

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande)

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 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 Murphy moved to approve the August 27, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. the Board discussed pending matters. Chairman Davie signed a letter of support for the Colorado State University Extension Service to administer the Invasive Weed Master Program in Colorado which came from Merle Dillon, Extension Service. Ms. Benton presented the hangar lease transfer from Robert Kauffman to Duane Larson for Tract 13 at the Del Norte Airport to complete the 25-year lease. Chairman Davie signed the lease transfer.

At 9:45 a.m. Herb Myers, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly report. He noted that work is going smoothly and projects are being completed. There are three projects to complete before winter. The leak in the Nurse's Office was repaired. The parking lot painting has been done and the Social Services landscaping is complete. The lawn tractor is working better but the gears seem to be making more noise. Mr. Myers said the tractor is getting old but it is working fine right now. Chairman Davie said the Bronco needs to be kept inside the garage. Mr. Myers has waxed it and painted the roof where it needed repair. The Road and Bridge department will look at the steering problem in the Bronco. Chairman Davie noted that some paint is peeling around the door in the nurse's exam room. Mr. Myers will look at the room. Chairman Davie asked about the tile buckling at the County Museum. Mr. Myers said there are some leaks and bad spots where the roof is brittle. He said it is hard to get roofers to work on flat roofs.

At 10:20 a.m. Neal Walters joined the session. He was appointed to the Board of Adjustments and to the Planning and Zoning Board as a alternate member. Mr. Walters is retired and is interested in the County and serving on these commissions. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to appoint Mr. Walters to the Board of Adjustments and to the Planning and Zoning Board as an alternate member. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:30 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. She noted correspondence regarding an exhibit at the 4-H fair that was damaged. Commissioner Murphy moved to sign the Certification of Eligibility to Receive Conservation Trust Funds for January

1 - December 31, 2009. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

The Board discussed a possible land purchase.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the following claims. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

County General Fund

ACS Services	exp	\$	8,234.66
Adams Drug Store Inc	exp	\$	1,330.42
Aspen Office Products	exp	\$	88.54
Cathy Gonzales	mileage	\$	16.00
Colorado Bureau	finger print	\$	38.50
D&T Ventures LLC	exp	\$	550.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	exp	\$	218.50
Del Norte Schools	exp	\$	300.00
Gobins	exp	\$	526.29
Hart Intercivic	exp	\$	1,776.32
ICC	exp	\$	100.00
Jacks Market	exp	\$	5.02
Kens Service Center	exp	\$	38.19
Konica Minolta Business	exp	\$	573.15
Mineral County Public	exp	\$	1,317.20
Notes & Numbers LLC	exp	\$	360.00
O&V Printing	exp	\$	175.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	exp	\$	2,419.52
Preparesmart LLC	exp	\$	351.00
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	2,648.93
	search		
Rio Grande County	rescue	\$	2,263.00
Rio Grande County	van use	\$	40.08
Robert Hagedorn	mileage	\$	487.00
Rose Vanderpool	mileage	\$	167.84
San Luis Valley RSVP	award	\$	700.00
SLV GIS/GPS Authority	3rd qtr	\$	900.00
Southern Colo Computer	exp	\$	229.95
Thompson Publishing	exp	\$	438.50
United Reprographic	exp	\$	94.17
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	820.80
Verizon Wireless	exp	\$	921.54
WSB Computer Services	exp	\$	15.00
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	2,287.99
TOTAL		\$	30,433.11

Adventure Capital	Bailey	\$	242.79
Alamosa Credit Union	exp	\$	450.00
BC Services Inc	Garcia	\$	360.82
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	71,742.01
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	328.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	168.00
Pre-Paid Legal Services	exp	\$	29.90
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	44,529.98
Security Benefit	exp	\$	5,229.16
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	435.00
TOTAL		\$	123,515.66

