COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Shriver added an update of CCI legislative issues to the agenda.

Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the October 26, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that equipment was purchased for the Rio Grande Sews project. Ms. Wisdom has received a request from someone to purchase two of the sewing machines at a price of $350.00. The consensus of the Board was to approve the sale of the sewing machines. This project was first discussed in early 2013.

Ms. Wisdom reported that a feasibility study will be conducted on the Rio Grande Sews project. She said that she spoke to Forrest Neuerburg, who reported that the City of Monte Vista was excited about the project and is assisting in finding a building in Monte Vista where the classes can be held. There are several empty buildings in Monte Vista and the details will be worked out. The classes may be held in conjunction with Trinidad State Junior College. Commissioner Bricker reported that Del Norte High School is also teaching sewing classes.

Ms. Wisdom reported that three lots are being leased at the airport. She said that the new owners want to install an indoor bathroom and water system. The existing well at the airport cannot be used for this. The consensus of the Board was to approve the installation of an indoor vault, with the understanding that the owners will have to bring in their own water. It was noted that the hangars will have to be kept warm to prevent the water from freezing. Ms. Wisdom said she discussed this issue with Randy Kern, Building Department. A self-composting unit might work.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation might help with the installation of a sewer and water system in the future. Commissioner Shriver noted that when the sewer and water system is installed, leases will need to state that hangar owners will have to tap into that system and pay any required fees.

Ms. Wisdom reminded the Board about the Hazards Mitigation meeting at 3:00, November 2, 2016.

Ms. Wisdom reported that a new board member is needed for the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council. She suggested that she, Suzanne Benton, or one of the commissioners could be appointed to the URGED board. Ms. Wisdom will research the options.

There will be a hemp symposium on November 5, 2016, which Commissioner Shriver will attend.

At 9:15 a.m., Todd Small, Rio Grande Club and Resort, and County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill were present to request approval of the transfer of a liquor license to the new owners of the property, RGC Properties dba Rio Grande Club and Resort. The new owners are from Kansas City. The liquor license includes the restaurant, the hotel, and off-premise sites. Mr. Small showed the Board a map of the area. A temporary liquor license has been issued.

Mr. Small said that when staffing is complete, the restaurant will be open daily for lunch and for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays. The owners are looking for a chef. He also said that the new owners are coming to the area for a meet and greet event. Mr. Small will confirm the date. He also said that there are no plans to build condominiums yet, but the new owners are looking at other properties.
Commissioner Shriver suggested that the new owners and the Commissioners coordinate some activities with the airport. She asked if the paperwork for the liquor license was in order and Ms. Hill said it was. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the liquor license for RGC Properties dba Rio Grande Club and Resort. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The fees were paid.

Mr. Small reported that Joey Edge is no longer involved in the business.

At 9:25 a.m., Ms. Hill reported that she is holding the paperwork on the pending liquor license for Tricia Creech, whose payment check was short. It was noted that she is not operating a liquor store at this time. Ms. Creech was to send certified funds on Monday, October 31, 2016, but they have not been received.

Ms. Hill said that 35 percent of the ballots have been turned in for the November 8, 2016, election. Commissioner Bricker said that 67 people had registered to vote online over the weekend. Ms. Hill said that the ballot drop-off box is being emptied twice a day.

At 9:30 a.m., Ms. Wisdom listed upcoming meetings:
- Boutique Air ribbon cutting, November 3, 2016, San Luis Valley Regional Airport
- URGED, November 8, 2016, Del Norte
- Meeting with the Sheriff and the Department of Public Health, November 14, 2016, Commissioners’ Chambers
- Meeting with the Town of South Fork, November 15, 2016, Ramon’s, South Fork
- Meeting with the Commissioners and Town Boards, December 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Annex (marijuana and the upcoming economic summit will be discussed)

Ms. Wisdom noted that the office will be closed on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Department of Social Services’ Haunted House went well on Halloween.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request from County Assessor J.J. Mondragon regarding a salary increase to $10.30 per hour for an employee. Ms. Mondragon has asked that this increase be given now. Ms. Wisdom asked the Board if the increase should be given now and the employee left out of the two percent increase that will be given the first of the year, or if a small increase should be given now and the employee will receive the remainder with the two percent increase. The consensus of the Board was to approve the latter. Ms. Wisdom said that employees in the Maintenance Department and in the Sheriff’s Office would require the same arrangement.

