

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, County Administrator Carol Osborn, Financial Officer Suzanne Benton, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver and the motion carried. The minutes from March 25, 2015 were approved on a motion from Commissioner Shriver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m., Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to pay claims, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

**COUNTY GENERAL**

Brite Star Satellite	RGSO	\$20.00
Brumley Plumbing Heating	Heating Service	\$460.48
Century Link	Telephone	\$412.02
Century Link	Telephone	\$12.55
Century Link	Telephone	\$126.94
Century Link	Telephone	\$618.27
Century Link	Telephone	\$729.42
Chaffee County Sheriff	RGSO	\$1,520.00
Chavez Plumbing & Heating	Repairs	\$80.38
CO Bureau of Investigation	RGSO	\$367.50
Coast to Coast Solution	RGSO	\$394.37
County Sheriffs of Colo	Membership	\$25.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Supplies	\$37.80
Fernandez Chile Co.	RGSO	\$39.75
Forest Stewardship	Consulting	\$4,080.75
Gobins	Office Supplies	\$99.83
Marathon Systems	Security/RGSO?	\$94.95
Monte Glass Shop	Repairs	\$221.50
Neve's Uniforms	RGSO	\$208.99
Notes and Numbers	Code Books	\$345.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Supplies	\$105.00
Pro Com	Testing	\$60.00
Randall Kern	Per Diem	\$32.06
Right Carpet	RGSO	\$3,939.78
Rose Vanderpool	Mileage	\$52.92
SLV Glass	RGSO	\$245.00
Suntrust Equipment	Equipment Lease	\$10,150.00
Suzanne Benton	Reimbursement	\$40.00
The Master's Touch, LLC	Postage	\$4,180.00
Tobin & Associates	IT Audit	\$6,069.00
Top Tier Oil Sales	RGSO	\$96.95
Torres Plumbing & Heating	RGSO	\$180.00
Town of Del Norte	Water/Sewer	\$892.30
V&V True Value Hardware	RGSO	\$1.32
Valley Courier	Ads	\$1,051.10
Valley Lock and Security	Museum and MV Middle School	\$15,593.79
Valley Publishing	Ads	\$234.65
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$102.45
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$14.08
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$1,283.57
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,481.13
WSB Computer Services	Computer	\$3,526.78
Xcel Energy	Electric/Gas	\$2,574.44
Xcel Energy	Electric/Gas	\$4,546.19

<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$67,348.01</b>
American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$119.40
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$223.58
BC Services, Inc.	March Payroll	\$168.92
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$1,433.97
Community Bank of the Rockies	March Payroll	\$62,391.18
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$550.00
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$355.00
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$405.00
Grossman & Grossman	March Payroll	\$300.00
Mark A. Leachman P.C.	March Payroll	\$339.37
Raymond Lunnon	March Payroll	\$220.74
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$49,844.23
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$116,526.39</b>
Business Solutions Leasing	Copier Lease	\$54.73
Careertrack	Membership	\$199.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$36.85
Century Link	Telephone	\$94.32
CO Dept of Pub Hlth & E	Permit	\$40.00
Colo Secretary of State	Conference	\$45.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Parts	\$82.96
Direct TV	RGSO	\$142.98
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$3,343.48
Gall's Inc.	Uniforms	\$970.00
Gobins	Copier Maintenance	\$231.34
Great America Financial	Copier Lease	\$452.00
Hart Intercivic	Software Support	\$7,956.00
Haynie's Inc.	Parts	\$31.10
Heartsmart.com	RGSO	\$2,271.00
Jack's Market	RGSO	\$287.46
Jeff Babcock	Homeland Security	\$5,178.03
Ken's Service Center	RGSO	\$463.80
KVS Information Systems	Computer Services	\$5,249.00
Larry Black	RGSO	\$150.00
M B Police Equipment	RGSO	\$161.22
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	RGSO	\$273.55
Mobile Record Shredders	Shredding	\$65.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Lawn Mowers	\$593.92
Peggy J. Kern	Mileage	\$9.00
Plainsman Printing	Printing	\$697.46
Rio Grande Pharmacy	RGSO	\$3,179.20
Rose Vanderpool	Mileage	\$159.43
Safeway Inc.	RGSO	\$194.96
Shamrock Foods Company	RGSO	\$4,032.58
SLV Glass	RGSO	\$265.00
State of Colorado	Renewals	\$792.04
Terminix Processing Ctr	Services	\$384.00
Total Office Solutions	Supplies	\$524.95
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement	\$36.97
Valley Lock and Security	Services	\$134.38
Valley Lumber and Supply	Supplies	\$42.47
Valley Publishing	Election	\$785.30
Vendola Plumbing	RGSO	\$212.50
Waxie Sanitary Supply	Supplies	\$154.91
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$359.01
William F. Dunn	Legal Service	\$637.50
WSB Computer Services	Maintenance Agreement	\$3,057.22
Xerox Business Services	Supplies	\$4,297.12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$48,328.74</b>
<b>ROAD AND BRIDGE</b>		
2nd Steel	Parts	\$2,173.52
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$18,524.05

Century Link	Telephone	\$56.04
Division of Reclamation	Permit	\$791.00
Dragon ESP, Ltd.	Parts	\$178.82
Faris Machinery Company	Parts	\$103.46
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.	Parts	\$538.70
Gobins	Copier	\$31.50
Gunbarrel Service Station	Tire Change	\$233.00
Monte Vista Machine Tool	Parts	\$146.50
Parts Plus	Parts	\$155.71
Pro Com	Testing	\$179.00
Rio Grande Hospital	Drug Screening	\$34.00
Rylind Industries, Inc.	Parts	\$451.00
SLV REC	Electricity	\$191.00
South Fork Propane	Fuel	\$369.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$143.84
Wagner Equipment	Parts	\$2,759.59
Xcel Energy	Electricity/Gas	\$2,576.61
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$29,636.34</b>

