

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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 County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday December 4, 2014. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. Commissioner Davie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from November 24, 2014 were approved as corrected on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m. Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

County General

Century Link	Telephone	\$	411.62
Century Link	Telephone	\$	9.24
Century Link	Telephone	\$	729.02
Century Link	Telephone	\$	505.45
Century Link	Telephone	\$	126.94
Chafee County Sheriff	Holding	\$	2,052.00
County Sheriffs of Colorado	Dues	\$	25.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Parts	\$	7.46
District Attorney Office	11th Portion	\$	14,449.66
Forest Stewardship	Consulting Bio Mass	\$	13,795.04
ICP, Inc.	Poster Fed/State	\$	125.00
ID Wholesaler	ID Card Printer	\$	8,885.95
Maddox Collections	Drug Testing	\$	60.00
Rusty Strohmayer	2014 November	\$	432.07
South Fork Fire	Fresh Air Equipment	\$	400.00
Total Office Solutions	Supplies	\$	1,090.67
Valley Courier	Advertising	\$	378.75
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$	1,220.66
Xcel Energy	Utilities	\$	2,805.21
TOTAL		\$	47,509.74
American Public Life	November	\$	420.44

BC Services, Inc.	November	\$ 168.92
Clerk of Court	November	\$ 213.79
Colorado Department of Revenue	November	\$ 50.00
Community Banks of Colorado	November	\$ 61,806.73
Family Support Registry	November	\$ 320.91
Family Support Registry	November	\$ 550.00
Family Support Registry	November	\$ 355.00
Family Support Registry	November	\$ 405.00
Grossman & Grossman	November	\$ 300.00
Legalshield	November	\$ 75.70
Raymond Lunnon	November	\$ 365.21
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$ 45,539.78
Security Benefit	November	<u>\$ 2,975.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 113,546.48

Action 22	Conference	\$ 30.00
Billings Electric	Repairs	\$ 428.80
Business Solutions Leasing	Lease	\$ 58.83
Century Link	Telephones	\$ 27.72
Century Link	Telephones	\$ 94.18
Chardell Barton	LAT Board	\$ 113.50
CO Dept of Public Health & Environm	Monte Vista Landfill	\$ 937.87
CO Department of Public Safety	Concealed Permits	\$ 787.50
Creative Product Source	150 Totes RGSO	\$ 543.92
Del Norte Auto Supply	Repairs	\$ 10.45
Direct TV	RGSO	\$ 137.98
Duckwall-Alco Discount	Supplies	\$ 180.37
Emily Brown	Reimbursement	\$ 212.83
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$ 4,185.55
Galls, LLC	RGSO Uniforms	\$ 247.80
Glenalee Mitchell	Canvassing Board	\$ 352.50
Gobins	Supplies	\$ 219.16
Great America Financial	Maintenance Cont	\$ 452.00
Hart Intercivic	Ballots/Postage	\$ 18,840.41
Jack's Market	Supplies	\$ 280.48
Jeanette Howey	LAT Board	\$ 406.50
Jeff Babcock	Homeland Security	\$ 5,007.49
Jorie Scott	Canvassing Board	\$ 112.15
Karla Shriver	Yard Signs	\$ 1,729.25
Ken's Service Center	Repairs	\$ 822.74
Kimball Midwest	Ice Melt	\$ 202.02

LEDS, LLC	Monthly Storage Fee	\$	4,180.00
Margrit Thorne	Canvassing Board	\$	113.50
Mary Lamb	Canvassing Board	\$	410.50
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	RGSO	\$	294.03
Monica Felix	Canvassing Board	\$	410.50
Peggy J. Kern	2014 November	\$	9.90
Pro Com	Drug Testing	\$	60.00
Rio Grande Cty Weed District	Chemical	\$	317.01
Rio Grande Pharmacy	RGSO	\$	1,488.19
Rocky Mountain Plumbing	Museum Toilet	\$	203.02
Safeway Inc.	RGSO	\$	344.58
San Luis Valley	2014 November	\$	443,000.00
Sarah H. Rierson	Canvassing Board	\$	388.00
Shamrock Foods Company	RGSO	\$	4,180.07
Staples Business	Supplies	\$	372.85
State of Colorado	Renewals	\$	608.43
Torres Plumbing & Heating	Heater in Annex	\$	180.00
Total Office Solutions	Supplies	\$	954.48
United Reprographic	Supplies	\$	207.87
Valley Courier	Advertising	\$	1,160.70
Valley Publishing	Advertising	\$	981.00
Vendola Plumbing	Repairs	\$	136.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$	5,002.36
William F. Dunn	Legal Services	\$	3,641.19
WSB Computer Services	Services	\$	1,839.20
Xerox Business Solutions	Services	\$	2,428.00
TOTAL		\$	509,333.38

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Century Link	Telephone	\$	55.97
SLV Earthmovers, Inc.	Services	\$	1,500.00
SLV REC	Utilities	\$	191.00
TOTAL		\$	1,746.97

American Public Life	November	\$	319.10
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	22,366.82
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	16,625.29
Security Benefit	November	\$	30.00
Total		\$	39,341.21

Ararand Constructors, Inc.		\$	7,088.00
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Airgas USA, LLC	Welding Supplies	\$	812.60
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$	18,931.36
Asphalt Constructors	Services	\$	2,655.40
Center Parts Store	Parts	\$	724.08
Century Link	Telephone	\$	55.16
Century Link	Telephone	\$	50.18
Century Link	Telephone	\$	403.82
CO Department of Agriculture	Scale	\$	280.00
D-A Lubricant Company	Oil	\$	9,582.65
Drive Train Industries	Parts	\$	54.99
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$	207.39
GCR Tire Center/ TDS	Tires	\$	28,420.17
Great American Financial	Maintenance Cont	\$	136.17
Haynies, Inc.	Parts	\$	2,083.50
Lenco West	Parts	\$	273.69
Leroy A. Romero	Maintenance	\$	125.00
Mackey Construction	Parts	\$	3,757.36
Monte Vista Cooperative	Repairs	\$	300.56
Monte Vista Machine & Tool	Repairs	\$	70.00
Petty Cash, R & B Dept.	Miscellaneous	\$	43.14
Pro Com	Drug Testing	\$	37.00
Rio Grande Cty Weed District	Chemicals	\$	16,696.35
Rocky Mtn. Home Health Supplies	First Aid Supplies	\$	106.46
Schaeffer Mfg, Co.	Lubricants	\$	780.00
SLV Auto Repair	Repairs	\$	49.09
SLV REC	Utilities	\$	191.00
Transwest Truck, Inc.	Parts	\$	222.12
Wagner Equipment	Repairs	\$	10,444.82
Waxie Sanitary Supply	Supplies	\$	71.44
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$	1,655.72
Xcel Energy	Utilities	\$	983.40
Zep Manufacturing Company	Supplies	\$	495.04
TOTAL		\$	107,787.66