Commissioner Shriver reported on CCI’s legislative issues:
- Pueblo County’s excise tax on marijuana after annexation (Commissioner Shriver suggested discussing this topic with town boards)
- Department of Health and Human Services funding and protection in welfare cases, and parental rights
- Broadband and the protection of easements; broadband should be considered a utility
- Repeal SB-152; individuals have opted out and the bill needs to be taken out of the State
- TIFF equity

Commissioner Shriver said that broadband and DSS issues should be priorities.

Commissioner Shriver reported that the “Shop Local” campaign is gearing up. Signs will be posted soon.

DSS vouchers were presented. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Tom Acre, Town of South Fork, is concerned about local licensing for ATVs. She said he asked if this was an issue with which CCI could assist. Commissioner Shriver said that CCI will not take on the issue now. Gene Glover said that he understood that local licenses could not be issued because state licenses were issued. Commissioner Shriver explained that allowing local licensing would require a change in the State statute, which would be a big project. She suggested an option where the licensing fee could be increased and the funds distributed to local entities by the State.
Ms. Wisdom reported that Forrest Neuerburg, City of Monte Vista, has had discussions with Proximity Malt LLC regarding assistance from the City. He has told Proximity Malt that engineering must be done and costs determined before Monte Vista can provide assistance.

At 9:43 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board

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At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Shriver gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of vouchers and the addition of discussions regarding an airport lease resolution and department head evaluations. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the November 2, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:07 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a resolution to transfer the airport hangar lease on tract 9 to tract 34 for Dr. John McVicker. This transfer is an even exchange. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The resolution was signed. Book 584 Page 287

Ms. Wisdom requested approval to void a warrant to the Colorado State Forest Service in the amount of $1,800.00. This payment for fire mitigation should have been paid to the Alamo Homeowners Association. Commissioner Shriver moved to void the warrant. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Tobin and Associates has conducted its monthly IT penetration test. There were no findings. Commissioner Shriver noted that IT safety will be a big discussion at the upcoming CCI conference, and noted that Rio Grande County is ahead in its efforts to protect its IT systems.

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Ms. Wisdom requested approval to attend the Association of County Administrators conference, after the CCI meeting in November. The consensus of the Board was to approve the request.

Commissioner Shriver reported that joining the Colorado Airport Operators Association was discussed at a recent airport advisory board meeting. Commissioner Shriver said that the association helps identify issues at airports, such as how to deal with waste water. The dues are $50.00 per year. Commissioner Shriver moved to join the Colorado Airport Operators Association. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that a new quit claim deed for an easement at Ute Bluff Lodge will be filed. The previous deed was filed with an incorrect name.

At 9:15 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board. Paint striping for the season and all roadside mowing have been completed. Schedule A roads have been graded (some of them twice), and a report has been submitted to the Forest Service. The hot plant has been winterized for the season. This saves $500.00 per month in utility costs. The cost to reconnect utilities in the spring is $100.00.
Mr. Sullivan reported that 600 tons of crusher fines have been purchased from Four Corners Materials at a cost of $5.00 per ton. The crusher fines came from the Mathias pit.

Mr. Sullivan reported that shoulder work on County Road 15 and on the North Farm Road has been completed. Shoulder work has also been completed on the County Line Road and County Road 3 East.

Mr. Sullivan reported that Carl Hill completed the installation of the ballot drop-off box at the Annex. Road and Bridge staff completed flagging recertification classes. Roads that were damaged during harvest have been graded. Mr. Sullivan reported that two outside projects—one for the Sheriff’s Department and one for the Rio Grande County Museum—have been completed.

Mr. Sullivan reported that after a fatal accident on Highway 160 near County Road 14A on October 31, 2016, traffic was detoured to County Road 14A, and the road was damaged. The Road and Bridge Department used a water truck to settle the dust and a section of the road will be reworked. Mr. Sullivan also reported that sections of County Road 10 North will be reworked, using topsoil before paving.

Mr. Sullivan reported that repairs to the mechanic shop in Monte Vista were completed on November 8, 2016.

The Road and Bridge Department is leveling the site of the ice skating rink in Monte Vista. Pipe has been purchased for the barrier wall at a cost of $200.00 to $250.00. This year’s rink will be larger than the 2015 rink. Chairman Davie acknowledged that the Board forgot to inform Mr. Sullivan that it had agreed to purchase the pipe.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Department will supply bleachers for the Veterans Day parade in Monte Vista on November 12, 2016. It was agreed that the use of the bleachers for various functions is an expectation of the community.

