

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande)

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 2, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the November 17, 2010 minutes as amended and the November 22, 2010 minutes as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the following resolutions for tax certificate assignments: Tax Certificate Numbers 6326, 6331, 6335, 6338, 6340, 6341 and 6344. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

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

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount	Line Item
132093	10/15/10	Drafting Seals	\$168.11	002-0467-4727

Ms. Benton presented two bids for the remaining Sheriff's vehicles. The Board opened the bids. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to reject the bids based on unreasonably low amounts. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the following claims. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

County General Fund

Xcel Energy	utility	\$	1,975.64
Anita Blickhahn	election exp	\$	136.00
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	213.68
Augustine C Gonzales	election exp	\$	30.00
Betty Buttman	election exp	\$	100.00
Brenda Yvonne Weaver	election exp	\$	105.40
Calvary Baptist Church	election exp	\$	50.00

Carla Clutter	election exp	\$	134.20
Carla Yokley	election exp	\$	112.60
Carolyn Sullivan	election exp	\$	100.00
CED/American Electrical	repair	\$	10.43
Chardell Barton	election exp	\$	112.60
Cherri Lyons	election exp	\$	100.00
Christina Wilson	election exp	\$	43.20
Christine Wright	election exp	\$	105.00
Church of Jesus Christ	election exp	\$	50.00
Co Dept of Human Service	October	\$	115.00
Cora Velasquez	election exp	\$	100.00
Dave Pote	homeland sec	\$	525.00
Diana Finel	election exp	\$	100.00
District Attorney Office	payment	\$	13,389.75
Donna Murphy	election exp	\$	115.30
Doris Downie	election exp	\$	103.60
Dorothy Chambers	election exp	\$	104.50
Elizabeth Gutierrez	election exp	\$	100.00
Fabiola Luna	election exp	\$	100.00
Fleet Services	fuel	\$	5,071.87
Gail Cox	election exp	\$	100.00
Gerald Clare	election exp	\$	104.00
Glenalee Mitchell	election exp	\$	100.00
Gobins	supplies	\$	117.46
Isabelle Pacheco	election exp	\$	100.00
Jack's Market Pharmacy	jail meds	\$	202.29
Jackie Martinez	election exp	\$	100.00
James Griffin	election exp	\$	100.00
Janice Slade	election exp	\$	100.00
Jeanette Howey	election exp	\$	143.20
Jerrylyn Everett	election exp	\$	100.00
Joan Beal	election exp	\$	100.00
Jorie Scott	election exp	\$	117.60
Jose Art Medina	election exp	\$	100.00
Joyce Gomez	election exp	\$	100.00
Judy Drake	election exp	\$	100.00
Justin Ratzlaff	election exp	\$	104.00
Kathryn Siglinger	election exp	\$	100.00
Kevin Siglinger	election exp	\$	100.00
Larry Drake	election exp	\$	104.50
Lee Jackson	election exp	\$	30.00

Lillian Gonzales	election exp	\$	100.00
Lola Brimhall	election exp	\$	103.60
Lorell Rae Cotton	election exp	\$	115.30
Manuel J Quintana	election exp	\$	30.00
Margaret Stillings	election exp	\$	104.00
Margery Siemering	election exp	\$	100.00
Margrit Thorne	election exp	\$	100.00
Marilyn Dalby	election exp	\$	100.00
Mary Beth Miles	mileage	\$	33.30
Mary Lamb	election exp	\$	100.00
Maureen Smith	election exp	\$	100.00
Mike Mitchell	election exp	\$	103.60
Nazarene Church	election exp	\$	50.00
Nick Gonzales	election exp	\$	100.00
Nicki Smith	election exp	\$	100.00
Pauline Washburn	election exp	\$	100.00
Peggy Manzaneres	election exp	\$	129.20
Pueblo Co Information	computer exp	\$	5,237.33
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	1,878.12
Ron Hart	election exp	\$	100.00
San Luis Valley Rural	election exp	\$	50.00
Sandy Jackson	reimbursed exp	\$	76.89
Sheila Casias	election exp	\$	100.00
Sherryl Steving	election exp	\$	37.35
Shirley Kernan	election exp	\$	106.30
Shirley Lentz	election exp	\$	129.20
Shirley McCullough	election exp	\$	100.00
South Fork Community	election exp	\$	50.00
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	333.84
Susan Williams	election exp	\$	100.00
Teresa Archuleta	election exp	\$	100.00
Teresa Atkins	election exp	\$	115.30
Theresa Sanchez	election exp	\$	112.60
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	2,164.50
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	\$	136.19
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	\$	797.18
Victim Assistance Fund	October	\$	115.00
Wayne Odom	election exp	\$	131.00
WSB Computer Services	computer exp	\$	1,584.00
Xcel Energy	utility	\$	<u>2,788.28</u>

TOTAL \$ **43,338.90**

American Public Life	November	\$	432.12
BC Services Inc	November	\$	301.66
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	65,215.06
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	106.00
Family Support Registry	exp	\$	158.00
Pre-paid Legal Services	exp	\$	139.45
Rio Grande County Treasurer	September	\$	43,430.84
Security Benefit	exp	\$	2,650.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	500.00

TOTAL \$ **112,933.13**

ACS Services, Inc	computer svc	\$	6,680.16
Adams Drug Store, Inc	jail meds	\$	401.39
Aspen Office Products	supplies	\$	166.99
Burnsley Hotel	training	\$	258.00
Business Solutions Leasing	copier	\$	410.33
Carla Clutter	mileage	\$	337.80
Civil Air Patrol	RGSO	\$	295.00
Co Dept of Public Safety	RGSO	\$	262.50
Co Dept of Health & Env	toxicology	\$	220.00
Colorado Chapter	training	\$	650.00
Colorado Counties Inc	registration	\$	75.00
County Sheriff's of Colo	RGSO	\$	1,200.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	99.76
Del Norte Prospector	subscription	\$	34.75
Douglas County	RGSO	\$	8,000.00
Duckwall Alco Discount	supplies	\$	47.88
Dunn Law LLP	attorney	\$	400.00
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	3,153.48
Fleming Chemical Co	supplies	\$	94.48
Galls Inc	supplies	\$	63.99
Gobins	supplies	\$	328.27
Hart Intercivic	election exp	\$	12,428.07
Haynie's Inc	supplies	\$	28.66
Jack's Market	jail food	\$	428.24
Jeff Babcock	homeland sec	\$	7,718.83
Jennifer Mondragon	mileage	\$	207.45
John Michalke	Prj 2	\$	6,376.65

