

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

Before the meeting was called to order, Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to discuss work with the McDonald Ditch Company to remove a pillar and debris from the river. Steve Massey, River Valley Group, has objected to this work, stating that the pillar is on River Valley Group property. A survey has been completed, indicating that the pillar is not on River Valley Group property. Mr. Sullivan stated that the property line is clear and has been marked. The Road and Bridge Department will assist in hauling off the concrete and debris from the river once it is removed by the contractor, but will not carry more than three truckloads of material. Work will begin next week.

Commissioner Shriver reported that she has received a request for a different stop sign at the intersection of the County Line Road and State Highway 370, and she suggested that perhaps one of the flashing signs, which are in the County stop sign replacement plan, be considered. There have been accidents at this intersection. Mr. Sullivan suggested that rumble strips could also be added at the intersection. Mr. Sullivan reported that the work on County Road 10 South is complete.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Gene Glover gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion of the 2017 preliminary budget. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the September 28, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development group is planning a second economic summit for January 13, 16, or 20, 2017 (the date will be confirmed). She presented an article from the September 19, 2016, issue of National Association of Counties magazine on improving downtown areas in Livingston County, New York. Livingston County is coordinating grant funds and technical assistance to help businesses stay within the villages of the county, thus promoting economic development. Taxes on improved buildings are held at their original level, and are raised slowly over time. Ms. Wisdom said this might be a topic to be discussed at the economic summit. Chairman Davie noted that this tax issue has been discussed previously, and schools and other tax districts have prevented Rio Grande County from moving forward. Commissioner Shriver said that the State has had similar ideas; she will forward an email she received on the topic. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Land Use Department and the Building Department be included, so that both departments would be aware of any tax incentives that become available to residents and businesses.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Kaitlin Westendorf, Colorado Department of Transportation, will be in the area on October 24, 2016, to tour the airport.

At 9:10 a.m., Brianna Brannan, Weed District, was present to update the Board. She distributed packets of information, "Noxious Weeds of Colorado," which she is using for educational purposes. She also presented information sheets explaining the research done on specific weeds. Some weeds need to be eradicated immediately, while others need to be managed and controlled. The Weed District is identifying areas that need attention.

Ms. Brannan reported that there are ten acres in the County where Black Henbane is present. She said that each plant can produce more than 100,000 seeds, and the plant is poisonous; the seeds can live in the ground for five years, so eradication is a long process. Saguache and Mineral Counties have more Black Henbane than Rio Grande County. Landowners in Rio Grande County have agreed to work with the Weed District to eradicate the weed. She also said that Canadian Thistle plants can produce more than 5,000 seeds per plant, and the roots can be as deep as 30 feet.

Ms. Brannan said she would like to make presentations so that the public is informed about these weeds. Ms. Wisdom suggested that Ms. Brannan make a presentation at a Managers' Meeting. Ms. Wisdom also suggested making presentations in schools. Ms. Brannan said that she is more interested in educating parents and landowners. Commissioner Shriver suggested that making presentations to Future Farmers of America clubs would be a good idea, and Ms. Wisdom also suggested setting up field trips to show the students the plants. Ms. Brannan said that presenting the information to biology and science classes would be a good idea.

Gene Glover complimented Ms. Brannan on the presentation she made to the Del Norte Rotary club that morning.

Ms. Brannan reported that the final report on the Clean Vessel Act grant is due October 20, 2016. She said she is applying for a new USDA grant to provide funds for education. She is also exploring other grants.

Ms. Brannan said that a big project for the Weed District is to find data on the river, and to develop a way to map and understand the noxious weed population on the river banks. Commissioner Shriver suggested that Ms. Brannan meet with the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable and the Rio Grande Restoration committee. Ms. Brannan said she would talk to both groups.

Ms. Brannan said other winter projects include general equipment maintenance, winterizing equipment, and reporting to the State.

Commissioner Shriver asked if Ms. Brannan had been communicating with the Fish and Wildlife Department. Ms. Brannan said she had not heard from Suzanne Beauchaine, but there was a great deal of spraying done at the wildlife refuge this summer. Ms. Brannan said that a plan needs to be developed for next year. She noted that this year's bills for spraying at the refuge went through and were paid. There was \$17,000.00 available, and only \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 was spent. Ms. Brannan will review the 2016 work and will make improvements for 2017.

Ms. Brannan is preparing a detailed report for the State Highway Department. Weed spraying went well in 2016, and a plan will be developed for 2017. She will meet with the State Highway Department at the end of the month.

Commissioner Shriver noted that the mowing that is being done now along Highway 160 is silly; it is just spreading seeds. Chairman Davie said that the mowing is being done in anticipation of snow removal, rather than weed control.

Ms. Brannan reported that spraying weeds along railroad tracks was a major issue during the summer. She has called the owner of the railroad and thinks he will work with the Weed District. She said a cooperative agreement is needed. Ms. Brannan will attend a State Supervisor meeting next week, and the railroad will be a topic of discussion. Ms. Brannan said that it would be ideal to control weeds 25 feet on either side of railroad tracks; the railroad only controls weeds three feet on either side of the tracks.

Ms. Wisdom asked if a drone would be helpful in the Weed District's mapping efforts. Ms. Brannan said that a drone would be very helpful in mapping the river. However, it would cost \$45,000.00 to do this, so she is not pursuing a drone.

Chairman Davie said that mapping is a waste of time and takes time away from actual spraying. Ms. Brannan said that mapping is very helpful. She said the Weed District crews spray and map at the same time.

Commissioner Bricker suggested that a drone could be purchased. Ms. Brannan said that a Weed District Board member has a drone that could be used, but it might not have the mapping capability. She said a drone would be a time saver.

Chairman Davie asked how late into the fall weeds can be sprayed. Ms. Brannan said that weeds can be sprayed until they are brown.

At 9:37 a.m., Gary Johnson, Monte Vista Ice Skating Rink Committee, was present to discuss the agreement between the City of Monte Vista and the County regarding the ice skating rink at Ski Hi Park. He reported that the agreement is basically the same as it was last year, only it is not in the form of a memorandum of understanding. He asked the Board for comments.

Commissioner Shriver asked that property ownership be clarified; the County has a written lease for the land that the pavilion sits upon. She asked that "events" be defined as "equestrian and other events." Mr. Johnson asked what event occurs in February. Commissioner Shriver

said the Ag Conference is in February. There are often equipment demonstrations at the McMullen Building and the skate rink might be in the way of those demonstrations. Mr. Johnson said that he would talk to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce and noted that the Ag Conference did not create an issue last winter.

Commissioner Shriver asked that the water supply be clarified, and also asked that the agreement include that the electric meter is in the name of the County and that the County pays the electric bill. She suggested that language be added to indicate that at some point the County might ask for reimbursement of electricity costs. Mr. Johnson said that only fluorescent lights would be used and they are not very expensive. A way to measure electrical use is needed; Mr. Johnson agreed to the change of language.

