

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, Interim Finance Director Suzanne Benton, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Ms. Benton led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve agenda with the additions of approval of claims, a meeting with Coroner Rusty Strohmayer, a discussion about the OHV resolution, and an update regarding the recent emergency management meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Davie asked if there were public comments and there were none. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2016, meeting with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:07 a.m., the March 2016 claims were presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the claims. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**MARCH 2016 CLAIMS**

**COUNTY GENERAL**

First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$14.99
Aardvark Plumbing and Heating	Museum Heat	\$284.57
Accela Inc.	Software	\$5,459.00
Account 499	Deposit Slips	\$221.44
Careertrack	Training Rewards	\$199.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$417.49
Century Link	Telephone	\$750.25
Century Link	Telephone	\$9.24
Del Norte Auto Supply	Cable Tie for Map Books	\$6.65
Dept. of Social Service	Reimbursement	\$1,063.85
Fernandez Chile Co.	Sheriff	\$20.00
Pro Com	Drug Test	\$37.00
Randall Kern	Per Diem, Mileage	\$279.17
RG & Associates	Master Plan	\$485.00
San Luis Valley Water	Leaders Course	\$30.00
SLV Glass	Sheriff	\$315.00
South Fork Propane	Fuel	\$67.05
Suntrust Equipment	Energy Management Contract	\$10,385.00
Total Office Solutions	Address Stamps	\$57.90
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$30.75
Twin Pine Motorsports	Sheriff	\$393.96
Valley Courier	Ads	\$123.75
Valley Publishing	Legal Notices	\$48.00
Valley Publishing	Ads	\$35.25
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$102.97
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$1,262.01
Weavers Level	Sheriff	\$220.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$183.50
WSB Computer Services	Video Equipment	\$16,300.76
Xcel Energy	Electricity, Gas	\$1,994.28
Xcel Energy	Electricity, Gas	\$3,869.73
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,667.56</b>

Alamosa County	Rent	\$300.00
Ameritech Inc.	Security Paper	\$31.99
Billings Electric	Hall Outlet	\$131.25
Business solutions Leasing	Copier Lease	\$54.73
Century Link	Telephone	\$50.47
Century Link	Museum Telephone	\$101.11
Century Link	Telephone	\$559.82
Century Link	Telephone	\$129.22
Chavez Plumbing & Heating	Replacement Parts	\$274.24
CO Bureau of Investigation	Sheriff	\$210.00
CO Dept. of Labor & Employment	Boiler Inspection	\$50.00

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CO Dept. of Pub Hlth & E	OWTS Permits	\$40.00
Colorado Dept. of Health	Sheriff	\$50.00
Crimestar Corporation	Sheriff	\$1,300.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Sheriff	\$5.88
Del Norte Auto Supply	Roofing Tar	\$19.78
Direct TV	Sheriff	\$160.98
Dixie Diltz	Mileage	\$72.45
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$4,036.59
Galls, LLC	Sheriff	\$855.87
Gobins	Copier Maintenance	\$204.22
Gobins	Copier Lease	\$50.94
Great America Financial	Copier	\$349.13
Great America Financial	Copier Lease	\$452.00
Haynie's Inc.	Sheriff	\$67.93
Jack's Market	Sheriff	\$158.27
James W. Felmler	Supplies	\$46.37
Jeffrey J. Babcock	Homeland Security	\$5,236.48
Kay Smith	Travel, Mileage	\$236.85
Ken's Service Center	Repair	\$564.50
Ken's Service Center	Sheriff	\$959.99
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Sheriff	\$443.57
Megan Wilson	Mileage	\$28.80
Mobile Record Shredders	Shredding	\$24.00
Mona Syring	Clerk	\$1,006.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Sheriff	\$71.98
Pam Bricker	Mileage	\$135.00
Peggy J. Kern	Mileage	\$9.45
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Postage	\$295.50
Plainsman Printing	Reception Book Cover	\$277.92
Pueblo CO Information	Computer Service	\$58,380.00
Rio Grande Pharmacy	Sheriff	\$2,043.22
San Luis Valley Fair	2016 Award	\$1,000.00
San Luis Valley Federal	Overcharge	\$41.00
San Luis Valley Regional	Reimbursement	\$500.00
Shamrock Foods Company	Sheriff	\$5,042.92
Sheryl Steving	Mileage	\$28.80
Simple distributors LLC	Toners, Ribbon	\$279.92
State of Colorado	Renewals, Data Mailers	\$851.80
Strohmayr's Funeral Home	Office, Supplies, Funeral Home	\$1,135.11
Strohmayr's Funeral Home	Cooler	\$300.00
Sue Davis	Travel, Mileage	\$98.50
Superior Filtration	Filters	\$98.28
Superior Filtration	Sheriff	\$620.96
The Masters Touch	Printing	\$250.00
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Elevator Contract	\$767.56
Tobin & Associates LLC	IT Audit	\$5,969.68
Torie Parks	Mileage	\$28.80
Torres Plumbing & Heating	Sheriff	\$3,312.74
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$263.24
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$642.06
Town and Country	Oil Change	\$25.33
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement	\$91.10
Valley Courier	Sheriff	\$341.30
Valley Electric	Sheriff	\$782.08
Valley Publishing	Public Hearing Notice	\$24.00
Valley Publishing	Sheriff	\$98.75
Vendola Plumbing	Heating Check	\$255.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$101.79
Waste Management	Trash	\$406.57
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,955.75
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$2,717.00
WSB Computer Services	Headsets	\$788.50
WSB Computer Services	Maintenance Agreement	\$1,650.00
Xerox Business Services	Track Search	\$25.00
Xerox Business Services	Land Records	\$4,639.22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$114,954.26</b>
American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$146.04
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$67.00
BC Services, Inc.	March Payroll	\$130.48
California Stat	March Payroll	\$300.00
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$1,573.66
Community Banks	March Payroll	\$63,112.25

Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$50.00
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$355.00
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$405.00
Family Support Registry	March Payroll	\$250.00
I.R.S.	March Payroll	\$50.00
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$45,415.26
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$3,075.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$114,929.69</b>

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Century Link	Telephone	\$404.38
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Gobins	Copier Lease	\$31.50
Skyline Steel	Parts	\$4,789.30
SLV Rec	Electricity	\$177.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$145.29
Waste Management	Trash	\$376.84
Xcel Energy	Electricity, Gas	\$2,358.43
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$8,340.11</b>

Airgas USA LLC	Chemicals	\$908.90
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$14,391.84
Century Link	Telephone	\$56.76
Century Link	Telephone	\$413.18
Century Link	Telephone	\$51.58
DE Loss Supply Co	Parts	\$1,840.00
Delta Rigging & Tools	Parts	\$59.96
Division of Reclamation	Permit	\$791.00
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$134.00
GMCO Corporation	Asphalt	\$28,602.94
Great America Financial	Copier Maintenance	\$136.17
Haynie's Inc.	Repairs, Tools	\$2,203.44
ISCO	Parts	\$15,258.40
Lenco West	Parts	\$230.26
Leroy A. Romero	Cleaning	\$125.00
Lyle Signs	Signs	\$2,832.36
Mathias Concrete Inc.	Blocks	\$720.00
MHC Kenworth	Parts	\$1,102.05
Michael Todd & Company	Channel Post	\$1,708.50
Minerals Technology	Solvent	\$279.98
Monte Vista Cooperative	Tires, Parts	\$90.20
Myers Brothers Truck	Parts	\$11.90
Rocky Mountain Home	Parts	\$129.44
San Luis Valley Auto	Repair	\$87.14
Skyline Steel	Parts	\$2,239.66
Solar Traffic System	Solar Stop Sign	\$2,201.50
Top Value	Supplies	\$24.64
Transwest Truck, Inc.	Parts	\$84.33
Vemco Electrical	Lighting	\$3,103.52
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$144.09
Volvo of Denver	Parts	\$271.82
Wagner Equipment	Parts	\$11,187.27
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$328.18
Xcel Energy	Electricity, Gas	\$1,612.14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$93,362.15</b>

American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$253.70
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$65.40
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$672.01
Community Banks	March Payroll	\$24,430.76
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$18,604.70
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,056.57</b>

#### **DSS**

American Fidelity	March Payroll	\$267.64
American Public Life	March Payroll	\$126.30
Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$1,066.66
Community Banks	March Payroll	\$34,862.15
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$29,607.81
Security Benefit	March Payroll	\$155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$66,085.56</b>

#### **WEED DISTRICT**

Jade Communications	Internet	\$134.96
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Monte Vista Cooperative	Parts	\$454.37
Personnel Concepts	Posters	\$241.04
S&S Distribution	Supplies	\$54.80
SLV Rec	Electricity	\$254.00
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$183.79
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$64.49
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,387.45</b>

Century Link	Telephone	\$88.97
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$846.80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$935.77</b>

Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$35.85
Community Banks	March Payroll	\$881.91
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$1,496.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,414.09</b>

#### AIRPORT

Airnav, LLC	Listing	\$82.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$145.28
Colorado Dept. Revenue	Sales Tax	\$273.00
Eaton Sales & Services	Fuel Service	\$754.53
SLV Rec	Electricity	\$256.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,510.81</b>

Century Link	Telephone	\$58.54
SLV Rec	Electricity	\$964.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,022.54</b>

#### CONSERVATION TRUST

Ann Burkhart	TV Tower	\$575.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$575.00</b>

#### TOURISM

Burris and Sons Bucking	Advertising	\$1,750.00
Elevation Outdoors	Advertising	\$760.00
Harris Publishing, Inc.	Web Advertising	\$510.98
Internet Honey	Leads, Emails	\$289.01
Master Print & Web Design	SEO	\$650.80
Monte Vista Crane	Festival Funding	\$1,000.00
Pen Craft Design Company	Monthly Fee, Postage	\$908.11
San Luis Valley Tourism	Matching Funds	\$5,000.00
SLVMA	Advertising	\$700.00
South Fork Music	Marketing	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$19,068.90</b>

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

1 Better LLC	Tobacco Ads	\$5,000.00
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	Environmental Health Program	\$4,504.39
Century Link	Telephone	\$81.20
Century Link	Telephone	\$172.78
Century Link	Telephone	\$2.07
Chaffee Cnty Public Hlt	Jan, Feb, Mar Nursing Service	\$4,335.00
Conejos County Nursing	Tobacco Subcontract	\$1,675.00
Costilla County Public Health	Tobacco Subcontract	\$1,399.10
Del Norte School District	Nursing Position	\$774.44
Kristi Hillis	Monthly & Prevention Pay	\$2,250.00
Lake County Health Dept.	EPSDT	\$725.00
Saguache Co Public Health	Tobacco Subcontract	\$3,618.34
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Medications	\$385.78
Staples Business	Office Supplies	\$97.66
Verizon Wireless	Telephone	\$85.08
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$25,105.84</b>

Century Link	Telephone	\$14.23
CLIA Laboratory Program	Lab User Fee	\$150.00
Costilla County Public Health	EPSDT	\$2,140.00
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$447.94
Glaxosmithkline	Medications	\$626.10
Master Print & Web Design	Card Designs	\$311.45
McKesson Medical Surgical	Supplies	\$89.41
Mobile Record Shredders	Shredding	\$75.00
Rockart, Inc.	Tobacco Display Signs	\$2,394.00
Vaxcare	Vaccine	\$747.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,995.13</b>

Colorado State Treasurer	March Payroll	\$143.76
Community Banks	March Payroll	\$4,423.49
Rio Grande County Treasurer	March Payroll	\$5,066.44
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,633.69</b>

At 9:08 a.m., Commissioner Shriver reported that a meeting regarding Rio Grande County's portion of the Emergency Management Mitigation grant will be held Monday, April 11, 2016. Emails have been sent, and Jim Felmlee, Saguache County Emergency Manager, is helping with contact information for other participants. Consultant Robert Wold will attend the meeting and give a presentation. The topic of the meeting will be to update the current County plan.

The off-highway vehicle draft resolution was reviewed by the Colorado State Patrol. CSP made some minor wording changes. The OHV road map will be emailed by Pete Magee, GIS Integrated Land Services, and reviewed by the Board. A public meeting to discuss OHVs will be held April 13, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. If necessary, a second public meeting will be held on April 20, 2016, or April 27, 2016. Commissioner Shriver reported that CSP was impressed with the resolution and it said it could be a model for the Valley.

Commissioner Shriver reported that a meeting was held April 4, 2016, with the BOCC, Ms. Benton, Jody Kern, Director of the Department of Social Services, Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, Richelle Jaramillo, Ed Raps and Alan Beecham, Sheriff's Department, and Siemens regarding the County energy audit improvements. Siemens has committed to address the issues and will continue with equipment updates as outlined in the contract.

At 9:15 a.m., Cory Off, Rio Grande Water Conservation District, was present to update the Board. He reported that the District's new manager will be Cleave Simpson, and that the construction of the new District building is complete.

Mr. Off reported that the District board meets quarterly, but in his opinion, this is insufficient to manage the District's business. The District board is rewriting its by-laws. Members of the District board will attend a yearly retreat to set goals and review the District's progress. Mr. Off said more time is needed for discussion of various issues.

Mr. Off reported that Clay and Tyler Mitchell are working on a new plan of water management, based on replacing the existing tiered system, which is based on pumping. Mr. Off said this plan maintains the market value of water. He suggested hiring an economist to manage payments to water users.

Mr. Off reported that the draft 2016 annual water replacement was released April 6, 2016. There is water to pay for depletions to the river. Subdistrict No. 1 will not be going back to water court to defend its water management plan. He said the Subdistrict is considering changing its borders to include land owners with water rights. Mr. Off expressed concern about the Subdistrict not going back to court. He said the aquifer is lower now than when the Subdistrict was formed and a new measurement process is needed, along with a more flexible fee structure.

Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Off if he attends Subdistrict No. 1 meetings. Mr. Off said he was on the first board of managers. Commissioner Shriver asked what Mr. Off recommended to fix the problems he mentioned. Mr. Off said that he is in touch with Subdistrict No. 1, but he is criticized by the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board when he attends the Subdistrict meetings, and was told he should not go to them; he is discouraged to attend by the "big board."