First BankCard	card pmt	\$	3,937.07
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	3,863.08
ACS Services Inc	exp	\$	4,601.37
Adams Drug Store Inc	exp	\$	1,366.63
Andrews Produce Inc	exp	\$	920.36
Anne Henningsen	exp	\$	275.00
Ashley Velasquez	mileage	\$	34.50
Aspen Office Products	RGSO	\$	228.70
Beth Quinlan	Prj B	\$	175.00
Business Solutions Lsng	exp	\$	490.61
Center for Restorative	award	\$	200.00
Chaffee Public Health	exp	\$	1,295.00
Christina Wilson	mileage	\$	81.00
Cindy Hill	mileage	\$	12.00
Co Dept of Public Safety	exp	\$	315.00
Colo County Treasurers	exp	\$	200.00
Colorado Assessors Assn	registration	\$	120.00
Conejos County Sheriff	RGSO	\$	1,107.00
Costilla County Nursing	exp	\$	1,778.00
Dale Trujillo	mileage	\$	142.00
Danah Gonzales	mileage	\$	217.05
Decatur Electronics	exp	\$	1,635.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	exp	\$	595.94
Dennis Murphy Jr	mileage	\$	519.00
Digitcom Electronics	RGSO	\$	133.44
District Attorney Office	8th pmt	\$	13,495.00
Duckwall Alco Discount	exp	\$	258.31
Easter Owens	exp	\$	1,585.00
El Paso County Coroner	exp	\$	3,750.00
ETS Development Grp	exp	\$	8,225.00
Fleming Chemical Co	exp	\$	47.68
Galls Inc	exp	\$	1,311.77
Gimmees.com	exp	\$	1,524.84
Glock Inc	exp	\$	878.00
Gobins	exp	\$	739.85
Herbert L Myers	mileage	\$	34.70
High Valley Community	exp	\$	3,600.00
Jacks Market	exp	\$	178.57
Jacks Market	exp	\$	166.94
Jaclyn Gabbel	mileage	\$	4.00
Jade Communications	exp	\$	49.95
Jeff Babcock	Prj A	\$	7,155.26
Jon Montano	Prj B	\$	175.00
Joyce Housden	travel	\$	678.28
Judy Jolly	mileage	\$	25.00
Kens Service Center	RGSO	\$	335.78
Lake County Health Dept	exp	\$	800.00
Larson Systems Inc	exp	\$	157.14
Leann Pacheco	mileage	\$	19.00
Lenovo (United States)	exp	\$	2,001.24
Meadow Gold Dairies	exp	\$	738.30
Michael Valdez	mileage	\$	126.50
Michelle Medina	mileage	\$	36.50

Michelle Montoya	mileage	\$	17.00
Mineral County Public	exp	\$	1,229.00
Monte Vista BP/Amoco	exp	\$	343.44
Monte Vista Cooperative	exp	\$	180.04
Mount'n Valley Sports	RGSO	\$	907.86
Natchez Shooter's Supply	exp	\$	588.27
New Horizons Packaging	exp	\$	212.82
Notes & Numbers LLC	exp	\$	315.00
O&V Printing	exp	\$	35.00
Office Depot	exp	\$	111.73
Peggy Kern	exp	\$	21.00
Physician Sales & Services	exp	\$	240.69
Pitney Bowes Inc	exp	\$	225.45
Pocket Press	exp	\$	239.70
Pro Com	exp	\$	70.00
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	52.91
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	191.71
Rio Grande Hospital	exp	\$	2,379.41
Robert Hagedorn	exp	\$	352.00
Safeway Inc	exp	\$	132.32
Saguache County Jail	exp	\$	1,085.00
Sandy Jackson	exp	\$	22.44
Sanofi Pasteur Inc	exp	\$	147.53
Sherryl Steving	mileage	\$	30.00
Sparkle Cleaners	RGSO	\$	21.50
State of Colorado/DOI	exp	\$	397.44
Sue Davis	exp	\$	2,472.60
Suzanne Benton	mileage	\$	104.36
Telesforo J Dominguez	mileage	\$	167.86
United Reprographic	exp	\$	215.00
V&V Hardware	exp	\$	73.14
Valley Courier	RGSO	\$	72.20
Valley Gun Service	exp	\$	600.75
Valley Lumber and Supply	exp	\$	712.28
Valley Meat	exp	\$	1,829.52
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	46.36
Vendola Plumbing	exp	\$	450.00
Wright Valley Oil Inc	exp	\$	4,709.49
WSB Computer Services	exp	\$	110.00
TOTAL		\$	93,453.18

Road & Bridge Fund

APWA Western Slope	exp	\$	120.00
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	108.07
Verizon Wireless	exp	\$	134.59
TOTAL		\$	362.66

Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	22,611.19
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	790.00
Linebarger, Googan	Plane	\$	433.77
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	16,289.71
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
TOTAL		\$	40,174.67