Commissioner Shriver asked that the agreement include an understanding that if the blinds are damaged, it is the responsibility of the Skate Rink Committee. Mr. Johnson said that the blinds probably will not be used, and agreed to the change.

Mr. Johnson said that he has talked to the Monte Vista Police Department, and it has agreed to turn off the lights at the rink nightly. This will also confirm its presence at the skating rink.

Mr. Johnson said that the final presentation of the agreement would be made to the Monte Vista City Council on October 6, 2016.

Commissioner Shriver moved to delegate the authority to sign this agreement when it is complete to Ms. Wisdom. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom asked who holds the liability insurance if someone is injured on the rink. Mr. Johnson said the City of Monte Vista holds the liability. Commissioner Shriver suggested adding the County to the insurance. Mr. Johnson said that the City of Monte Vista was not concerned about the cost, and has added a rider to its insurance. Ms. Wisdom said that Monte Vista should implement its own rider. She will check the County insurance, as well.

Mr. Johnson said that this year's rink's layout is different from last year's. It is twice as large as it was last year. The Road and Bridge Department installed the barrier posts last year. Mr. Johnson will supply the Road and Bridge Department with the new layout. Commissioner Shriver reminded Mr. Johnson that the County owns the posts; more will be needed this year.

Mr. Johnson will make the final changes to the agreement and send it to the Board. Ms. Wisdom will sign the agreement and then work can proceed. Ms. Wisdom asked that the City of Monte Vista sign the agreement before the County does. Mr. Johnson said that it is difficult to get the City of Monte Vista to sign agreements, but he will try to at least get it to vote to approve the agreement. Ms. Wisdom said that all signatures should be on the same document.

At 10:00 a.m., Jonathan Moore, Clean Energy Collective, was present to request a letter of support for creating community solar projects in the County. CEC is working with Xcel Energy to build these projects. CEC is located in Carbondale, Colorado, and its mission is to provide access to community-owned solar energy. CEC is not authorized to work on individual solar projects such as in homes or businesses. Instead, it works to build solar gardens on private or public land and distributes the energy to communities. The solar power ties into three-phase power.

Mr. Moore said that there are unique opportunities for solar power in the Valley because the Valley has the highest solar gains in the country. Agreements for energy distribution will be signed with utility companies, such as Xcel, and not with rural cooperatives, though CEC is making in-roads with cooperatives. Xcel will benefit from these agreements.

CEC is looking for under-utilized land to lease in Rio Grande County where solar gardens could be built. A 14 to 15 acre property, such as a field corner, would produce two megawatts of power, which is enough energy to supply power to 400 homes annually. A solar garden project has been approved in Conejos County.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the setback from the sprinklers would be met. Mr. Moore said that this has not been explored yet, but understands that a 100-foot clearance from a sprinkler's end gun is probably required.

Mr. Moore explained that Xcel will receive more than 100 applications for solar projects from all over the State. Some of these applications are accompanied by letters of support, and Mr. Moore feels that these letters carry some weight with Xcel. Mr. Moore said that once a project is awarded in Rio Grande County, then the surveying and engineering work will begin. Mr. Moore

explained that selling the project to customers is the other part of the project. Sales personnel will ask customers for copies of a year's worth of energy bills, then will present a proposal on how to save money on electricity. Mr. Moore said that commercial and residential customers are the easiest to sell to.

Commissioner Bricker asked if a solar garden is removed, whether the ground would still be productive. Mr. Moore said it would be. Weeds are controlled in the solar garden and only steel pipes are driven into the ground. No chemicals are used. At the end of a lease, the ground would be cleaned up and returned to its original state.

Chairman Davie asked how the solar garden projects are financed. Mr. Moore said that funding comes from private sources. There are not many government funds available for these projects. Mr. Moore said that he would like to sell the project to agricultural customers. Chairman Davie reminded Mr. Moore that a similar project was tried about 10 years ago and was not successful. Mr. Moore acknowledged that because of that project, it will be difficult to convince local farmers to try again. Mr. Moore said that CEC can only sell to Xcel customers.

Commissioner Shriver clarified that this program is being offered by Xcel and that a letter of support would help award CEC the project. She noted that if similar companies and projects request letters of support, the Board would consider supporting them as well. Mr. Moore said that this would be fair. Commissioner Shriver also said that everyone needs to be aware of how these projects might affect the assessed value of the land. Mr. Moore said that the solar gardens would increase the tax base, and that this is an issue to be worked out. Mr. Moore said that these projects do not create jobs, but they will change the property tax base.

Commissioner Shriver moved to write a letter of support for CEC's solar garden projects. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Wisdom will email the letter to Mr. Moore.

At 10:30 a.m., County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill was present to request approval for two liquor licenses. Tricia Creech, Pit Stop Liquor, has an active liquor license. She requested a transfer of ownership of that license. The new business is a smaller liquor store in the same location as the original. Ms. Creech is the sole proprietor of the business. Ms. Hill said that the paperwork on the transfer is complete. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the transfer of ownership of the liquor license. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The transfer was signed and the fees were paid.

Ms. Hill reported that the Rio Grande Club has been sold. Its liquor license expired before the sale. Joey Edge, owner of the Rio Grande Club, needs to renew the Club's liquor license in order for it to be transferred to the new owner. Chairman Davie asked if the Club would then have two liquor licenses. Ms. Hill explained that the new owner has not yet applied for a liquor license. Ms. Hill said she would make sure that the new license would be very precise. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve Mr. Edge's renewal of the Rio Grande Club's liquor license. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The license was signed.

At 10:35 a.m., Jody Kern, Director of the Department of Social Services was present to discuss an issue with the Board. The body of a resident of Rio Grande County, who was also a client of DSS, was found in Conejos County in June. The body was taken to El Paso County for autopsy, then released to a funeral home for cremation. However, the funeral home did not receive payment from Conejos County, and the body was stored in a garage in Colorado Springs. Rio Grande County DSS was contacted and was asked to pay the funeral home since the client was eligible for State Burial Assistance. After researching the issue, DSS discovered that the funeral home was not registered with the Secretary of State and did not have a bank account. DSS therefore could not make the payment. The owners of the funeral home were arrested. Ms. Kern assured the Board that DSS acted correctly, and said that the funeral home that is now handling the funeral will be paid.

Ms. Kern reported that neither the jail nor the DSS building can control their heat because the computer system is not working. Ms. Kern expressed concern for the inmates at the jail. Ms. Kern said that Torres Plumbing and Heating will repair the problem on October 13, 2016.