Base work on County Road 23 may begin soon. Mr. Sullivan said that the Department is completing the last phase of work off County Road 112, where the base is being built up on a half mile of the road.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Centennial Ditch Company has complained about water backing up around the culvert on County Road 1 South. The options for repair were discussed. The pipe could be dug out and the area regraded, which would require two cranes, or the pipe’s skin could be cut off of the outside and replaced, or the pipe could be placed in a box. Mr. Sullivan said that if the pipe is removed, it could be reused for another project. The cost of the pipe is $18,000.00. Mr. Sullivan said that the complaint is that water does not run fast enough. Even though the Centennial Ditch Company receives all its water, there is a negative reading between the river and the head gate. Mr. Sullivan will meet with the ditch company and determine a solution. Commissioner Shriver noted that she owns shares in the Centennial Ditch Company. She suggested several people who might want to attend the meeting. Mr. Sullivan said that the Department will try not to shut down the road during the repair.

Mr. Sullivan reported receiving a new letter from the McDonald Ditch Company regarding work on the river on County Road 5 North. The ditch company will remove all parts of the dam that sit on County property. The rock structure will not be replaced. Mr. Sullivan said that this might cause damage to property owned by the River Valley Group. Mr. Sullivan said that the Road and Bridge Department will assist in hauling away debris, as previously agreed.

Mr. Sullivan reported a conflict between a property owner and the Terrace Ditch Company on County Road 12 South. The owner of the property wants access to the property in order to build a house, which would require him to cross the ditch. A letter is needed from the ditch company to allow this access, but it has been denied. The property owner was sent a contract stating that he would not damage the ditch, and the property owner is angry. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the issue with County Attorney Bill Dunn, who sided with the property owner. Mr. Dunn agreed that Mr. Sullivan could sign the access permit and that the property owner must be allowed to cross the ditch. Commissioner Shriver asked if the County needs to review the letter from the ditch company. Mr. Sullivan said that the access permit states conditions before it is signed.

Regarding road work on County Road 10 North, Mr. Sullivan has talked to the parties involved and the issue has been resolved. Reshaping and grading will take place in the spring.
Mr. Sullivan said that he is working on the open records request for information about accidents at the intersection of County Road 5 North and County Road 3 East. He has called the Colorado State Patrol to request its accident log. Mr. Sullivan said the law firm is asking about a single accident but there have been several.

Mr. Sullivan reported that cutting the trees at the Museum cost $5,400.00. The cost of repairing the bunks at the jail was $5,000.00. This project took two-and-a-half days to complete, and the Department will consider the time to be a donation, a good faith effort. The work at the jail was completed the week after the initial meeting, and the project went well. It was noted that there will most likely be a lawsuit regarding the suicide.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from Gigi Dennis, Alamosa County Administrator, thanking the Road and Bridge Department for its assistance in installing stop signs and rumble strips on County Road 100 and Highway 370.

Ms. Wisdom asked Mr. Sullivan to change the fuel price at the airport to $4.45 per gallon when he has time.

At 9:55 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Ms. Diltz reported that a blight issue in the Rimrock area was resolved. She reported that Vicky McNeely’s camper has been moved. Commissioner Bricker asked if Ms. McNeely owned the property, and Ms. Diltz said she did.

Ms. Diltz reported that the FEMA workshop she attended was very good, and she received good information.

Ms. Diltz reported receiving an email from Martin Russell stating that his property is not on the flood plain; he wants the designation removed. Ms. Diltz said that Mr. Russell has not applied for a building permit. She said that Mr. Russell will have to work with FEMA to be removed from the flood plain. Ms. Wisdom noted that letters have been sent to Mr. Russell stating that the County agrees with the FEMA designation, and asked if another letter stating that the County continues to stand by its position would help. Ms. Diltz suggested waiting until Mr. Russell contacts her again. Ms. Diltz noted that Mr. Russell could petition for new mapping of the area, and said that it probably needs to be done; this would be expensive. Ms. Diltz said she discussed this issue with one of the trainers at the FEMA workshop, and he recommended that Mr. Russell have an elevation survey done. The trainer stressed that the County Land Use Department should not take on this liability.

Ms. Diltz reported that she met with Jeff Harmon on November 8, 2016, regarding how he wants to use his property north of Monte Vista. She gave him a conditional use permit for a welding shop, but said that she needs more information regarding the other ways he wants to use the property. She said that they discussed a zoning change on his property.

Commissioner Shriver asked Ms. Diltz if she would be taking more continuing education classes this year. Ms. Diltz said there is an oil and gas workshop on December 6, 2016.

At 10:05 a.m., Mr. Kern reported that he will be out of the office the week of November 14, 2016. Ken Vanlwarden will be on call during that week. It was noted that Mr. Vanlwarden was hired as a part-time, seasonal employee.