Kathryn Siglinger	election exp	\$	300.00
Ken's Service Center	repairs	\$	42.30
KVS Information Systems	election exp	\$	950.00
Lorell Rae Cotten	election exp	\$	345.90
Meadow Gold Dairies	jail food	\$	265.96
Monte Vista Cooperative	supplies	\$	22.50
Notes & Numbers LLS	board clerk	\$	300.00
Oncall Paging Service	RGSO	\$	119.85
Peggy J Kern	reimbursed exp	\$	19.80
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	25.48
Rio Grande County Clerk	titles	\$	16.40
Rio Grande County Public	transfer	\$	59,000.00
Rio Grande Hospital	inmate exp	\$	1,872.32
Rio Grande Services	repairs	\$	93.50
Robert Hagedorn	Action22	\$	15.00
Rose Vanderpool	reimbursed exp	\$	43.43
Safeway	jail food	\$	188.84
Saguache County Jail	holding	\$	1,085.00
Sandy Jackson	reimbursed exp	\$	8.88
Shamrock Food Company	jail food	\$	2,403.81
SLV GIS/GPS Authority	services	\$	207.90
Sue Davis	homeland sec	\$	2,836.87
Suzanne Benton	reimbursed exp	\$	54.00
Terisa Atkins	election exp	\$	343.20
True Value Hardware	supplies	\$	35.34
Postal Service	meter	\$	33,700.00
United Reprographic	supplies	\$	65.00
Valley Courier	ads	\$	197.40
Valley Performance	repairs	\$	16.40
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	243.60
WSB Computer Services	computer svc	\$	174.00
TOTAL		\$	155,360.36

Road & Bridge Fund

Amigo.net	internet	\$	134.00
Business Solutions Leasing	copier	\$	110.08
D-A Lubricant Company	oil	\$	16,402.25
Lascal Equipment	blades	\$	221.36
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	53.00
Red-D-Arc Welerentals	supply	\$	331.70

Russell Surveyors & Assn	airport easemnt	\$	887.60
Verizon Wireless	cell phone	\$	123.61
TOTAL		\$	18,263.60

American Public Life	exp	\$	226.82
Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	25,501.61
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	18,292.53
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
TOTAL		\$	44,070.96

Airgas Intermountain	supplies	\$	2,190.51
Alta Fuels	fuel	\$	9,014.70
Colorado Machinery	exp	\$	32.87
Del Norte Auto Supply	supplies	\$	357.76
Delta Rigging & Tools	supplies	\$	319.00
Drive Train Industries	supplies	\$	143.12
Duckwall Alco Discount	supplies	\$	147.12
Fastenall	supplies	\$	362.93
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	57.33
Fleet Services	fuel	\$	1,261.70
Gobins	supplies	\$	29.30
Grainger Parts	parts	\$	41.90
Gunbarrel Service Station	repairs	\$	217.00
Haynie's Inc	parts	\$	2,583.14
JJ Keller & Assoicates	manuals	\$	204.98
Leroy A Romero	maintenance	\$	125.00
Monte Glass Shop	repairs	\$	21.55
Monte Vista Cooperative	parts	\$	468.19
Myers Brothers Truck	repairs	\$	146.15
Petty Cash	petty cash	\$	76.76
Pulltarps	supplies	\$	2,763.31
Relinance Steel Co #12	supplies	\$	215.47
Rio Grande Cty Weed Dist.	roadside spray	\$	12,668.42
Rocky Mountain Plumbing	supplies	\$	16.47
San Luis Valley Rural	utility	\$	176.00
Sanner Brothers Salvage	supplies	\$	46.40
Sorum Tractor	parts	\$	7.32
South Side Salvage	parts	\$	50.00
Tire Distribution System	tires	\$	29,138.34

Transwest Truck Inc	parts	\$	676.97
United Rentals Inc	repairs	\$	242.68
Valley Wide Welding	repairs	\$	226.80
Wagner Equipment	parts	\$	2,684.09
WSB Copmuter Services	computer svc	\$	16.00
TOTAL		\$	66,729.28

Pest Control

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TOTAL			

Community Banks of the Rockies	exp	\$	1,672.08
Rio Grande County Treas.	exp	\$	1,002.48
TOTAL		\$	2,674.56

First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	60.33
Qwest Communications	phone	\$	81.90
TOTAL		\$	142.23

Airport Fund

Airport Development Group	payment	\$	30,070.51
SLV Earth Movers Inc	payment	\$	229,263.65
TOTAL		\$	259,334.16

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TOTAL		\$	-

Capital Expenditure Fund

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TOTAL		\$	-

Conservation Trust

Pioneer Sand Company	materials	\$	29,297.65
Rio Grande County	match grant	\$	2,928.70
TOTAL		\$	32,226.35

Tourism Trust

Appelodge Enterprises	website	\$	500.00
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Devi Jardon	secretary	\$	1,260.00
Harris Publishing	ads	\$	25.00
South Fork Visitor's	trade show	\$	2,399.90
Van Gieson Properties	reimbursement	\$	30.00
TOTAL		\$	4,214.90

Public Health Department

Qwest Communications	phone	\$	258.40
State of Colorado/DOI	T1 line	\$	61.51
Verizon Wireless	telephone	\$	121.66
TOTAL		\$	441.57

American Public Life	exp	\$	104.98
Community Bank of the Rockies	exp	\$	8,888.61
Rio Grande County Treasurer	exp	\$	4,940.33
Security Benefit	exp	\$	50.00
Sooper Credit Union	exp	\$	100.00
TOTAL		\$	14,083.92

CDPHE Immunization Program	November	\$	716.48
First Bankcard	card pmt	\$	583.25
Jack's Market	supplies	\$	6.44
Qwest Communications	telephone	\$	7.90
Saguache Co Public Health	services	\$	1,400.00
Staples Business	supplies	\$	34.68
Tamarac Medical	supplies	\$	10.00
Valley Publishing	ads	\$	155.00
WSB Computer Services	computer svc	\$	72.00
TOTAL		\$	2,985.75

At 11:20 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, joined the session for pending legal matters. Chairman Davie gave Mr. Dunn two draft resolutions to review, one regarding Stewards of the Land and one regarding medical marijuana.

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the medical marijuana dispensaries resolution. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 551 PAGE 1983

There was discussion of the oil and gas regulations being developed for the County and the hearing at the end of the

month. Mr. Dunn noted some revisions and typographical notes to the draft code.

Mr. Dunn reviewed a contract for the County Treasurer.

At 11:45 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

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The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Murphy gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the December 2, 2010 minutes as amended. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:05 a.m. Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Chairman Davie signed the contract for Certification of Eligibility to Receive Conservation Trust Funds from January 1 - December 31, 2011 with the motion made by Commissioner Hagedorn. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

The Revolving Loan contract amendment was presented for \$300,000. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the following Tax Certificate Assignments: 6355, 6358, and 6211. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 9:15 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, joined the session for the monthly report. The written report was submitted as follows.

- All drivers attended drivers training at the Monte Vista Coop. This pertained to the new Rules and Regulations for CDL operators.
- Completed the base work on the Airport Road and started the crushed gravel portion.
- Completed the punch list that the Airport Development Group listed after their final inspection of the Runway.
- CDL physicals and random drug testing was done.
- Plowed snow a couple of days.
- Set up and took down voting booths for the general election.
- Removed three beaver dams on Cat Creek Road.
- Placed orders for the upcoming year including oil, tires and shop supplies.
- Olivia Romero is busy in the office with yearend reports.
- The shop is busy with numerous repairs.
- Carl Hill has nearly completed the body for the sign truck.