At 10:55 a.m., September 2016 DSS vouchers were presented. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Shriver reported that according to the Department of Regulatory Affairs, Strohmayer's Funeral Home is again not licensed with the State. Rusty Strohmayer's license has been suspended from September 14 2016, to November 4, 2016. Ms. Hill

expressed concern that the funeral home is conducting funerals, and recommended caution in paying bills submitted by the funeral home. Ms. Wisdom said that she would alert County Attorney Bill Dunn to the issue, and noted that the contract between the funeral home and the County states that the funeral home must be licensed. Suzanne Bothell asked if Coroner Strohmayer can be forced to use another funeral home for the storage of bodies. The Board agreed to research its options and to discuss the issue with County Attorney Bill Dunn. Ms. Wisdom said the suspension letter from DORA says that no remains can be kept in an unlicensed funeral home. Commissioner Bricker said that the contract with Mr. Strohmayer should be reviewed again. Ms. Hill said she would contact the Department of Health for information. Commissioner Shriver suggested that the newspaper also be notified.

At 11:05 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the 2017 preliminary budget. The projected revenue of the County is \$19,444,100.00. Requested expenditures from all departments are in the amount of \$20,982,676.00. The expenditures include a two percent cost of living increase for County employees, and a nine percent reduction in health care insurance. Health insurance deductibles will be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and adjustments will be made in what employees pay.

Chairman Davie noted that the preliminary budget shows that the Public Health Department is over budget by more than \$300,000.00 and asked if these were grant funds. Ms. Wisdom explained that some of these funds are pass-through funds. The cost to insure those funds is \$25,000.00. Ms. Wisdom will discuss including the cost of administrating future grants with Public Health Director, Emily Brown. It was noted that GOCO and Homeland Security grants do not allow administrative costs.

Ms. Wisdom recommended creating a capital improvement plan, rather than having a capital expenditure lump sum. With a plan, specific projects can be identified, such as window replacement, plumbing, etc. Ms. Wisdom pointed out that law enforcement comprises 30 percent of the budget.

Ms. Wisdom recommended that the Road and Bridge Department be allowed one mill in 2017, rather than two. The requested expenditures from the Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$3,179,156.02 are for equipment. Highway Users Tax Fund may change in 2017. Ms. Wisdom said that the DSS budget will change based on health care costs. Most of the DSS budget is comprised of grants.

The consensus of the Board was that it will study the preliminary budget and schedule meetings with each County department beginning October 12, 2016. Work sessions will be planned as needed.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Meeting with the City of Monte Vista, October 25, 2016, 7:00 a.m., Boogies, Del Norte
- Meeting with the Town of South Fork, November 15, 2016, 7:30 a.m., in South Fork
- County employee appreciation lunch, November 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A meeting with the Town of Del Norte will be scheduled in the future.

Ms. Wisdom reported that she had a good discussion with residents of South Fork, who are concerned about the Tourism Board not including them in its plans. The residents want to be a part of the Board's activities, and have requested a meeting with the Tourism Board and the BOCC.

Commissioner Bricker reported that a meeting with Cathy Garcia, Cory Gardner's field representative, regarding the landfill is scheduled for October 21, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. The discussion will be about removal of buildings and houses.

Ms. Wisdom reminded Commissioner Shriver to RSVP for the CCI legislative committee meeting on October 14, 2016.

Ms. Wisdom reported that she has had another conversation with Martin Lusko about his wish to change the designation of his property as being in the flood plain. Mr. Lusko contends that FEMA will allow a change of designation if better sources are provided. Mr. Lusko has a map created in 1988 that indicates that his property is not in the flood plain, but Ms. Wisdom says the map is unreadable. Mr. Lusko would like a surveyor's stamp to be added to this map, but does not want to pay the \$2,500.00 cost. He has offered to split the cost of a new survey with the County, and has requested a letter with the Board's decision. Ms. Wisdom noted that changing the designation of Mr. Lusko's property will also affect adjacent properties. Chairman Davie

suggested that Mr. Lusko talk to his neighbors about having a survey done in the area and sharing the costs. Commissioner Shriver said that it is not the County's role to pay for the survey. Ms. Wisdom will draft a letter to Mr. Lusko stating that the County must use the current FEMA map and suggesting that Mr. Lusko work with his neighbors. The letter will state that the County will not pay for a survey.

At 11:30 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 and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion with Jamie Hart, McDonald Ditch Company. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the October 5, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:12 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, and Jamie Hart, McDonald Ditch Company, were present to discuss the planned diversion and cleanup of the river. Mr. Hart reported that Steve Massey, River Valley Group, continues to object to this work. Mr. Hart said that he refused a request from Mr. Massey to meet about the project, because Mr. Massey had already been notified in writing that the project was scheduled to begin. The McDonald Ditch Company has received a \$1 million grant to pay for the new diversion. Attorneys for both parties have spoken to each other.

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, a quit claim deed in the amount of \$300 was executed between Mr. Massey and Kevin Pacheco, who claims to be one of three heirs of Cecilia Pacheco, owner of the property where the right of way is located. The deed was recorded on Monday, October 10, 2016. Mr. Hart said that the County Assessor is trying to plot the property, which is parallel to the McDonald Ditch right of way. Mr. Hart believes the McDonald Ditch Company has an easement to access the property for the cleanup. Mr. Hart has researched tax payments on the Pacheco property and reported that the last time taxes were paid was in 1929. Mr. Hart also said that he can find no record of the owner of the property that lies south of County Road 5 North. Commissioner Shriver noted that there is no proof that Kevin Pacheco is a legal heir.

Mr. Massey is claiming that if equipment is moved onto the property, it will constitute trespassing; he also claims that the old diversion on the river was abandoned. Mr. Massey further claims that a Rio Grande Chub, an endangered species, has been caught in this section of the river, and the proposed changes threaten the fish.

Mr. Hart requested a letter from the County supporting the removal of the pillar, which was part of an old County-owned bridge. Commissioner Shriver said that the County cannot do the work, but can support the effort.

Mr. Hart said that the equipment leased to take out the pillar will be moved onto the property on Monday, October 17, 2016, and expressed concern that Mr. Massey has put up No Trespassing signs. Commissioner Shriver told Mr. Hart to use his easement to access the property. She said the law would support this. Mr. Hart said that the ditch company has the right to complete this work, and stated that the River Valley Group is bluffing in an effort to stop the work.

Mr. Hart wants to start the work right away, because there will be more water in the river November 1, 2016. Mr. Sullivan agreed that this is the optimal time to complete the cleanup, remove the center pier, and reconstruct the dam. Chairman Davie said that it is up to the McDonald Ditch Company to complete the work and that the County will assist with hauling away the debris. Commissioner Bricker said that the County could write a letter of support, and agreed that it is up to the ditch company to do the work. Commissioner Shriver noted that the County was a partner in the original renovation, and said that the Board continues to support the removal of the center pier and the bridge abutments. Mr. Hart requested that the letter be delivered via email so the work can start as soon as possible.

Chairman Davie said that the surveys may be incorrect. Mr. Hart said that the recent survey clearly marked the property lines, and the survey referenced all properties, including Mr. Massey's. The Board reviewed the survey map, which shows that the center pier is not on any designated land owner's property.