Commissioner Shriver reported that an appointment to the RGWCD Board will be made at this meeting. Cory Off and Travis Smith have submitted letters of intent to join the board. Commissioner Shriver noted that she is part of Subdistrict No. 2. She asked Mr. Off why he did not attend the RGWCD evening meeting when Subdistrict No. 2 was presented, noting that other members of the board who could not attend in person called in. Mr. Off said he had a medical reason for not attending that meeting, and said that he has only missed three meetings of the RGWCD board.

Commissioner Shriver said that the appointment to the board must be made by April 19, 2016. She has received letters, petitions, and comments about the appointment. Commissioner Bricker said she has also received comments. Commissioner Shriver said that Mr. Off's contribution is appreciated. However, she expressed concern about his ability to represent all the water users in the County; does he solve problems or cause friction? Chairman Davie said the Board has tried to find representatives from both ends of the Valley.

Mr. Off said that he is a member of several different boards; some of these boards allow for discussion of issues rather than creating friction. Mr. Off said the best way to solve a problem is to recognize that there is a problem. He said the culture of the District Board is one where it is perceived that pointing out a problem is considered to be causing friction. Mr. Off does not agree with this. He pointed out that when the RGWCD board held a retreat, it started in a contentious manner, but problems were solved. Mr. Off said the process works, even though one cannot always win every vote. He recommended a different format for the District board to allow for discussion. He said he believed it was his job to sound contentious.

Ric Ellithorpe was present to comment. He noted that he farms in Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, and owns real estate with and without water. He said he respects Mr. Off's work with senior water rights owners. Mr. Ellithorpe said the representative to the District board should represent all the people with varying degrees of water supplies. He noted that Mr. Off wants to change the Subdistrict's variable fees, which would increase the fees charged to those with surface water rights and become a burden on others. Mr. Ellithorpe said that Mr. Smith has a broad view of the water issues in the Valley, he is politically connected, and does not miss meetings. He said that Mr. Smith had an independent perspective and is always available to talk; he does not restrict his access. Mr. Ellithorpe said he supported appointing Mr. Smith to the RGWCD board.

Jed Ellithorpe was present to comment. He farms in Rio Grande and Saguache Counties. He said that the time Mr. Off has spent on the District board has been valuable. He said that the water model developed by Clay and Tyler Mitchell is commendable and that there are opportunities to make Subdistrict No. 1 more efficient. He noted that younger people are becoming involved and their input is good. Mr. Ellithorpe said he supported Mr. Smith's appointment.

Lynn McCullough was present to comment. He said he supports the appointment of Mr. Smith, noting that Mr. Smith is qualified for the position. Mr. McCullough said that water issues are the most important issues in the Valley, and that Mr. Smith will work well with the District board.

Rio de la Vista was present to comment. She said the position on the RGWCD board is challenging. She noted that she has worked collaboratively with Mr. Smith on various projects. She thanked Mr. Off for his contribution, and said she supported the appointment of Mr. Smith.

Chairman Davie said that making this appointment is a bad deal and causes controversy.

Commissioner Shriver moved to appoint Travis Smith to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District board. Commissioner Bricker said that making this appointment is an emotionally difficult decision that affects friends. She said the last appointment was traumatic. She noted that Mr. Smith is highly respected and ethical, but expressed concern that this appointment would be a conflict of interest with his current job. She said Mr. Smith could probably rise above this. She noted that Cory has served on the RGWCD board at a time when no change was needed through the time now when change is needed. Commissioner Bricker did not second the motion on the floor.

Commissioner Shriver asked about the possible conflict of interest with Mr. Off and Chairman Davie serving together in the Senior Water of the Rio Grande organization and its position on forbearance. This concern was not addressed.

Commissioner Bricker moved to appoint Mr. Off to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District board. Chairman Davie said that the opinions of the other Commissioners put him in a bind, noting that there are two good candidates for this appointment. Chairman Davie seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Off. Chairman Davie and Commissioner Bricker voted in favor of appointing Mr. Off. Commissioner Shriver voted against Mr. Off's appointment.

Commissioner Shriver asked where Mr. Smith's conflict of interest lies. Commissioner Bricker responded that it is the perception of a conflict of interest.

Ric Ellithorpe said that he did not understand this decision, noting that Mr. Smith has a broader perspective than Mr. Off. He said Mr. Off has only one perspective. Mr. Ellithorpe said that Commissioner Shriver spent time and solicited many opinions on this appointment. He said the BOCC does not listen to the people it represents.

At 9:45 a.m., Mark Rudolph, State Project Manager, Summitville Mine, was present to update the Board. Mr. Rudolph said he is anticipating a big year. He reported meeting with the US Forest Service on April 4, 2016, to discuss a road use permit. He said there is a problem in calculating the commensurate share of the maintenance of the road. The Colorado Department

of Public Health and Environment may contract with the County to blade and replace rock on the road, at an annual cost of \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00. He said if this contract is completed, he would talk to the Road and Bridge Department about the details. He noted that having the Road and Bridge Department maintain the road would allow more work to be done at the Summitville site, rather than taking crews away to work on the road.

Mr. Rudolph said an access transfer has been requested from the Forest Service for 2017 to 2018. He reported that water treatment has started and that the visitors' center looks good.

Commissioner Shriver said that the interpretive signs need to be finalized. She noted that the Environmental Protection Agency might provide funds for some of the signage. Mr. Rudolph said two signs were needed: one explaining the open pit mine and one explaining the Superfund site from his standpoint.

Mr. Rudolph said the shovel and auger will be moved to either side of the entryway. This display will prevent visitors from climbing on the equipment.

Mr. Rudolph reported meeting with Adams State University on April 4, 2016. The university has ideas for an archeological program at Summitville. With the permission of the BOCC, a memorandum of understanding will be drafted that would allow students to travel to Summitville to participate in field work, field camps, and historical tours. Advertising would be done in Creede and in the Valley. Mr. Rudolph reported that a student is working on his master's thesis on the Summitville town site. This property is jointly owned by the County and several families. Mr. Rudolph asked if the County could grant permission for the student to access this site or if the other owners would have to be contacted. Commissioner Shriver said the Board would consider the matter, but more research is needed. Mr. Rudolph will email the Board with the names of the other owners. He explained that the student will only hand-dig on the site and would not dig more than 15 inches below the surface. Chairman Davie commented that this is a good idea, and that the other owners would have to be found.

Mr. Rudolph reported that ASU would like to conduct long-term field camps and seminars at Summitville. He suggested that the County could provide surfaces for the campers. He said there are many learning opportunities at the site that can be discussed. A meeting with ASU was scheduled for May 18, 2016 (time to be confirmed).

At 10:00 a.m., Forrest Neuerburg, City of Monte Vista, Bernadette Martinez, Town of Del Norte, and Tom Acre, Town of South Fork, were present to discuss the formation of a County-wide recreational department.

Mr. Neuerburg explained that the municipalities support the creation of a County recreation department that would be supported in part by a ½-cent County sales tax. Each community has its own ideas for how these funds would be spent, depending on the specific needs of the community. The funds would be distributed fairly, depending on a community's project.

Ms. Martinez reported that the Town of Del Norte is interested in enhancing its baseball park, supporting the river project, and supporting High Valley Community Center programs. She noted that Del Norte has received Enterprise Zone funds. Commissioner Bricker said that these funds can be used to leverage other grants.

Mr. Neuerburg reported that a \$5 million grant has been received from the GOCO Inspire Initiative and that in-kind and matching funds are needed. He said that Monte Vista's new recreation supervisor wants to create a more centralized baseball focus in the Valley, which would include younger players and leagues. Other Monte Vista recreational improvements include a BMX pump park, basketball court lighting and an additional court pad, and trail connections. He said this grant could be leveraged with other programs.

Mr. Acre reported that both senior citizens and children in South Fork could benefit from more recreational opportunities. South Fork intends to improve Brown's Park, put in a boat ramp, create a gathering space, create trails, add fencing to the basketball court for pickle ball, create an indoor setting, purchase open space, and improve the baseball field. It also would like to build a multi-purpose building where activities for seniors could be held. Mr. Acre said that activities are needed for youth, especially during holidays and the summers. He said there are regional projects that would be used by all three communities.

Commissioner Bricker commented that there is not much time until the general election, and asked what time frame the city managers were considering. Mr. Neuerburg said they would like to put the sales tax question on the November ballot. Commissioner Shriver asked if petitions

had been signed. Mr. Neuerburg said that 100 signatures had been gathered, but not all the signatures were from voters.

Mr. Acre said that the ballot question would have to be worded very carefully so it would explain how a department would differ from a recreation district, how the funding would be set up so that each community could manage its own money.

Commissioner Shriver reported that SLVGO is hiring an executive director who would write new grants. She also said that the County is interviewing for the County Administrator position. She said that creating a recreational district might be a better tool, because the County does not have the capacity to create a new County department at this time. Commissioner Bricker said she is enthusiastic about the idea and would like to move forward.

Cindy Hill, Clerk and Recorder, was present. She stated that time is short to create a recreational district; there is time to put the County sales tax question on the ballot. Mr. Neuerburg said the communities will do the legwork to get the votes. If the sales tax is approved, collection would start in January 2017. Commissioner Shriver said that a new department would require set up. Chairman Davie asked if the recreational district could be put on the May 2017 ballot. Ms. Hill said it could be, but as a special election, it would be expensive. Commissioner Bricker said that voter turnout for a special election is usually low. Chairman Davie said that it would take a great deal of voter education to pass a sales tax. Commissioner Shriver pointed out that without a County Administrator, creating a department would be a burden. Mr. Acre said that an opt-out option is also an issue. Mr. Neuerburg said that a big advantage to the sales tax is tourism; he said that people usually accept a sales tax.

Commissioner Shriver said that work sessions, budgets, and a business plan would be needed. Mr. Neuerburg acknowledged that there are hurdles. Mr. Acre asked if the BOCC supported the idea; Chairman Davie said it did. Mr. Neuerburg asked if the County could hold a special election on the idea of a recreation department. Ms. Hill said that the vote would be for a recreational district; a new sales tax or a mill levy must be voted on. Mr. Acre asked if there is enough time to create a recreational department if the sales tax question is on the November 2016, ballot. Commissioner Bricker said she would support creating a recreational department. Commissioner Shriver said the Board needs to discuss the issue and that it would be a team effort between the Board and the communities. Commissioner Bricker said it was good that the towns are working together.

Mr. Neuerburg asked when the ballot question would be due, in order to get it on the November ballot. Ms. Hill said it would need to be submitted by the end of August 2016. The taxes could be held until the details of the plan are worked out.

Mr. Acre asked if the County would need a potential budget for the recreational district. Ms. Benton said that if a recreational department was created, the funding could be set up and a formula determined for distributing the funds. A resolution could be done now and the recreational funding could be added to the budget, and it could be amended as needed.

Commissioner Shriver requested an action plan so the Board could discuss the feasibility of the recreation plan because it needs to be right. Mr. Acre suggested that each community send its thoughts to the Board. Mr. Neuerburg said that the basis for the plan was the plan originally conceived of by Commissioner Shriver; work sessions will be needed. Commissioner Bricker agreed, saying that the plan needs to be correct. The towns will meet again in one month.

Mr. Neuerburg reported that the Forest Service will conduct an economic summit, which will be a good effort. Commissioner Shriver informed the town managers about the pending OHV resolution and the public meeting scheduled for April 13, 2016, at 4:30 at the Annex. She said if the plan is successful in South Fork, it could be expanded to the Del Norte and Monte Vista areas. Mr. Neuerburg said that connectivity with Bureau of Land Management lands would be a benefit.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Shriver presented the Sheriff's Department meal log.

Inmate meals:	3,588
Cook meals:	32
Jailer meals:	495
Office meals:	115
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,230</b>
Food cost:	\$5,954.10
Cost per meal:	\$1.40

Average cost for six months: \$1.11

Robert Kirkham, Alpine Village; Randy Kern, Building Department; and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to discuss sewage disposal issues in Alpine Village. Mr. Kirkham explained that there were no zoning regulations when the original developer of the Village sold lots. Mr. Kirkham owns five single lots, which he has not been able to sell. He has sent letter of interest to buy adjoining properties to various property owners.

Mr. Kirkham is concerned about the change in well set-back codes. He said it might be possible for him to acquire adjoining property (which would give him one-half to three-quarters of an acre), drill a well, put in a septic system, and obtain a building permit. Yet, even with the additional acreage, there might not be enough room to allow for the mandated space for well return flows. He asked if water cisterns or sewage vaults might be used instead of a well and a septic system, noting that this solution might make building on the lots possible. Mr. Kirkham pointed out that there are water issues in Alpine Village; when one well pumps, another goes dry.

Mr. Kern said that sewage vaults might be used. He read from Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Regulation 43: sewage vaults are prohibited where a septic system can be installed; full-time use of a sewage vault is permitted when an existing OWTS cannot be replaced; a sewage vault is allowed when an OWTS is not permitted. Commissioner Bricker said that the water cistern and sewage vault might be an option.

Mr. Kern said that once the set-backs are established, there is a very small area on which to build; a small cabin might be the only option. He asked about the cost to pump out a sewage vault, and said that he sees no chance for expansion. Commissioner Bricker said that a central sewage system was needed in the area, but it is expensive.

Mr. Kirkham asked who would approve a request for a water cistern and sewage vault. Mr. Kern said that the Board of Health and the BOCC would consider the request. Mr. Kern noted that 25 feet is required between a water cistern and a sewage vault. He said that if the Board were to allow development on single lots, and the Board of Health approved it, Mr. Kirkham could build. Ms. Diltz pointed out that it would have to be determined if the approval would apply to Alpine Village only, or if it would apply to the County.

Mr. Kern asked if there was a reliable, local source of water. Ms. Diltz suggested that water could possibly be purchased in Blanca, but was unsure of any other source.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the Board could approve Mr. Kirkham's request. Commissioner Shriver said that the issue needs to be researched. Chairman Davie said that the decision needs to be right. Mr. Kirkham pointed out that property taxes would increase if the lots could be built upon. Mr. Kern noted that the future trend will likely be to build on smaller parcels, but that the systems needed to support the building would be more expensive. Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Kern to identify an engineer who might be interested in providing this kind of service for Mr. Kirkham to speak to. She said this would give the County higher oversight. Mr. Kirkham asked if an OWTS would work with a water cistern. Mr. Kern said it would. Mr. Kirkham said that other owners of property in Alpine Village are unhappy enough with current County regulations that they boycott the County. Chairman Davie said the Board would take the issue under advisement.