American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$65.40
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$253.70
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$624.64
Community Bank of the Rockies	March Payroll	\$24,301.80
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$19,058.63
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,334.17</b>

Airgas USA LLC	Hazardous Materials	\$246.71
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$2,628.11
Anthony Stampe	Class/Education	\$60.00
Big R Bridge	Parts	\$12,512.00
Blue Tarp Financial Inc.	Parts	\$649.99
Center Parts Store	Parts	\$242.88
Century Link	Telephone	\$55.28
Century Link	Telephone	\$50.25
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$125.76
Great American Financial	Copier Maintenance	\$136.17
Haynie's Inc.	Parts	\$1,646.14
Industrial & Farm Supply	Parts	\$73.74
Lenco West	Parts	\$218.08
Leroy A. Romero	Cleaning	\$125.00
Matco Tools	Tools	\$238.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Parts	\$262.48
Myers Brothers Truck	Parts	\$74.15
Skyline Steel	Parts	\$2,702.12
Staples Business	Supplies	\$28.98
Wagner Equipment	Parts	\$4,025.79
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$956.62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27,058.25</b>

<b>DSS</b>		
American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$126.30
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$267.64
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$961.64
Community Bank of the Rockies	March Payroll	\$34,144.58
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$27,403.26
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$63,058.42</b>

<b>PEST CONTROL</b>		
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$41.62
Community Bank of the Rockies	March Payroll	\$2,059.80
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$746.83
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,848.25</b>

Century Link	Telephone	\$86.61
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$207.31
James Clare	Plaque	\$33.49
Monte Vista Cooperative	Parts	\$59.49
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$32.08
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$418.98</b>

#### **AIRPORT**

Century Link	Telephone	\$116.81
SLV REC	Electricity	\$651.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$767.81</b>

Eaton Sales and Services	Maintenance	\$74,820.00
SLV REC	Electricity	\$661.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$75,481.00</b>

#### **CONSERVATION TRUST**

San Luis Valley TV Inc.	TV Service	\$1,437.75
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,437.75</b>

Ann Burkhart	Rental	\$575.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$575.00</b>

#### **TOURISM**

Burris and Sons Bucking	South Fork Rodeo	\$1,000.00
Conejos County Chamber	Dues/Brochure	\$250.00
Covered Wagon Days	Advertising	\$3,000.00
Devi Jardon	Postage	\$9.80
Pen Craft Design Company	Advertising/Postage	\$439.84
South Fork Music	Sponsorship	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,699.64</b>

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Century Link	Telephone	\$80.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$2.88
Century Link	Telephone	\$168.64
Chaffee County Public Health	Health Comm Service	\$8,670.00
Colo Dept of Agriculture	Scale Test	\$150.00
Costilla County Public	EPSDT	\$2,140.00
Early Childhood Council	Health Community	\$2,265.00
Lake County Health Dept	Services	\$675.00
Maddox Collections	Drug Collection	\$30.00
Saguache Co Public Health	EPSDT	\$2,325.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$52.64
WSB Computer Services	Computer	\$483.82
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,042.98</b>

Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$136.54
Community Banks of the Rockies	March Payroll	\$3,800.33
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$4,652.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$8,589.76</b>

Century Link	Telephone	\$19.37
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$841.55
First Bankcard	Card Payment	\$224.20
Glaxosmithkline	Medication	\$586.50
Staples Business	Supplies	\$75.11
WSB Computer Services	Computer Supplies	\$55.60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,802.33</b>

At 9:18 a.m., Ms. Osborn presented information regarding a proposed \$82,500 grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) that will benefit the County towns of Monte Vista, South Fork, and Del Norte. Should the County apply for a Tier II grant, the funds will be matched from DOLA dollar for dollar. The Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Team (RWEACT) has committed \$20,000; \$3,750.00 is the proposed commitment from each town, \$10,000.00 from Rio Grande County, and the balance of \$41,250.00 from DOLA. The contract must be signed by June 2015. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the

application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver and the motion carried. Ms. Osborn said that a Request for Proposal will be issued in May 2015 for the Rio Grande Master Plan.

Ms. Osborn presented a request from the Sheriff's office that warrant #142273, issued March 17, 2015, in the amount of \$25 be voided. Commissioner Bricker moved that it be voided. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver, and the motion carried.

Ms. Osborn presented a request from Greg Porter, Rio Grande Hospital, to apply for Exemption of Property through the Colorado Division of Property Taxation for the new site of the Family Practice Health Clinic in Monte Vista. Commissioner Shriver moved that the exemption be granted. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Osborn presented a letter from the Rio Grande County Library District, recommending the appointment of May Ann Rhett to the Rio Grande County Library Board. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the recommendation. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Osborn presented the Aviation Support and Maintenance Services Order Pricing Schedule from Vaisala for the Rominger Airport in Del Norte. She explained that this is a two year contract that will cost a total of \$9,000.00, billed annually. There is a state grant to pay 90 percent of this, but the state has not moved to pay it yet. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver and the motion carried.

Ms. Osborn presented a request from Dos Rios restaurant in Monte Vista to renew its liquor license. Commissioner Bricker moved to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver and the motion carried.

Ms. Osborn reminded everyone about the annual Upper Rio Grande Economic Development dinner, April 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., and to get reservations in.

Ms. Osborn presented the Information Technology audit conducted by Tobin and Associates. The report indicates that Tobin and Associates performed an external network penetration test of the IP addresses belonging to the county, with the finding that the external postures appear to be satisfactory. Commissioner Shriver commented that the County system is sound and Tobin and Associates were very complimentary to WSB Computer Systems.

At 10:00 a.m., Jerry Dennis, Emergency Manager presented an update to the Commissioners. In January 2015, the statewide system of the digital trunk radio was tested. An interagency discussion of emergency preparedness was held to review and assess threat hazards. It is important to recognize the local hazards. A multiagency group (MAC) has been formed to mitigate threats and to prepare citizens. There are three main hazards: fire, a power outage that might go on for a sustained period of time, and a hazardous materials spill.

