.m. Mike Sullivan, State Water Engineer, joined the session to update the Board on snow pack and projected River flow. Eight hundred fifty thousand (850,000) acre feet of water are projected to flow through the Del Norte gauge from April - September. Reservoir storage is voluntary, not mandatory. Mr. Sullivan compared previous years and noted the low water level in 2006. The water offices are working with NRCS to prepare for the water. Mr. Sullivan noted ditches and canals that can divert water for short periods until they flood other areas. The cool weather this spring is keeping the snow in the mountains; a long melt is good because it is gradual. There are not many places for diversion in the South Fork area. Mr. Sullivan is working on filling Rio Grande Reservoir and letting some existing water into Santa Maria Reservoir. He noted the 1985 flooding around Monte Vista. The County Line Bridge and the Stoeber Lane Bridge are potential problems. The amount of trash in the River is also a concern. Mr. Sullivan said his staff is working with the residents to prepare for the spring water. Chairman Davie said the ditch companies are not going to be ready for water as early this year. Commissioner Hagedorn asked how the Rio Grande Compact was being accounted for. Mr. Sullivan said 40% of the River will be sent downstream to satisfy the Compact. If water can be sent early in the spring it helps with prepayment of the Compact. Mr. Sullivan said the debris in the River causes the most damage. It is too early to anticipate a peak flow. If the weather gets warm the water will rise quickly. Mr. Sullivan asked the County to be aware of potential road flooding and to have service departments prepared. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, said there are 12 - 15 structures that are monitored regularly; with high water the number increases to 50 structures. This spreads the County resources very thin. The ditch riders are already looking for debris and problems within their ditch system. Communication is the key between agencies. Darrel Miles, Road & Bridge Department, asked if June 10 is still the estimated peak time. Mr. Sullivan said it depends on the weather and temperatures. James Myers said he is new to South Fork and asked where the worst flooding areas will be. Mr. Sullivan said some areas of the River are deeper than others and sandbagging will be on an individual basis based on proximity

to the River. Million Reservoir is controlled by the Forest Service and is not a large facility; Mr. Sullivan is in contact with all the reservoir representatives for storage options. Jim Clare, SLV Rural Electric Cooperative, said in 1985 the County did most of the work to keep water back; he asked if the City of Monte Vista was involved. Mr. Sullivan said he would be in contact with the City. Since the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for work in the River, Mr. Sullivan said he cannot authorize private action by landowners along the River; it would be up to the Army Corps. The levies near Alamosa were designed to hold 11,000 cubic feet per second; however the secondary growth will decrease the amount of water in those structures. Mr. Myers asked if Highway 160 would be closed. Mr. Sullivan said he does not anticipate that because of the proximity to the River. Most of the snow will melt within three months. The Division of Water Resources has a web site with daily recordings of water flow at the various stations; a web search can be done for Colorado surface water. Ms. Benton said the County web page will also have flood information ([www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org)). Mr. Sullivan said he has heard that someone may fly the river but no one has contacted him. Mr. Clare suggested [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) as a resource.

Sand will be available on Wharton Drive, near the County shops in South Fork and at Ski Hi Park, south of the City shops in Monte Vista. The Del Norte location is still being determined. Monte Vista Coop, C&L Container, UBC and NAPA have sand bags available.

The Emergency Water Protection Program did some cleanup work with Natural Resources Conservation Service; if there is a life threatening situation this program is also available.

At 3:30 p.m. Ms. Vanderpool joined the session to discuss gravel and landscaping operations in the County that do not have County approval. She noted that any time a matter is taken to the County Attorney, proper procedures have been taken in the Land Use Office and the individual has not made an effort to comply. There was discussion of home occupation permits for hairdressers and various sales tax licenses.

At 4:00 p.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session to discuss storage units north of Monte Vista which need building permits if they are being rented for storage.