At 11:15 a.m., Undersheriff Ed Raps was present. He presented his letter of resignation, effective April 29, 2016. A new fence is being built at the jail, and the wire in the County shop that was to be used on the fence is concertina wire, rather than razor wire. Concertina wire cannot be used on the fence. Razor wire will cost \$1.00 per foot, with the total cost of the wire being less than \$500.00. The consensus of the Board was to approve the purchase of the razor wire. Chairman Davie thanked Undersheriff Raps for his service to the County.

At 11:17 a.m., Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department was present to update the Board. He said the Maintenance crew is doing well and is getting ready for summer. The crew is readying the lawn and fixing sprinklers.

Ms. Benton reported that three citations were received after the new boiler was inspected. Aardvark Plumbing and Heating will fix the problems within 30 days. The cost of the inspection was \$150.00.

Mr. Medina reported that the Museum roof is fixed and the director was notified. Mr. Medina said that the installation of the Courthouse cameras is scratching the floors. Ms. Benton said

that a meeting was held with the camera installer and an offer was made to replace damaged filing cabinets and to paint and repair other damage. The County might prefer the Maintenance Department to complete these repairs. Ms. Benton said that the drilling is complete and the cameras need to be mounted. The Maintenance crews are cleaning up.

Ms. Benton said that Finishing Edge has not been paid after completing the work in the Courthouse, because the crew did not return the key cards. She noted that the key cards will not work after dark. It was agreed to send the check in the amount of \$5,856.00. Ms. Benton said a policy is needed to track keys and key cards and to impose fines if they are not returned.

Mr. Medina requested permission to purchase six steam traps for the radiators. Commissioner Shriver asked if Siemens might not furnish the steam traps. She asked Mr. Medina for a three-year plan that would include the number of steam traps needed and the cost to purchase them. Mr. Medina said that three to six steam traps are needed right now and that he can install them.

At 11:30 a.m., Brianna Brannon, Weed District, was present to update the Board. Commissioner Shriver said that Attorney Bill Dunn made some suggestions on the cooperative agreement between the Weed District and the Wildlife Refuge; these will be emailed to Ms. Brannon. Ms. Brannon reported that Jim Clare wants to create a holding or escrow account for payments from the Refuge. She continues to review the contract. Commissioner Shriver said that this is a good step and encouraged Ms. Brannon to continue to communicate with the Refuge.

Ms. Brannon said that the District's weed management plan needs a more linear structure. She is working to complete draft manuals by the end of the week of April 11, 2016. The manuals will be approved by the District Board and then by the BOCC. She noted that the District's insurance will be cancelled in August 2016.

Ms. Brannon's comp time was discussed. It was agreed to allow her to take time off as needed, and a letter will be drafted to that effect. Ms. Brannon said she is keeping track of her time and always lets the advisory board know when she will be taking time off.

Ms. Brannon said that the District's request for participants in the 2017 weed management plan has been applied for. She is meeting with the town of South Fork and will make a presentation. She said weed management at the golf course is important, and she will also focus on Willow Park and the Highland ditch.

Ms. Brannon said that four seasonal employee applications would be sent out April 6, 2016. She noted that work at the Refuge might affect how many employees will be hired. She indicated that she does not want to hire a subcontractor to work at the Refuge. Commissioner Shriver said the Board does not want to micromanage Ms. Brannon's efforts. Commissioner Shriver suggested that Ms. Brannon establish her recommendations and present them to the advisory board.

At 11:50 a.m., Suzanne Benton, Interim Finance Director, was present to update the Board. It was agreed to allow Jim Leist to charge hotel, airfare, and registration to the County credit card, for his attendance at the UAV Symposium in Daytona, Florida. These costs may be shared with Alamosa and Saguache Counties. Mr. Leist will be reimbursed for meals when receipts are turned in.

Ms. Benton reported that the first quarter report for the capacity-building grant with the US Forest Service and the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Team is complete. The Courthouse security grant is complete. The DOLA recovery check has been received in the amount of \$70,350.00. The OEM grant needs receipts before it can be completed. Ms. Benton said that unemployment reports are complete and the federal 941 form has been submitted. The aviation sales tax form has been amended and submitted.

Ms. Benton reported that there are six more grants to be completed. She is working on balancing the March 2016, books, and there is more to do on the annual audit. Ms. Benton requested approval to void four checks in the amounts of \$81.17, \$196.98, \$132.00, and \$8.06. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the voided checks. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the warrants.

Ms. Benton reported that Patricia Galveda, Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Program Manager, has emailed a request to Conejos County to act as the fiscal agent for the Emergency Management Mitigation grant. There has been no response. Ms. Benton will finish the quarterly report on this grant by April 11, 2016.

Ms. Benton has received a draft letter to Community Banks regarding the abatement hearing.

Ms. Benton reported that Secure Rural Schools Title II funds may be used for repairs. The MOU between the County and the South Fork Fire Department regarding the chipper has not yet been received. Ms. Benton suggested that if there are no other purchasing partners for the chipper, the County contribute more to the purchase, using Title II funds.

Ms. Benton asked if an Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council meeting link on the County website could be linked to the URGED web page. The consensus of the Board was to agree.

Ms. Benton received a call from a teacher at the Del Norte Middle School asking for access to County employees on April 11 to April 14, and April 18 to 20, 2016, from 3:15 to 3:45 for 10 to 12 students to conduct interviews. Commissioner Shriver said that while the Board is supportive of this idea, this was very short notice. She suggested that the interviews be done next year, with more time to plan. Commissioner Bricker said the students were welcome to attend a regular meeting at any time.

Ms. Benton asked the Board to schedule meeting with the City of Monte Vista on April 19, 2016. The preferred time is 7:00, but needs to be confirmed.

Ms. Benton reported that the annual audit has been started by Wall Smith and Bateman; there is more information needed by the accountants.

At 12:10 p.m., the meeting was in recess.

At 1:37 p.m., the meeting reconvened. Sheriff Brian Norton was present to discuss the intergovernmental agreement with Alamosa County to house inmates. It was noted that the agreement was sent from Alamosa County, but Sheriff Norton did not receive it. Sheriff Norton said he is working on similar agreements for municipal holds with the City of Monte Vista and the Town of Del Norte. He reported that Alamosa is difficult to deal with. It might take days for Alamosa to pick up an inmate, yet, if an Alamosa inmate is not picked up by the Sheriff's office within an hour, Alamosa will drive the inmate to Rio Grande County. The cost to house a Rio Grande County inmate in Alamosa is \$52.00 per day. Sheriff Norton said that it has taken six months to establish an agreement with the Department of Immigration, and the agreement is not yet final.

Commissioner Shriver expressed concern about the medical receiving requirements of the agreement. Sheriff Norton asked to table the discussion until he had a chance to review the agreement.

Chairman Davie asked Sheriff Norton if Crossroads/Turning Point is accepting inmates into the detox program. Sheriff Norton said that the policy has not changed: if the inmate is a felon, Crossroads will not accept him/her.

Sheriff Norton reported receiving a request from a licensed medical marijuana provider to grow 15 plants outdoors. The provider is moving to the Monte Vista area and is allowed 75 plants.

At 2:10 p.m., Sheriff Norton called Commissioner Shriver to say that he is not interested in participating in the intergovernmental agreement with Alamosa County to house inmates.

At 2:16 p.m., Coroner Rusty Strohmayer, Attorney Ben Gibbons, and County Attorney Bill Dunn were present to discuss 2015 payments to Mr. Strohmayer.

Commissioner Bricker reported that she has reviewed all 2015 cooling charges as requested by the other Commissioners and determined that the County owes Mr. Strohmayer an additional \$75.00 each for 20 cooling charges, equaling \$1,050.00. A total of \$1,050.00 had been paid in 2015, for the 20 (\$75.00 x 20), but this additional \$1,050.00 is a retroactive payment based on the \$150.00 per body written in the new Coroner contract agreement. She asked for clarification on eight other charges that she was unable to verify. Mr. Strohmayer verified that these were hospice cases where no autopsies were performed. Mr. Strohmayer explained that hospice cases have to be taken to El Paso County, and that it is his responsibility to transport them back to Rio Grande County. Mr. Dunn asked why a funeral home could not pick up bodies from El Paso County. Mr. Strohmayer explained that the procedure is a coroner-to-corer situation, and that is illegal for a funeral home to pick up bodies from El Paso County. Commissioner Shriver asked if the families could be charged for this transportation, and Mr. Strohmayer said they could not. Commissioner Bricker asked Mr. Strohmayer to provide the State statute that explains this.

Commissioner Bricker recommended the County pay Mr. Strohmayer \$150.00 each for the remaining eight storage charges, if the other commissioners recommend it as well.

Mr. Dunn said that when he reviewed the draft contract with Strohmayer's Funeral Home, he recommended several changes that were never made. The contract should have been with Mr. Strohmayer individually, rather than with the funeral home, because Mr. Strohmayer is providing services as the County Coroner. However, the contract was signed without the amendments. Mr. Dunn also asked Mr. Strohmayer about the licensing status of Strohmayer's Funeral Home. Mr. Strohmayer said he is working on it. Mr. Dunn pointed out that the County cannot work with an unlicensed facility. Mr. Dunn said that he would prefer that the contract be between Mr. Strohmayer and the County.

Mr. Strohmayer asked where a second vehicle would come from, when the Coroner's van is on a call and another call is received. Chairman Davie said that the County would pay mileage in the amount of \$0.45 per mile for the use of Mr. Strohmayer's personal vehicle. Mr. Gibbons clarified that the options are to use Mr. Strohmayer's personal vehicle and receive mileage reimbursement, or leave the body until the Coroner's van becomes available. Commissioner Bricker noted that County policy sets the rules on mileage. Mr. Strohmayer said that he would contact the State, and that the County will have to provide a second vehicle.

Commissioner Shriver asked when Strohmayer's Funeral Home will be licensed, stating that there is a concern about County liability in working with an unlicensed facility. Mr. Strohmayer said he would have the license soon. Mr. Gibbons clarified that charges from Mr. Strohmayer to the County are for cooling only.

Mr. Strohmayer asked the Board for a credit card to pay for transportation costs he incurs for travel between Denver and El Paso County. He said he has always used his own credit card. He will provide receipts. Chairman Davie said that this is probably acceptable. Commissioner Shriver asked if Mr. Strohmayer has a gas card; Mr. Strohmayer said he does.

At 2:48 p.m., Attorney Bill Dunn reported that he is reviewing the draft findings on the Community Banks tax abatement. The Hazard Mitigation agreement has been sent to Mr. Dunn. Mr. Dunn will review the CSP changes on the OHV resolution, and then it can be posted. It was noted that Sheriff Norton is not interested in participating in the intergovernmental agreement to house inmates with Alamosa County. Mr. Dunn said he would discuss the agreement with Sheriff Norton, especially with regard to the medical receiving issues.

At 2:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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 13, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve agenda with the additions of a discussion regarding payments to the Coroner and an executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was noted that Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, submitted his monthly report in writing.

Chairman Davie asked if there were public comments and there were none. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2016, meeting with changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m., Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Randy Kern, Building Department, were present to update the Board. Mr. Kern requested leave on the next five Fridays. The consensus of the Board was to approve the request; Chairman Davie signed the request. Mr. Kern reported that Ken Vanlwarden has agreed to be available when Mr. Kern is out of the office. Mr. Kern has also spoken with David Tense, who is a structural engineer, and Mr. Tense is also willing to help. Mr. Kern said that Mr. Tense could review building plans. Mr. Kern suggested that he and Mr. Tense develop a proposal that would include fees and other details. The consensus of the Board was to agree to this arrangement.

Mr. Kern reported that he and three contractors conducted a walk-through of the courthouse remodeling project. The Board can expect three bids by April 20, 2016.

Mr. Kern reported that he received an email from Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, asking if a cease-and-desist order needed to be sent to Charles Bauer and Vicky McNeely. According to information from the Board of Public Health public hearing on March 23, 2016, Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely are scheduled to move from their property by April 30, 2016. Mr. Kern reported that their sewage holding tanks have been pumped out. The Board agreed that no cease-and-desist order should be sent until April 30, 2016.

Mr. Kern reported that after hearing Robert Kirkham's concerns about sewage and water issues in Alpine Village, Mr. Kern spoke to Rich Silke, Mountain Engineering, who offered to provide oversight in the area. Mr. Kern reported that On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems Regulation 43 is being revised at the State level, and updates will be available in the summer of 2017. Commissioner Shriver noted that she has spoken with Jim Felmlee, Saguache County, who said that Saguache County may contest Regulation 43 as it applies to small, rural communities. She recommended that Mr. Kern speak to State regulators about what the realities are when the OWTS regulations are imposed. Mr. Kern agreed, and said that he wants to keep moving forward with the State and other counties.

Mr. Kern reported that the nursing home plans have been reviewed and comments have been sent to the architect. Ground breaking for the nursing home will be May 1, 2016.

Ms. Diltz reported that the 2016 Rio Grande County Master Plan is complete; copies were distributed to each commissioner.

Ms. Diltz requested leave on April 20, 2016. The consensus of the Board was to approve the request; Chairman Davie signed the request.

Ms. Diltz reported that an addition is being planned on the McCullough potato warehouse on County Road 7 North. The addition will be 13 feet, 7 inches from the property line and 31 feet, 7 inches from the road. The setback should be 25 feet. Mr. McCullough received a variance in 1984 for a previous addition. Ms. Diltz asked if Mr. McCullough should be required to go through the variance procedure. Mr. Kern noted that the plan creates a problem for fire department access. Commissioner Bricker moved to allow the addition with the noted setbacks. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Diltz addressed blight issues. Colorado Recyclers has worked to clean up the scrap metal on its property. Jose Madril, Highway 15, has told Ms. Diltz that he will clean up his property. She will monitor his progress. Christina Miani, Alpine Village, has told Ms. Diltz that she is working with the Saguache landfill to move her "recycling" operation. Ms. Diltz will monitor her progress.