Mr. Dennis explained that if there is a long-term power outage, many people would be involved. There will be a conference April 28 and 29 with the Department of Energy. One of the main concerns is the availability of parts and then getting those parts to some of the more remote area where the transformers are located. There is an online study of transmission lines, which covers resource issues with Public Service and Xcel, at [www.socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com).

In February, Mr. Dennis conducted a hazardous materials inventory to determine what materials were in the Valley (e.g., fertilizer) and where it is stored, and to determine plans for how to react to them. Also, the Global Overlook Radar System will be installed between August 1 and September 30, 2015, at Wolf Creek. The cost to deploy the system will be \$90,000.00. This system will include a T1 hardline to Oklahoma University. Its connection will help see the coming weather and will also monitor water quality. Mr. Dennis received the Emergency Manager of the Year award from the Colorado Energy Management Conference in Denver.

In March, Mr. Dennis held a MAC group in Creede to discuss an emergency communication plan in the event of a fire or flood. He also held a resource mobilization planning workshop in Alamosa. He reported that there is good collaboration between local agencies. Commissioner Shriver commended Mr. Dennis for his good work.

At 10:15 a.m., pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 24, Article 6, Section 402 at Subsection (4)(F), Commissioner Shriver moved that the Commissioners go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The particular matter to go into Executive Session is for Employee Evaluation.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Shriver moved that regular session be convened. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

A public hearing was held on a Conditional Use Permit for Mark Coblentz-Slaughter/Processing Facility. Mark Coblentz, Lester Yoder, and Edwin Hochstettler were in attendance, with Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Supervisor. On February 17, 2015, the Planning Commission met to review the application for conditional use. Its recommendation at that time was for Mr. Coblentz to submit an operation plan, along with a water augmentation plan, which were received. The plan was sent to the Planning Commission and received a recommendation to approve.

Commissioner Bricker expressed her concern and asked Mr. Coblentz whether he had a plan for fly mitigation if they became a problem. Mr. Coblentz said that all waste containers would have lids on them. Commissioner Bricker asked about odor mitigation. Mr. Coblentz stated that waste would be picked up twice a week, and that he would arrange more frequent pick up if it becomes necessary. Ms. Vanderpool stated that with regard to a letter from Edwin Lobato, attorney representing Delma and Samuel Valdez, objecting to the Coblentz facility, once Mr. Coblentz's plans were explained, the Valdezes no longer objected. She indicated that Bob Vanlwarden was also satisfied. It was further stated that power is not a problem for storage. Mr. Ken Heersink, owner of the property, signed the application for the Conditional Use Permit. Commissioner Bricker asked if 108,000 gallons of water would be enough for the slaughterhouse operation. Mr. Coblentz will have to mitigate this, if the water usage exceeds this limit. Ms. Osborn asked if Mr. Heersink is the property owner, and it was stated that he is. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the permit, contingent on the permits coming together in the plan. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was further stated that Mr. Coblentz needs to be in operation within one year of getting the property and permits. This will be stated in the resolution.

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At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing was held regarding the vacation of the western portion of Pine Road in Rio Ranchos Subdivision. Karla Weiscamp, Raymond Schill, and Barbara Schill were in attendance. It was stated that it is not necessary to give the Bureau of Land Management the land on the other side of the road and that no other property owners will be landlocked by this vacation. It was further stated that there was no need for a 90-day notice. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the vacation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver, and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver commented that it might be a good idea to vacate the entire road at some point. A resolution will be provided once a survey is completed.

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At 11:15 a.m., an informal presentation was made by Commissioner Shriver regarding the possibility of creating a Rio Grande County Recreational District. The plan would include Monte Vista in an area defined by the Monte Vista Fire District; it would include Del Norte, which has been trying to create a recreational district but was unable to get the funding on the last ballot; the district would include South Fork, which has indicated that it needs some sort of recreational plan but hasn't determined what it should be. Commissioner Shriver's question is: Is this something the County could facilitate for all three towns?

Commissioner Shriver brought up two options: a special district and a county department with its own, separate board. Either option would require a vote of the people. She explained that a special district would have its own board not overseen by the Commissioners. If it is a department, it would be overseen by the Commissioners with a board assisting in the governance similar to the Pest Control District.

Funds for the special district could be raised with either a mill levy of 4 to 4.5 mills (approximately \$38 per year per property owner), through a sales tax, or a combination of the two, which is Commissioner Shriver's preference. Fund raisers could also be held. Using the example of a \$100,000.00 budget, Commissioner Shriver explained that \$20,000.00 of gross income would go to the board to cover administration costs and a director. The remaining funds would be divided proportionately between the towns, based on their respective property values:

District 1: 35% of gross revenue	\$28,000.00
District 2: 30% of gross revenue	\$24,000.00
District 3: 35% of gross revenue	\$28,000.00

Commissioner Shriver said she had not worked out the numbers if a sales tax increase were used to generate the funding.

Commissioner Shriver stressed the importance of allowing flexibility so the towns could spend the recreational funds where they most needed them. For instance, Del Norte might spend it on

High Valley Community Center; Monte Vista might spend it on Ski Hi Park or with the golf board; and South Fork might work through the South Fork Foundation or the Silver Thread group.

Funding principles would need to be established. If existing structures are used for recreational purposes, maintenance of the structures would be each town's responsibility. If new structures are built, they would have to be funded by both the town and the recreational district.

Determining what "recreation" is, will be an important consideration. It needs to be something that benefits residents of the San Luis Valley, but something that will also draw visitors to the area.

The plan would include a proposed Sunset clause so that it could be re-evaluated after 10 years so that relevant changes can be made, and to determine how to continue the funding.

Commissioner Shriver said the basic question is: Do we want to move down this path? There will have to be discussion with the towns, leadership, and citizens about it. The next steps include having more discussion among the Commissioners, working with an outside company to put the funding numbers together, working out special district status of High Valley Community Center (Commissioner Bricker indicated that HVCC is interested). It was stressed that this needs to be worked out by the end of the year in order to meet the legal deadlines for including it on the November 2016 ballot.