SOCIAL SERVICES

American Public Life	November	\$	393.94
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	36,916.95
Legalsheid	November	\$	30.90
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	28,447.12
Security Benefit	November	\$	155.00
TOTAL		\$	65,943.91

PEST CONTROL

Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$ 1,877.91
Rio Grande County Treas.	November	<u>\$ 681.38</u>
TOTAL		\$ 2,559.29

Century Link	Telephone	\$ 86.15
CO Dept. of Agriculture	License Renewal	\$ 350.00
First Bankcard	Card payment	\$ 98.45
SLV REC	Utilities	\$ 87.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$ 32.02
Windys LP Gas Service	Propane	<u>\$ 508.95</u>
TOTAL		\$ 1,162.57

AIRPORT

Century Link	Telephone	<u>\$ 116.74</u>
TOTAL		\$ 116.74

SLV REC	Utilities	<u>\$ 513.00</u>
Total		\$ 513.00

CONSERVATION TRUST

Bureau of Land Management	TV Lease Site	<u>\$ 155.25</u>
TOTAL		\$ 155.25

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TOURISM

Appelodge Enterprises	Storage Unit	\$ 100.00
Devi Jardon	Secretarial Services	\$ 1,740.00
Master Print & Web Design	Trails Flip Book	\$ 395.00
Ruth Carapella	Webpage Updates	\$ 400.00
Texas Monthly	Nov Advertising	<u>\$ 2,074.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 4,709.00

PUBLIC HEALTH

Century Link	Telephone	\$ 80.01
Century Link	Telephone	\$ 172.71
Century Link	Telephone	\$ 2.07

Early Childhood Council	Healthy Communities	\$	2,265.00
Lake County Health Department	ESPDT	\$	750.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	Vaccine	\$	1,703.26
Novartis	Vaccine	\$	236.35
Saguache County Public Health	ESPDT	\$	775.00
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Vaccine	\$	3,407.60
Staples Business	Supplies	\$	132.35
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$	52.88
World Medical Government		\$	57.11
TOTAL		\$	9,634.34
Community Bank of the Rockies	November	\$	3,635.20
Rio Grande County Treasurer	November	\$	4,250.17
		\$	7,885.37
CenturyLink	Telephone	\$	13.32
Costilla County Public Health	ESPDT	\$	2,140.00
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$	643.10
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Vaccine	\$	1,588.08
WSB Computer Services	Services	\$	601.48
TOTAL		\$	4,985.98

At 9:30 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Shriver called the Adoption of the 2015 County Budget hearing to order. Ms. Benton presented the Budget Message for 2015 for approval. Ms. Benton explained the message and the changes she had made from 2014. Ms. Benton quoted “the Board of County Commissioners has exclusive power to adopt the annual budget for the operation of the county government, including all office, departments, boards, commissioners, other spending agencies of the county government and all other agencies which are funded in whole or in part by county appropriations, (CRS 30-11-107 (2) (a))”. Commissioner Davie moved to adopt the proposed 2015 budget. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the resolution and appropriate the funds for the 2015 budget. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the resolution to set the mil levy at 15.567. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**BUDGET MESSAGE
2015 BUDGET
RIO GRANDE COUNTY**

Attached is the 2015 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 2015 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. The Board of County Commissioners has exclusive power to adopt the annual budget for the operation of the county government, including all offices, departments, boards, commissions, other spending agencies of the county government and other agencies which are funded in whole or in part by county appropriations. (CRS 30-11-107 (2)(a).

The 2015 County Budget is \$20,224,967 and the Weed Control District Budget is \$153,968. This is an increase of \$360,263 (1.8%) for the County budget and an increase of \$10,193 (7.1%) for the Weed Control District. 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 2015, 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 will decrease in 2015 is by \$74,475 (0.04%).

The major points of interest in the 2015 budget are as follows:

- A two percent wage increase for merit was given to the employees on their anniversary date upon receiving a satisfactory evaluation. The health insurance premiums increased by ten percent (10%) for the upcoming year and the county will contribute an additional \$79 per month per employee and the employee will contribute an additional \$43.26 to \$72.56 per month depending on coverage. It was calculated that for the month of October, 2014, the average take home pay across all county employees was \$1,865.62.
- The funding from both the State of Colorado and the Federal Government is projected to increase by \$13,404 (0.01%) this coming year.
- Upgrading of computer equipment in the Sheriff's Office was funded.
- Increased the Road & Bridge asphalt budget up by \$325,000 to \$650,000 for additional paving maintenance and new construction.
- One new sheriff vehicle will be purchased.

The 2015 budget will be funded from the following sources:

	2015 Budget	2014 Budget	
Property Tax	\$2,588,417	12.8%	13.0%
Other Local Sources	\$1,724,540	8.5%	9.2%
Federal and State	\$14,048,134	69.5%	70.6%
Fund Reserves	\$ 1,863,876	9.2%	7.2%

As reflected above as a percentage of the total budget, all revenue sources declined. This shortfall is made up of a 2% increase from fund reserves.

The accomplishments for 2014 were:

- Completed the Ski Hi Park Pavilion and the San Luis Valley Trails Master Plan.
- Received a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation for installation of a fuel distribution system at the Astronaut Rominger Airport. Also completed a Master Plan for the airport and have started the process of getting an FAA approach plan.
- Working with RWEACT to improve local sales.
- Worked with the Upper Rio Grande Economic Council in raising funds to hire a full-time economic developer for Rio Grande County.

Projects Goals for 2015 are:

- Complete the new tie-down areas at the airport along with rehab of several taxiways.
- Continue work with the municipalities, URG EDC and SLV Development Resource Group to improve the economic base in the County in the hiring of a professional economical developer.
- The Road & Bridge Department is scheduled to do additional asphalt maintenance and pave two new miles of roadway.
- Work closely with all county departments in determining ways to reduce expenditures and increase revenues to reduce the depletion of unappropriated funds.