Ms. Diltz reported receiving a telephone call from David Evans regarding property located at 4738 County Road 5 North. Maria Postalwait is the property owner. While Mr. Evans told Ms. Diltz to "look for elves" in the area, he refused to give her enough information regarding the actual problems on the property. Ms. Diltz drove by the property and noted that there is some lumber that might be used for a sawmill or for firewood, and there is a pit that has been used for burning. She also noticed a camper where someone might be living. She said that some cleanup of the property is needed. She will send a letter to Ms. Postalwait. Mr. Evans also complained about a trailer on another property; Ms. Diltz will send a letter to the property owner.

Mr. Kern noted that a property on County Road 5 North and County Road 5 West was burning trash and covering it with fill. Ms. Diltz said she would check the property.

Ms. Diltz reported that Jason Shepherd, 466 Lariat Road, Monte Vista, has construction trailers in his yard. Neighbors have complained about building in the shop, noise, and foul language. Ms. Diltz told the complainant to call the Sheriff. Commissioner Shriver noted that Mr. Shepherd

has personal property rights, and Ms. Diltz said that she did not notice specific blight issues. Ms. Diltz will monitor the property.

Ms. Diltz reported sending a letter regarding blight to Clifton Brown, County Road 15, Alpine Village. Mr. Brown has lumber and compost on his property, and Ms. Diltz has received another complaint. Ms. Diltz and Mr. Kern spoke to Mr. Brown, who became irate and was not cooperative regarding the cleanup of his property. He said he has no funds to build a house, but he plans to build a mini golf course on the property. He said the compost will be used to repair the land that the County allowed the previous property owner to destroy. He explained that the lumber will be used either for a house or for a fence; no work has been completed at this time. Commissioner Shriver recommended that Attorney Bill Dunn write Mr. Brown a letter, and send it by certified mail. Ms. Diltz reported that it is unclear if Mr. Brown is currently living in the back of his vehicle on the property.

Chairman Davie asked Ms. Diltz why a camper is parked near the Jail. Commissioner Shriver said that it is evidence in a current Sheriff's Department case.

Ms. Diltz said that a Planning and Zoning Commission work session is scheduled for April 19, 2016, to review and clean up the County code book. Tiny house codes will be discussed. Commissioner Shriver suggested that the Commission might adopt new codes related to tiny houses.

At 9:47 a.m., Adam Moore, Colorado State Forest Service, Tyler Off, South Fork Fire Department, and Suzanne Benton, Interim Finance Director, were present to discuss the memorandum of understanding between the County and the South Fork Fire Department regarding the purchase of a wood chipper.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the MOU had been sent to the Forest Service. Mr. Moore said it had, but there was no response. Mr. Off said he changed some of the dollar amounts in the agreement to make them accurate. Commissioner Shriver clarified that the South Fork Fire Department will carry the liability insurance on the chipper. Mr. Off said it would, and that when the chipper was rented, the liability would lie with the user. He said the South Fork Fire Department would be liable for registration and training. Mr. Off said he reviewed the maintenance costs and divided that by 10 machine hours to determine the total cost. Commissioner Shriver noted that the County would not be responsible for managing or maintaining the chipper.

Mr. Moore noted that he had made some minor wording changes in the MOU. Commissioner Shriver reported that Ms. Benton had suggested that the County might contribute more than the \$6,125.00 it originally agreed to contribute. Ms. Benton explained that the County has more than enough Title III funds to cover an additional contribution.

Mr. Off said the total grant was for \$16,651.00; the actual cost of the chipper was \$30,000.00. The soft match from the South Fork Fire Department is \$13,053.00, and the Fire Department contributed \$9,173.00 in cash. Ms. Benton said that repair costs could be run through Firewise. Commissioner Shriver commented that rather than having to send funds back to the Federal government, it would be better for the County to contribute a larger share of the cost of the chipper. She moved to redraft the MOU so that the County could contribute up to \$15,300.00 from Firewise funds to the cost of the wood chipper. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Benton asked for an invoice so appropriate payment can be made. Mr. Off said that the grant will not come through until chipping projects start.

Commissioner Shriver noted that a service agreement between the County and the Colorado State Forest Service needs to be adopted in the amount of \$10,000.00. There are no changes from last year's service agreement, except for dates. Commissioner Shriver asked if Mr. Moore thought the \$10,000.00 amount might be exceeded. Mr. Moore said he did not think it would, and Ms. Benton noted that this amount has never been exceeded. Ms. Benton noted that the funds need to be spent by September 1, 2016. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the 2016 service agreement with Mr. Moore. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie and Mr. Moore signed the agreement.

At 10:08 a.m., Ms. Benton was present to update the Board. She requested a signature on a letter authorizing Jim Leist to use the County credit card for charges related to a symposium in Florida.

Ms. Benton requested Commissioner Shriver's signature on the aviation fuel sales tax form. A total of \$1,502.00 worth of gas was sold.

Ms. Benton asked if the San Luis Valley County Commissioners meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2016. She also suggested dates for a meeting with the City of Monte Vista. It was agreed that the preferred date is April 26, 2016, at 7:00 a.m., or 7:30 a.m. A meeting with the Town of Del Norte was scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

The Courthouse Facility grant quarterly reports are complete; Chairman Davie signed the reports and they will be sent to the State. Tom Franklin, Colorado Judicial Facilities Planner, will be in Del Norte on April 27, 2016, to discuss remodeling plans. Ms. Benton said there would be a 50 percent match on the doorway remodeling project. There is no match on the planning grant and no amended contract has been received from the State.

Ms. Benton reported that billing on the airport hangar leases is done. Commissioner Shriver reported that Rob Price wants to build a hangar and an 80 foot x 60 foot space for this needs to be determined. Ms. Benton said that the new hangar could be located on the north side of the airport where power is available. Mr. Price will need jet fuel to be available.

Commissioner Bricker reported that she will attend a meeting with Crossroads/Turning Point on April 26, 2016. Chairman Davie and Commissioner Shriver asked her to determine the exact status of the Monte Vista facility. Chairman Davie noted that County funds sent to Crossroads were not specifically earmarked; Commissioner Bricker said she thought funds were earmarked for the methadone clinic.

At 10:30 a.m., Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and John Yoder were present to discuss a conditional use permit for 35 acres located at 5505 East County Road 8 South, Monte Vista (tract 2, Wildlife Estates; five lots plus a cemetery). The property was purchased by the Monte Vista Amish Church from Hubert and Robbie Marquez. Mr. Yoder was representing the Amish Church. The application for a conditional use permit is for the Chico Flats School.

Ms. Diltz explained that the property was zoned as agricultural/ranch property at the time of the application, and that it might change to agricultural estate property (this change needs to be confirmed). Ms. Diltz said the property is vacant; there are several conditional use permits in force in the area.

Commissioner Shriver asked why the church is not adding on to existing schools. Mr. Yoder explained that the community wants to keep the number of students low (maximum of 24 to 25 students), so that the students will spend less time on the road, and it wants to avoid required water testing. He said there are approximately 60 students among three existing schools. The new school will provide room for growth.

Chairman Davie asked if the new school would fall under County building codes. Mr. Yoder said the other schools did. Commissioner Bricker asked what grades would be taught at the new school. Mr. Yoder said there would be first through eighth grades at the school.

Chairman Davie asked if there had been any protests against the school from neighbors. Ms. Diltz said there were none. Commissioner Shriver recommended that the land owners in Wildlife Estates review, develop, and record revised protective covenants related to the property. Ms. Diltz recommended revoking the previous covenants and adopting new ones or leave the property with no covenants.

Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use permit for the Chico Flats School. She noted that the permit applies to 35 acres; if more development is planned, another meeting with the Planning Commission would be needed. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the conditional use permit with the contingencies of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 580 Page 464

At 10:30 a.m., Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Shriver moved to go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:57 a.m., Commissioner Bricker moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and John Yoder were present to discuss a conditional use permit for a 10,000 hen, organic, free-range egg production facility. The property is located at 5475 East County Road 8 South, Monte Vista. The vacant property is currently zoned as residential, and is close to the owner's residence. Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and

Zoning Commission recommended approving the conditional use permit with the following contingencies:

1. Final site permit should be submitted showing the proposed location and arrangement of outdoor pasture area (yard), maintaining the 250-foot setback requirement.
2. All building codes will need to be met. The building will not qualify for the "agricultural exemptions" due to the overall size of the structure, the area of egg collection and storage, and the commercial/industrial nature of the business.
3. Building permits will not be issued until after the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners has approved the application.
4. The operation cannot commence until the resolution has been signed and recorded and all required building permits have been completed and closed.
5. Conditional use will apply to the entire 67.28 acre parcel, and any future expansions or changes to the operation will require new conditional use application. This conditional use approval is based on current ownership and is non-transferable.

Ms. Diltz reported that Janet and Doug Poore, who live a quarter of a mile from the egg production site, objected to the facility. Mr. Yoder explained that the building would be located a half-mile from the Poore's residence. He said that the eggs would be taken out of the Valley for packaging.

Commissioner Bricker asked how chickens would be disposed of. Mr. Yoder said they would be sold for butchering. He said that his business tries not to euthanize chickens.

Commissioner Shriver asked for clarification about the size of the property. She asked if the residence is on a separate seven-acre parcel. Mr. Yoder said the 67.28 acres will be used for the building. Ms. Diltz explained that the building and the outdoor yard would be on the 67.28-acre parcel; the map will be updated to reflect this. Commissioner Bricker asked if the outdoor yard would be available right away. Mr. Yoder said it would be built so that the yard is available right away.

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the conditional use permit for the organic, free range egg production facility, with the Planning and Zoning Commission's contingencies. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 580 Page 465

Commissioner Shriver asked if the 67.28 acres might be subdivided from the other parcel, and if there might be any future subdivision of the land. Mr. Yoder said there were no plans for either. Commissioner Shriver reminded Mr. Yoder that if the property is sold, it would have to go through the subdivision process.

Commissioner Bricker asked if eggs could be purchased directly from the facility. Mr. Yoder said that some eggs could be sold directly.

At 11:10 a.m., Ms. Benton presented the monthly Road and Bridge Department report.

Work Completed in March 2016:

- Base work continues on County Road 15.
- A new culvert was installed on County Road 15 as part of the construction project.
- Several culverts were installed and cleaned prior to the start of water season.
- The culvert liners located on the County Road 1 South was completed for the Centennial Ditch.
- The Del Norte pit was back-sloped following the completion of crushing.
- Posts were removed from the ice rink and stored at the Road and Bridge shop.

Proposed Work:

- Complete the base work and drainage project on County Road 15.
- Clean under the County Road 2 South bridge and remove the material.
- Continue to grade and patch.
- Repair road damage on County Road 18.
- Continue to handle water-related issues as they arise.

Ms. Benton requested a signature on the letter denying the abatement request from Community Banks, noting that a correction needed to be made before the letter could be signed. Commissioner Shriver moved to sign the letter disallowing the tax abatement for Bank Midwest

NA of Kansas City when the letter is corrected. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The letter was signed later in the meeting. Book 580 Page 269.

Ms. Benton reported that the quarterly Master Plan report for the Department of Local Affairs is complete. Approximately \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 was not spent.

Ms. Benton reported that Don and Cora Lee McCallister want to change their airport lease, so that the lease is in both their names, and so the house and the hangar are owned in joint tenancy. They own one-half of tract 6, which is leased through 2021. They also lease tract 5. The previous Boards have waived all previous rental payments, except water payments, in return for the McCallisters' oversight of the airport for vandalism. Ms. Benton said she is unable to find the lease on tract 5. Ms. Benton said a new lease needs to be signed, but said it should not be signed for a 25-year term. She recommended that the McCallisters pay the rental fee. Chairman Davie noted that Mr. McCallister monitors the airport, but that Cora Lee would not be able to on her own. Commissioner Shriver recommended that a five-year lease be signed (through 2021) on both tracts. The consensus of the Board was to waive the rental fee.

Ms. Benton reported that the boiler is being fixed. Proposed meeting dates with the City of Monte Vista were emailed to the town manager.

Ms. Benton reported that she met with the town managers of Del Norte, South Fork, and Monte Vista regarding half-cent sales tax that may be proposed to fund a County recreation district. The managers are working on ballot language and the question will appear as a resolution from the BOCC. Ms. Benton explained that if this measure fails, the County would be barred from asking the citizens for any other funds for two years. She said a sales tax would be easier to get approved by the citizens than a mill levy. She suggested adding an additional half cent (the total request would be a one-cent sales tax increase), and tying the two together: one-half cent for the recreation district and one-half cent for the County. Ms. Benton reported that the town managers agreed with this suggestion. Commissioner Shriver said that this would need a great deal of consideration, and noted that the half-cent would have to be split four ways. Chairman Davie said he did not think the sales tax increase would pass. Commissioner Bricker said the issue needs to be considered.

Ms. Benton said that the half-cent sales tax will raise \$1,049,000.00. She explained that the County General fund, which is made up of two-thirds of collected property taxes, uses \$300,000.00 per year. Other departments are funded with grants. She said that Alamosa has a recreation tax, and said that there are objections to the increased sales tax in Alamosa. Commissioner Shriver said that a business plan for the recreation district needs to be developed and future budgets need to be considered.

Kristy Dennis, Human Resources, was present. She said that Jerry Duran, Courthouse Security Officer, has reviewed the Courthouse Security grant and said that if a security officer is hired as Emergency Manager, it might be considered supplanting. Chairman Davie recommended advertising again for the Emergency Manager position. Ms. Dennis reported that the emergency management equipment would be delivered to the Administration office on April 13, 2016. Ms. Dennis read the ad for the Emergency Manager and it was approved.

Commissioner Bricker reported speaking with Cindy Hill, Clerk and Recorder, regarding 2015 payments to Coroner Rusty Strohmayer. According to the 2015 Provisional Death Data report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Vital Records office, there were only 23 death certificates certified by the Rio Grande County Coroner. Mr. Strohmayer has billed the County for 29. Commissioner Shriver recommended asking Coroner Strohmayer about the discrepancy. Commissioner Bricker said that Ms. Hill is researching the numbers. Commissioner Shriver recommended tabling the discussion. Commissioner Bricker reported that a check will not be issued to Coroner Strohmayer at this time; she reminded the Board that a request to Coroner Strohmayer for specific State statutes was made and that the statutes have not been received. If another meeting is needed with Coroner Strohmayer, Attorney Bill Dunn and Ms. Hill should be present. Suzanne Bothell asked if the additional deaths could have been from another county. She also asked if there were forms that the Coroner had to complete. Commissioner Shriver said that if the deaths occurred in other counties, Rio Grande County should not have been charged. Commissioner Bricker explained that the Board has suggested that Coroner Strohmayer use different forms and he refuses.