Mr. Kern has received requests to allow closed vaults for waste for three hangars at the airport. This system would not have a leach field, and inside plumbing would be normal. He said it is not possible to run water to the hangars, and that the owners would have to buy their water. He noted that the vault would have to be pumped out periodically.

Mr. Kern said that on lots 28 through 36, with 50 foot by 50 foot hangars, there is room at the rear of the hangars for a vault. There is a 10-foot utility easement, and the vault would have to be five feet from the hangar and 10 feet from the property line. Mr. Kern said that the exact placement of the vault needs to be determined, and noted that there will be more requests for vaults. He recommended that both the BOCC and the Board of Health approve the vaults.

Ms. Wisdom noted that the airport will need to be firm on the required setbacks for future building. She agreed to put in a request to the Board of Health for the December 8, 2016, meeting. Mr. Kern said that he would meet with Emily Brown, Department of Public Health.
Mr. Kern reported that a problem has been discovered at the nursing home. He said that certain rooms share a common bathroom (one toilet for four beds). He reported that the State has reviewed this configuration and has refused to license the nursing home, saying that two toilets are needed. Because concrete has already been poured, Mr. Kern said this creates a bad situation. The nursing home will probably add toilets rather than removing beds. This affects 10 rooms. New plans will have to be submitted to and approved by the State.

Chairman Davie asked if the nursing home roof is metal or shingled. Mr. Kern said that the roof will be shingled.

Commissioner Shriver asked if this was over-regulation on the State’s part. Mr. Kern said that new National Fire Protection Association codes have been adopted.

Mr. Kern reported that he still has not been able to obtain prices for a new truck. Chairman Davie reported that he received a call from Town and Country in Salida, and it has inventory. He suggested that Mr. Kern call for information. Mr. Kern said he looked at the Town and Country Ford website and some trucks are coming in. He also said he found a truck in Taos, but it has $2,000.00 worth of options on it. Mr. Kern noted that the State bid process would save money.

Chairman Davie asked if the fire marshal or the fire chief is responsible for conducting fire inspections. Mr. Kern said that the fire chief does the inspections. However, in the case of the nursing home, the State conducts the fire inspection.

Mr. Kern reported that two cabins burned at Masonic Park recently; one other cabin was partially damaged. Mr. Kern said the roads at Masonic Park need to be platted; there are too many roads with too many addresses. It was noted that the fire pump inside the park is Masonic Park’s responsibility to maintain. Mr. Kern will contact the president of the San Luis Valley Masonic Association Board.

At 10:30 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from a former employee who is appealing his termination. Ms. Wisdom will talk to the department head about the situation. The Board may discuss the issue in executive session next week.

A discussion was held regarding department head evaluations. Chairman Davie suggested that the responsibility for delivering the evaluations be given to Ms. Wisdom. Commissioner Shriver noted that the Board has been the direct supervisor of the department heads for most of the year, and said that the Board should be involved in the evaluations. She explained that the Board has conducted the evaluations for eight years and that this is stated in the employee handbook. Ms. Wisdom will prepare a packet of information for the Board’s consideration next week. It was suggested that the prior year’s evaluations be included. Commissioner Shriver explained that the process of evaluation: each Commissioner completes an evaluation form, the evaluations are discussed, and then they are combined before meeting with each department head. It was agreed that the evaluations will begin on December 7 and December 14, 2016. It was suggested that goals and personal development be discussed with the department heads.

At 10:40 a.m., it was decided that the date of the Board meeting be changed from November 23, 2016 to November 21, 2016, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The November 30, 2016, meeting was changed to December 1, 2016, due to the CCI meeting.

At 10:46 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Cindy Hill.
At 9:45 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order after the Managers’ meeting. Chairman Davie dispensed with the opening ceremonies. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Bricker moved to table the approval of the previous meeting’s minutes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:50, Cindy Hill, Clerk & Recorder presented a liquor license renewal for the Shy Clown of Monte Vista. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the renewal of the license. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the mid-month vouchers. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:55 a.m., Roni Wisdom, County Administrator, presented a Corrected Quit Claim Deed for the property transferred to Calak Properties, Inc., owners of the Ute Bluff Lodge in South Fork.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from Kenneth Vanlwarden who would like to serve on Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Vanlwarden has been hired as a part time building inspector for Rio Grande County. It was noted that Gene Glover cannot serve on the committee because he has been elected as a commissioner, starting in 2017. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Vanlwarden to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Board agreed that there needs to be more people on the P & Z Committee. Their next meeting is December 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The next BOCC meeting will be on Monday, November 28.