Mr. Hart reported that the River Valley Group has offered to take on the liability for this area of the river, if the ditch company leaves it as it is. Mr. Hart is not interested in this proposal. Commissioner Shriver said the County is liable for the old pier. Mr. Sullivan said that nothing can be done to change the water level in the river, and the new dam could be washed out.

Commissioner Shriver said that the letter should state that cleaning up the river is a matter of public safety, as well as a matter of protecting the new County bridge. It should also state that the material must be removed from the river and the original plan should be followed. The consensus of the Board was to agree that the letter should be sent from the County Attorney to the McDonald Ditch Company attorney. Mr. Hart said that the changes to the river will ultimately protect Mr. Massey's property.

Mr. Sullivan said that if the project moves forward, Mr. Massey might get an injunction to stop it, and suggested trying to get the work done before an injunction can be obtained. He recommended consulting with County Attorney Bill Dunn.

Ms. Wisdom asked how many heirs to the Pacheco property there are, because they would be considered tenants in common. One heir could only transfer his or her portion of the property.

Mr. Sullivan asked if Mr. Massey has to provide proof that the ditch company is trespassing. Mr. Hart said that a judge would have to review the issue. Commissioner Shriver said that an injunction would stop the work, and then all the facts would be researched. Commissioner Bricker noted that the River Valley Group would not want the liability if the new County bridge was damaged in the spring.

Mr. Hart said that Mr. Massey has purchased property and has resold it to an angler group for \$500,000.00. He also said that Mr. Massey supported the diversion project until he found out that grant money had been obtained for the renovation project. Mr. Hart said that the new diversion is working well. Mr. Sullivan stated that the changes to the river will allow the Rio Grande Chub to move up and down the river.

At 9:45 a.m., Mr. Sullivan presented his monthly update. He reported that the Road and Bridge Department has been busy. All striping projects are complete. Schedule A roads will be completed by October 12, 2016. A cattle guard on Cat Creek has been cleaned out. A water line was winterized at the McMullen Building. Trees behind the courthouse have been removed, and roadside mowing is complete.

The Road and Bridge Department is winterizing the hot plant. Mr. Sullivan reported that 600 tons of crusher fines are being purchased at a good price from Four Corners Materials. Mr. Sullivan reported that there may be a joint venture with Four Corners in the future to complete work on the west side of Wolf Creek.

Mr. Sullivan reported that Olivia Romero attended the Highway Users Tax Fund annual meeting. There are no significant changes for 2017.

On October 13, 2016, the Road and Bridge staff will receive flagging recertification, and will also receive training on airport safety procedures, as part of the spill prevention plan.

Mr. Sullivan said that the Department would like to recommend the purchase of a 2012 low-boy tractor with 3,100 hours, for \$50,000.00 to \$52,000.00, if due diligence reports are positive. He reported that there are funds in the 2016 budget for this purchase. The tractor has a cab, heat, and air conditioning. The Department will trade in the old tractor.

At 9:52 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present. He reported receiving a call from Ron Howard, attorney for the River Valley Group. Mr. Howard told Mr. Dunn that he is not representing Mr. Massey as an individual. Mr. Howard requested a meeting with the BOCC and Mr. Hart regarding the removal of the dam. Mr. Howard also expressed concern about the Rio Grande Chub.

Mr. Hart explained the project to Mr. Dunn, and noted that the changes will enhance the chub's habitat. Mr. Hart also said that the chub was introduced by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department.

Mr. Dunn stated that a person cannot claim to be an heir without proof; Mr. Hart said that Mrs. Pacheco died without a will. Mr. Hart also stated that the Pacheco property has no parcel number. Mr. Sullivan noted that the river can be accessed through County property.

It was agreed that Mr. Dunn will draft a letter stating that the BOCC is in favor of the McDonald Ditch Company's project, that the project is a matter of public safety, and that time is of the essence.

Mr. Hart asked how an injunction is obtained. Mr. Dunn said that when someone files an injunction, he or she has to show that irreparable harm has been caused. Mr. Hart said that Mr. Massey filed an injunction on a similar project with the Prairie Ditch Company, delaying the project and costing the company money because equipment was not being used. Commissioner Bricker asked how long it takes to file an injunction. Mr. Dunn said that there would be a hearing. The plaintiff would have to show immediate and irreparable harm, and the judge would have to determine that the plaintiff would ultimately win the lawsuit. Then the injunction would be issued.

Mr. Hart expressed concern that removing the pier will be enough to cause Mr. Massey to file an injunction. He said that he does not want to spend money on a hearing, because completing this work is the right thing to do. He stated that the State Engineer can possibly order the removal of the dam to improve the health of the river in this area. Mr. Dunn asked if the Corps of Engineers has been involved with this project. Mr. Hart said that Mr. Massey attempted to get the Corps of Engineers to stop the project, but the Corps of Engineers said the project is legitimate and said it could proceed.

Mr. Dunn recommended that the McDonald Ditch Company attorney be prepared to act. He asked if the easement has been recorded, and Mr. Hart said it has. Mr. Dunn agreed to write the letter of support and email it to the involved attorneys.

Mr. Sullivan recommended moving the hammer equipment onto the property on October 17, 2016, and starting the work in order to get as much completed as possible. He also recommended keeping the check in place to prevent scouring on the bridge. He further recommended that the work be prioritized, and said that the check is the County's priority.

Mr. Hart said he would like the work to begin on Friday, October 14, 2016. Commissioner Bricker asked how long the project will take. Mr. Sullivan said it will take several days and should move fairly quickly. Mr. Hart said the project will take two weeks, including the placement of the rip rap.

Mr. Hart asked if it is determined that property taxes have not been paid on the Pacheco property, if the County could condemn the property and make it County property. He recommended that the County take action to acquire the property. Chairman Davie said that someone has to own the property. Mr. Hart said that the ditch company should own the property, but it does not want to pay the taxes. Mr. Sullivan said he recalled that Dean Hammond conveyed some property to the County in the past. Mr. Dunn reminded Mr. Hart to make sure the ditch company attorney is prepared to argue that the access agreement was not abandoned.

At 10:40 a.m., Mr. Dunn presented his update. He reported that Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, who was also present, informed him that Vicky McNeely had returned to her property. Mr. Dunn said he reviewed the pertinent State statutes and that the ten-day notice to Ms. McNeely to vacate her property was done. Mr. Dunn sent the district court complaint to Ms. Diltz on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Ms. Diltz said she returned the email with some date changes on October 7, 2016. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the filing of the complaint.

Mr. Dunn reported that with regard to the blight issue on Christine Miani's property, the land use code states that a 30-day notice to clean up the property must be issued. Ms. Diltz

recommended that due to the time of year, another notice should be sent in the spring of 2017. Ms. Diltz said that Ms. Miani has done some clean-up of the property, but that it is still a mess.