At 4:10 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the February 21, 2008 hearing minutes and the March 19, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session to discuss property in Alpine Village, South Fork. There is a septic system without a permit or approval to install the system. Mr. Kern said there is no record of the system but the landowner, a licensed septic installer, has a cancelled check for the permit. The Board agreed that since the system was installed prior to the moratorium and met the requirements at the time of installation a variance would be granted.

Mr. Kern presented a variance application for a septic system in Alpine Village on two lots. The applicants want to install an engineered system to meet the requirements in place. Ms. Benton noted that the engineered plan must be attached to the application; the official stamp of the engineer transfers liability from the County to the engineer. Mr. Kern said he is waiting on the plans for the system. He added that the public health issues still fall back to the County. Commissioner Hagedorn said the application is not complete. The landowners must submit the engineered plans with the application before the hearing date is set.

Mr. Kern presented an updated fee schedule as suggested by the International Construction Code (ICC). His example indicates a 7.75% increase in fees. With the energy efficiency code going into effect in July, these fees could be in effect at the same time. This would also give contractors adequate notice. Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt the new fee schedule effective July 1, 2008. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the March 2008 payroll. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

**County General**

Davie, Douglas	sal.	\$	2,949.50
Hagedorn, Robert	sal.	\$	4,141.67
Murphy, Dennis	sal.	\$	2,949.50
Benton, Suzanne	sal.	\$	6,695.22
Kessler, Glenda	sal.	\$	2,502.93
Slade, Janice	sal.	\$	30.00
Vanderpool, Rose	sal.	\$	3,029.87
Canada, Sean	sal.	\$	2,912.00
Kern, Randall	sal.	\$	3,816.80

Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$ 2,031.47
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$ 1,930.16
Jackson, Sandra	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,040.26
Murphy, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,944.19
Pacheco, LeAnn	sal.	\$ 1,650.46
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$ 2,447.67
Kroschel, Ruth	sal.	\$ 1,387.20
Steving, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,046.40
Velasquez, Ashley	sal.	\$ 42.12
Dean, Amy	sal.	\$ 1,674.24
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$ 1,601.60
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$ 2,643.33
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$ 2,178.80
Spicer, William	sal.	\$ 3,022.93
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Goad, Lorraine	sal.	\$ 1,807.87
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$ 2,710.28
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$ 2,077.83
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$ 1,460.55
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,927.68
Marquez, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,880.67
Myers, Herbert	sal.	\$ 2,984.16
Arellano, Timothy	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Chick, Charles	sal.	\$ 2,643.33
Coffman, Samuel	sal.	\$ 3,012.27
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$ 2,823.60
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Gonzales, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 1,954.12
Heacock, Marilyn	sal.	\$ 2,529.21
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$ 5,550.00
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,591.33
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,408.72
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,357.33
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 2,020.00
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,083.60
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,335.21
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 1,868.53
Deherrera, Alicia	sal.	\$ 1,887.29
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,010.51
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,057.47
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,946.15
Garcia, Cori	sal.	\$ 862.40
Hardaway, Matthew	sal.	\$ 1,724.80
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,057.47
Kerr, Tory	sal.	\$ 1,968.57
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,705.15
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,184.76
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,151.12
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 1,899.74

Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,057.47
Braly, Mark	sal.	\$ 1,145.00
Strohmayr, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Gonzales, Danah	sal.	\$ 850.68
Spencer, Teresa	sal.	\$ 518.70
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$ 2,863.47
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$ 2,382.99
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$ 4,464.08
Steelman, Nadine	sal.	\$ 2,234.05
Stowe, Linda	sal.	\$ 3,559.62
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$ 1,785.12
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,619.80
Hand, Rebecca	sal.	\$ 1,083.33
Housden, Joyce	sal.	\$ 3,293.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,217.90
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 3,681.60
Oglesby, Freddy	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Taylor, Anna	sal.	\$ 3,306.33
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,446.95

**\$196,182.06**

(Taxes Withheld, \$32,336.44; Deductions Withheld,  
\$27,254.54)