Airgas Intermountain	pmt	\$	413.54
AT&T	exp	\$	32.62
CNH Capital	exp	\$	314.65
Del Norte Auto Supply	exp	\$	33.91
Drive Train Industries	exp	\$	970.95
Duckwall Alco Discount	exp	\$	20.90
EZ Liner Industries	exp	\$	40.61
Gunbarrel Service Station	exp	\$	20.00
Haynie's Inc	exp	\$	826.08
Industrial & Farm Supply	exp	\$	26.38
Layton Truck Equipment	exp	\$	158.07
Leroy A Romero	exp	\$	125.00
Lester, Sigmond, Rooney	exp	\$	30.00
Lyle Signs	exp	\$	350.41
Monte Glass Shop	exp	\$	13.00
Monte Vista BP/Amoco	exp	\$	106.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	exp	\$	628.77
Monte Vista Machine Tool	exp	\$	189.28
Monte Vista Machine Tool	exp	\$	1.90
Monte Vista Tractor	exp	\$	101.92
Myers Brothers Truck	exp	\$	97.08
Petty Cash	exp	\$	10.37
Pro Com	exp	\$	105.00
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	382.62
Quill Corporation	exp	\$	67.01
Ridgeviewtel LLC	exp	\$	29.95
Rio Grande Hospital	exp	\$	90.00
Rylind Industries	exp	\$	408.00
San Luis Valley Regional	exp	\$	169.05
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	170.00
Sorum Tractor Co	exp	\$	739.18
Southwestern Auto Supply	exp	\$	917.65
Stanek Auto Body	exp	\$	3,035.97
Thompson Distributing	exp	\$	413.00
United Building Center	exp	\$	74.40
Valley Lumber and Supply	exp	\$	1.62
Volvo of Denver	exp	\$	686.05
Wagner Equipment	exp	\$	1,570.37
Wright Valley Oil Inc	exp	\$	27,218.76
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	4,512.79
TOTAL		\$	45,102.86

Pest Control

Alltel	exp	\$	69.97
Monte Vista Cooperative	exp	\$	1,357.95
Postmaster	exp	\$	42.00
San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	63.00
Valley Publishing	exp	\$	270.00
TOTAL		\$	1,802.92

Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	2,287.93
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	897.48

TOTAL		\$	3,185.41
First BankCard	card pmt	\$	149.43
DP Ag Services	exp	\$	5,758.00
Qwest Communications	exp	\$	82.14
Van Diest Supply Co	exp	\$	1,391.75
TOTAL		\$	7,381.32

Airport Fund

San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	309.27
TOTAL		\$	309.27

Rio Grande County	exp	\$	556.55
TOTAL		\$	556.55

Capital Expenditure Fund

TOTAL		\$	-
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Conservation Trust

San Luis Valley Rural	exp	\$	75.69
Xcel Energy	exp	\$	15.42
TOTAL		\$	91.11

San Luis Valley TV Inc	exp	\$	1,250.00
Xcel	exp	\$	15.21
TOTAL		\$	1,265.21

Tourism Trust

Alamosa Convention	exp	\$	8,307.88
Applelodge Enterprises	lodging	\$	2,084.59
Monte Villa Historic Inn	coupons	\$	70.00
South Fork Music Assn	event fund	\$	500.00
Van Gieson Properties	coupons	\$	10.00
TOTAL		\$	10,972.47

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss pending legal matters. Mr. Dunn discussed an outstanding invoice with ACS Services and the Assessor's Office which he looked into. He will follow up with the County Assessor for details.

Ms. Benton gave an update on the pending legal case with a former inmate.

Commissioner Hagedorn said the Maxeyville gravel pit water augmentation matter needs to be settled. Ms. Benton said Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, will check with the engineer to be sure all documents have been filed. A conference call was made to Eric Schwiesow, the attorney handling the case. Mr. Schwiesow said Jamie Hart had not made a decision regarding the fishpond and associated acreage. This is up to Mr. Hart to determine the direction at this point. Regarding the Sanderson gravel pit with Thad Elliott, the Rio Grande Water Users wanted more water diverted into the pit than Mr. Elliott thought was

necessary. The Rio Grande Water Users have since decreased the amount of water into the pit and Mr. Elliott may be more agreeable to the amount. There will be a status meeting mid-month and a signed decree should be available for the Sanderson water augmentation plan.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board discussed questionable claims. The Board stated that more detail needs to be documented on the claims.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a work session.

Attest:

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 10, 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 Murphy moved to approve the September 3, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters and correspondence. Chairman Davie signed the monthly Veteran's report. The DSS payroll report was signed. Ms. Benton noted the pending steering committee meetings. The Board approved a request for 15 days from the sick leave pool.