Commissioner Shriver reported receiving an email informing the Board that Conejos County has agreed to become the fiscal agent for the Emergency Management Mitigation grant.

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

## PUBLIC MEETING – OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

April 13, 2016, 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Doug Davie opened the meeting and thanked the audience for attending the meeting. The meeting was turned over the Commissioner Shriver. She introduced Rio Grande County Commissioners Doug Davie, Chairman of the Board, Pam Bricker, Vice Chair of the Board, Sheriff Brian Norton, and County Attorney Bill Dunn. Two representatives from the Colorado State Patrol, several from the US Forest Service, one from Colorado Parks and Wildlife were also present. Approximately 65 citizens from Rio Grande County were present. Commissioner Shriver noted that the Bureau of Land Management is aware of the OHV discussion.

Commissioner Shriver explained that no decision has been made by the County regarding allowing OHVs on County roads, but a draft resolution has been written. No decision will be made without input from residents of the County. Allowing OHVs on County roads in the South Fork area is being considered as the first phase; allowing OHVs in the Monte Vista and Del Norte areas would be the next phase, should the communities want them. The City of Monte Vista and the Town of Del Norte have been included in the discussions to date.

A public meeting about OHVs was held July 30, 2014. At that time a State law was pending and ultimately did not pass. On April 12, 2016, HB16-1030 was signed into law, and allows local governments to adopt their own ordinances or resolutions regarding OHVs. The bill indicates that insurance and licenses could be required by individual communities. Commissioner Shriver noted that agricultural use of OHVs is exempt. On March 16, 2016, SB16-08 passed, and allows OHVs to cross state highways in municipalities.

The Town of South Fork has had several meetings regarding allowing OHVs on certain roads, and it has passed its own ordinances. County Attorney Bill Dunn has determined that either an ordinance or a resolution can be passed in Rio Grande County (the terms are interchangeable at this point in the discussion).

Commissioner Shriver asked for input from the citizens of Rio Grande County. She explained that the BOCC is considering allowing limited use of OHVs on County roads in the South Fork area. She explained that education will be an important component of the ordinance. Educational partners include the Rio Grande County Sheriff, the Town of South Fork, the Road and Bridge Department, the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and several trails organizations. Cory Moul explained that Stay the Trail could provide educational materials, mapping, and outreach. He said there is a mobile billboard in Meeker that could be moved to the County to provide information about OHVs.

An OHV is a self-propelled vehicle on wheels; golf carts are not considered OHVs. The County is considering allowing OHVs access to designated roads in unincorporated areas of the County. This does not include roads from Del Norte to Monte Vista. However, the ordinance can be changed at any time. The goal of the ordinance is to allow riders to move from town to trails in the mountains. County Roads 15, 18, and 19 are being considered as suggested routes. The Town of South Fork is working with the Colorado Department of Transportation to allow specific highway crossing areas so that riders can travel to Beaver Creek. Commissioner Shriver said that CDOT is working on a trail from Montrose, Colorado to Moab, Utah, and this could be used as a template for Rio Grande County.

Commissioner Shriver explained that OHV riders would have to abide by existing motor vehicle laws; they would have to show proof of insurance; they would be limited to a speed of 35 miles per hour; they would ride only during daylight hours; noise would have to be mitigated. The State Patrol would require appropriate head and tail lights on vehicles. Each vehicle would be required to purchase a CPW sticker; funds from this would be used for education. Drivers would have to be a minimum of 16 years old and have a current driver's license. If a rider has a revoked or suspended driver's license, he or she would not be allowed to drive an OHV. Any law enforcement officer would be able to write tickets. Commissioner Shriver said that the communities would have to be self-policing. The County encourages the safe, responsible, and respectful use of OHVs.

Commissioner Shriver explained that the ordinance would be reviewed every year and could be amended as needed, based on experience from the previous year. She noted that if the plan works in South Fork, it would be opened up to Del Norte and Monte Vista, if desired by the communities.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Bill Morgan from South Fork said that he and his wife were the referendum sponsors against the South Fork ATV ordinance. He said South Fork passed the ordinance in defiance of its citizens. Petitions against the ordinance were signed in the Ponderosa subdivision, Hidden Springs, the Buck Street area, and in the Town center. Mr. Morgan said that there was no majority supporting the ordinance in any area of the town. Mr. Morgan expressed concern that a group of OHVs riding together is very noisy. He suggested that the BOCC survey residents on County Roads 15 and 19. Mr. Morgan said that the Town of South Fork is pursuing allowing ATVs no matter what. Mr. Morgan noted that allowing ATVs to cross State bridges on Highways 149 and 160 would never be allowed, and that the owner of the railroad does not want ATVs on the railroad right of way. He also said that ATVs should never be used on pavement.

Tom Slade, President of the South Fork Ranches Homeowners Association, said that 95 percent of homeowners in his subdivision were supportive of allowing ATVs in unincorporated areas. He said that 95 percent of the homeowners use ATVs to travel to trails. He noted that South Fork Ranches was not approached by Mr. Morgan.

Someone in the audience asked for a show of hands in support and against allowing ATVs. The majority of people were in favor of ATVs; very few hands were raised against ATV use.

Tom Daniel, who lives on County Road 15 in Lower Alpine, said he was not opposed to the sensible use of OHVs. He said he had seen "idiots" on ATVs.

Mac Hadaway, Upper Alpine, said he supports the use of ATVs. He rides an ATV to plow snow and to check his neighbors' properties. He noted that there are irresponsible ATV riders, and the answer is enforcement. He said he self-polices, especially when he sees young riders "being stupid," and he also calls the Sheriff when he sees infractions. He said he will continue to ride his ATV and will work to eliminate problems. He said he has not seen any accidents in his area.

Marty Heimsoth, Upper Alpine, recommended limiting joy riding. He noted that young people cause dust when they joy ride.

Attorney Bill Dunn explained that the language in the ordinance authorizes the use of OHVs from a residence to trails. If a rider uses an ATV for anything else, he or she could be cited.

John Bongiovanni, Trails Preservation Alliance, recommended making an example of anyone abusing the rules of the ordinance. He said, as an example, that a rider in northwest Colorado was cited and the incident was published and there have not been other abuses in four years.

Rick Donner, Ponderosa Subdivision, said he was against the use of OHVs when he worked for the State Patrol. He now spends winters in Arizona where ATVs are allowed on state highways. In 13 years there have been no accidents or citations. He encouraged the BOCC to proceed with the ordinance. He said if someone is careless, he or she can be turned in. He noted that allowing ATVs will help the community to grow.

Kent Wilson, owner of a South Fork business, quoted from the January 2016, tourism minutes. He said that year-end income of \$99,317.75 was received, which is up slightly from 2015, but was the highest revenue collected for one year since 2002. State wide, tourism was up much more than Rio Grande County was, which leaves room for improvement. He said that independent research shows earnings from direct travel impacts in Colorado equaled \$4.7 billion in 2013; in 2014, \$18.6 billion was spent. He said he supports the OHV resolution. He noted that there are not many jobs available in South Fork and that the town relies on tourism.

Commissioner Shriver noted that the Town of Creede approved an OHV ordinance recently. Mineral County had had an approved ordinance for several years.

Denise Kirkpatrick, Upper Alpine, said something must be done to bring in revenue.

Commissioner Shriver explained that there will be three educational sessions are being considered during the process of passing the ordinance.

Bob Mason, South Fork, noted the recommended speed limit of 35 miles per hour, and said that in residential areas the speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

Mr. Donner noted that speed limits are State law and all motor vehicle laws apply to OHVs.

Bethany Coleman, Lower Alpine, said that one needs to be creative in order to make a living in South Fork. She noted that South Fork has been slower than usual in recent summers. She said

that Pagosa Springs “has tons” of ATVs, and if ATVs are made more convenient in South Fork, more revenue will be generated. She said businesses are closing in South Fork. She said she supports the OHV ordinance.

Gary Hodges, South Fork, said he owned a lodge in South Fork for 17 years. He said that allowing OHVs will bring a lot to South Fork. He said that enforcement will get worked out. He noted that South Fork is “dead,” and will be behind the times if the OHV ordinance is not passed. He encouraged the BOCC to move forward.

Kris Steffens, Rio Grande Golf Course, said she is in favor of the ordinance and encouraged the BOCC not to take too long to pass it. She said the ordinance matters for this summer.

Don Spencer, Town of South Fork Trustee, explained that the idea of allowing OHVs was brought to the Town Board by business owners. He said access to County roads is needed. He said there are 500 miles of trails that are available for use, and that maintenance of these trails can be paid for with registration fees. He said that these revenues will generate more funds for South Fork than the sales tax. He said the South Fork ordinance was changed after receiving feedback from the community. He noted that the Ponderosa Subdivision is against the use of ATVs, so it is able to opt out. He said the ordinance can be changed as the State and County rules change. He attended a regional transportation meeting and found a great deal of support for ATVs; he said there is support at the State level. He said that South Fork would implement its ordinance soon, even without the BOCC’s support. He thanked the audience for listening and implored the BOCC to pass the ordinance.

Commissioner Shriver noted that the State Patrol has reviewed the draft resolution and said it could be a model for the rest of the Valley. She explained that any delay was to make sure that the County ordinance would be consistent with State regulations.

Fritz Allen, South Fork, said he owns cabins on the river. He said that because he was against the use of ATVs a year ago, he “took some guff” from supporters. He said ATV riders trespass on his property and are very rude. He put up signs saying that ATVs were not allowed and this has helped. He said the Sheriff has not helped by giving tickets. He said it would help if the County would enforce the rules. He said that if the ordinance passes it would be a good thing, but said that having designated paths will not work. He said there will be joy riding. He said the BOCC was naïve to think there will not be joy riding, and that it needs to look at the big picture; is the BOCC considering all the problems? He noted that the bridges on Highways 149 and 160 are problems.

Tom Acre, South Fork Town Manager, acknowledged that CDOT will not allow existing bridges to be used by ATVs. However, the railroad may provide an easement, and a bridge might be installed on County Road 15. He said the key is to pass the ordinance with the County’s support.

Jerry Hixson, South Fork Mayor and resident of Ponderosa, said he supports the ordinance. He said revenues need to be increased. He said that being ATV friendly will help the town recover from the housing market crash and the fire.

Forrest Neuerburg, Monte Vista Town Manager, said that recreational opportunities are taking off in the area. He said that allowing access to BLM land via County roads, might allow riders to travel from Monte Vista to South Fork in the future. He said that tourism is a bright spot, and that he supports the ordinance.

Jeremy Gallegos, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, asked if the trails were coordinated with CPW. Commissioner Shriver said the plan had been sent to Rick Basagoitia, and he supported it.

Mr. Hadaway apologized to Mr. Allen for previous treatment. However, he noted that Mr. Allen “bushwhacked” the Sheriff with his comments. Mr. Hadaway commended the Sheriff.

Commissioner Shriver reported on comments received by citizens not present at the meeting. Laurel Olsen wants all roads open to OHVs. John Bussey thinks the ordinance is a terrible idea. Roger Elliott recommended that all drivers be licensed.

Mr. Mason said there is a problem with policing; respect is the issue. He said that the Sheriff is short-handed and busy with the drug problem. He said that ATV groups try to keep children away from drugs by providing outdoor activities.

Sheriff Brian Norton said that self-policing is an issue. He agreed that he does not have enough staff to patrol, but said citizens could dial \*CSP and report aggressive drivers. He encouraged

citizens to be the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department. He explained that a citizen could make a report against an aggressive driver and then go to court on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. He noted that if the ordinance passes, the Sheriff's Department telephone will "blow up," and he again encouraged citizens to help monitor ATV activity.

Commissioner Bricker said that she is working to create a Neighborhood Watch program in the South Fork area. She will disseminate information.

Chairman Davie thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said the BOCC would consider all the comments.

And audience member asked about the timeline to pass the ordinance. It was noted that it would be dealt with at a regular BOCC meeting.

The meeting closed at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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 20, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:40 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agenda with approval of the April 13, 2016, minutes scheduled for the end of the meeting. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments. Ruben Arredondo, 508 Lariat Road, Monte Vista, was present to lodge a complaint regarding Jason Shepherd, 466 Lariat Road, Monte Vista. Mr. Arredondo reported that Mr. Shepherd is conducting a business (Ridgeline Roofing) from his residence. Mr. Arredondo reported having problems with noise and blight and general disruption of the neighborhood for 24 months. He spoke to Rose Vanderpool (former head of the Land Use Department), who told him that there was a stipulation that Mr. Shepherd could not run a business from his residence. Mr. Arredondo said that Mr. Shepherd ignores complaints. Mr. Arredondo said that Mr. Shepherd recently picked up tree limbs from the recent storm, and speculated that he intended to burn them. Mr. Arredondo said that Mr. Shepherd burns roofing materials on his property. Mr. Shepherd and his employees work into the night and on weekends. Mr. Arredondo said that a Facebook page lists Mr. Shepherd's address as his business address.

Commissioner Shriver noted that this issue was brought up at the April 13, 2016, meeting, and that the Board would look into it. Chairman Davie thanked Mr. Arredondo for bringing the issue to the Board's attention. Mr. Arredondo said that he is concerned about his property value.

At 9:50 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present to update the Board. Mr. Dunn said he had reviewed the Fish and Wildlife agreement with the Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge and has suggested some changes.

Commissioner Shriver reported that she added stronger, clearer language to the Off-Highway Vehicle resolution with regard to riders being licensed and 16 years old or older.

Mr. Dunn explained the difference between an ordinance and a resolution. An ordinance has its own enforcement provisions with a penalty section. An ordinance requires a public reading and publication. A resolution does not require a public reading and publication. Mr. Dunn noted that the Town of South Fork has passed its own OHV ordinance. Mr. Dunn also noted that there are State regulations and the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service have their own enforcements, which are redundant to the State statutes. Mr. Dunn recommended writing a resolution rather than an ordinance. It would be less expensive and it would not require the

inclusion of penalty enforcements. Commissioner Shriver reiterated that a resolution does not require a public reading or publication.

Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, and Randy Kern, Building Department were present to discuss Charles Bauer and Vicky McNeely. Mr. Kern said that when a property owner obtains a building permit, he or she has 180 days to start building. Mr. Kern noted that the sewage tank has been pumped out, but no sewage system has been installed. Ms. Brown reported that Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely have no money to move, nor do they have the funds to secure a new property. She said their status has not changed. A review hearing with Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely has been scheduled for April 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. A cease-and-desist order could be issued. Ms. Brown asked for a timeline for the order to be enforced. Mr. Dunn said that since the couple does not have the money to move and has no place to go, the issue would be taken to District Court and a judge would remove them from their property.

Commissioner Shriver suggested that funds might be available from the Department of Social Services or the Red Cross. She asked if a truck could be found to move the camper. Ms. Brown noted that Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely have no place to move the camper to.

Mr. Dunn said he would send a reminder to Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely regarding the time and place of the review hearing. Mr. Kern said he would determine the end date of the building permit. He also said that because the sewage is being pumped, the issue becomes one of zoning. Ms. Brown said she would notify the members of the Board of Health about the review hearing.

At 10:01 a.m., Tom Haefeli, Airport Advisory Board, was present to discuss a new draft plat map that was created for hangar leasees. He explained that there are two hangars as well as other lots that are not recorded on the current plat. There are problems concerning set-backs on the current plat; some hangars extend beyond the boundaries. New lots have been drawn on the new draft map. Mr. Haefeli noted that tract six lot is long because of its septic system.

Commissioner Shriver said that the County owns the land surrounding the airport, and noted that the proposed drawing cleans up existing issues. She said new leases would be good.

Mr. Haefeli said that Dan Russell, Russell Surveyors, would reset the pins and the plat could be re-recorded. Future build-outs can be shown with dotted lines on the map. Mr. Haefeli will continue to converse with Mr. Russell.

Mr. Haefeli asked if a porta-potty could be placed near the fuel farms. The porta-potty would be pumped out once a month. Commissioner Shriver reported that a single unit, which would be pumped out every two weeks, would cost \$76.00 per month. Commissioner Shriver moved to have a porta-potty installed from Brown's Septic. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The question of whether the porta-potty would remain at the airport during the winter will be discussed in the fall.

Mr. Haefeli reported that discussions about the pilots' lounge continue.

Mr. Haefeli reported that the CDOT grant program has been moved to 2021 for funding for 2022. Projects being considered include asphalt overlay at a cost of \$500,000.00 to \$1.5 million; it is unclear when this overlay will be needed. The airport fund has \$238,000.00 at this time, and the advisory board is discussing priority projects. Mr. Haefeli said there is a loan program from the State and the State is allowing changes to capital improvement plans. A jet fuel tank might offer a return for the County. Mr. Haefeli noted that there will be no grant funds available to improve the AWOS system until 2021. It costs \$5,000.00 per year to maintain the system.

Commissioner Bricker reported that Jim Leist will report on the symposium on unmanned aerial vehicles on May 4, 2016.

At 10:20 a.m., Suzanne Benton, Interim Finance Officer, and Kristy Dennis, Human Resources/Finance Officer were present. Bids for the Courthouse door remodeling project were opened. One bid was received from Finishing Edge (three bids were expected). The bid included removing two doors, repairing door jambs, repairing the floor, constructing a new wall, painting, and staining. Ventilation will be used during the project, and clean-up will be done every day. The cost would be \$4,600.00; no sales tax would be charged. Ms. Benton recommended drafting a strong contract with the company. Ms. Dennis recommended having Randy Kern review the agreement.

At 10:25 a.m., Ms. Dennis, Ms. Benton, and Kristine Borchers, Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Team (on the telephone), were present to discuss the capacity building

consulting grant. Ms. Borchers explained that Agnew Beck was chosen as the consultant. Ms. Borchers explained that HB15-1225 passed and calls for improved coordination in federal land management decision making. Rio Grande County was awarded \$118,750.00, half of which will be used for capacity building, with the other half being used for the Forest Plan community engagement. Ms. Borchers reported that five bids were received by the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Team, and the Forest Service checked references and interviewed the candidates. She noted that this is the first time the planning rule has been used. Ms. Borchers will send the references to Ms. Benton. The contract with Agnew Beck was sent to Attorney Bill Dunn on April 15, 2016. The contract will be terminated October 1, 2016.

Ms. Borchers explained that the capacity building grant is a two-year grant, and that the Forest Plan revision would be complete in the next six months. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the contract, with the signing date being April 20, 2016, contingent on Agnew Beck signing it. Ms. Borchers noted that Agnew Beck signed the contract with the date of April 14, 2016. Commissioner Shriver rescinded the first motion. She then moved to approve the contract with Agnew Beck. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the contract.

At 10:37 a.m., Commissioner Shriver moved to approve midmonth claims. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was noted that Prevention Partners/Public Health made a contribution to after prom activities. It was also noted that the Road and Bridge Department needs to repair a mailbox that was knocked down during snow plowing. Chairman Davie noted that the State highway department did not plow snow until late on Saturday, April 16, 2016, and mowed down several mail boxes. He suggested writing a letter of complaint. He noted that the County always repairs mail boxes when it is responsible for damage. Commissioner Shriver suggested discussing this at a later meeting.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Shriver reported that San Luis Valley Great Outdoors is submitting a grant for funding to hire an executive director. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve a letter of support for the hiring of an executive director for SLVGO. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the letter.

At 10:42 a.m., pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Shriver moved to go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bricker moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Dennis was present to update the Board. She reported that the Monte Vista Cooperative Safety Day would be April 23, 2016, for Valley third graders. The Co-op requested a waiver of the fee to use the McMullen Building. Commissioner Shriver noted that insurance is required. Commissioner Shriver moved to waive the fee for the McMullen Building. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Dennis reported that Tom Malecek, Rio Grande National Forest, has requested a representative to attend the Forest Plan Revision meetings. Commissioner Shriver said that she has attended most of the meetings and agreed to be the designated representative.

Ms. Dennis reported that the Tourism Board has requested the use of the County credit card with a \$1,000.00 limit. Ms. Dennis requested a signature on a letter approving this. Chairman Davie signed the letter.

Ms. Dennis reported that Brianna Brannon, Weed District, has requested a Wex fuel card. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve a Wex fuel card for Ms. Brannon. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Dennis reported that an elected official asked if a step increase for an employee would be allowed if it was in the department's budget. Commissioner Shriver asked to table this discussion.

Ms. Dennis asked about the 2015 payment owed to Coroner Rusty Strohmayer. Commissioner Bricker explained that there are still charges in question: deaths that occurred out of the County. State statutes explaining such charges have not been received from Coroner Strohmayer. Chairman Davie reported that he spoke to Coroner Strohmayer and requested a new voucher. Chairman Davie said that Coroner Strohmayer reported having to use his personal van to

transport a body for autopsy because the County van had a flat tire. Coroner Strohmayer said he would charge the County \$400.00 for this use, plus \$70.00 for the tire repair. Commissioner Shriver questioned the need for an autopsy for a death related to the recent snow storm. Commissioner Bricker said she would make some calls regarding hospice deaths.

The balance owed to Coroner Strohmayer is \$2,475.00. Chairman Davie recommended paying this amount and moving forward. Commissioner Shriver said that it is important that Coroner Strohmayer understand what is required in terms of proper documentation of charges. Commissioner Shriver moved to pay Coroner Strohmayer a total of \$2,475.00, noting that documentation and monthly vital records reports from the State be included in all future invoices. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. A manual check will be sent. Commissioner Shriver will ask Attorney Bill Dunn to write a letter explaining the requirements to Coroner Strohmayer.

Two conditional use permit resolutions were signed: one for the organic egg production facility and one for the Chico Flats School that were approved at the April 13, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Benton presented a Treasurer's resolution assigning tax certificates for the payment of delinquent taxes. Commissioner Bricker moved to sign these resolutions. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The resolutions were signed.

Ms. Benton requested a signature on the new hangar and house lease for Don and Cora Lee McCallister. The lease was signed.

A liquor license for Liquor Mart was discussed.

It was noted that the zoning of Jason Shepherd's property needs to be clarified. The issue was tabled until Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, could be consulted.

Ms. Benton reported that the Colorado Monthly Aviation Fuel Purchase Report has been sent to the State so that excise taxes on fuel (\$291.71) can be sent to the County. Ms. Benton reported that the above-ground tank report is due to the State by the end of May 2016.

Ms. Benton reported that there is some confusion on how the Weed District wants to manage its \$35,000.00 grant from the Forest Service. Ms. Benton said that billing must be done through the correct line items and funds will be moved at the end of the year. The Wildlife Refuge will pay the Weed District \$10,000.00 according to the terms of the contract. Commissioner Shriver noted that funds were allotted in the budget that were contingent on the Forest Service grant, which did not come through. The contract is now with US Fish and Wildlife.

Ms. Benton said that she spoke to Bernadette Martinez, Town Manager of Del Norte. Ms. Martinez said she is not aware of requesting a meeting with the BOCC and the new Town Board. No meeting was scheduled.

Ms. Benton said she would speak to Forrest Neuerburg, Town of Monte Vista, regarding the status of the keys to the McMullen Building.

The airport capital improvement plan was discussed. Ms. Benton said that the total County match is \$195,444.00. Commissioner Shriver noted that instead of purchasing a double reel fueling box, a single reel box was purchased. She said that this will be a problem if jet fuel is put in.

Ms. Benton said that the auditors are pressing her to get started. She reported that the books are balanced, but there are still problems to be resolved. Ms. Benton reported that the Homeland Security grant is complete. She is working on Secure Rural Schools Title I and III distributions for 2015. The next payment will be in the amount of \$169,000. The FireWise escrow account needs to be determined. The County General fund is out of balance. Once these issues are resolved the audit can begin.

It was noted that the Weed District manuals need to be reviewed so they can be approved at the April 27, 2016, meeting.

Commissioner Bricker reported that the bill regarding salary increases for elected officials would be heard April 20, 2016.

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016, meeting with changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 12:47 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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 27, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bricker led the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda with adjusted times: 11:00 a.m., Tom Franklin; 11:30 a.m., McDonald Ditch/Plaza Renovation discussion. Additions to the agenda also included discussions of Jason Shepherd and Crossroads/Turning Point. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie asked if there were public comments and there were none. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the April 20, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:08 a.m., Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, was present to discuss complaints against Jason Shepherd. Chairman Davie noted that the tree limbs have been cleaned up on Mr. Shepherd's property. He asked if the property was zoned agricultural. Ms. Diltz reported that the five-acre property is either zoned rural or rural residential. She also reported that Mr. Shepherd visited her office on April 25, 2016, and said he was aware of the complaints. Mr. Shepherd said he is putting up gates to deter traffic. He also said that his employees had been taking advantage of him and he is putting a stop to that.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the property was the site of Mr. Shepherd's business, Ridgeline Roofing, and whether a conditional use permit was needed. Ms. Diltz asked what contractors in the County have conditional use permits, meaning that contractors typically do not obtain the permits. Chairman Davie suggested that home occupation permits might solve these sorts of problems when a complaint is received. Ms. Diltz noted that Mr. Shepherd probably runs Ridgeline Roofing out of his home, and also noted that two other homeowners in the area run businesses out of their homes. Greg Brumley, one of these business owners/homeowners, has complained about Mr. Shepherd.

Commissioner Shriver suggested that Ms. Diltz write a letter to Mr. Shepherd acknowledging the complaints raised and send copies to complainants Ruben Arredondo and Greg Brumley. Ms. Diltz agreed, and suggested that, to be fair, a letter be sent to the other homeowner doing business in the area, as well. Commissioner Shriver suggested that the letter be limited to the complaints about noise and trash, and agreed that the code should be enforced for everyone. Commissioner Shriver asked that the complaints be filed, and the code book reviewed.

Ms. Diltz researched the zoning of Mr. Shepherd's property and reported that the zoning has not changed. The property is three acres, not five, and is zoned agricultural estate. She noted that the zoning should have changed when a division of land was done. She reported that Mr. Brumley owns two acres that are zoned rural. Commissioner Shriver asked if a review of all parcels could be completed and zoning corrections made. She also said that the zoning at the airport should be addressed. Ms. Diltz said she would discuss how to enforce codes with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Diltz reported that she is unable to find the official documented zoning map, which should have been recorded in the Land Use office. She will see if there is an old map recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office, to use as a starting point if a new map needs to be created. Ms. Diltz is consulting with Alamosa County to see how its zoning map is handled. Gene Glover, Planning and Zoning Commission, asked if the map is digital. Ms. Diltz responded that some GPS information is available, but it is not always accurate; she does not trust this information, and the information cannot "just be changed." Ms. Diltz said that in her opinion Mr. Shepherd's property is a borderline blight issue. Commissioner Shriver suggested changing the letter to Mr.

Shepherd so that it notes that the County is reviewing blight issues, along with the complaints raised, and that the conversation between Mr. Shepherd and Ms. Diltz is acknowledged.

Paperwork contesting an unemployment claim was sent in and documented.

At 9:30 a.m., Emily Brown, Director of Public Health, convened a meeting of the Board of Health, to review the status of Charles Bauer and Vicky McNeely. County Attorney Bill Dunn; Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department; Randy Kern, Building Department; Charles Bauer; and Vicky McNeely were present. At the March 23, 2016, Board of Health hearing, Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely agreed to acquire a tank for sewage that would be regularly pumped by Brown's Septic; they also said they would be moving off the property by the second week of April 2016.

Ms. Brown said the Board of Health issue was sewage disposal. Ms. McNeely reported that she and Mr. Bauer have obtained loans to purchase a generator and their new property. The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition is assisting them in closing the loans and with a down payment. Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely requested a two- to three-week extension on the time they have to move until the loans are approved.

Mr. Dunn asked if the down payment was for vacant land. Ms. McNeely said their trailer runs on six solar panels. The new property is five acres and Colorado Land and Realty was hired to sell their current 35-acre property.

Mr. Bauer said that the time he and Ms. McNeely have been in Colorado has been disastrous and that nothing worked for them. They live on Social Security and disability.

Mr. Dunn asked if they will have to drill a well on the new property. Ms. McNeely said they would and they intend to build a tiny house. She said they are buying the land from Adams State University professors for \$15,000.00. She reported that the septic container on their current property has been pumped. Ms. Brown asked if there is a septic system on the new property. Ms. McNeely said there is not. Ms. Brown said a septic system would have to be installed. Ms. McNeely said they were aware of that, and that she and her brother take care of each other.