Proposed work for December includes completing the new road around the airport, filling the pond at the new city property for the Town of Del Norte, remove ditch bank material along the 3 East Road, possibly start base work on the 2 East and 8 South Roads, Mr. Sullivan will attend the CCI conference, Darryl Miles will take delivery of the new foreman's truck, and the new sign truck will be sent to Colorado Springs to have the hydraulic equipment installed.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the plat for the road around the airport is nearly complete. The Board agreed to name the road County Road 22-A so it could be added on the plat. A formal resolution accepting the road will be approved at a later date.

The Town of South Fork now has some snow removal equipment.

Radios were purchased for the new pickup trucks.

Wagner Equipment was contacted about a new air compressor. Mr. Sullivan received a bid for a Sullair 185 and a Sullair 225 compressor. Mr. Sullivan would like to purchase the 225 with add-ons of a hose, fuel gauge, tachometer, gauge panel and maintenance indicators, and ball hitch, for \$18,990. The Sullair 185 cost is \$13,961. This would be a capital purchase within his

budget. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to purchase the Sullair 225 compressor. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

Mr. Sullivan noted that the property lease is increasing at the Monte Vista fuel yard. Alta Fuels pays the lease but would like to work with the County in light of the lease increase. Alta Fuels has suggested moving the tank into the County yard. Alta Fuels would still own the tank and pay for the spill plan. The tank would have to be fenced per Homeland Security regulations. There was discussion of the pros and cons of owning and leasing a fuel tank at the Monte Vista shop. The County would incur the cost of the fencing. Mr. Sullivan will research the County's insurance and liability.

Mr. Sullivan is in the process of demonstrating a traffic counting program. He would like to use this to test the intersection of the 9 North and 2 East roads. Mr. Sullivan said this would be a good investment for the County for future subdivisions or other matters that could impact the County roads.

The Board agreed to Mr. Sullivan's plan for employee appreciation.

The Board gave Mr. Sullivan his annual employee review.

At 10:30 a.m. Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, joined the session for the monthly report.

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the budget hearing to order. Ms. Benton read the following 2011 budget message.

**BUDGET MESSAGE
2011 BUDGET**

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

Attached is the 2011 Rio Grande County Budget. This budget includes the following county funds: County General, Road & Bridge, Social Services, Capital Expenditures, Airport, Conservation Trust, Tourism, and Public Health Agency. Also included in the document is the RIO GRANDE COUNTY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT'S 2011 budget.

The annual budget is the County's most important financial management document. It is a financial road map for the coming year for all of the various departments and offices. The budget process is a joint effort between the Commissioners, the department heads, and the elected officials to maximize services in the most efficient way possible. All requests are considered and discussed as a group, and the final decisions are made by the Board of County Commissioners who determine the most efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars.

The 2011 County Budget is \$20,618,207 and the Weed Control District Budget is \$134,925. This is a decrease of \$1,420,561 (6.4%) for the County budget and a \$2,585 (1.9%) decrease for Weed Control. The Budget, as presented, is balanced in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 29-1-101 through 115. The budgeted revenue amounts for the Weed Control District are under the amount of increase allowed under the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit. Rio Grande County did successfully pass the removal of the TABOR amendment and the 5.5% Statutory Property Tax Revenue Limit in November 1999. The accounting basis of modified accrual is utilized for Rio Grande County.

In 2011, the County's mill levy will remain the same as previous years at 15.567 mills. This is the maximum number of mills Rio Grande County can levy without going to the vote of the people. The total property tax revenue increase in 2011 is projected to be \$8,278 (0.2%) due to non-appraisal year.

The major points of interest in the 2011 budget are as follows:

- No pay increases or cost of living were given. Due to the reduction in revenues, it was decided to hold salaries at the same level as in 2009. At the present time, no furlough days have been planned. The employees will be required to pay the entire increase in health insurance premiums of eight percent (8%) for the upcoming year. This increase was \$41 per month for a single coverage, \$76 per month for couple coverage and \$93.93 per month for family coverage. Two full-time positions were cut in the 2011 budget. It was calculated that for the month of October, 2010, the average take home pay across all county employees was \$1,855 down from \$1,863 in 2008.
- No additional funding was available to increase the amount of asphalt purchases for the coming year. No new paving projects are scheduled, only maintenance.
- An additional \$100,000 was approved for the purchase of a used loader for the Road & Bridge Department.

The 2010 budget will be funded from the following sources:

	2011 Budget	2010 Budget	
Property Tax	\$2,696,038	13.1%	13.9%
Other Local Sources	\$1,813,393	8.8%	8.7%
Federal and State	\$15,702,010	76.1%	75.1%
Fund Reserves	\$ 406,766	2.0%	2.3%

The accomplishments for 2010 were:

- The Rio Grande County Museum closed as of January 1, 2010. The community came together and scheduled volunteers to keep it open five days a week until December 15, 2010. It will reopen in January with a reduced schedule.
- The County received \$2,500,000 from the State Aeronautical Board for the construction of a new 6,050 foot runway. Currently, this runway can be used only during the day until lights can be installed. The estimated cost for the lights and the navigational system is \$500,000. Rio Grande County is not eligible until 2012 to apply for another Aeronautical Grant.

Projects Goals for 2011 are:

- Continue exploring new funding sources and review all fees and charges.
- Augment and move an agricultural well from other county property to the airport to provide a water source for a future FBO at the Astronaut Rominger Airport.
- Continue to explore funding sources for the lighting of the new runway.
- Work with the municipalities, URG EDC and SLV Development Resource Group to improve the economic base in the County
- Work closely with all county departments in ways to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. All programs will be evaluated for efficiency.

The County has three lease agreements: Two agreements with Business Solutions Leasing for four copiers and a one lease purchase for the addition and remodeling of the jail.

The 2011 County Budget shows an ending fund balance of \$5,231,357 which is down by \$406,766. By utilizing \$406,766 of unappropriated funds to balance the 2011 budget the county continues to utilize its savings; this policy is un-sustainable and in the future either revenue will have to increase or the county will be forced to further reduce expenditures at an even greater rate. If revenues do not increase, County General Fund will need to be reduced by 3%, Road and Bridge Fund by 1 %, and Social Services Fund by 1.3%. This reduction will have to be accomplished by reducing or eliminating various services and staff. The practice of balancing the budget with unappropriated surplus was communicated to the voters of Rio Grande County in 2006 when a 3 mill tax increase was proposed to move the county back to the mill levy level in 1992. This ballot issue was rejected by our constituents. Consequently, the only means for local governments to remain solvent is to cut services.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various funds that have a significant impact on the 2011 budget that were not discussed above:

General Fund: Another position was eliminated from the Clerk and Recorder's Office and one position in the Treasurer's Office. No new sheriff's vehicles have been approved for purchase during 2011, the second year in a row. Two used vehicles were purchased in 2010 from Douglas County for \$4,000 each. By not purchasing new vehicles each year, it results in aging vehicles, more repairs and future capital needs increasing. Costs for law enforcement and detention of inmates continue to increase at unprecedented rates. Medical expenses for inmates have exploded and the County Commissioners with the assistance of the County Sheriff will be working to reduce this escalating expenditure.