At 10:05 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Cindy Hill
Clerk of the Board

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the November 9, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Davie asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

At 9:03 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a contract between the Rio Grande County Sheriff’s Department and the Chaffee County Sheriff’s Department for housing inmates in Chaffee County. The cost of housing an inmate in Chaffee County is $45.00 per day. Ms. Wisdom reported that Sheriff Brian Norton has signed the contract. She said that few Rio Grande County inmates are housed in Chaffee County. Ms. Wisdom suggested that this contract be used as a template for agreements with other municipalities that might house inmates in Rio Grande County. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agreement with Chaffee County. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request from Steve Graham to purchase a County-owned lot in the Summitville area. Mr. Graham owns a lot in the vicinity, and intends to build a hut system on the
property. The County obtained the deed to the lot for $11,330.09 in back taxes; the lot is valued at a price of $147,000.00. The Board agreed that getting the lot back on the tax rolls would be good. However, there were questions about how the lot should be valued and if it should be appraised. Ms. Wisdom asked if it should be sold at its assessed value. Ms. Wisdom will discuss the issue with County Treasurer Peggy Kern and County Assessor J.J. Mondragon. Commissioner Shriver suggested that Ms. Wisdom ask Ms. Mondragon what the assessed value of the lot would be, and the purchase price be negotiated from there. Ms. Wisdom reported that Mr. Graham has an affordable living project in Pagosa Springs.

Ms. Wisdom presented the schedule of upcoming meetings:

- November 28 to 30, 2016, CCI, Colorado Springs, 10:00 a.m.
- November 6, 2016, Library Budget Hearing, Commissioners’ Room, 6:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2016, Rio Grande County Local Governments, Annex, 6:00 p.m.
- December 8, 2016, Board of Public Health, 4:00 p.m.
- December 13, 2016, URGED, Mountain View, 7:00 a.m.
- December 13, 2016, Planning and Zoning, 1:30 p.m.
- December 13, 2016, Proximity Malt LLC, City of Monte Vista, and Rio Grande County, Monte Vista, 6:00 p.m.
- December 14, 2016, SLV Western Stakeholders, Rio Grande Club, 6:00 p.m.
- December 15, 2016, CTSI, Greenwood Village, 8:00 a.m.

Regarding the SLV Western Stakeholders meeting, Commissioner Shriver reported that conversation between local governments regarding the sale of the Rio Grande and Denver railroad, including rolling stock between South Fork and Creede needs to happen. She said that a meeting will be held with the Creede Town Council, the South Fork Town Council, the Mineral County Board of County Commissioners, and the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners to discuss how to proceed. She said that the mayor of the Town of Creede told her that local businesses were positive for the conversation to happen.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request for a letter of support for the State Trails Committee. Commissioner Shriver explained that the letter would support the application for a maintenance grant in the amount of $80,000.00 to $85,000.00, for which the Forest Service applies to Colorado State Trails. These funds will be used for off-highway vehicle trail work and non-motorized trail work. Chairman Davie asked if there had been comments regarding OHVs during the summer. Commissioner Shriver said that anticipated issues did not come up, but the issue needs to be monitored. Commissioner moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. The letter was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request for a letter of support for the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition. The Coalition is applying for down payment assistance. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request from Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, for leave: two holiday days and two vacation days. Ms. Wisdom asked who should approve requests for time off. Commissioner Bricker said that Ms. Wisdom should approve requests for time off. Chairman Davie agreed. Commissioner Shriver noted that this is a transition period to delegate duties to the County Administrator. The consensus of the Board was that Ms. Wisdom can approve requests for time off.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Randy Kern, Building Department, has found a truck to purchase in Kit Carson County. There are funds in the Building Department’s 2016 budget for this purchase. The cost of the 2017 truck is $24,829.60, which includes a trade in price of $6,000.00. Town and Country Ford in Alamosa gave Mr. Kern a price of $31,524.00, which does not include a trade in price. Mr. Kern will find out the trade in price on November 21, 2016. Gene Glover noted that obtaining service from Town and Country Ford is difficult, if a vehicle is not purchased there. The consensus of the Board was to agree that Mr. Kern can decide which bid is best and purchase the vehicle.

Ms. Wisdom distributed packets for department head evaluations. Commissioner Bricker suggested starting the evaluations on December 14, 2016. Chairman Davie suggested that evaluations can be done when each department head gives his or her monthly update to the Board.

Chairman Davie thanked Ms. Wisdom for the success of the employee appreciation dinner.
Chairman Davie asked if the Rio Grande County Museum is closed to the public for the season. Ms. Wisdom said it is. Commissioner Bricker said that Louise Colville, Museum Director, is very happy with the new Museum employee.

It was noted that the next BOCC meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2016.

At 9:35 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board