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,222.13
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,444.88
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 2,669.20
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,575.30
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,093.08
Maestas, William	sal.	\$ 3,363.96
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$ 2,873.87
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$ 3,480.53
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,237.87
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$ 2,141.45
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$ 3,072.83
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,286.35
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 3,115.98
Cervantez, Manuel	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 2,931.07
Heredia, Abelardo	sal.	\$ 3,031.51
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$ 2,222.13
Steffens, John	sal.	\$ 3,549.87
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$ 5,245.63
Trujillo, Adelmo	sal.	\$ 2,312.27
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$ 2,312.27
Valdez-Heredia, Monique	sal.	\$ 224.64

**\$ 68,109.89**

(Taxes Withheld, \$12,020.80; Deductions Withheld,  
\$9,149.02)

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Anderson, Elisha	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Arvizo, Rita	sal.	\$ 2,796.63
Atencio, Valerie	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Berg, James	sal.	\$ 5,746.58
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 2,006.88
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$ 1,980.88
Dupont, Ilene	sal.	\$ 1,450.54
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Ford, Georgia	sal.	\$ 3,035.50
Gallegos, Brandi	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 3,890.25
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,074.50
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$ 2,294.50
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$ 3,900.00
Martinez, Janelle	sal.	\$ 2,125.50
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 2,011.75
Pacheco, Jessica	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Pacheco, Rosanne	sal.	\$ 3,531.13
Padilla, Christopher	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,578.25
Pena, Mike	sal.	\$ 4,449.25
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 2,125.50
Sanchez, Kiley	sal.	\$ 2,990.50
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Segura, Donna	sal.	\$ 3,224.50
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$ 2,694.25
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,676.38
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$ 3,602.63
Tafoya, Liz	sal.	\$ 1,946.75
Velasquez, Angela Sue	sal.	\$ 3,896.11
Velasquez, Antonia	sal.	\$ 1,389.38
Vengas, Brenda	sal.	\$ 1,475.50
Villagomez, Rashel	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,655.29
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,125.50
		<u>\$103,810.70</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$17,213.24; Deductions Withheld, \$16,153.49)

**PEST CONTROL**

Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,762.89
		<u>\$ 3,762.89</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$695.10; Deductions Withheld, \$593.07)

At 10:00 a.m. Darrel Plane, Weed District Supervisor, joined the session along with Mike Schaefer, Jim Clare, Larry Mayfield, and Bryan Christensen, members of the Weed District Board. They requested funds for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee who will be doing mapping for the Weed District. The Soil Conservation District pays for a portion of the employee's salary along with NRCS.

Chairman Davie noted that the building rent for the District increased this year; NRCS owns the building. Mr. Plane said NRCS raised the fee due to increased insurance costs. Two thousand dollars was requested in the contract labor line item; Ms. Benton can amend the budget in November if the Weed District is over budget since this item was not budgeted. The additional mapping work will require additional funding. There was discussion of the Swede Lane weed eradication grant project (EQUIP). The participation has been very high for the EQUIP program; there may not be enough funding for all the applicants. The railroad has asked the Weed District to spray again this summer; however last year's work has not been paid. Mr. Schaefer noted that with railcars on the tracks it takes twice as long and twice the fuel to spray the tracks. The Board agreed to amend the budget in November if necessary for the Soil Conservation District payment.