The County has six lease agreements: Four agreements with Business Solutions Leasing for four copiers, a lease purchase with San Luis Valley Federal Bank for the addition and remodeling of the jail, and a lease purchase for financing of the energy upgrades with All American Investment Group, LLC.

The 2015 County Budget shows an ending fund balance of \$6,475,067 which is down by \$1,863,876. By utilizing \$1,863,876 of unappropriated funds to balance the 2015 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. To fund this short-fall, it would require an additional 10.767 mills or a 69% increase or an additional 2% sales tax. Both of these will require voter approval.

Another major concern is the failure of the Federal Government to authorize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. PILT reimburses counties for the loss of tax revenue for federally owned lands. For Rio Grande County, this is \$685,000 per year. These funds are deposited in the County General Fund and the Airport Fund. This would equate to a reduction of 3.4% in the 2015 budget immediately. This reduction will have to be accomplished by reducing or eliminating various services and staff.

The following is a brief synopsis of the various funds that have a significant impact on the 2015 budget that were not discussed above:

General Fund: The Sheriff's department will be replacing one vehicle and lap top computers for all the road officers. The Administration Department has increased employee costs since the Administrator's position will be split into a County Administrator and a Chief Financial Officer. All other departments saw little or no increase except for the merit step and increase health insurance premiums Rio Grande

County is the fiscal agent for the San Luis Valley Homeland Security Grants and the two Recovery Grants (Rio Grande, Mineral, Hinsdale, and Archuleta counties), and the San Luis Valley Revolving Loan Fund. Fifty-three percent of this fund is personnel expenditures since the following departments are funded through County General: Commissioners, Finance, Land Use, Building, Clerk and Recorder, Elections, Assessor, Treasurer, District Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Coroner, Emergency Preparedness, Veteran's Officer, Extension Service, Museum and Buildings & Grounds.

Road & Bridge Fund: In 2010, 94% of the Road & Bridge Department was funded by HUTF. HUTF is gas tax placed on both gasoline and diesel and is distributed by the State to operate Colorado Department of Transportation, municipal streets and county roads. In 2015, HUTF to Rio Grande County is projected to fund only 83%. Additional paving maintenance and two miles of new paving is planned for 2015. Major equipment purchases will be for a pickup, broom, high pressure cleaner, cones and barricades. Also two motor graders will be leased.

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. The "Employment First" program will continue for the third year. This program assists people in getting more people employed and off the assistance payrolls. The State has not proposed any changes to the program benefits guidelines.

The upcoming year is full of uncertainty. The County has seen another decrease in property values and 2015 will be a re-appraisal year. The full effect of the housing/lending crash will be fully realized resulting in 2016 property assessment continuing its down-way trend. With the West Fork Complex Fire during the summer of 2013, the County's revenue from sales tax was down approximately 3% and for 2014 is up five percent. Several more businesses in South Fork and Monte Vista have closed. Combine the current economic environment and taxpayers hurting from increased governmental mandates resulting in less individual disposal income, it is understandable that finding additional tax dollars at the local level is very difficult. The County was cautious when projecting revenues reflected in the 2015 budget. Most of the Federal and State revenues are for Social Services programs, (\$9,437,618), HUTF (\$2,000,000) and Payment In Lieu of Taxes (\$685,000).

However, County government is operated by State Statutes and most of the services provided are mandated by these Statutes. The Affordable Care Act is just one mandate that not only the Commissioners have to wrestle with but all business employing over 50 persons. Rio Grande County must offer a health plan that meets all the ACA requirements in coverage and yet we are not allowed to pass more than 9.5% the premium cost to the employee. In 2014, the Commissioners decided to raise wages to meet this requirement. This year, they could not do that again, but decided to pay the bulk of the premium increase. For 2015, the health care premium payments will \$953,439 or 4.7% of the total budget.

All costs of doing business continue to rise for government just as it does for other businesses and private individuals. 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.

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 2015 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.

As stated above, the Board of County Commissioners are mandated by statute to be the custodians of the financial assets of the County. They are elected by the voters of Rio Grande County to uphold this duty as are all the other elected officials. In times of revenue shortages, the responsibility to meet the needs of the citizens of the County and provide enough funds for the other elected officials to fulfill their statutory responsibility collide. But, the Commissioners do not have the luxury of the federal government to print money or to go into debt. They must budget only the funds they expect to receive or have in the bank. The next several years will be very challenging and will not be resolved quickly. The taxpayers and citizens of Rio Grande County need to understand and work with the Commissioners and the other elected officials in managing expenditures versus revenues and services provided or expected. The thirty-six years I have worked with the Commissioners and prepared annual budgets, I can assure all taxpayers that prudent thought and multiple oversight has occurred. The various Commissioners I have work for have always made spending decisions as if they were personally paying. Never was there the attitude that it is "just tax dollars". However, government services are not free.

Budget prepared by:

Suzanne L. Benton
County Administrator/Budget Officer

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR OF 2014, TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, COLORADO, FOR THE 2015 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 4, 2014, and;

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

General Fund	\$1,829,224
Road & Bridge Fund	346,214
Social Services Fund	432,768
Public Health Agency	<u>86,554</u>
Total	\$2,694,760

WHEREAS, the 2014 valuation for assessment for the Rio Grande County as certified by the County Assessor is \$173,107,233.

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 2015 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 2014.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December 2014.