Mr. Dunn said that a 30-day notice for Jose Madril to clean up his property needs to be sent. Ms. Diltz said that some vehicles have been moved, but she has not heard from Mr. Madril.

Commissioner Shriver confirmed that on all blight issues 30-day notices will be sent. She suggested that Ms. Diltz send Ms. Miani and Mr. Madril letters stating their properties need to be cleaned up, and that she will follow up with them in the spring. Mr. Dunn said that there is no need to send these letters via certified mail.

Chairman Davie reported that Caroline Kloberdanz is no longer living on the property owned by her son and daughter. Ms. Diltz asked if she should send a letter to the owners of the property asking them to remove the trailer and to clean up the property. She expressed concern that this would set a precedent for other property owners who have campers on their properties. Commissioner Shriver said she was unsure if it is the County's responsibility to monitor campers on peoples' properties. Ms. Diltz said that there are several properties that would be affected. Ms. Diltz said that this issue would be discussed at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on October 18, 2016.

At 10:50 a.m., Ms. Diltz presented her update. She reported that the outhouse on San Francisco Creek has been removed. Mr. Dunn reported receiving a call from Randall Hall, owner of the property, stating that he brought his camper to the property so he could use it for hunting season. Mr. Hall said he received a letter saying he could not live in the camper. Mr. Dunn turned the matter over to John Montgomery, a Del Norte attorney. Ms. Diltz reiterated that camping can only be done in the forest; people cannot camp on private property if there is not a primary residence and a waste water treatment system.

At 11:00 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department was present to update the Board. He reported receiving material from the Insurance Services Offices asking the County to purchase its services. Mr. Kern discussed this with Ken Vanlwarden, who said that the service caused a lot of work for little return. Mr. Kern said that a 22-page questionnaire would have to be completed to obtain the service. Commissioner Bricker asked what the benefit of the service would be. Mr. Kern was unsure. He said the company provides a rating that the insurance company could use. Commissioner Bricker recommended that the County not participate; Chairman Davie agreed. Chairman Davie noted that fire departments participate and get lower insurance rates. Mr. Kern said that Alamosa County received a low rating. Commissioner Shriver said that based on Mr. Kern's recommendation, she agreed to not participate, but recommended that the issue be discussed as it relates to the long term. Mr. Kern can gather information during the winter. Commissioner Shriver recommended that this be a goal and objective for the Building Department and can be discussed at Mr. Kern's performance review.

Mr. Kern reported that Mr. Vanlwarden worked for two hours while Mr. Kern was out of the office.

Mr. Kern reported that he has been unable to obtain pricing for a new vehicle from Town and Country Ford. He has researched State fleet pricing, but it is not available for 2017. Mr. Kern said he doubts that the vehicle will be purchased through the fleet program, even though it saves \$4,000.00. Commissioner Shriver recommended adding this purchase to the Building Department's 2017 budget.

Mr. Kern has been asked to participate in the Town of Del Norte's water source protection meetings. He said these are not regulatory meetings. The meetings are held to identify threats to the town's water supply. He said there is concern about a septic system that is too close to town wells. There will be a workshop on October 18, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Del Norte.

At 11:10 a.m., Chairman Davie reported that Strohmayer's Funeral Home is not licensed with the State. He asked if the funeral home could continue to be used for cooling. Commissioner Bricker noted that Brenda Bock, president of the Colorado Coroner's Association, said in her email that he could store bodies only related to Rusty Strohmayer's duties as the Coroner. Ms. Bock recommended that it would be better if bodies were not stored at his funeral home. It would be better if there was a County-owned facility. Chairman Davie said that the Coroner's duties are to declare someone alive or dead and to determine the cause of death. Chairman Davie asked if it was the Coroner's responsibility to transport bodies for autopsy.

Mr. Dunn said that in the case of an unattended death, the coroner has to determine the cause of death. He said the coroner has jurisdiction over the body through the investigation.

Commissioner Bricker noted that the County has paid for the storage of bodies. Commissioner Shriver expressed concern about the County having a contract with an unlicensed facility. Mr. Dunn expressed concern that the County has a contract with Strohmayer's Funeral Home, rather than with Coroner Strohmayer. Ms. Wisdom asked what will happen when the contract expires and the bills are paid. Mr. Dunn said that when the contract terminates, the County could contract with another facility. He recommended drafting a new contract with Coroner Strohmayer. Mr. Dunn asked about the ownership of Strohmayer's Funeral Home, and also asked if the building was leased from someone other than Mr. Strohmayer. He asked about the ownership of the coolers. Mr. Dunn also noted that he has placed three telephone calls to Ben Gibbons, Mr. Strohmayer's attorney, and has received no response (Mr. Gibbons is drafting a new contract between the County and Coroner Strohmayer).

Commissioner Shriver recommended drafting a letter to Mr. Strohmayer stating that the County is aware that Strohmayer's Funeral Home is unlicensed and that the county has no intention of renewing its contract for 2017. She also noted that Coroner Strohmayer has not submitted a draft budget for 2017. Mr. Dunn will contact Mr. Gibbons to determine if he still represents Mr. Strohmayer, and to notify him that there will be no contract between the County and Strohmayer's Funeral Home in 2017. Instead, there will be a contract between the County and Coroner Strohmayer personally; the contract will include specific terms. Commissioner Shriver recommended that discussions begin now regarding these terms. Chairman Davie asked that the Coroner's 2017 budget be requested as well.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the funeral home must be licensed in order to store bodies. She said that Brenda Bock, president of the Colorado Coroner's Association indicated that bodies can be stored in an unlicensed facility. Mr. Dunn said he will review the existing contract and propose changes, after which it can be presented to Coroner Strohmayer.

At 11:21 a.m., mid-month vouchers were presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the mid-month vouchers. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Veteran Services Officer's hours. The form was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Department of Public Health's Ebola contract for signature. Chairman Davie signed the contract.

Commissioner Shriver asked for a list of reports that are available with the new accounting software. She asked for an exit strategy from the old software. Ms. Wisdom explained that the new software can show an expense, the budget for that expense, and any variance. She reported that the conversion to the new software should be complete by the end of October. She said that the fund balances are balancing and that payroll is being balanced. The first payroll using the new software will be issued in October. Chairman Davie asked if the auditors are comfortable with the reports. Ms. Wisdom said all the accounts are on the audit report. Commissioner Shriver asked if a demonstration of the new software could be given at a Managers' Meeting. Ms. Wisdom said she would present the available reports.

Commissioner Bricker reported that the Library District is preparing its 2017 budget.

At 11:37 a.m., Kristy Dennis, Human Resources Department, was present to request approval for a new policy. She reported that a County employee will be taking FMLA time off. The employee is not able to pay for health insurance during the time off. The employee is married to another County employee, and Ms. Dennis recommended that the spouse assume the payments. She said that after the employee returns from FMLA leave, the health insurance payment would again be split between the two spouses. Ms. Dennis noted that the employee handbook states that if an employee does not return from FMLA leave, the employee must reimburse the County for any expenses incurred during that time. Commissioner Bricker said that the policy proposed by Ms. Dennis makes sense. The consensus of the Board was to approve the policy.