At 10:15 a.m. James Berg, Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:00 a.m. Mary Baumfalk, Tri County Senior Citizens director, joined the session to request the funds that have been allocated to Tri County. She also presented a budget request for the next year (2009). She asked for an increase in funding due to fuel costs; the commodities and special events requests did not increase. The High Valley Manor has been remodeled and now has four vacancies which are non-subsidized. The Mountain View Manor only has three vacancies. The Veteran's Center is remodeling and some of the residents are staying at a Tri County facility in the interim. Ms. Baumfalk expects most to move back to the Veteran's Center.

Chairman Davie asked if the Alamosa Bus Company works with the senior programs for transportation. Ms. Baumfalk said she has not heard from them after some initial discussions.

She said there are routes to Creede and Saguache that could be split with the Alamosa Bus Company.

Chairman Davie asked about the funds that were reported missing. Ms. Baumfalk said there was not a full investigation. The investigating officer left the Monte Vista Police Department to take another job and there has not been any follow up.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the building that Tri County may consider selling. Rural Development feels that a change of use for the building would help fill the vacancies. Ms. Baumfalk said the mission of Tri County is to assist the seniors, not families. She said there are more applications are for disabled residents who need more assistance; the building could be transferred for this use. Ms. Baumfalk said Tri County is not an assisted living center and there are more applications for assisted living. Ms. Baumfalk said as a Title III organization they can ask for donations for the bus service but cannot demand payment. This may be a conflict with the bus company where a fee is required to ride.

At 11:20 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. There was discussion of the Anderson Ditch exchange of water for federal land. The Board signed a letter that states there is other water owned federally that could be used rather than taking it from private water users. There was discussion of a ruling from the State Attorney General regarding the transit agency. The Board asked that the Monte Vista Economic Development Council request a ruling from the State Attorney General on this matter. Commissioner Hagedorn moved not to waive the Annex fee request for a homeowners association. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:40 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 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 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order following the monthly manager's meeting. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the September 10, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Ms. Benton reviewed pending meetings and work sessions.

At 10:15 a.m. Dana Isemyer, Mike Trujillo and Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session to discuss an agreement with Streamside Villas and the objecting homeowners. Mr. Isemyer said the agreement is close to being signed; there are maps that will be attached with the agreement. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the agreement and maps on September 25, 2008. The Planning Commission tabled their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners until this agreement was signed and in hand. Mr. Isemyer gave an overview of the agreement. The residents want certainty that the golf course will remain the same and the residents who are overlooking the driving range were told this would be open space. The putting green will be re-conveyed to the Rio Grande Resort and Streamside Villas will be a gated community to reduce through traffic. Maps will be attached showing which areas will be developed and which will remain as golf course property. Mr. Isemyer said all of this will be recorded for public record. Mr. Trujillo said Tract 9A will be amended to show the new property line for Streamside Villas. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. to make a decision on the Streamside Villas amended application. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Planner, clarified that the golf course is owned by Rio Grande Resort, not South Fork Ranches.

Mr. Dunn continued with pending legal matters. He said he drafted a letter to ACS Services for the Assessor's Office on the outstanding fee charges. The Assessor's Office is reviewing the letter.

Mr. Dunn will be preparing for the State hearing on tax appeals.

At 10:45 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Nurse, joined the session for the monthly report. Chairman Davie noted the decreased senior citizen participation at the Monte Vista clinics. Ms. Perry stated that she denied a trip for several employees to attend a conference in Oregon. Ms. Perry presented the Memorandum of Understanding for Chairman Davies' signature between HCP and Rio Grande County.

Ms. Perry said the Department is working on becoming an international travel clinic. The Yellow Fever vaccine requires a specific certification which she will be working on next year. The subscription to the information is expensive but clients are charged for the consultations and vaccines.

Ms. Perry said she will be requesting funds from the Health District to purchase equipment for CPR courses. Judy Masters teaches these classes for various groups. The Department will be offering STD testing. The nurses would arrange the clinics but would not be conducting the tests. A State director would administer the tests; the County would dispense the medications from the State approved pharmacy. Ms. Perry said this is a free clinic that would be set up on a weekday evening.

Ms. Perry said the exam room has been touched up with paint and some areas that were splattered will be scraped. There is some paint peeling on the cupboards. The Maintenance Department is aware of these items. She said the room could use more counter space and cabinets. The exam room could be used as a counseling room as well to show DVDs and have table space for client paperwork.

At 11:45 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Chairman Davie asked for a letter of support for a SEED park through RC&D. Commissioner Murphy said he would like more information on the project.

Ms. Benton said the Emergency Preparedness Officer is out of the office for a few weeks and the reports have to be submitted by the end of the month. Without an Emergency Preparedness Officer the County cannot get federal funds for disaster assistance. This position has been administered through the Sheriff's Office; Ms. Benton will contact Sheriff Norton on this matter.