Rio Grande County has and will continue to supplement its budget with intergovernmental revenues through grant and other funding. Other grants received include the continuation of the San Luis Valley Homeland Security Grant, Medical Reserve Grant and Citizens' Corp Grant. The San Luis Valley Revolving Loan Fund Grant is also included in County's Budget for auditing purposes. This grant will show \$500,000 in both revenue and expenditures which goes to foster small businesses across all six counties within the San Luis Valley.

Road & Bridge Fund: This year \$200,000 is budgeted for asphalt, the same as in 2010. No new paving projects will be done in 2011. All asphalt purchases will be used in maintaining the current 219.97 miles of paved roads in the County. \$200,000 is budgeted for purchase of a used loader. Highway Users Trust Fund (HUTF) funds approximately 69 percent of the Road & Bridge Fund and has declined by over 5% in the last year. With increased gas prices and more efficient vehicles, fewer gallons of fuel are sold and less revenue from HUTF is generated. The State government has also reduced the HUTF to counties

to help balance the State budget. Over the past several years, two positions have been eliminated from this department due to reduced revenues.

Social Services Fund: The funding for the Social Services' budget is based upon the allocations issued by the Operations Office, Colorado Department of Human Services. All allocations from the State must be matched by local funds. Programs such as Child Day Care, Child Welfare and County Administration have been underfunded by the State in past years which has required transfer of funds from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or County tax dollars. With the State's budget being reduced, the County might have to pay a larger percentage of the client's benefits. The State has not proposed any changes to the program benefits guidelines.

The upcoming year is full of uncertainty. The County has seen a limited increase in property values; however, with the mortgage subleading problems across the country and the resultant foreclosures, there is no surety that the County's assessed values will remain at the current level. The projections for 2012 is that the county's assessed valuation might drop 16%. Many programs and services have been eliminated or cut. Two ballot questions were on the ballot in November, 2010. One question proposed one mill for the operation of the animal shelter and the second one was for one mill to fund all the other community programs that were cut or eliminated in 2009. Both questions failed. The tax payers have once again indicated that they want small government. However, County government is operated by State Statutes and most of the services provided are mandated by these Statutes. Programs like the Museum, animal control, riding arenas, etc. are great amenities for a community. When the citizens of the County vote for a smaller government, then smaller government means less services and programs.

Always of concern are the water issues in the county and how the sub-districts will affect current farming and life in general within our County. If more land has to be taken out of production, this will affect the value of the agriculture land and also have direct impact upon sales tax. In 2011, the first assessment will be made by the sub-district.

All costs of doing business continue to rise for government just as it does for other businesses and private individuals. Just like any business, the County has to purchase supplies, insurance, utilities, food, and equipment. These costs have perpetually increased without corresponding revenue increases. Businesses may pass along these increases to their consumers, but the County does not have this option.

The County was cautious when projecting revenues reflected in the 2011 budget. Most of the Federal and State revenues are for Social Services programs, (\$8,517,003), HUTF (\$1,850,000) and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (\$480,000). With the revenue uncertainties that exist, the officials of Rio Grande County will need to work closely with the State to assure our current level of funding is maintained and also work with the various offices to reduce spending throughout 2011 so the expenditures balance more closely with the incoming revenues. Our current unappropriated fund balance is equivalent to just over a three month's cash flow. This is dangerously low and constant monitoring will be necessary during the year to respond quickly to any changes. If revenues fail to be generated, the budget will be amended downward quarterly to prevent future eroding of the stability of the county's finances.

Budget prepared by:

Suzanne L. Benton
County Administrator/Budget Officer
Date: December 8, 2010

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to adopt the 2011 budget as follows. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2011, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County has appointed Suzanne L. Benton, Budget Officer, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, Suzanne L. Benton, Budget Officer, has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 13, 2010, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 8, 2010, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund	\$5,469,755
Road & Bridge Fund	2,669,591
Social Services Fund	11,369,322
Airport Fund	507,500
Capital Expenditures Fund	0
Conservation Trust Fund	106,000
Tourism Fund	78,980
Public Health Agency	<u>417,059</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$20,618,207

Section 2. That estimated revenues for each fund are as follows:

General Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$3,653,755
From the general property tax	<u>1,816,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$5,469,755

Road & Bridge Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$2,324,591
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From the general property tax	<u>345,000</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,669,591

Social Services Fund

From sources other than general property tax	\$10,920,234
From the general property tax	<u>449,088</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$11,369,322

Airport Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 507,500</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 507,500

Conservation Trust Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 106,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 106,000

Capital Expenditure Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0

Tourism Fund

From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 78,980</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 78,980

Public Health Agency

From sources other than general property tax	\$ 331,109
From the general property tax	<u>85,950</u>
	\$ 417,059

Section 3. That the budget as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of Rio Grande County for the year stated above.

Section 4. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the Board of County Commissioners and made a part of the public records of Rio Grande County.

ADOPTED, this 8th day of December, 2010.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Doug Davie, Chairman

Robert Hagedorn, Commissioner

Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to appropriate sums of money as noted in the following resolution. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

A 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 2011 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 8, 2010, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has made provisions therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purpose described below, so as not to impair the operation of the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the following are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for the purposes stated:

General Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$5,469,755</u>
Total General Fund	\$5,469,755

Road & Bridge Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,669,591</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$2,669,591

Social Services Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$11,369,322</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$11,369,322

Airport Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 507,500</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 507,500

Conservation Trust Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 106,000</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 106,000

Capital Expenditure Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0

Tourism Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$ <u>78,980</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 78,980

Public Health Agency Fund:

Current Operating Expenses	\$ <u>417,059</u>
Total Public Health Agency Fund	\$ 417,059

ADOPTED, this 8th day of December, 2010.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Doug Davie, Chairman

Robert Hagedorn, Commissioner

Dennis Murphy, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to set the mill levy.
Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2010, TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2011 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the Rio Grande County has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 8, 2010, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget is as follows:

General Fund	\$1,903,842
Road & Bridge Fund	360,337
Social Services Fund	450,422

Public Health Agency	<u>90,084</u>
Total	\$2,804,685

WHEREAS, the 2010 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande County as certified by the County Assessor is \$180,168,660.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the County of Rio Grande during the 2011 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of:

General Fund	10.567 mills
Road & Bridge Fund	2.000 mills
Social Services Fund	2.500 mills
Public Health Agency	<u>0.500 mills</u>

totaling 15.567 mills upon each dollar of total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County of Rio Grande for the Tax Year of 2010.

ADOPTED, this 8th day of December 2010.