Ms. Dennis clarified that the Critical Care Bank is to be used for an employee's own health issues, and should not be used for a family member's health issues. The consensus of the Board was to agree.

Commissioner Bricker asked Ms. Dennis if any of the Coroner's vouchers indicate that Strohmayer's Funeral Home is being used for funerals. Ms. Dennis said that one recent voucher had been held. Another voucher has been paid and included office and telephone expenses, and one cooler expense. Ms. Wisdom noted that if no autopsy is required, the family should choose the funeral home. Commissioner Bricker said that if a funeral home other than Strohmayer's Funeral Home is chosen for a funeral service, the County should not pay for the

cooling. Ms. Dennis has been told that Alamosa County charges \$150.00 for the deputy coroner's expenses and cooling for one day. Chairman Davie suggested that Ms. Wisdom obtain a copy of Alamosa County's contract with its Coroner. Ms. Wisdom said she would.

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

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado)
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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 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 10:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. The opening ceremonies were dispensed with. Commissioner Shriver asked that a discussion be added to the agenda regarding a request for a letter of support from the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council for its waste diversion strategy. It was decided that this would be discussed at the October 26, 2016 meeting. Ms. Wisdom asked if the decision on changes to employees' health care expenses could be discussed. It was decided that this would be discussed at the October 26, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

At 10:03 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that the hangar purchased by Dr. John McVicker from David McCallister is too small for Dr. McVicker's needs. Dr. McVicker has requested that the lease be transferred to another lot, and the McCallister hangar be given to the County. Chairman Davie said that the older hangars have slide-out doors, rather than over-head doors, and that this is the reason for the setback requirements. Commissioner Shriver said the back of the lot is the problem. Ms. Wisdom said that the hangar is not deep enough. She suggested that the smaller hangar on Tract 9 could be used for people flying in to the Rio Grande Club, or it could be leased at a new rate, or it could be used as a short-term rental. Chairman Davie said that the airport car could be stored in this hangar. Dr. McVicker's contractor said that the hangar's structure is good, even with the dirt floor.

Commissioner Bricker said she was in favor of the exchange of lots. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the lease exchange from Tract 9 to Tract 34 with Dr. McVicker with the same lease terms. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

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At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of a discussion regarding CCI legislative issues, and the addition of a discussion with County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill. 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 approve the October 12, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the October 19, 2016, minutes with changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m., Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill was present to request security at the Annex on Election Day. Courthouse security is not able to provide security for the entire day. Ms. Hill said she had spoken to Mike Pena, who is willing to be onsite for eight or more hours. Mr. Pena will be paid from the Clerk's budget as a contract employee. He will not be paid time-and-a-half. The Sheriff's Department and the Del Norte Police Department have committed to making frequent rounds. The consensus of the Board was to approve hiring Mr. Pena.

Ms. Hill reported that people are using the ballot drop-off box. A total of 60 ballots were collected from the box on Monday, October 24, 2016, and 16 were collected on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. Ms. Hill said that a total of 700 ballots have been received to date. Ms. Hill reported that the Secretary of State is sending observers to watch the election process. There will also be watchers from the political parties.

At 9:15 a.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board, accompanied by Patrick Sullivan and Carl Hill, Road and Bridge Department, conducted an inspection at the jail with Sheriff Brian Norton. After a recent suicide, the concern was how to make changes to cells to prevent future incidents. There is a space between the side of a bunk and the wall of the cell where a sheet can be knotted. Mr. Sullivan suggested closing this space. It was noted that there are 32 bunks that would need to be repaired. Mr. Hill also suggested rounding the corners of the bunks to prevent them from being used as anchors for knotted sheets. The details of the repairs and the management of the inmates during the work were established.

Sheriff Norton reported that WSB Computer Services is working on current security cameras to eliminate blind spots, but may have to install new security cameras if the blind spots cannot be eliminated.

The Board also toured B-pod to see the work done there to prevent suicides.

At 10:20 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to discuss revisions to the Department's budget. He reported that Highway Users Tax Funding has been increased to \$2.4 million from \$2.2 million. He requested an additional \$300,000.00.

Mr. Sullivan reported that there are several long-term projects being considered by the Road and Bridge Department. Making changes on County Road 15 may be a two to three year project. A property, valued at \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00, needs to be purchased, in order to widen the right of way. Mr. Sullivan said that the purchase of the property is the first part of the project. Then there will be demolition, then building, and by the third year, the road will be paved. He said that funding for the purchase of the property can be taken from the Department's budget reserves. It was agreed that the property acquisition should be a priority.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the road east of Agua Ramon has a bottle neck that needs to be repaired. He also reported that there are two paving projects that need to be done: County Road 8 North from County Road 3 East to the County Line Road needs to be paved; County Road 10 North from County Road 4 West to the pavement on Highway 112 needs to be paved. The base has already been laid. Mr. Sullivan explained that County Road 8 North is a major thoroughfare for agricultural vehicles and is very dusty. Because there are several residents on County Road 10 North, Mr. Sullivan prefers to begin this project first in 2017. Mr. Sullivan said that a request has been made for \$650,000.00 worth of asphalt and the County Road 10 North project will use approximately one-third of that.

Mr. Sullivan said that the County Road 8 North project can be completed the year after the County Road 10 North project is complete. He said that County Road 8 North gets "beat up" during harvest.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Department's 2016 budget has \$200,000.00 for asphalt work, but weather prevented some of the planned work. Mr. Sullivan has requested \$300,000.00 in 2017 for new equipment. He said that a dump truck and a truck tractor need to be replaced. Much of the Road and Bridge Department's equipment is 30 or more years old.

Mr. Sullivan said that the Department does not plan to hire new employees, other than having to fill an open position before the end of the year.

Ms. Wisdom asked why the amount budgeted for utilities at the Road and Bridge Administration Building was high. Mr. Sullivan explained that the higher amount allowed for increases in gas prices. He also said that there are five buildings that need to be heated and one building that is lighted. He noted that the hot plant utilities are separate from the building expenses.

Mr. Sullivan said that the Department's 2017 budget includes additional funds for a design mix asphalt. Commissioner Bricker said that capital expenditures need to be reviewed. Ms. Wisdom said that two mills are usually distributed to the Road and Bridge Department, but the Board is discussing changes to that amount. Mr. Sullivan said that 90 percent of the Road and Bridge budget comes from HUTF; he expressed concern about decreasing the mills.

The Board complimented Mr. Sullivan for how well he manages his budget and his concern for public safety. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Board for its support.