There will be a work session April 8, 2015, at 1:30 to continue the Recreational District discussions.

At 11:30 a.m., Bill Dunn, County Attorney gave an update to the Commissioners.

In the matter of a complaint filed with Social Services, Mr. Dunn presented a revised letter for the Commissioners to approve. Mr. Dunn was instructed to send the letter. Anthony Guerrero, reporter for Valley Publishing, disclosed that the paper had received some preliminary information on this matter.

J.J. Mondragon was called in for the discussion regarding the contract with Pueblo County Assessor. Ms. Mondragon indicated that the County was not providing any help to her department and that the computer codes had been changed and her department was trying to figure out their IT issues themselves. The contract can be terminated within 60 days, but Ms. Mondragon indicated that it might be better to wait until they can find another provider. She also indicated that the County probably wants to terminate the contract as well. Pueblo County has not been paid (\$60,000.00 has been paid in previous years). Ms. Mondragon said it would take about a year to convert 14,000 records. It was decided that another letter would be sent and that Commissioner Shriver would edit it.

At 12:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

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At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order, gave the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Shriver moved to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried. The minutes from April 1, 2015, were approved with changes on a motion from Commissioner Shriver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Davie asked if there were public comments. Darrell Plane, Weed Supervisor, reported on the purchase of a trailer from Monte Vista Co-op for \$2,987.00, after getting prices from three suppliers. The Commissioners approved the purchase. There were no further public comments.

At 9:10 a.m., Ms. Benton reported on the receipt of a check from El Pomar in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council. The total grant is for \$5,000.00, and the remainder of the grant will be received next year. Ms. Benton noted that the original request was for \$6,500.00 and that the County is serving as the sponsoring agent. This grant is for the hiring of an economic person by URGED.

Ms. Benton requested a letter of support for C & G Health Care Management, which desires to build a long-term care replacement facility in Del Norte. C & G Health Care Management has built and runs similar facilities in Cortez, La Jara (the Rio Grande Inn), Durango, Pagosa Springs, and Trinidad. As it is currently planned, the Del Norte facility will be a 60-bed skilled nursing facility where patients will have individual rooms with shared baths. It will also feature a rehabilitation center with a kitchen and laundry. Ms. Joyce Humiston of C & G has met with several individuals about constructing this nursing home and has received other letters of support. She has prepared the application and has investors lined up; she is also talking with banks to obtain additional funding for this \$8 million project. She is in the process of acquiring land for the project and has spoken to Gordon and Suzanne Off, among others.

Ms. Benton reported that by law, a facility such as this can only be built in a community where a nursing home has closed. Also, she said that the State is discussing different ideas for nursing homes created as pods, which would be very expensive.

Commissioner Bricker moved that the Board send a letter of support for C & G Health Care Management. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, and Randy Kern, Building Inspector, were present to discuss impact fees assessed in Rio Grande County. It was stated that Mr. Kern administers and collects the impact fees for the County Road Department. There is confusion among the public about the difference between impact fees and building permit fees. Impact fees apply to new construction and development and are charged based on the impacts to roads and bridges. The questions raised were: What happens when big businesses come into the County and impact fees are charged? Are the fees prohibitive and is the County being perceived as not welcoming to new businesses? For instance, it is possible that the impact fees charged to C & G Health Management might be as much as \$58,000.00.

Mr. Kern noted that it is the larger farm trucks and equipment that have real impacts to the roads. But farm fuel is not taxed and so doesn't help mitigate the impacts. He asked that since the impact fees are only assessed once a year, if this might not be a good time to suspend the fees.

Commissioner Bricker said the County needs to be business friendly. Commissioner Shriver noted that times have changed since the impact fees were instituted; there are fewer construction projects. She said that developers should pay for infrastructure costs up front should new developments occur in the future. Commissioner Shriver moved to rescind the impact fees at this time, effective April 8, 2015, but to continue to evaluate the need for them and to reinstitute them in the future when and if it might again be appropriate. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Sullivan gave his Road and Bridge Department report. Commissioner Bricker asked about the magnet being used to clean up Lariat Road after receiving a complaint from a resident. Mr. Sullivan said his crew was not finding nails or screws on the road, but that there was fencing material and propane. He said he would photograph what had been picked up and show it to the homeowner.

Mr. Sullivan reported that once the fiber optic resolution was signed he would send it to the company installing it. Commissioner Bricker moved to adopt the Road and Bridge right of way for a utilities easement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shriver and the motion carried. Book 574 Page 1052

Mr. Sullivan said that work had been suspended on County Road 14 for April 8, due to high winds, but that they would finish on April 9.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Movie Manor in Monte Vista wants to create a 1000-foot hot rod drag strip on the property. He asked if the County can grade the strip and also asked where the

water would come from. He stressed that the water cannot come from the Monte Vista Cemetery. Mr. Sullivan said that the County could do the initial drag strip grading, but that it was the responsibility of the event organizer to grade for specific events. The cost for this should be included in the organizer's costs to put on the events. He stated that the water used for the initial grading should be provided by the organizer. The first event is June 13, 2015, so the grading will be done the first week in June.

Mr. Sullivan reported that a list of fire wells needs to be submitted to Rob Phillips, who needs to be notified when water is taken out of these wells. Mr. Sullivan is working with the water division on this.

The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Sullivan on becoming the new fire chief in Monte Vista.

Ms. Benton said that Jim Edwards wants to vacate County Road 22 to the airport, as it is no longer a roadway. No action was taken.

Todd Stockebrand has questions about the fabric mesh being used on the apron construction of the tarmac at the airport. The seven-ounce fabric meets the requirements. The work will start the week of April 13, 2015. Mr. Sullivan said that he would meet with everyone and review the project when the work actually begins.

Other Road and Bridge items discussed included the culvert work on County Road 17, as well as a culvert problem on County Road 2 South. Mr. Sullivan said the hole on 2 South would be collapsed and that the bottom third has corrosion. It might be able to be lined. It also might be a larger and more costly issue.