Karla L. Shriver, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Date: December 4, 2014

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, 2015 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

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 8, 2014, 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 4, 2014, 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	\$6,130,227
Road & Bridge Fund	3,031,077
Social Services Fund	10,200,005
Airport Fund	271,200
Capital Expenditures Fund	0
Conservation Trust Fund	33,251
Tourism Fund	128,200
Public Health Agency	<u>431,007</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$20,224,967

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

<u>General Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$4,387,227
From the general property tax	<u>1,743,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,130,227
<u>Road & Bridge Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$2,701,127
From the general property tax	<u>329,950</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$3,031,077
<u>Social Services Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$ 9,767,038
From the general property tax	<u>432,967</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,200,005
<u>Airport Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 271,200</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 271,200
<u>Conservation Trust Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 33,251</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 33,251
<u>Capital Expenditure Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0
<u>Tourism Fund</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	<u>\$ 128,200</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 128,200
<u>Public Health Agency</u>	
From sources other than general property tax	\$ 348,507
From the general property tax	<u>82,500</u>
Total Public Health Agency	\$ 431,007

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 4th day of December, 2014.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karla L. Shriver, Chair

Doug Davie, Commissioner

Pam Bricker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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 2015 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Governmental Budget Law, on December 4, 2014, 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>\$6,130,227</u>
Total General Fund	\$6,130,227
Road & Bridge Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$3,031,077</u>
Total Road & Bridge Fund	\$3,031,077
Social Services Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$10,200,005</u>
Total Social Services Fund	\$10,200,005
Airport Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 271,200</u>
Total Airport Fund	\$ 271,200
Conservation Trust Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 33,251</u>
Total Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 33,251
Capital Expenditure Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Capital Expenditure Fund	\$ 0
Tourism Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 128,200</u>
Total Tourism Fund	\$ 128,200
Public Health Agency Fund:	
Current Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 431,007</u>
Total Public Health Agency Fund	\$ 431,007

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December, 2014.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Karla L. Shriver, Chair

Doug Davie, Commissioner

Pam Bricker, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

At 10:00 a.m. the hearing was adjourned.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the hearing to adopt Amendments to the Rio Grande County Land Development Code 2011. The Planning and Zoning Commissioner recommended approval of the amendments on October 21, 2014 after a 30 day notice of publication. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator went over the recommended amendments with the Board.

Commissioner Bricker moved to adopt the amendments to the Rio Grande County Development Code 2011. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The hearing was closed. Full details of the amendments are on file in the Land Use Office and can be reviewed.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners reconvened.

Action Items:

The Board approved the November Veterans' report.

Mr. Sullivan inquired if the County should replace the zoning/building permit signs on roads leading into the County. The Board agreed to wait on ordering any new signs and they will look at the condition of the signs.

Jody Kern, Department of Social Services has lost an Income Maintenance Technician and would like to replace her. Most of the salary comes from the State and not County General. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the advertising and hiring of an Income Maintenance Technician. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton received a request from Duane Larson regarding an early renewal of his hangar lease at the Kent Rominger Airport. Mr. Larson's current lease is effective until June 17, 2021. Mr. Larson is trying to sell his hangar and prospective buyers would like an assurance that the new lease will not increase. The Board is working with the Airport considering changing the lease rates at the airport. The Board agreed to not honor Mr. Larson's request.

The Board approved a news article regarding the financial state of the County budget.

Ms. Benton attended an open records conference and reviewed with the Board the discussion they had about the open records pertaining to the County.

Mr. Sullivan was named Road Supervisor of the Year at the CCI conference this week. Congratulations to Mr. Sullivan.

The meal log was presented from the Rio Grande Sherriff Department for November 2014 as follows:

- 2,922 Inmate meals

- 32 Cook meals
- 480 Jailer meals
- 115 Office meals

Total meals served was 3,549 at a total cost of \$5,073.49 or \$1.42 per meal. The six month average was \$1.21 per meal.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney met with the Board to discuss legal matters. Mr. Dunn received an email from Christopher Rosas about consolidating several counties cases in the Safeway, Inc. lawsuit. Mr. Dunn is not sure where the proceedings would take place or how it would be handled but thought the hearings would be in the Denver area.

Allen Alfrey was contacted by Mr. Dunn but Mr. Alfrey cannot get a Treasurer's Deed to the property he would like to move the garage to. Mr. Alfrey would not have title to the lot as it belongs to an elderly person in a nursing home but would like to wait until it comes up in tax sale.

Carolyn Kloberdanz visited with Mr. Dunn and he explained there is a setting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. to determine a court date with Judge Martinez. Ms. Kloberdanz will meet with Mr. Dunn on the setting date.

Christina Miani from Alpine Village was contacted by Ms. Vanderpool about the blight in her yard. Ms. Vanderpool brought it to the attention of Mr. Dunn and he will start court proceedings.

Kermit Krantz owner of the abandoned Frontier Drive Inn on Hwy 285 has not cleaned up the blight. Ms. Vanderpool has set up a meeting with Mr. Krantz next Wednesday. He has been living in Saguache, Colorado for the past two years.

Ms. Vanderpool received an email from Henry D. Jacobsen, representing Viaero regarding cell phone towers for the Railroad and would use them as emergency communication towers. The railroads are wanting three towers with two in Del Norte. One would be located by the railroad tracks close to Jerry and Dorothy Martz's, the other by the abandoned Del Norte Cooperative building. The third will be located east of South Fork close to the nursery on the railroad property. Mr. Dunn will contact Mr. Jacobsen to discuss the matter.

Chairman Shriver asked Mr. Dunn if he could look at an employment contract for new employees. The County has one that he can modify as a general employment contract.

At 2:00 p.m. Todd Small, Rio Grande Club manager, Cindy Hill, Rio Grande County Clerk, and Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator met with the Board regarding a liquor license change for the Rio Grande Club. Ms. Hill presented the original application that show the boundaries of the original license. The building would hold approximately 50 people and Mr. Small informed the board that the use has been changed to include the public. Since the land was included in the original license the Board felt it was valid for the River Lodge. Commissioner Bricker moved to ratify that the River Lodge (aka) Fishing Club was part of the original hotel and restaurant with optional premise license and that its use should allowed. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 2:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday December 10, 2014. Members present were Commissioner Pam Bricker, Vice-Chairman Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board. Chairman Karla Shriver was absent.

At 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. Vice-Chairman Davie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 4, 2014 were approved as corrected on a motion from Commissioner Bricker. Vice-Chairman Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m. Vice-Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:15 a.m. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the Board for his monthly report. The following projects were completed in November 2014:

- Completed bridge repair on the 6 east including new deck and guard rail.
- Shaped and graveled several blocks in upper Alpine area. A list will be provided with an updated map.
- Work at the Del Norte Landfill was completed including fence repair.
- The blight property at 227 Navajo Road in lower Alpine was cleaned up. Total cost was \$11,858.
- Repaired a damaged culvert on Lariat Road. The damage occurred during telephone line installation.
- Purchased 2,600 ton of sand from ACI for coal mix and hauled it to the Del Norte pit.
- The shop started the undercarriage work on the D-6 dozer.

The following projects will be completed in December 2014.