Doug Davie, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

At 11:30 a.m. Dr. Manert Kennedy, Joyce Rokosz, Jim Jones and Lewis Entz joined the session to discuss a presentation given to the Museum Board. Mr. Kennedy, a retired University of Colorado professor and Korean history expert, told the story of Mr. Jones' donation of a handwritten letter from A.L. Chung to the County Museum several years ago. Mr. Chung was the President of the Society for the Reception Committee of Korean Temporary Government, thanking the United States for freeing Korea from Japan. Mr. Jones was in the military and in Korea at the time the bomb was dropped on Japan. The Korean people were very grateful to the United States soldiers going ashore and liberating the Koreans. Mr. Jones was one of these soldiers and was given the letter. The Korean government did not have any knowledge of the letter Mr. Jones brought home. Mr. Chung went missing while he was running for president of Korea. The Chung family was very interested in this letter and requested the original to be housed in a Korean museum. In exchange, the Museum and Mr. Jones would receive a Korean calligraphy letter from the Korean government thanking the United States as well as a copy of the original letter from Mr. Chung. The Chung family told Mr. Kennedy that the letter Mr. Jones brought home cleared their grandfather's name as a true Korean patriot. Mr. Jones said he would be happy to give the letter back to the Korean government and have it held in a Korean museum. Mr. Kennedy said he hopes to have a time this spring to celebrate this exchange and the 38th parallel kinship. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to release the County owned letter donated by Mr. Jim Jones to the South Korean government. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. Mr. Kennedy will coordinate future celebration plans with Ms. Benton.

At 12:15 p.m. Ms. Benton reviewed the meeting schedule and correspondence.

The Clerk's Office requested to close the office January 3, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to recognize Sandy Jackson's retirement.

Rio Grande County is designated under the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zones for tax credits available to eligible business job creation.

At 12:20 p.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector, joined the session to discuss a building permit fee waiver for the Upper Rio Grande Animal Shelter. Mr. Kern said the Board has never waived a building permit fee. He explained that the Building Department has costs such as postage for certified mailings and inspections with each permit. The fee is about \$300 for this project. Commissioner Murphy felt that this would set precedence for more waiver requests. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to deny the building permit fee waiver. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed. Ms. Miles will call Ray Skeff and notify him of the Board's decision.

At 12:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board reconvened.

At 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the assignment of tax certificate #6354. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

At 1:40 p.m. the Board adjourned for a work session.

Attest:

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Dennis Murphy, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Robert Hagedorn was absent.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Murphy gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the December 8, 2010 minutes as amended. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented pending matters. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the grant application for Emergency Preparedness for \$20,796.63. This is a one year contract. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:15 a.m. Pat Perry, Public Health Agency Director, joined the session for the monthly report. She noted that Dr. Heidi Helgeson has agreed to serve as the Medical Officer on the Board of Health. The next meeting will be held after the newly elected officials take office.

Ms. Perry presented the written reports for October and November. The number of flu immunizations is down this year in the County. Ms. Perry said this is a nationwide trend this year. The travel clinic has had increased visits this month. Ms. Perry said other counties are referring people to the County clinic. She commented that a majority of immunization clients are leaving the country for mission work. Rio Grande County is listed under the Centers for Disease Control website for the travel clinic services.

Ms. Benton reminded Ms. Perry to talk with Sheriff Norton and Captain Kelly Black about nursing services at the County jail. The Public Health Agency budget is in balance for 2011.

At 10:30 a.m. Ms. Benton continued with pending matters. Ms. Miles has updated several job descriptions for the Department of Social Services. Ms. Benton noted that the vacant positions have been posted. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the revised job descriptions for the Social Services Department. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

At 10:45 a.m. Dan Hicks, South Fork Ranches Master Homeowner's Association, and Tom Slade, Treasurer of the Homeowner's Association, joined the session to discuss the properties around the golf course. Mr. Hicks noted that in 2001 the Planned Unit Development (PUD) was developed through South Fork Ranches, LLC. Several subdivisions were developed and have been carried out to some extent. At a certain stage of build-out, the management was turned over to the Home Owners Association (HOA) which was August 2009. A board of directors was formed to work with Colorado laws and bylaws for the PUD. The HOA has since purchased the water company from South Fork Ranches. The HOA

board issues the assessments to the property owners. They found that not all properties were being assessed. One hundred or so lots had not been receiving assessments, such as Big River, the Reserve and some lots at the top of the development. The HOA legal counsel and bylaws state that everyone must be assessed. One property owner wants to be annexed from the PUD. The landowner apparently intended to do this at the time of purchase. The HOA is not in favor of the de-annexation. The property in question has rights-of-way and wells that service the rest of the development. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, said there is a process to de-annex including the Commissioner's approval but it requires resubmitting the PUD. The current landowner stated to the HOA that he does not want to be under architectural control. He claims to have stated this with the original developer.

Mr. Hicks said the bulk properties owned by the HOA will be developed in the future. There is a pending lawsuit that there were not paved roads in the Alder Creek development. This lawsuit was turned over to the HOA at the time of management conveyance. The developer, who is in foreclosure, did not complete the project and has left the area. In planned developments a bond is posted so that the project can be completed should the developer not complete the roads, etc. Mr. Hicks asked that the County not waive the bond requirement in future developments. There is \$1.2 million estimate for work to complete the roads. There have been a couple of breaks in the water system that could damage County Road 15. The County Road & Bridge Department has had to repair the road in the past. There is also concern that some valves are under the county road. Paul Matray, HOA member also joined the session. Mr. Hicks noted the importance of master drawings of the water lines, utilities, etc. Even though the roads are private, there are public services that will be rendered such as fire and ambulance services.

Chairman Davie said these are all good ideas and things the County is trying to implement more. Mr. Hicks asked how they can ensure that these things do not happen in the future. Ms. Vanderpool said this is all written into the Code Book but waivers can be given and plats signed without being completed. Chairman Davie said changes have been made in the Land Use Office over the past few years to keep these things from happening. The Board thanked the gentlemen for their time.

At 11:10 a.m. Ms. Benton noted that the Weed District petitioned the Board for an extension of the termination date for the Rio

Grande County Pest Control District to December 31, 2020. A hearing was set for December 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Benton presented pending matters and correspondence. She noted a letter from the State Division of Fish and Wildlife for a Comprehensive Conservation Plan. She also presented a TANF resource book. A letter was received from the State regarding the audit findings and reimbursements. There was also a notice of an oil and gas meeting hosted by the Rio Grande Watchdogs.

At 11:20 a.m. Mr. Hicks rejoined the session along with Kevin Ames, Land Properties, Inc., to discuss the Big River de-annexation after some discussion with Mr. Ames. Mr. Ames said in the master declaration of covenants a property owner can de-annex from the PUD. Ms. Vanderpool said that was never brought before the County. She said there was a letter some time ago but it was more a pending informational item but not a completed transaction. Mr. Ames said South Fork Ranches gave the authorization to de-annex. Mr. Hicks said the homeowners have bought into a planned unit development concept and have come to expect the development to remain generally the same. If it is going to change it may affect why homeowners bought their property. He noted the single access to a portion of the PUD that would now be de-annexed. Mr. Hicks said the timing of the de-annexation came at the time of the HOA issuing assessments. He noted that a letter was sent from the property owner and the HOA stating both sides of the matter. The de-annexation should be recorded in the property records. The de-annexation has not come before the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Vanderpool said there would have to be a hearing to de-annex. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, agreed that the de-annexation process should be the same as the annexation process. He said it should come before the Board because the density of the PUD may be higher than otherwise allowed in a subdivision. Chairman Davie asked Mr. Dunn if the HOA could still issue assessments for infrastructure. Ms. Vanderpool said any deviation from the PUD is subject to public hearing. Mr. Ames said it is within the master developer's rights to grant the annexation. Land Properties told the property owner they would grant de-annexation. Mr. Dunn felt there needed to be a public hearing. Chairman Davie said they would look into this matter. Chairman Davie said Mr. Hicks would be notified of the findings.