Ms. Diltz asked if a two- to three-week extension was granted, if Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely could move in that time. She also asked if they had the means to clean up the property. Mr. Bauer responded that they will not touch the garbage that was on the property when they moved there. Ms. McNeely said that all other garbage would be cleaned up.

Ms. McNeely said they own two trailers: one for storage and a recreational vehicle. The RV cannot be moved with their pickup, and they are looking for help from La Puente. Mr. Bauer noted that the RV was towed to the property when they moved there.

Commissioner Shriver reported that she had spoken to the Department of Social Services and that County funding to help with the move might be considered. Ms. McNeely said that she and Mr. Bauer take care of themselves. Commissioner Shriver suggested they contact someone who helps the Amish community with driving. She recommended that Jody Kern, DSS, be contacted regarding funding up to \$350.00 to help move the RV. Mr. Dunn asked how large a vehicle would be needed to move the RV. Ms. McNeely said that a one-ton vehicle would be needed to pull the fifth wheel RV. Ms. McNeely also said that a revised title, needed for the Isuzu pickup, was mailed to them April 26, 2016.

Chairman Davie asked where Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely were moving. Ms. McNeely said they were moving to Road 142, east of Manassa in Costilla County. Chairman Davie asked if a 30-day extension would be enough time for them to move. Ms. McNeely said it would, and that the title company gave them until May 13, 2016.

Commissioner Shriver moved to extend the time for Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely to move to May 25, 2016, and to consider providing up to \$350.00 to assist them, with the stipulation that the property is cleaned up and that the septic tank continues to be pumped. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely to remain in contact with the County. Ms. McNeely said they were very appreciative and gave assurances that the property would be cleaned up. Mr. Bauer asked if the hole previously dug to use for a septic system could be left. Mr. Kern said that it was just a pit. Commissioner Bricker said the pit did not need to be reclaimed. Ms. McNeely said they would inform their neighbor that he owes them \$1,500.00. Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely thanked the Board.

Ms. Brown noted that the Bauer and McNeely issue was no longer a septic issue, but one of land use. She noted that a plan is needed for any action to be taken at the end of the time

extension. She added that it is not the Board of Health's responsibility to monitor the pumping of the sewage tank.

At 9:55 a.m., Emily Brown, Department of Public Health was present to update the Board. Ms. Brown reported attending a joint County-wide meeting to address blight issues on Friday, April 22, 2016. Ms. Brown said that the City of Monte Vista was doing a great deal of work. One of the goals is to establish a County-wide dump day in 2017. Regulations are being reviewed and Ms. Brown said that the Board of Health could help.

Ms. Brown attended a meeting on April 20, 2016, with the Colorado Health Foundation regarding funding for health care in the San Luis Valley. It would be up to the Department of Public Health to determine where this funding would be used; neonatal care and substance abuse were suggested. Ms. Brown said this is a Valley-wide effort.

A discussion will be held May 9, 2016, regarding the State Innovation Models Health Connector position.

Ms. Brown reported that the VaxCare pilot program has ended. The Department is continuing to work with VaxCare while the Colorado Immunization Information System interface is being tested. Ms. Brown said that the Department has some flu vaccine left.

Ms. Brown reported that discussions are being held with Alamosa Public Health and the Area Health Education Center regarding setting up a needle exchange program. The goal is to hire a person to set up a public area where exchanges could be made. This person would be a resource for needle users and could later be trained to do testing. Commissioner Bricker noted that Crossroads/Turning Point has also discussed this issue.

Ms. Brown said the program would start in Alamosa and that the locations for exchange might be mobile and would be set up every two weeks; locations would have to be found that would be considered safe zones. No decisions have been made. Ms. Brown said that a needle exchange program could be a benefit to the communities, and suggested that churches or other agencies could be used as safe zones. She said the program could be low impact. Commissioner Shriver asked if there was an association of ministers that could be contacted for assistance. Ms. Brown said that ministers help with other issues.

Chairman Davie asked why the program was being considered when it promoted the illegal use of drugs. Ms. Brown responded that from a Public Health perspective, it is hard for users to quit and there are not enough resources to help them quit. The needle exchange program would serve as a stop-gap measure to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis and HIV. Ms. Brown noted that because the needle-using population is scared, it does not seek treatment. She said a needle exchange program would be a way to start a relationship with this population. Commissioner Shriver noted that treating hepatitis is expensive. Ms. Brown said this is a difficult decision. Chairman Davie noted that this program uses tax payers' money to promote the use of drugs.

Ms. Brown reported receiving four to five calls in March asking for information about how to dispose of needles used for both medications and drugs. She said there is no good answer. She said the hospital has a company that picks up used needles, but it will not take needles found outside the hospital. She said that needles could be put in a milk jug marked "sharps" and disposed of in the regular trash, which is allowed in Colorado, but this is not the preference of landfills. Chairman Davie asked if the hospital would take used needles. Ms. Brown said the hospital takes needles used by the Department of Public Health, and maybe some costs could be covered to pick up needles found elsewhere. She said she would be willing to set up this kind of program. She said that it might be possible for Prevention Partners funds to be used. Commissioner Bricker said that Alamosa has lock boxes.

Commissioner Shriver asked Ms. Brown for an action plan, including where needles could be dropped off, the timing, and where the needles would be disposed of. Commissioner Bricker offered to call Crossroads for information. Ms. Brown noted that the Alamosa hospital has an incinerator on site and that it might be able to help.

Ms. Brown reported that outreach has been done with the ambulance regarding needles during Narcan and hepatitis education presentations. Commissioner Shriver noted that the model being used to manage County-wide blight, might be used for needle disposal.

Ms. Brown requested a signature for a tobacco program contact sheet. Chairman Davie signed the sheet.

Commissioner Bricker asked for the date of the marijuana and youth meeting. It is scheduled for June 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Saguache. Susan Steubs will attend.

Ms. Brown reported that there is new funding for a Communities that Care facilitator/Regional Child Fatality Review coordinator. Marijuana tax funds in the amount of \$130,000.00 will be available to the County for five years (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021). The funds will cover salary, 40 percent of benefits, and office set up, and will help with community prevention efforts. Chairman Davie asked if this was the first marijuana tax funding in the County. Ms. Brown said it was. Commissioner Shriver asked when the grant funds would be available. Ms. Brown said the grant would begin July 1, 2016; the new employee would start in September, and will share an office. Ms. Brown noted that this is not a nursing position. Commissioner Shriver moved to consider this position when Ms. Brown returns from maternity leave. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown noted that Drug Take Back Day is April 30, 2016. The Department is reorganizing the emergency trailer, and Rodney King, Conejos County Emergency Manager, will build shelves with Ebola funding.

Ms. Brown reported having information on pipeline emergency training from Xcel Energy. She will give the materials to the new emergency manager.

Ms. Brown asked if it is normal for the Sheriff to charge for delivering a hearing notice. She received an invoice for \$57.00 for the delivery of the notice of the hearing to Charles Bauer and Vicky McNeely. Chairman Davie said he thought this was the practice.

Ms. Brown requested a signature on a memorandum of agreement between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Public Health for a joint agency agreement to coordinate youth services. The other agencies involved are: San Luis Valley Interagency Oversight Group, Rio Grande County Interagency Oversight Group, Judicial Probation Department, Judicial District, Del Norte School District, Monte Vista School District, Mental Health Center, Behavioral Health, and Division of Youth Corrections. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the MOU. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The MOU was signed.

Ms. Brown said that several funding contracts are pending: emergency preparedness, Ebola date change, Immunization Core amount change, tobacco, local funding for maternal/child health, and State Innovation Models. She noted that SIM funds have not yet been received.

Trainings and meetings include:

- Emergency trailer distribution, May 2, 2016
- Regional Tobacco Prevention meeting and SLV kids' track meet, May 4, 2016
- CHF follow up funding meeting, May 5, 2016
- SLV PHP meeting/SIM Health Connector discussion, May 9, 2016
- TB Taskforce, May 11, 2016
- Emergency Resiliency training, May 13 to 14, 2016
- Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities training, May 16, 2016
- Nurse Family Partnership 15th Anniversary meeting, May 26, 2016
- Youth and Marijuana training, June 1, 2016, 9:00 to 4:00, Saguache
- Office of Behavioral Health prevention training meeting, June 2, 2016
- School tobacco policy training, June 7, 2016
- IOG; possible foster care family recruitment discussion, June 8, 2016
- SAPST training, June 14-16, 2016, Boulder
- Health Care Coalition Council call, June 28, 2016
- SLV West Health Care Coalition, July 21, 2016

At 10:27 a.m., Megan Le Platt and Jackie Stevens, DSS, were present regarding Charles Bauer and Vicky McNeely. Commissioner Bricker asked if it might be possible to provide funds to assist Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely with their move. She explained that they have no money to move their RV. Ms. Stevens said that Mr. Bauer and Ms. McNeely have DSS equipment that needs to be returned and requested to be notified when the move occurs. Commissioner Shriver noted that communications need to be coordinated with everyone involved.

At 10:33 a.m., Tricia Creech, Liquor Mart, Monte Vista, and Cindy Hill, Clerk and Recorder were present to discuss Ms. Creech's liquor license. Ms. Hill asked if the Liquor Mart was closed temporarily. Ms. Creech said that the store is now a flea market and auctions are conducted in the back of the building. She said a 24 by 24-foot space might be used for a basic liquor store. Ms. Creech still owns the building. Chairman Davie asked if the liquor license needs to be

changed for this use. Commissioner Bricker asked about the auctions. Ms. Creech said that both vendors and consignment customers participate. The next auction is scheduled for May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Creech asked if a blueprint of the new space needed to be provided. Commissioner Shriver said that the amended floor plan should be submitted to the State. Ms. Hill noted that the State allows one year of inactivity on the existing liquor license; after that, it can be renewed or sold. Ms. Creech asked if a new license would be needed if the name of the business changed. Ms. Hill said she would research the question, and asked if it was simply a new DBA. Ms. Creech said it would be a sole proprietorship. Ms. Hill said that the license would have to be transferred to the new business. She also said that if someone buys the business and moves it to a new location, a new liquor license would be required. No changes were made to the liquor license.

At 10:45 a.m., April 2016 payroll was presented. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve payroll. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **APRIL 2016 PAYROLL**

County General:	\$174,469.51
Road and Bridge:	\$ 63,811.52
DSS:	\$ 98,375.82
Weed District:	\$ 3,093.81
Public Health:	\$ 13,156.84
TOTAL:	\$352,907.50

At 10:45 a.m., information was presented from Brianna Brannon, Weed District. It was noted that minor, unforeseen equipment repairs were needed to be in compliance with safety regulations. She asked where the repair funds would be taken from. Ms. Benton said at an earlier meeting that the funds would be moved at the end of the year. Ms. Brannon requested confirmation that the repairs would be charged to an over-budget line item, which can be adjusted at the end of the year. The consensus of the Board was to approve this.

The Weed District Employee Manual, Standard Operations Manual, and Noxious Weed Management Plan were presented for signature. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the manuals with the contingency that they be reviewed in late fall of 2016. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the manuals. The manuals will also be signed by the Weed District advisory board.

The Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Weed District has been reviewed by Commissioner Shriver and County Attorney Bill Dunn. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the agreement.

At 10:57 a.m., District Court Administrator Christina Gallegos, Clerk of Court Hollie Wheelwright, Facilities Planner Tom Franklin, and Interim Finance Director Suzanne Benton were present to discuss the request for qualifications and the space assessment for the Rio Grande County combined court remodeling project.

Mr. Franklin asked if the County would write its own space assessment and RFQ for architects. Commissioner Shriver said that help would be appreciated, and clarified that there is no County match for the planning grant portion of the Underfunded Courthouse grant.

Mr. Franklin explained that the RFQ would be used to advertise for an architect to create the plans to remodel the courthouse. He said there are two local architects and three or four in the metropolitan area that are qualified for this sort of project. Mr. Franklin said that the County will have to evaluate its options for the future, and that bids will likely come in around \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00; he anticipates a good response. A short list of architects will be identified and then interviewed. Commissioner Bricker noted that local architects are good, but remodeling a courthouse is a specialty.

Mr. Franklin said that even with the expected population growth of the County over the next 25 years, it will not increase the number of judges or courtrooms that are needed. However, other court service areas (Probation Department, Sheriff/Detention, District Attorney, and other justice departments) would need to be expanded and moved to the new justice center. Commissioner Shriver noted that the District Attorney does not pay rent for the space he occupies. If a decision is made to charge rent, the DA may move out. Mr. Franklin recommended discussing the DA's needs.

The RFQ will include a program overview for the bidding architects:

1. Prepare judicial program and space assessment for both immediate and projected needs of the Rio Grande courts and Probation. The programming architect will verify all room types, room quantities, and spatial requirements to meet the goal of this program.
2. Evaluate existing conditions and deficiencies that impact judicial operations including but not limited to security and accessibility limitations.
3. Evaluate current and projected County departments currently operating within the courthouse. Evaluate any potential additional County functions that may co-locate to the courthouse.
4. Evaluate and provide recommendations to either remodel or reorganize the existing building to satisfy the judicial and County business requirements or recommend relocation. The architect would work with the BOCC and the County Administrator.
5. An alternate site for the justice center construction may be considered, if existing proposed County-owned property is deemed inadequate to meet the needs of the entire program.\*
6. Information regarding space needs of the District Attorney is yet to be compiled. This data should be assessed through the interview of representatives of the District Attorney's office.

\*There is no County-owned property for a new facility.

Mr. Franklin recommended that adjacency to the jail be a consideration of the project. It was noted that the detention facility will not be remodeled.

Mr. Franklin explained that the architect will put together concepts and costs. He estimated that the architectural plans would cost \$15,000.00. The plans plus construction costs would put the entire project at a cost of \$4.5 million.

Mr. Franklin said that it would be important to have a pre-submittal meeting with bidding architects, and to use the County website for public comments. A date will be established for when bids are due, and a committee will be formed to review the bids. When the list is honed to two or three architects, each one can make a presentation and the architect will be selected. Mr. Franklin recommended selecting the architect by his or her qualifications first, and then use price as a secondary measure. He said this is a business decision for the Board, and recommended planning a series of meetings with all stakeholders. Commissioner Shriver suggested starting the process in mid-May, and then the scheduling would be up to the BOCC.