Ms. Benton asked if the County should apply for the grant to convert the TV translators from analog to digital. She also noted the vouchers for residents to buy a converter box or a grant for a converter on the tower for the analog televisions to continue to work. Without the converter boxes the existing analog televisions will not receive the digital signal. There are seventeen channels between the three towers in Rio Grande County. Each channel will be subject to a \$1,000 grant each or a total of \$17,000. Ms. Benton said the grant refers to each facility; there was discussion of a facility being one station or one translator. Ms. Benton will clarify this matter with the grant agency.

Del Norte Head Start asked to waive the Annex use fee for Family Night. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to deny the waiver request. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Hagedorn moved to grant the hiring of an additional case worker in Single Entry Point. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. This is a federally funded position.

Commissioner Murphy moved to advance Jessica Sierra to the lead worker position and hire a replacement for Georgia Ford's position in the Social Services Department.

Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Commissioner Murphy moved to deny the additional leave without pay request following Family Medical Leave.

Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

The Town of Center has paid their roadwork invoice.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. Andy and Michelle Warner joined the session for a conditional use permit application for Artisan Cheese. Ms. Vanderpool read the minutes of the Planning Commission. The Warners have purchased property west of Del Norte and will lease eighty acres of pasture for their cattle. Commissioner Murphy asked about the existing well. The entire property is serviced by one well. Mr. Warner said this is an old well and has been used to water horses in the past. The pasture may not be irrigated depending on water availability; the cattle will mostly be fed organic hay purchased from other local farms. They may irrigate the pasture and plant some rye but it is not the main source of cattle feed. Ms. Warner said the well is over twenty years old. Commissioner Hagedorn said some wells have restrictions and he does not want them to have any problems in the future. Chairman Davie asked about waste from the cheese production. Mr. Warner said they will have a septic system for the waste which is mostly water. Commissioner Hagedorn asked when they would be opening their shop. Mr. Warner said they have some construction to do but they hope

to start within a month. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to approve the conditional use permit. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

They have already received approval from the State inspectors; Ms. Vanderpool asked the Warners to submit those approvals for their file.

At 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to hire Porfie Medina as the Maintenance Supervisor upon Herb Myers' retirement October 1, 2008. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. The Board agreed to a three month review.

At 2:00 p.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly report. Marty Asplin, Town of Del Norte, joined the session to discuss a walking path along County Road 14 from the highway to the hospital. The cement pathway would be next to the cliff and would slope for drainage. Mr. Asplin asked if this would interfere with plowing operations. Mr. Sullivan likened this to the Sherman Avenue bike path in Monte Vista. As long as the pathway is lower than the paving there should not be a problem. The manholes would also have to be lowered to the appropriate grade. The east half of County Road 14 is owned by the Town but the County maintains the entire road. Mr. Sullivan said as long as it is lower than the asphalt and it drains correctly there should not be a problem.

The written report was submitted as follows.

- All striping was completed including the Del Norte Airport
- Construction was completed on the 9 South Road west of Highway 15
- Carl Hill completed all repairs on snow plow equipment
- The County assisted the City of Monte Vista and Saguache County with hauling asphalt
- Seven employees went to the State Fair Road'eo. Tim Black placed 3rd in the Wagner equipment rodeo. Adelmo Trujillo placed 5th in the power equipment rodeo
- Roadside mowing was started
- The shop completed several repair projects

Work scheduled for September includes construction work on County Road 15, complete roadside mowing, culvert cleaning in South Fork will begin - Agua Ramon will be first, the Schedule A roads that have the most traffic will be graded before winter, the playground project could be completed, four employees will attend the snow and ice conference in Gunnison, two will attend the traffic safety class in Grand Junction and Ms. Romero and Mr. Sullivan will attend the HUTF class in Salida.

Ms. Benton said she was told Conejos County terminated the contract with Rio Grande County for road maintenance to Jasper; however Ms. Benton has not received written notice of this termination. The Forest Service Schedule A roads are closed from November through April.

The City of Monte Vista annexed the Trospen property west of Monte Vista. Willow Lane is still a County road. All of

Pintada Drive and ½ mile of County Road 27 is now in the City.

There was discussion of the maintenance that is shared between Rio Grande County and the City of Monte Vista. Mr. Sullivan will review the road agreements with the City.

The Monte Vista Cemetery asked the County to build a road on the north side of the new plots. Mr. Sullivan will contact the cemetery board and give an estimate for the cost of the work and crushed gravel.