At 11:45 a.m. Mr. Dunn asked for pending legal matters. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, will get the airport plat to Mr. Dunn for review and recording. Mr. Dunn will review the statute as to how roads are accepted onto the County

road system when not presented by a developer or individual landowners.

Mr. Dunn updated the Board on the pending lawsuit. The court dismissed the Sheriff and deputies from the case at Harvest Select.

Ms. Vanderpool found a recorded document about self declaration of de-annexation regarding Land Properties. Mr. Dunn will review the document.

Ms. Benton presented a request for an employee to change to part time status and give another employee assuming the new responsibilities a step increase. The Board approved the request.

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

Attest:

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, December 29, 2010. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioners Dennis Murphy and Robert Hagedorn, Commissioner elect Karla Shriver, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator, Mary Beth Miles, Intern, and Lyla Davis, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hagedorn offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the agenda was set. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to approve the December 15, 2010 minutes as amended. Chairman Davie seconded; the motion passed.

Ms. Benton presented pending matters. She noted a call from a County resident thanking the Board for "living within their means", balancing the County budget and taking the wrath of making the hard decisions.

Hagedorn, Robert	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Murphy, Dennis	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Benton, Suzanne	sal.	\$ 6,963.03
Dennis, Krystal	sal.	\$ 2,267.42
Bricker, Pamela	sal.	\$ 50.00
Freeman, Dwight	sal.	\$ 50.00
McCallister, Vern	sal.	\$ 50.00
Slade, Janice	sal.	\$ 50.00
Vanderpool, Rose	sal.	\$ 3,215.33
Canada, Sean	sal.	\$ 3,385.80
Kern, Randall	sal.	\$ 4,296.93
Gabbel, Jaclyn	sal.	\$ 1,698.67
Gonzales, Catherine	sal.	\$ 2,112.93
Hill, Cindy	sal.	\$ 2,591.33
Jackson, Sandra	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Montoya, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,112.93
Quintana, Mary	sal.	\$ 2,574.00
Steving, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,022.80
Wilson, Christina	sal.	\$ 1,698.67
Dominguez, Telesforo	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Leist, Chris	sal.	\$ 3,208.40
Lyons, Cherri	sal.	\$ 2,267.20
Medina, Michelle	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Mondragon, Jennifer	sal.	\$ 2,804.53
Salazar, Eva	sal.	\$ 2,312.27
Trujillo, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Valdez, Michael	sal.	\$ 2,334.51
Kern, Peggy	sal.	\$ 4,141.67
Rue, Cherilyn	sal.	\$ 2,933.23
Voris, Carol	sal.	\$ 2,249.22
Brown, Elaine	sal.	\$ 1,348.32
Garcia, Carol	sal.	\$ 1,842.53
Marquez, Ronald	sal.	\$ 1,995.07
Medina, Porfie	sal.	\$ 2,508.13
Arellano, Timothy	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Chick, Charles	sal.	\$ 2,416.23
Clark, Frank	sal.	\$ 1,944.80
Doctor, Janette	sal.	\$ 2,996.93
Duran, Jeremiah	sal.	\$ 2,496.00
Garcia, Cori	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Lopez, Emily	sal.	\$ 2,643.33

Lucero, William	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Martinez, Robin	sal.	\$ 2,447.47
Messoline, Larry	sal.	\$ 2,398.93
Norton, Brian	sal.	\$ 5,550.00
Wheelwright, Boyd	sal.	\$ 2,750.80
Archuleta, Anthony	sal.	\$ 2,430.47
Atencio, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,546.27
Bailey, Ronald	sal.	\$ 2,016.05
Black, Kelly	sal.	\$ 3,272.53
Bollinger, Jason	sal.	\$ 1,921.02
Bruder, Gary	sal.	\$ 2,452.67
Chick, Amanda	sal.	\$ 2,014.34
Duran, Dusty	sal.	\$ 2,017.77
Ford, Donna	sal.	\$ 2,568.30
Fuentes, Jose	sal.	\$ 1,982.93
Hart, Jonathan	sal.	\$ 2,283.60
Naranjo, Henry	sal.	\$ 1,254.87
Ortega, Arthur	sal.	\$ 2,319.20
Pacheco, Helen	sal.	\$ 1,575.94
Parks, Joseph	sal.	\$ 2,354.12
Salazar, Alicia	sal.	\$ 1,988.42
Sierra, Shaun	sal.	\$ 2,014.68
Stambaugh, Keith	sal.	\$ 1,906.67
Trujillo, Ramon	sal.	\$ 2,185.51
Vest, David	sal.	\$ 1,951.71
Wright, Todd	sal.	\$ 1,418.25
Strohmayer, Rusty	sal.	\$ 1,841.67
Ferran, Camille	sal.	\$ 1,993.33
Crowder, Larry	sal.	\$ 1,267.30
Lujan, Maxine	sal.	\$ 2,544.82
Miles, Mary B	sal.	\$ 2,608.33

\$178,454.40

(Taxes Withheld, \$27,621.10; Deductions Withheld,
\$27,590.38)

ROAD & BRIDGE

Atencio, Kevin	sal.	\$ 2,357.33
Black, Timothy	sal.	\$ 3,435.47
Chapman, Destry	sal.	\$ 2,709.20
Hansen, Arnold	sal.	\$ 2,709.20
Hill, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,435.47

Lyons, Dale	sal.	\$ 2,184.00
Maestas, William	sal.	\$ 3,367.87
McKinley, Robert	sal.	\$ 3,111.33
Miles, Darryl	sal.	\$ 3,693.73
Pacheco, Carl	sal.	\$ 3,435.47
Plane, Kenneth	sal.	\$ 2,227.33
Widger, Michael J	sal.	\$ 2,099.07
Archuletta, Mark	sal.	\$ 3,050.67
Atencio, Manuel	sal.	\$ 3,237.87
Benavides, Eodofredo	sal.	\$ 3,057.60
Claunch, Billy	sal.	\$ 6,033.87
Gates, Marvin	sal.	\$ 2,140.67
Paulson, Roy	sal.	\$ 3,475.11
Rowe, Danny	sal.	\$ 2,452.67
Steffens, John	sal.	\$ 3,693.73
Sullivan, Patrick	sal.	\$ 5,455.45
Romero, Olivia	sal.	\$ 2,405.87
		\$ 69,768.98