Ms. Gallegos asked who the owner's representative would be. Commissioner Shriver said the County Administrator, the BOCC, and Randy Kern, Building Department, would all serve in this capacity.

Mr. Franklin will prepare the RFQ, and asked for blueprints of the courthouse. Ms. Gallegos will send them to him. Commissioner Shriver asked that all documents be emailed to her. She noted that only one contractor bid was received for the courthouse door remodel project; a decision will be made next week.

At 11:22 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department and Jamie Hart were present to discuss the McDonald Ditch/Plaza renovation.

Mr. Hart requested the County's help in removing the bridge piers at 7 Mile Plaza. He explained that cleaning out the old diversion will make the conservationists happy. The center pier is an issue in terms of ownership. Chairman Davie said that he spoke to Steve Massey, who owns adjacent property, and Mr. Massey does not want this work done and says that he owns the pier.

Mr. Hart explained that he wants to take out the dam that is east of the Massey property. Mr. Massey has an easement to County Road 5 North. Commissioner Shriver noted that the pier was a support at one time for a County bridge. Mr. Sullivan said that the Plaza bridge was replaced in 1974 or 1975. He checked the BOCC minutes to see if it was noted that the County could remove the bridge at a later time, but could not find that information. Commissioner Bricker said that the pillar is County property and the County should be able to remove it, especially because it is a safety issue.

Mr. Hart explained that Mr. Massey said that rafters are not allowed to go through the diversion. Mr. Hart said he could put up signs, but that would not control rafters, even if it is a trespassing issue.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the scope of the project includes removal of the piers. Mr. Hart said that funding was obtained because river restoration is important and that cleanup is important. Trash cans in the area have helped. He noted that Mr. Massey was in favor of the project in the beginning, but when there was no personal gain for him, he was no longer in favor of it. The diversion was then moved and is now working well. Mr. Hart asked for the Board to comment.

Chairman Davie noted that Mr. Massey is threatening a lawsuit. Commissioner Bricker said that safety and flooding are issues. Mr. Sullivan said that the material in the center pier is gravel that is washing away to the center of the river. The Natural Resources Conservation Service did a flow study and noted that the center pier wall has had to be reinforced because of structural problems.

Mr. Hart said that the rock structure is in place to protect the pier. He said Mr. Massey has no grounds to object to the project unless he owns the property. Mr. Hart said Mr. Massey's goal is to stop boaters, even though easements have allowed access. Commissioner Bricker said if the County had an easement where the bridge was, it is acceptable for the pillar to be removed. Mr. Hart said that he wants to get rid of safety issues on his diversion. Commissioner Bricker noted that it is not reasonable to try to repair the pillar. Mr. Sullivan said there have been no repairs on the old bridge.

Commissioner Shriver asked why the side abutments need to be removed. Mr. Sullivan explained that they are leaning into the river. Mr. Hart said that it would only take a couple of dump trucks to clean up the area; if the County will take responsibility for its part, he will do the rest. Commissioner Shriver asked if the grant had the budget for hauling debris. Mr. Hart said that it would be an in-kind donation. Both Chairman Davie and Commissioner Shriver noted that the County's in-kind donation had been made. Mr. Hart said there are more funds to move the rocks. Mr. Sullivan said that the County can install the riprap. Mr. Hart said that the in-kind portion of the grant can be used to haul and bury the debris, and to riprap the area. He said there might not be much to haul away. Mr. Sullivan said that the County should not be responsible for the entire hauling job; it can provide a couple of trucks to help. He said the project is six years old and needs to be completed.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the project would be started after the spring run-off. Mr. Hart said the project would start in late summer or in the fall. Chairman Davie noted that boaters cannot get through this area.

Commissioner Shriver moved that the County has the responsibility to work with the McDonald Ditch on the former County bridge to haul materials and to work with Robbins to complete the removal. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Sullivan will be kept informed of the project's status. Mr. Hart will inform Mr. Massey before work begins. He noted that Mr. Massey is requesting documents on grants in order to stop the project. Robbins Construction will use its equipment in the river to remove the pier, and the County will assist in hauling off the removed material.

At 11:55 a.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:05 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Human Resources/Finance Officer Kristy Dennis and Interim Finance Officer Suzanne Benton were present to update the Board. Ms. Dennis presented an email from WSB Computer Services with a new voice data offer that would replace the current government contract. The County currently pays \$460.00 per month for this service; the new service would cost \$295.00 per month (\$18.95 per line). Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the new contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Davie signed the contract.

Ms. Dennis distributed the Trail Tails newsletter. Ms. Dennis presented a receipt and thanks from the San Luis Valley Fair Board for the BOCC's \$1,000.00 contribution. She also presented a thank you letter from the Pastores for the flashing stop lights installed at the intersection of Swede Lane and Stoeber Lane. She will show the letter to Patrick Sullivan.

Ms. Dennis presented a letter from the Colorado Coroner's Standards and Training Board regarding the ongoing training requirements for all Colorado coroners and a statutory change that will be tracked by the CCSTB starting in 2016. The Coroner is required to receive 20 hours of in-service training, and is required to create and publish a policy for the training of deputy coroners.

Ms. Dennis presented a letter from Viaero Wireless regarding providing 4-G cellular service to South Fork. A planning and zoning meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2016, and a town council meeting will be scheduled at a later date. The letter was also given to Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department.

Ms. Dennis reported that the auditors have started. She also reported that the new Office Assistant will start May 2, 2016. The Office Assistant's employment will overlap with the part-time employee doing data input. The part-time employee will work in the Administration office through May 13, 2016, at the latest. The Office Assistant will be responsible for accounts payable entry. It was noted that the Office Assistant job description may change, depending on the needs of the office.

Ms. Benton reported that the contract with Conejos County to act as the fiscal agent for the emergency management grant has not been received. She also reported that Tobin and Associates conducted its third IT penetration test, and there were no findings.

Ms. Benton reported that she and Randy Kern, Building Department, reviewed the bid from Finishing Edge for the courthouse door remodeling project. Mr. Kern had no changes, but recommended that the project be closely monitored. Attorney Bill Dunn will be asked to draft a contract with specific start and end dates, with a penalty of \$100.00 per day if the project is not finished on time. The contract will also state that work must be scheduled with the Court and the Maintenance Department; the removal of walls must be completed after 4:00 p.m.; and keys to the courthouse must be checked out (keys can be disabled if they are not returned). Commissioner Bricker moved to accept the bid with the contract stipulations. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The start date for the project will be May 1, 2016; the end date will be June 10, 2016, with an extension allowed for unforeseen problems. Ms. Benton noted that the courthouse grants will terminate December 31, 2016.

Ms. Benton presented an offer to purchase a County-owned property in Alpine Village on County Road 15. This lot was deeded to the County by G&J Investments in 1996. Commissioner Shriver recommended that Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, verify that the right of way will not be harmed if this property is sold, and then a purchase price can be determined.

Ms. Benton reported a concern from Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department. If a sidewalk is installed on the north side of the building, it will need to be heated. Commissioner Shriver said installing this sidewalk was a general discussion; the consensus of the Board is that it is not a priority and it will be kept on a "wish list."

Ms. Benton received an apology call regarding the State Governor's Recovery Grant. Checks in the amount of \$140,000.00 were not cashed because they went to the wrong department and were not paid. The County can expect to receive approximately \$45,000.00 by Friday, April 29, 2016, with \$92,000.00 to follow.

Ms. Benton reported that the final payment from the Department of Local Affairs for the 2016 Master Plan has been received. The DOLA Recovery Grant is complete.

Ms. Benton is working on payroll payables and accounts payables. Expenditures and receivables for 2015 and 2016 were posted incorrectly. Management Discussion and Analysis reports and 2015 files need to be completed.

Ms. Dennis suggested obtaining a computer for the Finance Department and for the office assistant. She said that an extra computer might not be fully utilized, but that it would not be a waste. A decision will be made at a later date.

At 1:37 p.m., the off-highway vehicle resolution was discussed. Howard Fleming, Rodney Reed, Joyce Ann Reed, Gene Glover, Suzanne Bothell, Jerry Hixson, Jim Busse, Tom Acre, and Don Spencer were present.

Commissioner Shriver reported that language was changed on page 3 of the draft resolution to make it clearer that riders must be licensed drivers, 16 year old or older. The speed limit was reduced to 25 miles per hour for safety and noise issues and to be consistent with the speed limits in South Fork. Chairman Davie asked if helmets were required. He noted that if the Colorado State Patrol stops a rider, the rider will be held for the Sheriff. Commissioner Shriver said that the Sheriff hopes that riders will be self-policing. Commissioner Bricker asked if there was progress in obtaining easements from the railroad. Tom Acre, Town Manager of South Fork, reported that an agreement had been reached with the railroad, but the wording of the agreement needs to be worked out. There should be a route by the end of April.

Don Spencer suggested installing speed bumps along Highway 15 to the golf course to keep riders from speeding. Commissioner Shriver pointed out that this might make snow plowing difficult. Mr. Acre said that Stay the Trail will provide education for riders, and this will help, as well.

Chairman Davie said that the resolution can be reviewed at any time, and it can be rescinded at any time. Commissioner Bricker asked if the Town of South Fork was supportive of the Neighborhood Watch program. Mr. Acre said it was, and that the police are also supportive. He said these programs work best when they are started by the community.

Mr. Spencer said that when an area is ATV-friendly, the occurrences of joy riding decrease. He said that younger riders go to the mountains.

Commissioner Shriver reported on comments received after the April 13, 2016, public meeting. Lynn and Rob Spangler, Alpine Village, requested that the Board not approve the OHV resolution; it is a big mistake and there will be no economic development; it will discourage investment in the area. Tim Cooper, Alpine Village, respectfully asked the Board to consider the OHV resolution. Jim Painter said he is 100 percent supportive of the resolution and said it should be expanded to include County Road 63.

Jim Busse, Upper Alpine, was present and stated that he is against the resolution. The quality of the air will suffer, and the people living on the dirt roads will suffer. He said he has a right to clean air and his right is being taken away in order to give someone else a right. He said many of the riders do not live in the area. He suggested a five mile-an-hour speed limit to help with visibility, and stated that self-policing will not work. He asked who he could call to enforce the rules. He asked why year-round residents should be punished. He asked how the Neighborhood Watch program would help. Commissioner Bricker said that the program is well structured. While she is not sure how it works, it does work with law enforcement, and it is a good, effective program.

Mr. Busse asked if the County has the resources to follow up on enforcement. He said it would become his hobby to call law enforcement when the resolution is enacted. Commissioner Bricker said she understood his concerns. Chairman Davie said that Mr. Busse could sign a complaint against a rider and go to court. Mr. Spencer said that when OHVs are legalized with specific rules, responsible driving goes up. He said that if the resolution in its current form does not work, it will be modified.

Mr. Busse reiterated that his quality of life would be impinged upon, if the resolution passes. He said how fast a rider can get from point A to point B should not be an issue. He noted that there are blind corners, and that mountain-driving rules should be followed. He recommended "walking speeds." He said drivers need to be licensed, the OHV should have a license plate, head lights, tail lights, and horns.

Rodney Reed said that OHVs will have flags on them. He said he disagreed with Mr. Busse, and noted that rider education will help. Mr. Busse agreed that numbered flags will help, and said again, that the resolution will disturb peoples' rights to give a group a privilege. Commissioner Shriver said that in response to Mr. Busse's comments, the County needs to try this resolution; it will be monitored closely.

Commissioner Shriver moved to adopt the OHV resolution with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour and clear licensing language. Commissioner Bricker asked that an analysis be done at the end of the year with regard to how associated revenue would be tracked, how the economy was boosted; she asked for accident data, incidents with OHVs, and illegal bridge crossing information. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Spencer said that some of this data can be measured with registration flags and stickers and through self-policing. He said that South Fork is the first town to use registration flags so the town will know who is registered. He said the town would track calls.

Commissioner Bricker said that the city of Silverthorne had a dust issue resulting from OHVs, and enforced riding only during specific hours. Chairman Davie asked if a fine would be imposed on riders with no registration flag. Mr. Acre said there would be a fine and an educational effort would be made. He also said that the rider would be made an example of, in the event of egregious behavior.

At 2:10 p.m., Commissioner Bricker reported that Brenda Bock, State Coroner's Association, will provide resources and information regarding the payment to the Coroner issue. She has also

talked to the vital statistics office. It was noted that the BOCC has limited authority over the Coroner, because he is an elected official. There are seven charges that were paid by the County that should not have been paid. Commissioner Bricker said that it is critical to verify names with the Clerk and Recorder. She suggested revising the contract with the Coroner. Chairman Davie asked if the contract could be renegotiated.

Commissioner Bricker reported that after a discussion with Crossroads/Turning point, she could verify that Rio Grande County is receiving services. She said that Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties are the highest users of Crossroads services. The funds from the County to Crossroads were not used exclusively for the detox program. Most of the services provided are on an outpatient basis. Six patients are from Monte Vista; eight are from Alamosa. Chairman Davie suggested that the City of Monte Vista should contribute to Crossroads.

Commissioner Bricker explained that the detox facility is not a lockup facility. She said that Crossroads's preference is that dangerous people be incarcerated, because it often has to call law enforcement to come back for a patient. She said that families use the program and individuals can check themselves in. She reported that the Monte Vista office is an outpatient facility and is very busy. Crossroads does crisis intervention.

Commissioner Bricker reported that the methadone program has grown and that DUIs are down this month. However, drug detox has increased, with a rise in patients from Alamosa and Adams State University. Many residents from Rio Grande County use the methadone program.

Chairman Davie asked if Monte Vista provides funding. Commissioner Bricker said she did not think so, but will find out. She reported that 110 patients are being treated for heroin addiction.

Chairman Davie reported receiving a number of complaints about South Central Colorado Seniors. Commissioner Bricker said there is a history with Alamosa and South Central. She reported that the food is fine and that there is a small group of dissenters who are complaining to the kitchen staff. She reported that Senator Larry Crowder complained at the State level, and this caused problems. Chairman Davie noted that three board members have resigned. Commissioner Bricker said that the Alamosa Senior Center is advertising for a director.

The monthly report from the Department of Social Services was submitted in writing by Director Jody Kern.

At 2:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board