Chairman Davie asked if Donnie Barton, Monte Vista Machine and Tool, is bidding on the bunk repairs at the jail. Mr. Sullivan said that he offered the Sheriff the services of the Road and Bridge Department to make the repairs. Ms. Wisdom said that there has been no indication that other bids were being sought. Mr. Sullivan said that this is a new project and the Road and Bridge Department is willing to accommodate it right now. A previous project at the jail caused some ill will, but should not affect this project.

Commissioner Bricker asked if the Road and Bridge Department ever works with the City of Monte Vista on paving projects. She said that the parking lot at Tri County Senior Citizens, a congregant site, is in need of repair, and asked if the County could help. She said that \$13,000.00 has been budgeted for the repairs, and noted that the Road and Bridge Department has completed paving projects at schools. Mr. Sullivan explained that schools are special tax districts, and when the Department works for the schools it does so as a private contractor and charges less than a private company would. Tri County is not part of a special tax district. Commissioner Bricker said that Tri County has not asked for the Department's help specifically. Mr. Sullivan said that when the Road and Bridge Department does a paving project, it affects private businesses that compete for similar work. However, the Department may be able to help by sweeping the lot, cleaning out holes, and dropping off material that the maintenance man can use to patch the parking lot. Commissioner Shriver suggested that the County might be able to help Tri County find funding. Ms. Wisdom asked if the Department of Housing and Urban Development would help with funding.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Road and Bridge Department is still looking for a laydown machine. The cost of the machine will come from the Department's reserve funds.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the McDonald Ditch Company's project to clean up the river on County Road 5 North has hit a stone wall. He said that Jamie Hart has asked that the County take a firmer stand on getting the work done. Mr. Sullivan said that Steve Massey, River Valley Group, wants the end abutments left in place. Mr. Massey also does not want the bottom of the river disturbed or the check replaced. Chairman Davie said that completion of this project is up to the McDonald Ditch Company and that the County can help. Mr. Sullivan said that the rip rap part of the project above the bridge will be completed. This is being done to prevent erosion. Mr. Sullivan will call the State Engineer to get an opinion on the check and how it affects the bridge. He recommended that the County consider the issue.

At 11:05 a.m., October 2016 payroll was presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the October payroll. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OCTOBER 2016 PAYROLL

COUNTY GENERAL	\$194,455.66
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$71,185.40
DSS	\$108,673.67
WEED DISTRICT	\$3,799.60
PUBLIC HEALTH	\$18,146.91

TOTAL

\$396,261.24

At 11:13 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a letter of support for the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council's RREO Regional Studies Grant Application to develop a region-wide waste diversion strategy for the San Luis Valley. Commissioner Shriver explained that this will become an Environmental Protection Agency requirement, and the waste diversion strategy will help with waste management in the future. Chairman Davie said the plan will create jobs. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom asked who is able to sign the letters accompanying funding to other organizations. The consensus of the Board was to have Ms. Wisdom sign these letters.

At 11:15 a.m., October 2016 vouchers were presented. Commissioner Shriver moved to approve the October 2016 vouchers. Commissioner Bricker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OCTOBER 2016 CLAIMS

MID-MONTH VOUCHERS

Vendor	Service	Amount
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Septic Services	\$152.00
Century Link	Bus & Broadband	\$295.24
Colorado Dept. of Revenue	Fuel Tax	\$550.00
SLV Rec	Public Utilities/Electrical	\$1,022.00
Agnew-Beck Consulting, LLC	Contract Work	\$4,817.20
American Electric Company	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$114.10
April Kessler-Harris	Mileage, Per Diem	\$261.34
Billings Electric	Ballast For Annex Light Fixture	\$69.92
Century Link	Telephone	\$22.62
Century Link	Telephone	\$115.36
Century Link	Telephone	\$1,945.32
Century Link	Telephone	\$827.66
CO. Dept. Of Pub Hlth & Env	Septic Tank Fees	\$240.00
CO. State Forest Service	2016 Firewise Program / SRS	\$2,726.00
	Title III Funding	
Colorado Counties Inc.	Safety Program, Registrations	\$5,300.00
Costilla County Public	EPSDT	\$4,280.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Bioterrorism Preparedness, Repairs	\$128.28
District Attorney Office	10th Portion of the 2016 Budget	\$29,166.66
EZ Liner Industries	Repairs – Equipment	\$411.06
Gobins	Copier Maintenance, Office Supplies	\$1,206.56
Great America Financial	Copy Machine Expense	\$272.34
Ken's Service Center	Repairs on Tractor/Pickup	\$120.00
Kimberly Bryant	Monthly Pay SIM Grant	\$5,060.48
Kimrad Transport LP	Road Oil	\$6,868.06
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay September 2016	\$2,000.00
Maddox Collections	Drug Testing	\$60.00
Master Print & Web Design	Website Hosting	\$579.10
Myers Brothers Truck	Repairs – Equipment	\$1,140.24
Myslik, Inc.	Repairs – Equipment	\$1,447.74
Pam Bricker	Mileage	\$185.40
Pro Com	Pre-Employment Drug Test	\$74.00
RG & Associates, LLC	Malt Plant Drainage September 2016	\$1,143.00
Rio Grande Pharmacy	Bioterrorism Preparedness	\$63.98
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Office Supplies	\$90.00
Sam's Club	General Operating Supplies	\$1,186.20
SLV Rec	Public Utilities/Electrical	\$590.00
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Elevator Maintenance/Telephone	\$1,588.08
Town Of Del Norte	Public Utilities/Water & Sewer	\$554.00
Valero Marketing	Road Oil	\$46,933.80
Valley Courier	Newspaper Subscription	\$210.00
Valley Lock And Security	Security	\$210.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Telephone	\$2,519.86
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Telephone	\$288.22
Verizon Wireless	Bioterrorism Preparedness	\$165.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Telephone	\$203.06
Waste Management-	Trash Pickup	\$635.71
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$3,088.00
WSB Computer Services	IT Maintenance Contract	\$3,300.00

Xcel Energy	Public Utilities-Electricity, Gas	\$11,774.66
Xcel Energy	Public Utilities-Electricity, Gas	\$3,539.60
Total		\$149,541.85