The Board made Mr. Sullivan aware of various potholes that need repair.

At 3:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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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 September 17, 2008 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the following 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.	\$	2,643.33
Bricker, Pamela	sal.	\$	50.00
Frankie, Craig	sal.	\$	50.00
Freeman, Dwight	sal.	\$	50.00
McCallister, Vern	sal.	\$	50.00
Seeger, Gary	sal.	\$	50.00
Slade, Janice	sal.	\$	50.00
Vanderpool, Rose	sal.	\$	3,090.53
Canada, Sean	sal.	\$	2,970.93

Kern, Randall	sal.	\$ 3,893.07
Gabbel, Jaclyn	sal.	\$ 1,622.39
Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$ 2,046.12
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$ 1,935.68
Jackson, Sandra	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,076.88
Murphy, Donna	sal.	\$ 3,043.13
Pacheco, LeAnn	sal.	\$ 1,690.96
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$ 2,461.67
Carroll, Katherine	sal.	\$ 965.25
Steving, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,046.76
Velasquez, Ashley	sal.	\$ 505.44
Wilson, Christina	sal.	\$ 1,661.66
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$ 2,178.80
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$ 2,697.07
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$ 1,076.88
Spicer, William	sal.	\$ 3,083.60
Trujillo, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$ 1,401.40
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$ 2,710.28
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$ 2,077.83
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$ 1,519.70
Marquez, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,917.07
Medina, Porfie	sal.	\$ 1,511.47
Myers, Herbert	sal.	\$ 2,984.16
Arellano, Timothy	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Chick, Charles	sal.	\$ 3,456.27
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$ 1,868.53
Coffman, Samuel	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$ 2,880.80
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Gonzales, Jason	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$ 5,550.00
Steffens, Angela	sal.	\$ 2,352.13
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,591.33
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,575.17
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,940.87
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,146.00
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,599.28
Carlson, Jesse	sal.	\$ 1,498.24
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 2,022.80
Deherrera, Alicia	sal.	\$ 1,904.93
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,008.79
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,931.47
Garcia, Cori	sal.	\$ 1,936.12
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,340.66
Kerr, Tory	sal.	\$ 2,002.36

Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,947.44
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,230.89
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,258.66
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,310.03
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 1,904.93
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,126.50
Strohmayer, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Gonzales, Danah	sal.	\$ 2,168.50
Brown, Linda	sal.	\$ 3,559.62
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$ 2,921.10
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$ 2,430.31
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$ 4,464.08
Steelman, Nadine	sal.	\$ 2,234.05
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$ 1,874.60
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,700.18
Hand, Rebecca	sal.	\$ 1,083.33
Housden, Joyce	sal.	\$ 3,293.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,038.42
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 3,318.47
Colville, Louise	sal.	\$ 438.63
Oglesby, Freddy	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Taylor, Anna	sal.	\$ 3,306.33
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,446.95
		<u>\$205,929.27</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$34,806.52; Deductions Withheld, \$26,688.04)

ROAD & BRIDGE

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,222.13
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 2,631.63
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,603.47
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Maestas, William	sal.	\$ 3,237.87
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$ 2,990.00
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$ 3,480.53
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,302.00
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$ 2,873.87
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,138.26
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 2,938.00
Cervantez, Manuel	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 2,931.07
Heredia, Abelardo	sal.	\$ 3,057.60
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 3,359.15
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
		<u>\$ 67,308.96</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$12,183.02); Deductions Withheld,

\$8,824.87)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Anderson, Elisha	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Arvizo, Rita	sal.	\$ 2,853.50
Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 1,475.50
Berg, James	sal.	\$ 5,746.58
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 2,006.88
Casias, Brenda	sal.	\$ 2,042.63
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$ 1,980.88
Dupont, Ilene	sal.	\$ 1,450.54
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Gallegos, Brandi	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,564.88
Goad, Lorraine	sal.	\$ 2,042.63
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 3,968.25
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,074.50
Kern, Jody	sal.	\$ 3,731.00
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$ 2,294.50
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$ 3,900.00
Martinez, Janelle	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 2,050.75
Pacheco, Rosanne	sal.	\$ 3,602.63
Padilla, Christopher	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,649.75
Pena, Mike	sal.	\$ 4,449.25
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Sanchez, Kiley	sal.	\$ 2,990.50
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$ 2,346.50
Segura, Donna	sal.	\$ 3,286.25
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$ 2,694.25
Sierra, Jessica	sal.	\$ 2,167.75
Sims, Heather	sal.	\$ 2,785.25
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,676.38
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$ 3,602.63
Tafoya, Liz	sal.	\$ 1,946.75
Villagomez, Rashel	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,655.29
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,167.75