At 10:00 a.m., Carol Osborn, County Administrator, requested a signature on the Revolving Loan Fund Grant. Commissioner Shriver signed the grant.

Ms. Osborn presented a letter from First Southwest Bank, which is seeking to create a Rural Development Revolving Loan Fund. This fund will bring more capital to new businesses and is similar to the rural development loan fund. Ms. Osborn said that a similar program in the Four Corners area works well.

Ms. Osborn and the Commissioners scheduled breakfast meetings with the towns of South Fork (April 20, 2015) and Monte Vista (April 27, 2015).

Ms. Osborn presented the Sheriff's report; the report was accepted.

Ms. Osborn presented the Veterans Affairs report for March 2015; the report was accepted. She said that Jack Rudder would be out of the office from April 21 to May 5, 2015.

Ms. Osborn reported on a survey being submitted to the State from the Department of Social Services. The State has approved new funding to help counties hire 100 new child welfare staff. Rio Grande and Mineral Counties are requesting one full-time case worker. The survey will be submitted by Friday, April 10, 2015.

The Department of Social Services has a vacancy for an income maintenance technician and requested approval to hire. Commissioner Bricker made a motion to approve the hire. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. In addition, DSS needs approval to advertise for a permanent Public Health Office Manager. Ms. Benton noted that this is Grade 10 position and is the same as other managers. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the advertising of this position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

A discussion was held about a recent issue at the jail, where an inmate has a traumatic brain injury and Sheriff Brian Norton has not been able to obtain help from the mental health office in finding an appropriate placement for him. There appears to be communication gap between DSS and Mental Health. Commissioner Shriver has talked to Jody Kern and they are trying to set up a meeting. Commissioner Shriver noted that this is becoming a statewide issue; there are not enough beds and there is a lack of funding to help with situations like this. Ms. Osborn reported that someone from Mental Health is coming in May to discuss the situation. Commissioner Shriver suggested May 20, 2015, as a possible date for this work session.

Ms. Osborn requested that the Commissioners come up with items for the upcoming Listening Tour of Rio Grande Hospital. These items should include problems in the community that foundations might be able to fund. Concerns such as economics, mental health issues, and funding were brought up.

Ms. Osborn reminded the Commissioners about the Veterans Coalition meeting on May 7, 2015.

An Economic Water Study will kick off next month. Rio Grande County has helped fund this project, along with Alamosa (\$46,000.00 has been committed at this time). Approximately 15 to 20 percent more is needed, with a goal of raising a total \$80,000.00.

Ms. Benton told the Commissioners that the requirements for sales and lodging tax prohibit her from sharing any information about what businesses pay.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Bricker moved to adjourn until 11:30. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Commissioners held a work session regarding the development of a County Recreational District.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners returned to regular session and Bill Dunn was present. He reported that the letter of complaint regarding the Department of Social Services was sent and that no reply had been received. The letter regarding the contract with Pueblo County Assessor was sent and no reply has been received.

Mr. Dunn reported that he had met with Tom Slade of the South Fork Homeowners Association regarding home sites west of the Rio Grande Club clubhouse, which went into foreclosure a few years ago. The home sites since been purchased by Mike Trujillo and Joe Mellott for \$250,000, with the intent to flip them to a small developer who doesn't want to pave the roads in that area. Mr. Dunn recalled that there is a Resolution that roads have to be paved to avoid the devaluation of the property. He asked if there was a time limit on the Resolution. Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, was present for this discussion and noted that the land was originally zoned as commercial property and then it was rezoned as residential when the lots were sold. In 2007 South Fork said the roads did not need to be paved, but South Fork Ranches didn't follow through with Team Murphy. The question is: Does the new owner have to pave the roads? It was noted that another owner has not paved in the area of County Road 15. Also, in prior years there was no standard for paving and roads were not paved properly, which has caused higher maintenance costs. Mr. Slade wants the paving done to County standards.

Chairman Davie asked if they need another conditional use permit and Mr. Dunn responded that they did not. Ms. Vanderpool noted that it is up to the owners to pave the roads, not the County. Mr. Dunn said he recommended that Mr. Slade to meet with the Commissioners directly.

Commissioner Bricker expressed concern about the possibility that the business license for Stohmayer's Funeral Home had expired. Mr. Dunn was asked to look into the matter and report back to the Commissioners.

Ms. Osborn said that she would send the new airport hangar leases to Mr. Dunn for review.

At 12:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Doug Davie  
Chairman of the Board

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Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Karla Shriver, Commissioner Pam Bricker, County Administrator Carol Osborn, Financial Officer Suzanne Benton, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Shriver led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none. The agenda for the meeting was accepted with the addition of Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Shriver

moved to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting with changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bricker and the motion carried.

At 9:10, a.m., County Administrator Carol Osborn submitted a memo from Darrel Plane, Pest Control Board, recommending that Rianna Brennan be appointed as Pest District Supervisor on the Pest Control Board, starting May 1, 2015. Her proposed salary would be \$3,500.00 per month or \$42,000.00 per year, working 35 to 40 hours per week. The Board requested clarification on the number of hours she would work, which will be addressed by Ms. Osborn and Ms. Benton. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Osborn presented a letter from Perry Alspaugh requesting to be appointed to the Rio Grande County Museum Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., sealed bids for herbicides were opened. Darrel Plane, Weed Control Supervisor, and Don Henderson, DP Ag Services, were present. Bids were received from Monte Vista Co-op and DP Ag Services:

CHEMICAL	CONTAINER SIZE	MV CO-OP	DP AG SERVICES
Glyphosate	2.5 gal	\$27.42/gal	\$12.20/gal
Aquatic Glyphosate	2.5 gal	\$16.67/gal	\$25.05/gal
Curtail	2.5 gal	\$55.57/gal	\$56.45/gal
Hi-Dep	2.5 gal	\$25.10/gal	\$25.16/gal
Vanquish	2.5 gal	\$75.53/gal	\$70.90/gal
Sahara	10 lb bag, 4/case	\$13.71/lb	\$13.12/lb (\$524.73/case)
Plateau	1 gal	\$164.22/gal	\$150.54/gal
Sticker, No-ionic	2.5 gal	\$24.42/gal	\$17.99/gal
Milestone	1 quart	\$84.21/quart	\$84.68/quart