(Taxes Withheld, \$12,060.02; Deductions Withheld,
\$10,047.38)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Atencio, Davine	sal.	\$ 2,988.98
Bruder, Linda	sal.	\$ 1,177.67
Buxman, Bryan	sal.	\$ 2,976.38
Chavez, Melody	sal.	\$ 2,063.75
Collins, Kelsie	sal.	\$ 3,061.50
Dupont, Ilene	sal.	\$ 1,539.72
Duran, Jaxine	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Gallegos, Brandi	sal.	\$ 2,590.25
Garcia, Shirley	sal.	\$ 1,628.25
Gonzales, Carolyn	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Gunther, Darlene	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Harmon, Alicia	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Hernandez, Marlene	sal.	\$ 2,393.63
Horn, Ruth	sal.	\$ 4,129.13
Jaramillo, Richelle	sal.	\$ 3,199.63
Jiron, John	sal.	\$ 2,340.00
Kern, Jody	sal.	\$ 5,000.00
Leblanc, Elizabteh	sal.	\$ 2,083.25

Lester, Heather	sal.	\$ 3,197.38
Maestas, Valarie	sal.	\$ 2,434.25
Martinez, Helen	sal.	\$ 4,057.63
Martinez, Janelle	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Meder, Jeremy	sal.	\$ 2,935.25
Naranjo, Andritta	sal.	\$ 2,136.88
Pacheco, Leann	sal.	\$ 1,761.50
Palacios, Irma	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
Parra, Gregorio	sal.	\$ 3,796.00
Roesch, Korissa	sal.	\$ 1,033.62
Ruybal, Evelyn	sal.	\$ 2,102.82
Sanchez, Ramona	sal.	\$ 2,440.75
Shaver, Betty	sal.	\$ 2,803.13
Sierra, Jessica	sal.	\$ 2,299.38
Slane, Sherryl	sal.	\$ 2,785.25
Stephens, Jackie	sal.	\$ 3,823.63
Thompson, Chris	sal.	\$ 2,826.38
Varner, Julia	sal.	\$ 2,083.25
Webb, Jeannie	sal.	\$ 1,756.30
White, Victoria	sal.	\$ 2,255.50
		<u>\$ 97,287.68</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$13,934.66; Deductions Withheld,
\$16,196.66)

PEST CONTROL

Christensen, Bryan	sal.	\$ 100.00
Clare, James	sal.	\$ 100.00
Golding, Brian	sal.	\$ 100.00
Miner, Craig	sal.	\$ 50.00
Mueller, Mark	sal.	\$ 100.00
Plane, Darrel	sal.	\$ 3,913.40
Roger, Barry K	sal.	\$ 100.00
Schaefer, Michael	sal.	\$ 100.00
		<u>\$ 4,563.40</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$663.38; Deductions Withheld, \$820.09)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Brown, Linda	sal.	\$ 3,703.70
Hendricks, Paula	sal.	\$ 270.00
Koshak, Dianne	sal.	\$ 3,037.88

Kostuk, Diane	sal.	\$ 2,023.23
Masters, Judy	sal.	\$ 2,528.59
Perry, Patricia	sal.	\$ 4,642.65
Montoya-Salazar, Lanell	sal.	\$ 2,026.27
Robinson, Kelli	sal.	\$ 1,768.43
		<u>\$ 20,000.75</u>

(Taxes Withheld, \$3,622.04; Deductions Withheld, \$4,910.52)

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Davie called the Extension of the Rio Grande County Pest Control District public hearing to order. Audience members included Weed District Board members Craig Miner, Jim Clare, Mark Mueller, Mike Schaefer, and District employees Darrel Plane and Bernie Monter. He read the State Statute pertaining to such hearings. The petition from the District was reviewed by the Board. Ms. Benton noted the notices in the Monte Vista Journal and Valley Courier. Chairman Davie swore in Weed District Chairman Mike Schaefer. He spoke about the benefits of the Weed District. Bernie Monter was sworn in and spoke in favor of the District. He said the County should be proud of itself for keeping the noxious weeds under control. He feels the southern part of the County is improving. Commissioner Murphy made the motion to extend the termination date to December 31, 2020 for the Rio Grande County Pest Control District. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded; the motion passed.

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Mr. Schaefer asked if the Board talked with Alamosa County about weed control in their County. Commissioner Hagedorn said it has been discussed at Valley Commissioner meetings but they have not moved forward. Darrel Plane, Weed Supervisor, said the northwest part of Alamosa County has a pest control district and they are collecting taxes for eradication. There was discussion of landowners on the Conejos and Alamosa County lines not wanting to spray because their neighbors across the county lines are not required to. Mr. Mueller noted that there is a state law requiring landowners to spray noxious weeds. Mr. Plane said the law gives the County Commissioners authority to form and enforce a plan. The State would enforce the counties if they did not comply. Mr. Plane added that this includes municipalities. Mr. Schaefer said it helps if the railroad and ditch companies will spray weeds in their rights-of-way. Mr. Monter said the other counties need to put pressure on the counties without pest control districts. Chairman Davie said the Wildlife Refuge is doing a better job of spraying weeds. Mr. Clare noted that the Board is looking into a notice that can be left on the doors with a portion that will be retained for tracking records.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve the resolution to amend the 2010 budget. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed. BOOK 551 PAGE 3162

At 11:10 a.m. County Attorney Bill Dunn, joined the session for pending legal matters. He informed the Board that the attorney for Del Norte Federal Bank contacted him regarding a line of credit with a hangar at Astronaut Rominger Airport as collateral. The hangars are owned privately but the land underneath is owned by the County. Should the loan default the hangar could be used for purposes other than aviation. The Board agreed this would set precedence and instructed Mr. Dunn to inform the bank's attorney that the hangar could not be used as collateral.

Ms. Benton noted that Jamie Hart has his augmentation plan completed and is waiting for Division III Engineer, Craig Cotten, to sign it.

Mr. Dunn met with Road and Bridge Supervisor, Patrick Sullivan, to plat and record the new road at the airport, County Road 22-A.

Correspondence regarding the oil and gas regulations was presented. Mr. Dunn said there is information from Hugh's Oil Company's attorney and cases sited. Mr. Dunn has researched the sited cases as well. Mr. Dunn said that the State oil and gas regulation committee representatives would like to be present but the snowstorm prohibited their travel today. They would like to meet with the Board to present the State's information.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board reconvened. Chairman Davie called the public hearing to order for Amendments to the Planning and Zoning Regulations and the Gas and Oil Regulations. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, read the following items.

Item 1: Article X Vehicle - b. The Planning Commission recommended allowing recreational vehicles on land with a primary residence and a functioning septic system. RV's will be allowed for 30 days on the lot or parcel. It was ascertained that the 14-day allotment for RV's on vacant land was intentionally left out of the motion.

Item 2: Article XX (page 209-212) Exempt Divisions of Land. This will include as part of the criteria for approval, that the power must be underground on vacant lots or corners. This requirement is in line with the exemption as followed by a minor subdivision process. Charlie Burd was sworn in by Chairman Davie. Mr. Burd said he is not in favor of dividing a corner off of sprinkler fields and requiring underground power if power already exists. Ms. Vanderpool noted this would not be required.

Item 3: The Planning Commission recommended approval of residential setbacks for parcels less than 2 acres that are classified as rural. Property owners who wish to add on to their homes or build accessory structures are not able to meet the current rural setbacks of 25-foot front, rear and sides. Residential setbacks are 25-15-8-8.