- Close County Road 30 for approximately two weeks to replace bridge deck and rail and a culvert near the bridge.
- Clean up the lot for the Del Norte School District. The house was burned and the County will haul off the debris, the school will pay dump fees.
- Repair fences around our gravel pits.
- Shop will complete the work on the D-6 and begin the undercarriage work on the excavator.
- Graders will shoulder our asphalt roads.
- Rio Grande County will host CTSI training to keep in CDL compliance.

Mr. Sullivan has worked with the San Luis Valley Regional Landfill and for paving there the County Road and Bridge received a credit of \$38,000 of which they sent a check to the County for \$13,303.82 and the remaining will be used for 500 tons of dump fees.

Mr. Sullivan would like approval for a wire transfer for \$4,340.88 to Cat Auction Services. Mr. Sullivan purchased three attachments at a recent auction (excavator bucket, hydraulic auger, brush grapple) and has to have the funds to Cat Auction Services before December 15, 2014. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the wire transfer. Vice-Chairman Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator explained that Jeremiah Webb, 11783 CR 15, Del Norte, Colorado would like to separate approximately 8.0 acres from his 61.43 acre parcel. There is a natural split with the Meadow Glenn Ditch separating this 8 acre parcel. The land has already had a previous division. Mr. Webb, met with the Board regarding an Exempt Division of Land application (legal description NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 19; Township 40 N; Range 5 E; NMPM, Rio Grande County). Mr. Webb is requesting approval to separate approximately 8.0 acres on the northwest corner of the farm/ranch located north of the Meadow Glenn Ditch for a home site. Ms. Vanderpool recommended approval as follows:

- Setbacks for rural residential are 25' front, rear and sides for any structure.
- Easement or rights-of-way agreements.
- Maintenance of obnoxious weeds.
- No further exempt divisions will be allowed unless it's a full platted minor or major subdivision of the entire remaining parcel.
- Letter from the Meadow Glenn Ditch Company stating the right-of-way is approved.

Commissioner Bricker moved to allow the division contingent on the above stipulations and that it be stated on the land survey plat. Vice-Chairman Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Action Items:

Vice-Chairman Davie opened two bids for jail cell work at the Rio Grande County Jail. The bid from Monte Vista Machine and Tool, Monte Vista, Colorado, was \$10,069 for the metal work. The work would be done in three steps for three cell blocks. Ecodynamics, Monte Vista, Colorado, submitted a bid for fabricating and installation of perforated metal insets for the ceiling opening in the county jail cells for \$21,212.90 per cell row. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the bid from Monte Vista Machine and Tool for \$10,069. Vice-Chairman Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Commissioner Bricker moved to not allow the County to do renewals of Kent Rominger Airport hangar leases before their expiration date. The lease can be transferred but not renewed prior to the expiration date. Vice-Chairman Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Rio Grande County has been designated as an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone for 2015 and 2016.

The Town of South Fork will have a Town Hall meeting on December 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the new ATV ordinance. It appears there is confusion in the community regarding this ordinance and the rules and regulations that will be implemented. The Town would like to hear from the community to better understand the concerns regarding this issue.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney met with the Board regarding legal matters. Mr. Dunn wrote a letter to Christina L. Miani and William L. Burch. Mr. Dunn read from the County code that after

approved by the Board a Certified, Return, Receipt letter will be sent by Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator. Then a hearing can be set to assess the blight issue. If it is determined to be bight Ms. Miani and Mr. Burch will have 30 days to remove and clean the area. If that is not cleaned up the County can go in and clean it up at a charge plus 5% for administration fees. To follow the code book Ms. Vanderpool will send a Certified, Return Receipt letter or personal service and within 30 days they must comply or meet with the Board for a hearing.

Regarding the rail road towers and right of ways, Mr. Dunn is contacting the attorney for the railroad regarding the matter.

Mr. Rosas, attorney for the Counties in the Safeway Inc. matter has filed all the necessary paperwork and is waiting for a court setting.

Carolyn Kloberdanz had a telephone setting with Mr. Dunn for court setting with Judge Gonzales and will be in District Court on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in District Court. Ms. Vanderpool will be there to testify what has been done trying to get Ms. Kloberdanz in compliance.

At 12:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie
Vice-Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2014. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Doug Davie was absent.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Ms. Benton gave the opening prayer. Commissioner Bricker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as amended. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 10, 2014 were approved as corrected on a motion from Commissioner Bricker. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m. Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve payroll as presented. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried.

COUNTY GENERAL

Bricker, Pamela S.	Salary	\$4,141.67
Davie, Douglas M.	Salary	\$4,141.67
Shriver, Karla L.	Salary	\$4,141.67
Benton, Suzanne L.	Salary	\$7,907.08
Dennis, Kristal L.	Salary	\$3,804.67
Vanderpool, Rose Marie	Salary	\$4,398.14
Diltz, Dixie Charlene	Salary	\$2,435.33
Kern, Randall J.	Salary	\$4,794.40
Gonzales, Catherine B.	Salary	\$2,641.60
Hill, Cindy Lavell	Salary	\$4,141.67
Mikeljack, Jason E.	Salary	\$2,002.00
Montoya Michelle D.	Salary	\$2,948.40
Parks, Torie Lynn	Salary	\$2,083.47
Quintana, Mary M.	Salary	\$3,220.53
Steving, Sherryl M.	Salary	\$2,386.80
Wilson, Megan M.	Salary	\$2,083.47
Dominguez, Telesforo J.	Salary	\$4,141.67
Leist, Chris	Salary	\$3,577.60
Lyons, Cherri D.	Salary	\$2,527.20
Medina, Michelle Kay	Salary	\$5,661.19
Mondragon, Jenifer J	Salary	\$3,128.67
Salazar, Eva M.	Salary	\$151.40
Trujillo, Dale A.	Salary	\$2,730.00
Valdez, Michael G.	Salary	\$2,730.00
Kern, Peggy J.	Salary	\$15,731.67
Rue, Cheryllyn K.	Salary	\$3,336.67
Voris, Carol L.	Salary	\$2,649.62
Brown, Elaine K.	Salary	\$1,825.20
Garcia, Carol M.	Salary	\$2,097.33
Medina, Porfie A.	Salary	\$2,797.60
Torres, Harold D.	Salary	\$1,885.05
Beecham, Alan C.	Salary	\$2,730.00
Bonemeyer, Michael R.	Salary	\$2,891.20
Clark, Frank	Salary	\$2,210.00
Claunch, Dusty James	Salary	\$1,611.20
Coffman, Samuel R.	Salary	\$2,948.40
Dean, Tyler P.	Salary	\$2,624.27
Doctor, Janette F.	Salary	\$5,504.32
Duran, Jeremiah Eugene	Salary	\$2,676.27
Gonzales, Pete Raymond	Salary	\$1,721.92
Hensley, James L.	Salary	\$4,501.63
Norton, Brian E.	Salary	\$5,550.00
Pena, Mike Dale D.	Salary	\$1,792.22