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Commissioner Shriver moved to accept the bid from DP Ag Services. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, presented a Memorandum of Understanding, dated April 8, 2015, between Saguache County Public Health Department and Rio Grande Public Health Department to provide a nurse to monitor and administer medication to a tuberculosis patient in Saguache County. Ms. Brown reported that the Rio Grande County nurse was spending less than an hour every Friday in contact with this patient. She said that the State reimburses the County \$25 for each contact, which covers the nurse's mileage. Ms. Brown also reported that the patient is not quarantined at this time and will not have to be quarantined as long as a nurse observes the taking of the medication. Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the MOU. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown presented a proposal for the Department of Public Health to share a full-time nurse with the Del Norte school district. The nurse would work for the school district three-fourths of the time (32 hours per week for 9 months of the year at a salary of \$30,130.00 to \$32,367.00), and spend the other fourth with the Department of Public Health (\$9,792.00 to \$11,087.00 per year). The time spent at Public Health might include a full day every Friday, or a few hours every morning, and possibly a light schedule in the summer with specific commitments such as flu clinics, CHAMP, etc. Ms. Brown said that the school district would cover all benefits, such as worker's compensation and insurance. She stated that with the tobacco funds and the HCP funds the department is receiving, Public Health would be able to cover its portion of the nurse's salary. If this is approved, it would require a Memorandum of Understanding with the Del Norte School District.

Ms. Benton expressed concern about how this nine-month salary compares to 12-month salaries at the same level. She requested a breakdown of the salary and benefits. Commissioner Shriver said the Board was open to discussing this arrangement.

At 9:45 a.m., Ms. Osborn presented the third of 12 penetration tests from Tobin & Associates LLC. There were no findings.

Ms. Osborn presented a letter from Michele Santi, Secretary/Treasurer/Grant Coordinator of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Conour Animal Shelter), requesting to renew the contract for 2015 funding in the amount of \$2,500.00. Her letter noted that the shelter did not receive funding for 2014. The Board agreed to renew the 2015 funding, with the provision that the shelter must provide an annual report as to how the money was used. The Board also said that funding could not be retroactive to 2014.

Ms. Osborn presented emails received from homeowners on Lariat Road, where the Road and Bridge Department is using a magnet to clean up the metal in the road. The emails express appreciation for the work being done.

Ms. Osborn reminded the Board about the following meetings:

- Source Water Protection Planning meeting with the city of Monte Vista and the Colorado Rural Water Association, scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Monte Vista City Hall.
- Rio Grande Hospital Listening Tour, April 23, 2015, at 4:00.
- Breakfast with the town of South Fork, April 27, 2015, at 7:30 a.m., at the Feelin' Good Café. Commissioner Bricker stated that she could not attend.

At 10:00 a.m., Tom Slade, South Fork Homeowners Association, Bill Dunn, County Attorney, and Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Supervisor, were present to discuss road paving in developments west of the Rio Grande Club. As background, Mr. Slade explained that South Fork Ranches was the developer of the Planned Unit Development. When the developments are complete, it is the Homeowners Association's practice to turn over the supervision of the development to the homeowners as a sub-association of the main association. There are nine such sub-associations now and could be as many as 15 in the future. The nine sub-associations have completed all required infrastructure.

In 2006, the Reserve Development was sold to Mark Martin, who went through a change-of-use process to create 38 units. Infrastructure was put in. Three lots, which are still vacant, were sold before road paving was done. The property was foreclosed within 18 months, and was subsequently purchased by Joe Mellott and Mike Trujillo, who are in talks with David Schneider to purchase it from them. Mr. Slade noted that if more water is needed for this development, it will have to be provided by Mr. Mellott and Mr. Trujillo. Mr. Slade noted that the Village at Alder Creek does not have paved roads; there are six houses at this site. Mr. Slade said that no one wants to pave the roads in these developments.

Mr. Slade stated that it is the position of the Homeowners Association that the roads need to be paved before any more build-out occurs and that other sub-associations also require that roads be paved. The homeowners are required by Association covenants to pave from the road to each house. Mr. Slade said the policy should be that all roads be paved to County standards, noting that the roads not paved to County standards are costing as much as \$200,000.00 to reconstruct. Davis Engineering has evaluated the conditions of these roads as they stand now and how they will hold up ten years into the future. The safest option would be to require paving before lots are sold, but Mr. Slade noted that this is not necessarily friendly to the developers. The Homeowners Association will accept the selling of lots before paving, but wants the paving to be done before new homes are built. This gives the developers funds to do the required work. He also said a bond should be required as a safety net.

Mr. Dunn said that the plat of the developments says the roads should have been paved in 2007. He asked Mr. Slade if the plat conforms to the Resolution, and Mr. Slade said it did; that it should be developed in conformance to the plat and the resolution. Limitations do not apply to platted property.

Mr. Slade said he would handle the enforcement of the policies, but wants the County Commissioners' support.

Ms. Vanderpool said that even though Team Murphy dropped the ball on getting roads paved, it is now the homeowners' responsibility. Mr. Slade said that all developments will be treated the same. There was general concern about the golf club being a viable business, because this affects tax revenues for South Fork and the County.

At 10:35 a.m., Ms. Vanderpool stated that there is unauthorized building going on near the Indian Trails area in South Fork. Randy Kern was present for the discussion and stated that no building permits have been obtained by the owner, who lives in Texas. The original structure on the property was a double-wide with a septic system; now it appears that a lodge with amenities for visitors has been built, including a bunkhouse that houses nine to 18 people. There is a concern for the safety of anyone renting from the lodge. The new improvements are not on the tax rolls. Mr. Kern said the building needs to stop until the County is sure it is up to code, that he needs to see what is going on. The Board asked Mr. Dunn to work on this: to contact the owner and discuss the issues and to tell them that the County will follow up with a cease-and-desist order.