Mr. Schaefer asked if the Board had inspected the dikes along Swede Lane. He is concerned with high water this spring.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to allocate \$2,000 from Conservation Trust Funds to the Perea Park Project structure. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the transfer of Tract 8 at Rominger Airport to Michael and Colleen Hurst for a 25 year lease. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:30 a.m. Dale Wiescamp and several concerned citizens joined the session to discuss oil and gas leasing on Forest Service property. The parcels indicated on the map presented, are lots that the Forest Service can list for auction on May 8, 2008 in Denver. Saguache County is also involved in the process as there are large amounts of property in Saguache County. Mr. Wiescamp said his concerns are with big game habitat, homes and the watershed for the San Luis Valley. The chemicals that are used in the drilling process could pollute the watershed and aquifers. Mr. Wiescamp said the vegetable production in the Valley could be affected. Chairman Davie said years ago test drilling was done and the results were never released. Cris Canaly invited the Board to a forum in the Annex Thursday, March 27, 2008 to provide more information and films on the topic. The guest speaker is also available to meet with the Board in a work session to discuss the issue in detail. Ms. Canaly worked on a similar matter in Conejos County last year. The leases were withdrawn from the auction based on the protests. Commissioner Murphy said the cattle grazing comments were of interest to Rio Grande County; ranchers with range grazing rights have not been informed of the proposed drilling in their ranges. Chairman Davie asked if Ms. Canaly knew about changes in the Forest Service from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Canaly will research this matter. The information from the oil and gas lease presentation can be made available to the Board. Ms. Canaly said there were instances in New Mexico of animal poisoning. There was discussion of work with the Saguache County Commissioners and the cooperation between the two counties. There should be basic regulations within the County regarding oil and gas leasing. The State has jurisdiction over oil and gas permitting but there are ways to work together. Nominations of the parcels are confidential. Ms. Canaly said Saguache County is working with the State so the regulations coincide.

Chairman Davie said one of the Commissioners would try to meet with the guest speaker before the meeting.

At 11:15 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. There was discussion of correspondence from a former inmate.

Mr. Dunn researched the County's liability regarding flooding. The County does not have the responsibility of creating dikes or preventing flooding. If the County does take action, they are liable if the action causes flooding. Private landowners modifying natural water courses become liable for damage.

Dale Weaver joined the session to discuss his construction and landscaping business and home occupation near South Fork. He is not stockpiling rock and material for use other than his own private use. The logs on site will be for an addition to the home. Culverts or pipe are delivered to his home, which are later used for construction projects. Mr. Weaver said he is not stockpiling material any more. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Planner, joined the session. A complaint has been given to Ms. Vanderpool from a neighbor in Deer Meadows regarding Mr. Weaver's property. Ms. Vanderpool said the land use is not permitted in a rural zone. Mr. Weaver runs his business from this location; stockpiling of material is not allowed with a home occupation permit which was the reason for denial of the permit. Mr. Weaver said he has ceased stockpiling since Ms. Vanderpool's phone call. Ms. Vanderpool noted a neighbor who applied for a home occupation permit for a contractor business and allows the employees to park on the property. Chairman Davie said the home occupation permit is for indoor use of home. This property is zoned rural; Mr. Weaver has about five acres. Ms. Vanderpool said with a home occupation permit the equipment or stockpiled material must be inside a building. Mr. Dunn suggested reviewing the matter in October to see if the property has been cleaned up.

Ms. Benton noted continued calls regarding a decision on long term leases for a recreational vehicle park. After discussion, the Board agreed not to allow long term recreational park leases.

Mr. Dunn will research oil and gas lease permits and authority.

Eric Schwiesow was contacted regarding the water augmentation plan for the gravel pit. The application is in the court system at this point.

At 12:10 p.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. The Board agreed not to increase employee mileage rates at this time. Ms. Benton clarified that the emergency preparedness vehicle from Routt County has to be purchased to repay the Routt County grant; it will not be given to Rio Grande County. Senate Bill 1362 was noted regarding TANF funds. The Board asked Ms. Benton to draft a letter of opposition. The Board agreed not to pursue a grant to maintain the television towers.

The sandbag expense will come out of emergency preparedness funds.

Ms. Benton noted a request from Ski Hi Stampede to have the Road and Bridge department remove metal and other debris. The Board asked that another entity remove the debris.

The sand location in Del Norte will be across from the City shop.

Commissioner Murphy said some runway lights were damaged during snow removal. The Airport Board would like the County to inspect the damage. The Road and Bridge Department will be contacted.

At 12:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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Lyla Davis  
Clerk of the Board

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board