Pino, Robert D.	Salary	\$2,624.27
Raps, Edward Albert	Salary	\$4,090.67
Wheelwright, Boyd	Salary	\$5,005.48
Archuleta, Anthony W.	Salary	\$2,797.19
Bailey, Ronald L.	Salary	\$2,265.80
Beiriger, Ty Dennis	Salary	\$2,025.91
Black, Kelly Ray	Salary	\$3,723.20
Bollinger, Jason Lewis	Salary	\$2,166.67
Bonemeyer, Angela Chris	Salary	\$2,116.46
Bruder, Gary S.	Salary	\$2,822.06
Delaine-Stone, Dana	Salary	\$2,166.67
Ford, Donna Kay	Salary	\$364.86
Fuentes, Jose	Salary	\$2,283.36
Gallegos, Manuel L.	Salary	\$1,418.26
Goers, Stephen M.	Salary	\$2,056.57
Hart, Heath Calvin	Salary	\$2,025.91
Hart, Jonathan L.	Salary	\$2,561.68
Junda, Courtney Kristen	Salary	\$2,014.99
Pacheco, Helen D.	Salary	\$1,976.00
Parks, Joseph L.	Salary	\$2,658.88
Quintana, Jared E.	Salary	\$2,132.42
Sierra, Shaun Michael	Salary	\$2,214.21
Smith, Tallon N.	Salary	\$39.33
Valdez, Pete J.	Salary	\$2,083.47
Wolfe, James G.	Salary	\$2,131.25
Dennis, Jerry D.	Salary	\$1,422.45
Strohmayr, Rusty D.	Salary	\$1,841.67
Rudder, Bennie J.	Salary	\$972.40
Colville, Louise	Salary	\$1,291.56
Lujan, Maxine C.	Salary	\$2,783.73
TOTAL		\$215,082.25

(Taxes Withheld \$38,584.81; Deductions Withheld \$31,523.50)

ROAD & BRIDGE

Atencio, Kevin L.	Salary	\$2,683.20
Black, Timothy O.	Salary	\$3,889.60
Hill, Carl L.	Salary	\$3,889.60
Lyons, Dale R.	Salary	\$1,690.94
Maestas, William K.	Salary	\$3,813.33
McKinley, Robert L. Jr.	Salary	\$3,523.87
Miles, Darryl I.	Salary	\$4,276.13
Pacheco, Carl M.	Salary	\$3,889.60

Plane, Kenneth L.	Salary	\$2,534.13
Archuleta, Mark L.	Salary	\$3,402.53
Davie, Andrew Joseph	Salary	\$2,483.87
Gates, Marvin E.	Salary	\$2,435.33
Harris, Charles Z.	Salary	\$2,340.00
Paulson, Roy Kent	Salary	\$3,889.60
Rascon-Dominguez, Eduardo	Salary	\$2,370.38
Rowe, Danny J.	Salary	\$2,790.67
Steffens, John P.	Salary	\$4,118.40
Sullivan, Patrick G.	Salary	\$6,250.00
Romero, Olivia Marie	Salary	\$2,736.93
		\$63,008.11

(Taxes Withheld \$11,608.01; Deductions Withheld \$9,767.62)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Aragon, Fae Amor	Salary	\$2,067.00
Archuleta, Ramona Angel	Salary	\$3,428.75
Ast, Wendy Leann	Salary	\$2,962.88
Atencio, Davine M.	Salary	\$2,369.25
Atencio, Valerie A.	Salary	\$2,278.25
Chavez, Melody L.	Salary	\$2,304.25
Duran, Jaxine M.	Salary	\$2,565.88
Evans, James A.	Salary	\$2,278.25
Garcia, Christina	Salary	\$2,188.88
Garcia, Shirley V.	Salary	\$1,816.75
Gonzales, Carolyn Ann	Salary	\$2,668.25
Gunter, April Lynn	Salary	\$3,414.13
Hart, Megan K.	Salary	\$2,364.38
Hernandez, Marlene	Salary	\$2,616.25
Hurtado, Margarita Carmen	Salary	\$2,323.75
Jaramillo, Michaela Sue	Salary	\$2,232.75
Jaramillo, Richelle S.	Salary	\$3,566.88
Johnston, Shawna M.	Salary	\$3,019.75
Kern, Jody L.	Salary	\$6,250.00
Lester, Heather Nicole	Salary	\$3,380.50
Maestas, Marjorie Valarie	Salary	\$2,715.38
Martinez, Helen T.	Salary	\$4,436.25
McClure, Brandi M.	Salary	\$3,113.50
Meder, Jeremy C.	Salary	\$3,380.50
Palacios, Irma J.	Salary	\$2,515.50
Parra, Gregorio	Salary	\$4,405.38
Resendiz, Michelle	Salary	\$3,019.75

Rios, Miguel Angel Jr.	Salary	\$2,188.88
Rios, Noella C.	Salary	\$3,225.86
Rodriguez, Christina A.	Salary	\$1,816.75
Roesch, Korissa M.	Salary	\$1,127.93
Ruybal, Evelyn M.	Salary	\$2,515.50
Sanchez, Ramona	Salary	\$2,721.88
Shaver, Betty Ann	Salary	\$3,126.50
Sierra, Jessica L.	Salary	\$2,565.88
Slane, Sherryl	Salary	\$3,295.50
Stephens, Jackie G.	Salary	\$4,264.00
Velasquez, Amanda Raye	Salary	\$2,151.50
White, Victoria R.	Salary	\$2,515.50
		\$111,198.72

(Taxes Withheld \$19,315.55; Deductions Withheld \$13,745.54)

PEST CONTROL

Plane, Darrel E.	Salary	\$4,158.33
		\$4,158.33

(Taxes Withheld \$745.09; Deductions Withheld \$832.19)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Brown, Emily Ae	Salary	\$4,583.33
Cagle, Lauren Mae	Salary	\$2,042.95
Koshak, Dianne C.	Salary	\$3,456.48
Stuebs, Susan M.	Salary	\$2,780.05
		\$12,862.81

(Taxes Withheld \$1,943.86; Deductions Withheld \$1,794.26)

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Salazar, Ida Kay	Salary	\$2,126.37
		\$2,126.37

(Taxes Withheld \$178.37; Deductions Withheld \$277.31)

At 9:15 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners convened to Board of Social Services.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners reconvened.