Ms. Vanderpool informed the Board that several cell towers were being planned in conjunction with the railroad as emergency communication towers: three in Del Norte, two on County Road 50, and eight or nine in the South Fork/Creede area. The concern is that some surveys indicate that the towers are not meeting the correct setbacks. Mr. Dunn stated that he doesn't think they have the right to build these towers beyond the rights of the railroad. It was also noted that the railroad is owned by an individual and not operating as a real railroad. Mr. Dunn said that he may need to find another attorney familiar with railroad law to determine the legal issues. The Board asked Mr. Dunn to determine who the owner of the railroad is and to find an attorney familiar with railroad law and what the expenses would be.

Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Dunn what he found out about the licensing issue with Strohmayer's Funeral Home. Mr. Dunn responded that he had spoken with the Department of Regulatory Agencies and found out that Mr. Strohmayer's license is expired and that he has ignored DORA's efforts to contact him. Mr. Strohmayer has volunteered to cease doing any funeral business until his license is reinstated, yet it seems that several funerals have been conducted during this review period. Mr. Dunn was asked to contact DORA again and update it on the situation.

Mr. Dunn informed the Board that he had met with the Del Norte Library and was asked to help it form a Limited Liability Corporation so that it could apply for a grant. There is a question as to who owns the library building. Commissioner Shriver said that she is meeting with Iris Wells as an of El Pomar local advisory council member and will try to get more information.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board of County Commissioners adjourned to the Board of Social Services.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board of County Commissioners reconvened.

At 11:30 a.m., Ms. Osborn informed the board that Jerry Dennis, Emergency Manager, is going to use several lighted mobile signs that the County acquired with Firewise funding. He is also looking into the SLV Emergency organization acquiring the Alamosa County Mobile Command Center, which the new sheriff in Alamosa no longer wants. Chairman Davie said he thought this would be a good idea. Mr. Dennis is asking for the Board's support, and it was noted that there may be a request for maintenance funds for the vehicle.

Ms. Osborn said that Tom Acre, South Fork, wants to attend the meeting with the Commissioners, and the time and date were changed to May 21, 2015, at 7:00 at the Annex.

Ms. Benton said that according to a State statute, County salaries must be published twice a year, rather than monthly. It was decided that salaries would be published in February and in July or August and that only titles and salaries would be given.

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

Attest:

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Members present were Commissioner Karla Shriver, Vice Chairman Pam Bricker, County Administrator Carol Osborn, Financial Officer Suzanne Benton, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring. Chairman Doug Davie was not present.

At 9:00 a.m., Vice Chairman Bricker called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Shriver moved to accept the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver moved to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2015 meeting with changes. Vice Chairman Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Vice Chairman Bricker asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:10 a.m., County Administrator Carol Osborn presented the following action items:

- Ramona Archuleta appointed to the South Central Colorado Workforce Board. Commissioner Shriver moved to make the appointment. Vice Chairman Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Reminder about the Bureau of Land Management open house, May 7, 2015, from 3:00 to 5:00.
- Reminder about the 2015 Neonatal Drug Exposure Awareness Symposium on June 4 and June 5, 2015, at the Center Consolidated School auditorium.
- Reminder about the construction kickoff at the Rio Grande Clinic in Monte Vista, May 8, 2015, at 10:30.

Ms. Osborn reported that the meeting with the town of South Fork went well. The discussion of the recreational district drew a mixed response.

Vice Chairman Bricker reported that after attending the Action 22 board meeting, she felt that the organization is moving in a positive direction. Its focus is on lobbying, as well as the sustainability of the organization in terms of membership.

Ms. Osborn reported that Irving Halter, Jr., was appointed Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs by Governor Hickenlooper, effective May 1, 2015.

At 9:15 a.m., Emily Brown, Director of Public Health, was present to update the Board. Ms. Brown stated that the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officers will be hosting two sessions at the summer CCI Conference in Keystone, on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The topics of the sessions will include the shared services, and the San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership will discuss its experience with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Pat Libbey from the Center for Shared Services will attend. Ms. Brown said it was likely that she and Della Vieira from Alamosa would attend, and that they would like a Commissioner from the Valley to attend as well. The Board suggested that a Commissioner from Conejos or Costilla could attend; Ms. Osborn suggested that Ms. Brown contact a Commissioner from Saguache County. Vice Chairman Bricker offered to attend if no other Valley Commissioners were able to.

Ms. Brown reported that the Department of Public Health would be allowed to use the Ebola funding it has received if the session is attended. The Board approved Ms. Brown's and Ms. Osborn's attendance at the conference.

Porfie Medina and his staff were present to discuss painting the Public Health exam room and the hallways this week. The painting will be done by Finishing Edge in a neutral color.

Mr. Medina requested a final location for the backup generator for the Public Health refrigerator where vaccines are stored. The Board looked at the generator and possible locations. It was decided to place the generator outside the window behind the refrigerator in a structure that will enclose the generator and be cemented to the concrete surface.

Ms. Brown reported that the Del Norte Health Fair served 300 people. The Monte Vista Health Fair went smoothly in its new location.

Ms. Brown reported that 120 radon test kit vouchers have been given out and reports are starting to come in. Eventually, trends in Valley radon levels will become apparent. She said that there are a few more kits available. She also stated that radon mitigation training will take place next year.

Ms. Brown presented the March Board of Health Report. This report will be compiled quarterly. Ms. Brown said that she is coordinating between the different departments that might be affected by this information.

Ms. Brown presented a salary comparison of a full time Public Health Nurse and a three-quarter time school nurse in the Del Norte school district. The salaries were very similar. If the Public Health Department uses the school nurse in a quarter-time capacity, the cost reimbursed to the school district would be \$10,256.00, and would be covered by tobacco and HCP grants (tobacco funds: approximately \$19,000.00 over three years; HCP grant: approximately \$13,000.00). Commissioner Shriver asked if it might be a better solution to contract and pay a flat fee to the nurse. Ms. Brown said that the school would bill us for the time the nurse spent at Public Health.