\$105,811.72

(Taxes Withheld, \$17,772.94; Deductions Withheld,
\$15,405.02)

PEST CONTROL

Christensen, Bryan	sal.	\$ 50.00
Clare, James	sal.	\$ 50.00
Miner, Craig	sal.	\$ 50.00
Monter, Bernard	sal.	\$ 535.00
Mueller, Mark	sal.	\$ 50.00
Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,762.89

Plane, Harold	sal.	\$	490.00
Schaefer, Michael	sal.	\$	50.00
		\$	5,037.89

(Taxes Withheld, \$792.67; Deductions Withheld, \$593.07)

At 9:20 a.m. the Board approved forced entry by the Weed District on Faucundo and J Leigh Montoya to spray Canadian Thistle.

Ms. Benton reviewed pending meetings.

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

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount	Line Item
127050	9/30/07	Credit Bureau of Alamosa	\$60.31	003-0003-2101

At 9:30 a.m. Tom Malecek and Dan Dallas, Forest Service, joined the session to discuss Bureau of Land Management (BLM) road closures. He noted that many roads will be closed this winter. John Noffske was also present to discuss Forest Service roads on his ranch. Permit-to-use roads can be used two weeks prior and two weeks after the closure for grazing rights. The County roads in question are 28-A and 28-C southwest of Monte Vista. Mr. Noffske's concern is that he needs to access his cattle range after the road closures. Mr. Noffske's specific issues have been resolved with the Forest Service officials; however he feels there are many roads being closed that still serve private property and the owners are not aware of the closure plans. Mr. Malecek said he feels the Forest Service has gone through this process enough times that they know which properties are affected. The open roads will be signed, all others will be closed. The closed roads are going to be seeded. Mr. Dallas said they were unaware of the updated County road map until Mr. Noffske took it to him. They are combining all the maps to make sure the road closures do not coincide with a County road. The ranchers with grazing rights can get a grazing permit with authorizations written in to maintain fences, etc. Chairman Davie clarified that these roads will be closed to motorized vehicles. Mr. Malecek said walkers and horseback riders are still permitted. He also noted that problems arise when hunters take their ATVs on the two track roads. Mr. Noffske said 51% of the BLM roads are to be closed. He feels the Planning Commission and the Board need to review the closures and maps. He said if someone wants to develop their land there would only be a two track road that cannot be improved. Mr. Malecek said that the developers need to provide access to the development; the BLM does not have to provide access. He added there will be minor changes over time to the roads. Mr. Malecek said they have to manage 500,000 acres of BLM and Forest Service land. He suggested that a presentation be given at the Valley Commissioner's meeting with county map overlays. Chairman Davie asked if this would affect the RS 2477 roads. Rio Grande County has not pushed the RS 2477 roads but it could become an issue. Mr. Dallas said the ability to claim an RS 2477 road is never extinguished. Chairman Davie said that RS 2477 roads have to be maintained by the County. Mr. Noffske asked to what condition it has to be maintained. Mr. Dallas said the County decides the terms of maintenance. The existing road condition prior to the Forest Service is the presumed condition of the road. Commissioner Hagedorn said if the water/land exchange goes through with the Anderson Ditch,

the new landowners have to have access to their parcels. Mr. Malecek said the properties with access will continue to have access, but the properties without access would not be granted BLM access. Mr. Dallas said that would fall to the developer and the County when the development application is filed. The property is appraised appropriately with and without access depending on each lot. Ms. Benton clarified that roads on private property are not under the BLM jurisdiction. Mr. Malecek gave an example of a road leading to private property without a right-of-way through private property; the remainder of the BLM road beyond private property would be closed because it cannot be accessed. Mr. Noffske said he has a permit-use access only but it crosses another private property; Mr. Noffske can use the road but the landowner cannot. Mr. Malecek said the permit has been modified to include the landowner. Mr. Noffske said this could be a problem for people who are not aware of the legality until the permit has been issued. Mr. Noffske said the residents need to have input on this matter. Mr. Malecek said it has been published in the local newspapers and they have taken comments. He said if landowners know they about BLM land they should have attended the sessions to find out what will be happening. Mr. Noffske said the notice may not have been effective. Chairman Davie said he knows how hard it is to get citizens to attend public hearings on various matters. Mr. Noffske commented on the size of the document and the procedure for each road. The information is provided but it is difficult to decipher; at a public meeting it is impossible to read and understand the book. It is overwhelming and people give up on the matter. His information was provided by computer disk which is not user friendly and took over 400 pages to print the text. Mr. Noffske would like the County to look this over before implementation. Chairman Davie said if problems arise the County will address them and the BLM will have to be sure this is a working map. Mr. Dallas added that this is also an effort to stop people from making roads on their own; the roads need to connect and get people through the trails.