Jody Kern, Director of Social Services noted in August 2014 Valley Wide did a neoZnatal symposium in the Valley. Valley Wide is willing to write a grant for the neo natal program. Alonzo Payne would like a letter of commitment from the County to support the neo natal program. Ruth Horn has been doing the program in Monte Vista but she is moving to Saguache. One person from Valley Wide would be the coordinator but need volunteers to make the program work. Since August, Rio Grande County Public Health Department has put in about \$2,000 worth of work towards the program. There is no localized

data available. Chairman Shriver said there was a study done 3 to 4 years ago and there might be some useable data there.

At 9:40 a.m. Emily Brown met with the Board for her monthly report. Ms. Brown presented a SLV Intergovernmental Agreement for an Environmental Health Program that will be presented at the next SLV County Commissioners meeting. The Agreement covers cost of services rendered in Retail Food Safety, Child Care/Schools, Water Recreation and Body Art. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the SLV Intergovernmental Agreement for an Environmental Health Program. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried. Ms. Brown presented a letter written by Lynnea Rappold, Regional Environmental Health Specialist that has been sent to businesses for renewal of their license.

The neonatal task force will meet the first part of January 2015 to discuss changes since the last meeting. Discussion was held on the needle exchange program. There were four points discussed at the meeting:

- prevention education
- drugs hurt the baby
- harm reduction methadone
- Education on the program.

Alamosa, Conejos and Rio Grande Counties will be having a cost sharing partnership program January 16, 2015 at Monte Vista schools that involve kids in two or more systems.

Del Norte Headstart will be having a 6 week Brain Wise program covering how to help kdis make smart choices.

The next Cooking Matters Class is scheduled in April 2015.

The Rio Grande Hospital is starting their health assessment and will meet from January to March 2015. Ms. Brown will work with the hospital on common goals.

Chairman Shriver noted that Ms. Brown should consider adding a conversation to discuss the inmates that are transported to the hospital as one of her goals with hospital administration.

Ms. Brown needs to let the schools know that the State Chronic Disease program did not receive its funding.

Action Items:

Ms. Benton presented the Certification of Levies and Revenue for 2015 were they were approved on a motion by Commissioner Bricker. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried. Ms. Benton noted that total tax dollars are down by 1.3%. The breakdown of tax revenue is as follows:

- Schools will get 55%
- County 25%
- City 5%
- Special District 15%

Chairman Shriver signed the Certification.

High Valley would like the County to purchase the old hospital and rent out a portion to them. Ms. Benton noted the County didn't have any available funds to purchase the buildings.

Ms. Benton received a letter from Dave Osborne and the Class B reimbursements from the West Fork Complex Fire were being processed.

Commissioner Bricker moved to cancel the following warrants:

Warrant #	Date	Payee	Amount
140996	8/15/2014	Parts Plus	\$420.99
140996	9/15/2014	Parts Plus	\$358.70

Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ms. Benton presented a liquor license renewal for Monte Vista Hospitality, LLC dba Kelloff's Restaurant. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the liquor license renewal application for Monte Vista Hospitality, LLC. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator and Randy Kern,, Building Inspector met with the Board regarding a setback violation at the home of Tracy Mac Hadaway, 0697 Aspen Road, South Fork, Co. Mr. Hadaway did get a zoning permit application on July 2, 1998 for a carport. Mr. Hadaway put up a new carport and it does not meet the setback requirements. The carport was replaced by South Fork Propane when it was damaged by their driver. Ms. Vanderpool noted she had talked with Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Supervisor and he didn't feel there would be an issue with it. Mr. Kern noted the first issue was that South Fork Propane put it up and they did not get the necessary permit. Mr. Hadaway noted he had health problems that prohibit him from moving it and he cannot financially afford to have it moved. Ms. Vanderpool noted that that it might set a precedence but if Road and Bridge doesn't have an issue with it, there isn't a problem. There were no inspections done when the original permit was purchased and the building has been there for 16 years. Commissioner Bricker felt it should be grandfathered but, Mr. Hadaway, must get a building permit before it is legal. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve Mr. Hadaways request, but it will be noted on the site and building permits that the setbacks were not met. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m. Ms. Vanderpool and Mr. Kern met with Tom O'Rourke regarding attaching a greenhouse to his 1978 single wide trailer at 581 CR 18, South Fork, Colorado. Mr. O'Rourke is asking to waive the building code regulations that require a full foundation on the 180 square foot building for solar gain. Mr. Kern noted there were different regulations regarding attaching a greenhouse and a single wide trailer which is governed by HUD. The greenhouse would have a dirt floor. Mr. Kern noted that the building code does not want to discourage alternative methods or materials. Mr. O'Rourke will meet with the Board next Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. with more information on how it is attached and secured to the ground.

At 11:30 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney met with the Board regarding legal matters. The Safeway, Inc. motion was filed and Mr. Dunn needs to know if the Board wants to consolidate on the matter with the other counties or not. Mr. Dunn feels Safeway, Inc. is using Colorado as a test state to determine tax value of equipment. The Board felt it best to consolidate.

Mr. Dunn stated that the zoning code should be enforced in the Christina Miani matter to take full advantage of the code. Ms. Vanderpool will send a letter Certified Return Receipt to Ms. Miani with time and date for a public hearing on the issue to determine if the recycling materials on her land meet the

blight requirements. Then she would have 30 days from the hearing date to clean up the matter if the Board feels it is blight. The hearing date will be February 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Vanderpool will get the letter drafted and sent to Mr. Dunn for approval.