End of Month Vouchers

Vendor	Service	Amount
Airgas USA, LLC	Welding Supplies	\$489.07
Alamosa County	M & A-Supplies/Material/Equip.	\$300.00
Alta Fuels	Fuel	\$2,699.46
Aspen Office Products	Office Supplies, Training	\$763.21
Bryan Christensen	Board Mileage	\$10.35
Carla Clutter	Salaries-Election Judges	\$40.00
Century Equipment Co	Repairs – Equipment	\$348.40
Century Link	Telephone	\$306.27
Century Link	Telephone	\$59.57
Century Link	Telephone	\$58.53
Century Link	Telephone	\$51.89
Century Link	Telephone	\$568.95
Century Link	Telephone	\$159.94
Century Link	Fuel/Land Purchases	\$62.80
Century Link	Telephone	\$97.68
Century Link	Telephone	\$67.13
Charter Communications	Internet	\$50.10
Cindy Hill	Per Diem	\$10.00
CO. State Forest Service	Forest Service - Title III	\$1,800.00
CO. Bureau Of Investigation	Sheriffs Distraint-Mileage Fee	\$210.00
Crossroads Turning Points	Detox	\$2,000.00
D-A Lubricant Company	Oil	\$98.05
Del Norte Auto Supply	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$6.29
Del Norte Auto Supply	Shop Supplies	\$10.79
Dianne Koshak	Mileage	\$54.45
Dixie Diltz	Mileage Reimbursement	\$73.80
Dwight Freeman	Board Mileage	\$13.50
Easter-Owens	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$896.00
Emily Brown	Mileage	\$333.90
EZ Liner Industries	Repairs – Equipment	\$365.77
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$5,590.32
First Bankcard	Credit Card	\$30.00
Glenn's Auto Repair	Car Repair	\$90.95
Gobins	Copier Maintenance	\$205.71
Gobins	Maintenance Contracts/ Copy	\$115.27
Government Finance Office	State And National Dues	\$190.00
Gunbarrel Service Station	Tires	\$275.00
Haynie's Inc.	Shop Supplies	\$795.63
Ida Salazar	Mileage	\$213.30
Industrial & Farm Supply	Repairs – Equipment	\$201.51
Internet Honey	Advertising & Legal Notice	\$90.00
Jack's Market	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$182.96
Jacks Welding	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$557.50
James Clare	Board Mileage	\$2.25
Jean Borrego	Homeland Security	\$5,294.51
Jeanette Howey	Salaries-Election Judges	\$73.00
Kaleigh Benavides	Mileage	\$236.70
Kathleen Murphy	Welcome/Visitors Centers	\$600.00
Katlyn Keith	Mileage	\$22.91
Keith Rogers	Board Mileage	\$8.10
Ken's Service Center	Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	\$47.79
Leds, LLC	Office Supplies	\$55.30
Lenco West	Repairs – Equipment	\$1,035.23
Leroy A Romero	Office Cleaning And Supplies	\$125.00
Lyle Signs	Capital Expenditure/Signs	\$105.61
Mark Mueller	Board Mileage	\$6.30
Master Print & Web Design	Advertising & Legal Notice	\$240.00
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Food And Meals	\$557.53
Megan Wilson	Mileage	\$28.80
Michael Mitchell	Board Mileage	\$12.60
Mid-American Specialties	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$508.33
Mike Nicholas	Welcome/Visitors Centers	\$1,800.00
Mike Schaefer	Board Mileage	\$6.30
Mobile Record Shredders	Shredder Expense	\$65.00
Mona Syring	Miscellaneous	\$90.40
Monte Vista Cooperative	Shop Supplies	\$572.34
Moonlight Customs LLC.	Car Repair	\$587.50

Myers Brothers Truck	Repairs – Equipment	\$33.78
Nancy Molina	Mileage	\$83.86
National Association Of	State And National Dues	\$450.00
Peggy J Kern	Mileage Bank/Post Office	\$9.45
Pen Craft Design Company	Professional Services	\$400.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Postage	\$5,000.00
Pro Com	Miscellaneous	\$37.00
Pro Com	Courthouse Security	\$37.00
Roadsafe	Paint & Glass Beads	\$15,307.50
Runbeck Election Services	Office/Computer Supplies	\$235.38
Rusty Strohmayer	Per Diem, Coroner Supplies	\$379.10
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Office Supplies	\$16.00
San Luis Valley Tourism	Rental/Buildings	\$6,000.00
San Luis Valley TV Inc.	San Luis Valley Television	\$1,436.25
Sarah H. Rierson	Salaries-Election Judges	\$55.00
Shamrock Foods Company	General Operating Supplies	\$4,404.79
Sherryl Steving	Mileage	\$54.00
Simple Distributors LLC	Office Supplies	\$550.00
SLV Building Components	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$264.69
South Central Colorado	SLV Nutrition/AAA	\$10,000.00
State of Colorado	Postage	\$410.25
Strohmayer's Funeral Home	Mortuary, Office Space, Office Supplies	\$1,135.11
Strohmayer's Funeral Home	Storage/Cooler Rent	\$150.00
Susan Cullen	Mileage	\$235.35
Thomas Johnston	Repairs & Maintenance/Building	\$150.00
Tom Haefeli	Board Mileage	\$16.20
Top Value	Office Cleaning And Supplies	\$31.68
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$49.99
True North Designworks	Advertising & Legal Notice	\$1,500.00
U.S. Tractor	Repairs - Equipment	\$61.61
Vacation Showcase – AAA	Advertising & Legal Notice	\$800.00
Valley Lumber And Supply	Miscellaneous Airport Supplies	\$50.85
Valley Tractor Repair	Repairs - Equipment	\$315.00
Valley-Wide Health System	Medical/Jail	\$350.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$288.02
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$1,102.00
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$2,919.53
Wolf Creek Ski Area	Advertising & Legal Notice	\$750.00
WSB Computer Services	Office Supplies	\$43.50
WSB Computer Services	Computer Supplies	\$3,138.00
Xcel Energy	Public Utilities/Electrical	\$2,282.09
Xerox Business Services	Computer Services	\$1,528.20
Xerox Business Services	Computer Services	\$2,624.96
Total		\$97,311.69

American Fidelity	October Payroll	\$667.38
American Public Life	October Payroll	\$230.80
California State	October Payroll	\$300.00
Colorado State Treasurer	October Payroll	\$1090.94
CTSI	October Payroll	\$95,803.75
Family Support Registry	October Payroll	\$1,035.00
I.R.S.	October Payroll	\$50.00
Security Benefit	October Payroll	\$3,260.00
The Advantage Group	October Payroll	\$134.04
TOTAL		\$102,571.91

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from South Central Seniors requesting the second half of its funding from the County.

Ms. Wisdom followed up on a request from the October 19, 2016, meeting regarding Alamosa County's contract with its coroner. She explained that Alamosa County does not have a contract with its coroner. Coroner fees are budgeted: \$4,200.00 for rent and \$11,000.00 in fees (it was unclear what was included in the fees). Ms. Wisdom reported that Ben Gibbons continues to represent Coroner Rusty Strohmayer, but has not submitted a revised contract. Ms. Wisdom also stated that Coroner Strohmayer has not yet submitted the 2017 coroner budget. A budget has been established for the coroner for 2017.

Chairman Davie asked where bodies are being stored, and Ms. Wisdom said that she assumed that bodies were being stored at Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Upcoming meetings:

- Hazard Mitigation Update, November 2, 2016, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Annex
- Boutique Air Ribbon Cutting, November 3, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Alamosa Airport
- Employee Appreciation Dinner, November 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Wisdom distributed the CCI Foundation registrations.

At 11:27 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Doug Davie, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board