Charlie Spielman asked if Forest Service roads will be closed. Mr. Malecek said they are on a separate map and have been charted. Mr. Spielman asked for the purpose of this meeting. Chairman Davie said it was an update on the BLM road closures. Mr. Dallas said they had poor attendance at the public hearings. Commissioner Hagedorn said he wasn't aware of the closures until Mr. Noffske called him. Ms. Benton said she receives many notices from the Forest Service and BLM of meetings monthly. Mr. Malecek said he gave a presentation at the Valley Commissioners about two years ago. Chairman Davie said changes need to be made as concerns arise. Mr. Dallas asked if a resolution was passed in the early 2000 years claiming RS 2477 roads. Chairman Davie said there are two main concerns in Rio Grande County with RS 2477 roads but there has not been a lot of work done on them. Mr. Malecek said the Forest Service travel maps will be updated soon and there will be another session of public hearings. Chairman Davie noted the BLM and Forest Service are under different jurisdictions; one under the Department of the Interior and one under the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Noffske asked if the County could be provided with the maps specific to Rio Grande County. The Board will have Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge

Supervisor, review the maps. Mr. Dallas said everyone has the same opportunity for comment but it is not being driven by any specific group. Mr. Noffske said there have been specific meetings with the SLV Ecosystem on BLM record but the County meetings are not mentioned on record. He said as a rancher, the recreation part of the forest is not a priority to him. He added that it may not be affordable to revisit the issue later on when it affects a developer. Chairman Davie thanked everyone for their time.

Commissioner Hagedorn asked Mr. Dallas if he had received any correspondence from Conejos County regarding the road to Jasper. Ms. Benton said the County has not received written notification that the contract with Conejos County was terminated. Mr. Dallas asked if there was a need for another meeting of all the Jasper residents, both counties and the Forest Service to finalize the agreement before this winter. Rio Grande County agreed to meet with the Forest Service and Conejos County following the Valley Commissioners meeting.

At 10:35 a.m. Doris DiCamillo joined the session for a minor subdivision exempt division of land. Commissioner Hagedorn asked about accessing the property. Ms. DiCamillo said the access has been in place for about eighteen years. She said the hay yards are accessed through the homestead property and pivot road. The Board reminded the DiCamillos to leave the 100 foot sprinkler buffer. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Planner, said this is the second division of land on this property. Any additional divisions would be subject to a minor subdivision. Ms. DiCamillo said they cannot farm this corner because they cannot get water to it. The property is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, T 37 N, R 8 E, containing six acres more or less. Commissioner Hagedorn moved to recommend approval contingent upon the survey. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Spielman joined the session to discuss the transit agency. He said the Department of Social Services will be billed for TANF funds. Commissioner Murphy asked what their plan would be if TANF funds are not available. Mr. Spielman said they do not have another plan.

At 11:00 a.m. Sandy Jackson, Clerk and Recorder, joined the session to request funds for voting equipment. The Clerk in Walsenburg is selling two pieces of voting equipment that she would like to purchase. The machines will be certified by the Secretary of State. Ms. Benton said there are funds in the Recording part of Ms. Jackson's budget that can be redirected to Elections. The Board approved this transfer of \$2,000 to Elections for the purchase of equipment. Ms. Benton asked about postage costs for the election. Ms. Jackson said she tracks all election postage separately from other postage in the office.

At 11:20 a.m. Ms. Benton presented a request for a septic vault system in Alpine Village. The resident will live in the home for a few weeks each year. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, denied the application for a septic system because the lot is on less than one-half acre. A vault system must be disclosed when applying for a well or selling the home. Chairman Davie moved to approve the vault

system for Steve DeLancy, Lot 13, Block 28, Alpine 7, South Fork. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. She was referred to a TV translator technician in Utah who could work on the towers for converting the stations to digital signals. There would only be six signals that need the conversion. There was discussion of the Single Entry Point office remodel.

Ms. Benton reviewed the sales tax distribution process for the County and each town.

Correspondence and pending meetings was presented.

There were no findings in the County Property Assessment audit.

There was a request for a DVD player with the TV in the Annex for training sessions, etc. The Board will consider this purchase.

At 12:15 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and a CDOT presentation.

Attest:

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board