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

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Doug Davie, Suzanne Benton, County Administrator and Linda Slade, Clerk of the Board.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. Chairman Shriver led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. The minutes from December 22, 2014 were approved as corrected on a motion from Commissioner Davie. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m. Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:10 a.m. Randy Kern, Building Inspector gave an update on Tom O'Rourke and his proposed greenhouse. Mr. Kern researched the physical specs of the greenhouse and presented that to the Board. Mr. O'Rourke would like to attach the greenhouse to a 1978 mobile home. Mr. Kern would like to amend the codes and put conditions on the greenhouse structure. The space could not be used for added living space. Mr. Kern would like a policy for greenhouse additions that states:

- No more than 120 square feet
- A \$50 permit must be obtained
- It must be inspected by the Building Inspector

Commissioner Davie moved to do a supplemental addendum to the building code for residential greenhouses that are attached to a home with the above stipulations. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Action Items:

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the following refund:

Schedule	Actual	Assessed	Tax	Individual
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35313-09-003 \$169,988 \$49,297 \$3,985.54 + 239.13 Interest 9/1/2014 MVH, LLC
Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Joe Dominguez, Assessor has eight computer towers that are about 12 years old he would like to dispose of. The Board agreed he could sell them at bid.

Ms. Benton asked permission to discontinue deductions for Legalshield for four employees in two funds. The Board agreed to stop the deductions according to current policy with less than five employees in a fund.

Ms. Benton has purchased a new printer and scanner for her office as the others are out dated. Ms. Benton asked for permission to order a new L shaped desk for the office and the Board agreed it would be necessary.

At 10:00 a.m. Ms. Benton presented the Supplemental Budget for review and approval. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the Supplemental Budget Resolution. Commissioner Davie seconded the motion; the motion carried. BOOK 572 PAGE 1812

At 10:40 a.m. Jody Kern, Director of Social Services reviewed Colorado Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) Policies 12-18 regarding compliance with HB 1317. Commissioner Davie moved to approve the Rio Grande-Mineral County CCAP policy. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. Bill Dunn, County Attorney met with the Board regarding legal matters. Mr. Dunn would like to know how the Board wants him to respond on the motion to consolidate the Safeway, Inc. case in the Colorado Supreme Court. The other counties are discussing the strategy of not consolidating however Mr. Dunn feels it does make sense to consolidate. Commissioner Bricker asked if we don't consolidate does that cost the County more. It would be harder for the expert witness to be at all 52 Counties. Safeway, Inc. looks at what equipment would sell for on a secondary market. Safeway, Inc. does not look at the depreciation value. Some small counties do not want to consolidate but it would be easier for the expert witness the State has. The Board agreed to continue with consolidation and Mr. Dunn will do that.

Carolyn Kloberdanz has left and Mr. Dunn will not continue the case.

At 11:05 a.m. Bill Miller met with the Board regarding the operations of the County. Also in attendance were Sheriff Brian Norton, Undersheriff Ed Raps, Jody Kern, Director of Social Services, and Christopher Coulson, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board. Mr. Miller commended Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator on how she handled a matter at his residence. Mr. Miller appreciates Jody Kern, Director of Social Services and how she handles her department. Mr. Miller does not like the giveaway programs but praised the Employment First program. Patrick Sullivan was singled out and Mr. Miller appreciates the work he does for him. Mr. Miller's concerns are mainly for the Rio Grande Sheriff's Department. Mr. Miller feels the inmates should be doing janitorial duties. Sheriff Norton explained it was an insurance issue and not enough staff. Mr. Miller feels Ms. Benton's salary should not be over \$50,000 and there should be budget cuts. Mr. Miller thinks the meals in the jail should be streamlined and the TV time should be limited. Mr. Miller feels a tape about getting off drugs and being a model citizen would be more advantageous for inmates. Mr. Miller now sleeps with a loaded gun at his house with all of the violence in the area. Monte Vista is a drug hub and he would like to see more resources in that area. Mr.

Miller knows there is a budget but feels the County should cut other places to fund the Sheriff Department. Mr. Miller questioned how the Sheriff's Department could bring in revenue but knows when they write a ticket there isn't much revenue that comes back to the County. Commissioner Bricker said the revenues from the concealed carry class was one option and maybe Sheriff Norton should charge for the course. Mr. Miller does not feel it makes any sense to have a deputy driving by themselves as they have many risks. Mr. Miller thinks we need to generate revenue somehow, possibly through grants to get volunteer people in a posse or help for the Sheriff Department. Mr. Miller feels someone is going to get hurt or killed and there has to be a way to get this community turned around. Sheriff Norton needs more help. Mr. Miller's main concern is to not get anyone hurt. Mr. Miller feels the District Attorney should be recalled and the Judges just turn arrested people loose. There should be rewards for snitches and the help he needs to get it stopped. Mr. Miller wants bonds raised but Sheriff Norton informed him that the State sets the bond amounts and that the Judge keeps lowering the bond to bond them out. Mr. Miller says it is the same people year after year who commit crimes that do not work and are on welfare. Ms. Kerns Employment First program does have individuals working janitorial jobs for the County. Mr. Miller asked if Ms. Kern had an investigator in her department and she does but there are many restrictions. Mr. Miller asked why the deputies did not receive hazardous duty pay as he would be worried about going to someone's home at night alone. The Board thanked Mr. Miller for his comments.

Sheriff Norton noted he had no opposition to feeding the inmates differently but there is the probability of law suits. Sheriff Norton looked at his budget line for meals and he is under budget and their meals cost about \$1.10 per meal. If he does not provide a TV he is treating the inmate as a convicted inmate and they can sue for violating their civil rights. Ms. Benton and Sheriff Norton discussed the insurance for inmates as volunteers. The Courts handle convicted, probation or work release inmates for janitorial or chain gang and are reluctant to allow that. Sheriff Norton can use convicted or sentenced inmates but not convicted felons. Regarding the 32/40 hour work week, the deputies are on call all the time. The Sheriff Department cannot do comp time and the overtime would cost more than two additional deputies. Sheriff Norton will go to a 40 hour week if the Board would like that for a six months period and compare but there would be so much comp time that there would be no deputy on duty three days a week. Undersheriff Raps said during the Bessey trial there were two deputies that had to be with him at all times. Sheriff Norton feels the concealed weapons class, which is done by volunteer deputies, is a part of a citizens second amendment rights and they do not charge for it. There was discussion on the number of deputies used in the Rio Grande County Jail.

Christopher Coulson commented that any concerns the Board has with the Sheriff's Department should be taken to Sheriff Norton or Mr. Coulson. Mr. Coulson sits on the Advisory Board to work with the public in matters like this.

At 12:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver
Chairman of the Board

Linda Slade
Clerk of the Board