Ms. Brown is preparing the Memorandum of Understanding between the school district and the Public Health Department, and will make it contingent on funding, with a flat fee to be paid per year. She noted that worker's compensation insurance would be covered by the school, as will access to e-mail. Vice Chairman Bricker asked how sick and vacation days would be handled. Suzanne Benton, Financial Officer, said those days those days should be taken from the nurse's school time. Ms. Osborn recommended including an "escape clause," to allow for the termination of the agreement if it becomes necessary. Other details for the MOU will include access to keys, files, and County new employee orientation. Ms. Brown said that the target start date for the nurse is August 18, 2015.

Ms. Brown reported that Public Health has all of Saguache, Rio Grande, and Mineral Counties' emergency supplies in its trailer. The supplies have been organized and redistributed. The Department will work with Mineral County to get its supplies because it has storage in its ambulance barn.

Ms. Brown reported that new rabies guidelines have been developed by the regional epidemiologist for use in the Valley. While it is not yet a formal MOU, it will help clarify the response to rabies cases in a consistent manner across the Valley particularly in terms of the definition of "strict quarantine." Commissioner Shriver asked if the guidelines could be presented at a San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting. Ms. Brown agreed.

Ms. Brown reported that the Del Norte High School has decided to remain the fiscal agent for the Rio Grande Prevention Partners. The Request for Proposal for the next five-year cycle has been released, and the grant is due May 18, 2015.

Ms. Brown reported that she is creating a budget for \$15,000.00 in new funds available in May and June for the treatment of the tuberculosis patient in Saguache. She also reported that the prescription drug abuse meeting was well attended by both citizens and law enforcement. She noted that the various communities need to be coordinated.

At 10:40 a.m., Ms. Benton reported that the Assessor's office will be mailing the Notice of Valuations on Friday, May 1, 2015.

April 2015 payroll was presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve payroll. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bricker and the motion carried.

County General:	\$202,878.17
Road and Bridge:	\$ 69,034.29
Social Services:	\$107,326.11
Pest Control:	\$ 4,691.50
Public Health:	\$ 15,601.04
TOTAL:	\$399,531.11

At 10:30 a.m., Clarissa Woodworth, San Luis Valley Behavior Health Group, was present regarding a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month in Rio Grande County. Commissioner Shriver moved to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bricker and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver brought up the concerns of the Board regarding inmates with mental health issues; Ms. Woodworth acknowledged that this is a State and national issue.

At 10:40, Rose Vanderpool, Land Use Administrator, Randy Kern, Building Inspector, and Bill Dunn, County Attorney, were present to discuss the centralized water system at River Island Ranch in South Fork. Ms. Vanderpool has been contacted by Kim Bennet, Pueblo Bank and Trust, which has foreclosed on this property. Mr. Dunn asked who got the water rights and if the water was appropriate for Phase 2 development. Ms. Vanderpool said that it was appropriate. She also noted that while the centralized well has been drilled, there are no lines to individual houses. She said that Pueblo Bank and Trust does not want to spend any money on well development for Phase 2 of this project. She said that there is no extra water and that the water will be augmented by the Division of Water. The main concern is for 12 lots that sit in a flood plain. Each has a separate septic system that requires advanced sewer treatment. Commissioner Shriver suggested that a meeting be held with all interested parties to discuss the water and zoning issues (Mike Gibson, Pat McDermott, Pueblo Bank and Trust). Ms. Vanderpool will gather more information.

Mr. Dunn provided counsel to the Board.

Regarding cell towers and railroad easement issues, Mr. Dunn informed the Board that he found a railroad lawyer, Will Carpenter, who can assist them. The question is: Can the owner of the

railroad right of way put up cell phone towers and then lease them to a cell phone carrier? Mr. Dunn said that he needs to determine the railroad right-of-way owners and the types of deeds they have (perpetual easements of fee simple titles). He has found deeds dating back to 1882 and 1883 that are quick claim deeds from individual land owners. Mr. Dunn says the railroad charter defines how the land can be used. He has requested this charter from the State; when he receives it and the deed, he will call Mr. Carpenter to discuss what can be done. Mr. Dunn cautioned that while the County may be able to stop the erection of the towers by refusing to issue permits, any dealings with a railroad can often end up in Federal Court.

Mr. Kern was present to report on his findings on the property in South Fork that has not obtained appropriate building permits. Mr. Kern met with the property owner, Greg Thompson, and noted that there are three buildings that have not been permitted or inspected: a stable with electrical; an unfinished garage with electrical; and a bunk house, which is finished and may be more complicated to inspect. Mr. Kern reported that there are no smoke detectors in the bunk house and that the stairs are "scary." He said the bunk house has undergone a great deal of remodeling, including putting in a septic system, which his department has no record of.

Mr. Kern said that Mr. Thompson was very cooperative in helping to identify the problems on the property and has agreed to hire plumbers and electricians to get the property up to code. Mr. Thompson will also hire a structural engineer to evaluate the structures that have been built with alternative materials and methods, as well as the septic system. Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Kern to determine a timeline for the evaluations and the remedies. Mr. Kern will notify the Assessor's Office about the new structures. Mr. Kern said that Mr. Thompson has verbally agreed to stop all commercial activity until the inspections and remedies are complete. Ms. Vanderpool said that she would monitor Thompson's website and will also send him an application for a building permit. Mr. Kern assured the Board that he will keep it updated regularly.

Mr. Dunn reported that he received a call from the Pueblo County Assessor who stated that he is no longer communicating with J.J. Mondragon. Mr. Dunn reported that in a conversation with Ms. Mondragon he learned that the deadlines have been met and that her office is getting the IT assistance it needs. At a future time, a new IT contractor may be hired.

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

Attest:

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board