Item 4: The Planning Commission recommended approving Article IX. Amendment to the District Regulations would amend or clarify what each designation means and changing the List of Uses to reflect the new classification (i.e. agriculture to agriculture ranching, agricultural forestry, agriculture estate, etc).

Commissioner Hagedorn made the motion to approve Items 1 - 4 as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded; the motion passed.

Item 5: The Planning Commission made the recommendation to amend the oil and gas regulations to extend the one mile radius to three miles from the bottom hole location and that baseline water analysis shall include all water sources within this radius and testing shall be funded by the operator. Testing shall be done once every year and up to five years after the operation ceases. Bill Dunn, County Attorney, clarified the definition of "bottom hole" to be the end of the drilling shaft, be it vertical or at an angle.

Chairman Davie swore in attorney Mike Trujillo, representing Hugh's Oil. He stated that the drilling company should fall in line with the State for drilling operations. This is more of a State issue than a local issue. The State is the overseeing regulatory agency. The County can make the process too onus to drill. The three mile radius is too onus and limiting for the driller. The State has gone through all the regulations and Hugh's Oil Company feels this infringes on the driller's property rights. The drilling company feels the County should be in line with the State. Commissioner Murphy asked if exceptions were given for different parts of the State where terrain and water vary. Mr. Trujillo said he was not aware of a study done

on Rio Grande County to state that three miles is necessary. He feels it is dangerous to randomly pick numbers to set limits contrary to the state figures. He is not aware of anything contrary to what the State has in place. Water contamination is within the jurisdiction of the water division. Pam Bricker was sworn in. She stated as a Planning Commissioner, there was conflicting information at the Planning and Zoning meeting. She said the County is the stopping point and the State gives the County local authority. Scott Sobel was sworn in. He presented a track record of the spills in a one year period in the State of Colorado. The Colorado Oil & Gas Control Commission (COGCC) has reports of 14 water wells near Walsenburg that cannot be used as a result of drilling. The homeowners have lights on their home to indicate the methane levels to determine if they can enter their homes. The homeowners have to purchase water from the town of Walsenburg and prove that their water is contaminated. He said the chemical spills by the drillers affect water in towns, too. The COGCC has stated that well contamination is not in their jurisdiction.

Dave Niel was sworn in. The County is the ultimate authority because the County is being affected, not Denver. It is ludicrous to think that the oil company sees this as onus.

Shawn Burd was sworn in. He works for Western Land Services which was contracted by Hugh's Oil Company to prepare the title, leasing, NEPA requirements, wildlife, botanical and land surveys for this well. His position is neutral - they follow the rules that are in place. Twenty wells in the circle of influence have been monitored. He discussed the Pavilion, Wyoming incident. The Environmental Protection Agency did an analysis determined as inconclusive because they could not identify the point source of pollution. The reserve pits that were leaking have now caused pits to be lined with 16 mills or better of liner. This well will not have a reserve pit - everything will go into a steel tank. The Hugh's Company will drill a well several thousand feet deep. There will be 2,000 feet of casing. The deepest casing in existence is 450 feet. He feels the wells will not be affected; Mr. Burd noted that $\frac{1}{4}$ mile is 1,300 feet for reference. Current rules for Rio Grande County were adapted and adopted by another county. He asked where the one and three mile radius' came from because they are more restrictive than the State requirements. He asked that the Board make their vote after reviewing expert testimony and not emotions in the room. He recommended the Board talk with a hydrologist, geologist, BLM, and other agencies. If the County is the final authority they should have as much information as possible. Western Land and Hugh's Oil will abide

by the decision of the County. At the Planning & Zoning meeting, a member took testimony from her spouse under oath and voted on that testimony.

Terri Hansen was sworn in. There is a chance of well degradation. The casings do not prevent human error. This also affects the Town and livestock. She said there is a conflict of interest between the third party well tester being the father of Mr. Burd and being neighbors of a County authority in this matter.

Mr. Sobel added that the statement from Mr. Trujillo about the three mile radius sounded like a threat. The fracking chemicals go out and around the well casing which affects the groundwater. The Wyoming incident presented stated that baseline testing would prove the point of contamination. After contacting the division engineer, the COGCC, and the BLM, Mr. Sobel determined that no one is in charge of taking the baseline sample. The issue of Ms. Bricker being on Planning & Zoning commission needs to stop.

Mr. Niel said the State's guide was not designed for an area like the Valley with different geological structures. This county has unique geology.

Ms. Bricker said she does live in the San Francisco Creek area but is not in the mapped site area. She would have the same opinion either way. She represents the County.

Chairman Davie said the Board has heard the testimony and has not yet received an application but wants to be prepared when an application is received.

Chris Canaly was sworn in. She is the director of the SLV Ecosystem Council. She thanked the Board for passing these regulations. The regulations were combined from other counties around the State as an amalgam of regulations. The County wants to protect water within a three mile radius but the baseline testing needs to be done to create consistency within their own regulations. Water in Division III is very complex and is considered to be the most complex in the State given the aquifer, recharge and surface water. She discussed the two aquifers and the blue clay layer that separates them and if punctured water seeps into the other aquifer. San Francisco Creek is a tributary to the Rio Grande and the citizens need to be protected. She asked if the letter from Liz Calliyard was received. Ms. Vanderpool read the letter to be included in the

official file addressing all water sources. Ms. Canaly said testing was done on various sites in the Baca area during the test drilling which was in line and standard for this type of testing. It is important to establish the baseline and have the drilling company pay for it. Ms. Canaly said the consistency of language is important in the regulations. Mr. Trujillo said there is a misconception to have the County do as they please. Oil and gas is determined by the Supreme Court to be a statewide concern. The county regulations need to be in harmony with the State. The State is still the authority. Ms. Canaly said the County has the responsibility. Ms. Bricker said the State has given each county the latitude to work for their area. Mr. Sobel said Karen Spray, COGCC, told the Planning & Zoning Commission that the county can make its own regulations. Western Land Management sent a letter stating the sixteen homeowners need to test for BTex. A retired engineer living in the area found that BTex was not tested for in the original water tests. The homeowners are fighting by themselves for themselves. He said if the company will not pay; the homeowners need to come up with the funds to protect their own water.

Commissioner Murphy made the motion to continue the hearing so the Board can meet with the COCGG staff. A decision will be rendered in thirty days. Mr. Dunn said Karen Spray, COGCC, and her supervisor would have been present but the supervisor was unable to attend on this date and the snowstorm prevented her from traveling over the pass. Mr. Dunn added that there are matters of statewide concern and local concern. The County cannot enact any regulations that would conflict with the State commission. That does not mean that the local authorities could not adopt regulations and enact them so long as they are not in conflict with the State's regulations. The most common drilling is for oil shale which is a more shallow drilling operation. This type of drilling is for natural gas and is much deeper than what most people are accustomed to. Commissioner Hagedorn seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chairman Davie said the date for continuing the hearing will be posted on the County website.

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

Attest:

Lyla Davis
Clerk of the Board

Doug Davie
Chairman of the Board