

Mr. Sullivan will meet with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. to review the 2016 bridge inspection report. The Colorado Department of Transportation requires that bridges be inspected every two years. There are three companies in Colorado that conduct these inspections and SEH handles our area. Mr. Sullivan reported that most of the County's bridges are in good shape. A truss bridge, on County Road 23, is functionally obsolete and falls below a sufficiency rating of 50. Mr. Sullivan said this bridge cannot be rehabbed and should be replaced. This is expensive and the County can apply for assistance. However, the bridge is used very little, so the funds may not be awarded. The Department will repair it as needed and the bridge may be replaced in the future.

Mr. Sullivan said the bridge at the intersection of County Road 7 North and County Road 5.6 West, across from the Farmers Union Canal has a rating of 59. Its deck is cracked. Overall, Mr. Sullivan said there are no critical repair reports from the bridge inspectors. He said the bridge on Pinos Creek was repaired two years ago with prefabricated materials, which worked well. Using prefabricated materials is less expensive and less labor intensive. A standard bridge plan is used for smaller bridges. Mr. Sullivan noted that each project is different because each has different variables. Mr. Sullivan gave the Board directions to prefabricated bridges and built-in-place bridges.

Ms. Wisdom asked if there was a report template for the recent road and dike tour taken by the Board. It was suggested that she review files left by Suzanne Benton.

The Department will work with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to trim trees on County Road 3 East near Homelake.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the work on County Road 19 and Highway 160 has started. It is not known how long this project will take.

Mr. Sullivan reported that fiber optic cable is being laid from Wolf Creek to Shaw Creek. The highway right of way is 60 inches deep. Ms. Wisdom asked if this project will interfere with weed spraying in the area. Commissioner Glover said the spraying should be done after the cable is laid. Mr. Sullivan said the project will probably last until mid-August.

Mr. Sullivan said a Road and Bridge Department employee retired the end of March, and the Department is losing another employee on April 27, 2017. The Department is down a total of three employees and it is imperative to run a help wanted ad. Mr. Sullivan will post for one position with the hope of hiring three employees. He will talk to the Human Resources Department. Mr. Sullivan said he wants to change the starting salary range for new employees. He stressed that the Department strives for excellence and needs to be able to grow and groom new employees to work into the Department.

Mr. Sullivan reported that purchasing the laydown machine in Kansas City was not possible because it was not in the condition it was verbally represented to be. He has found another machine, which is more expensive, in the \$87,500.00 range, which he will pursue. He noted that it will be paving season soon.

Mr. Sullivan reported that there was a fatal accident at the intersection of Highway 112 and County Road 6 East on Monday, April 10, 2017. A truck ran a stop sign and hit another car. Colorado State Patrol was on scene and asked if a lighted stop sign could be installed at the intersection. Mr. Sullivan said the State highway department would be responsible for installing the sign. He will talk to the State sign division about the issue. Mr. Sullivan was asked to mention the possibility of installing a lighted stop sign at the intersection of County Road 3 East and Highway 112, as well. Commissioner Glover reported that he is having discussions with the State regarding the speed limit on County Road 3 East.

Mr. Sullivan reported that a solar-powered sign costs \$2,600.00. He suggested that the County could install a larger sign. He said Saguache County will not provide financial support for the larger sign, but will support the installation. He said it might be possible to get support from CSP, Saguache County, Rio Grande County, and the State. A larger (30 inch) sign will cost \$1,200.00. CSP reports will notify the State that signage is needed. The consensus of the Board was to approve pursuing signage at this intersection.

Chairman Shriver asked if the Road and Bridge Department plows snow around the County buildings. Mr. Sullivan said the Department will drop sand around the buildings before the Department begins to plow County roads. The Department does not plow around the County complex; it hauls snow away after it is plowed. Mr. Sullivan said the Department helped the City of Monte Vista haul snow after the most recent storm, then hauled snow in Del Norte.

Mr. Sullivan said he is working on purchasing a truck for the Department. The build time is six months and the bid will increase by 5 percent. He requested approval to purchase the truck. Commissioner Bothell cautioned about purchasing a truck with an International engine. Mr. Sullivan said the International engine is the only option at this time; by June, a Cummins engine may be an option. Mr. Sullivan said he has conducted a great deal of research and the truck will be a good fit in the Department; he will ask about engine repairs. Commissioner Glover said the truck purchase needs to be done and noted that the engine could be changed at the time of purchase. The consensus of the Board was to approve the purchase, which was budgeted in the 2017 budget.

Chairman Shriver asked how address signs are handled when a property receives a new address. Randy Kern, Building Department, said the Building Department issues the address number, but not a sign. Mr. Sullivan said that signs are available for a fee of \$16.00 plus the cost of numbers for both sides plus the cost of a hanging bracket. Mr. Kern said that Tom McDaniel in South Fork is considering obtaining signs and putting them up. Mr. Kern said that South Fork is considering different colored signs for different districts.

At 10:00 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Ms. Diltz presented the Land Use Development Code Assessment, which will be published twice in the newspaper. Responses are due May 23, 2017. Ms. Diltz will also email the document to specific contacts.

Ms. Diltz said she is researching the State statute regarding home occupations. She explained that the County changed its code in 2010, and that a home occupation may not exceed 25 percent of the square footage of a residence.

Mr. Kern reported that he has been busy. He told the Board that in his year-end report, it showed that home starts had been low last year. So far in 2017, there have been five home starts, along with some residential additions, and 10 agricultural buildings.

Mr. Kern reported that the City of Monte Vista is working on back-flow prevention. There will be 26 inspections this year in commercial buildings.

Mr. Kern reported on the remodeling of the McMullen Building. Doors and windows have been cut. Insulation needs to be installed.

Mr. Kern reported that architects and builders from other areas have called him for advice and code information because they are unable to obtain information from their local building department staffs.

At 10:12 a.m., Mark Rudolph, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Fran Costanzi, Environmental Protection Agency, were present to discuss the land exchange between the County and the Forest Service at Summitville.

Mr. Rudolph explained that the Forest Service expects payment for the property it exchanges. The land exchanged needs to be equal in value. Mr. Rudolph and the Board reviewed maps of the area, and Mr. Rudolph said surveys were needed. Russell Surveyors and San Luis Valley GIS are estimating costs. Land owned by the County was identified, including 100 percent of the Town of Summitville. It was noted that there is some divided ownership, and a trust with 62 entities wants to donate its land to the County, which may take some time. The tax ramifications of this are unclear. Ms. Costanzi noted that some areas may need slight boundary modifications in order to maintain the Superfund site. When the environmental covenants are revised the land will be within the boundaries for maintaining the remedy and some of the boundaries may shrink. Interpretive signs will be installed. Ms. Costanzi explained that the boundaries will not expand.

Mr. Rudolph reported that he has received a revised map from Tom Malecek, of the Forest Service, that shows that only three or four areas need to be surveyed. Any mineral acreage will be kept together and will not be exchanged with the Forest Service.

There are 42 acres to exchange and the land will be appraised at a level that is high enough to exchange with the Forest Service. This area will complete the riparian corridor.

Commissioner Bothell asked about the covenants. Ms. Costanzi explained that no one will be able to access the Superfund site, so that no damage can be caused to the site. Mr. Rudolph said there might be hazards for trespassers on the site, and noted that the cyanide building will

be removed and possibly replaced with an outdoor classroom. He said there will be van access to the area and parking will be available outside the area. He said there is another building that might provide access for geologists. Other buildings will be repaired. Chairman Shriver noted that Adams State University is interested in using a building for various research work, which could include exploring the town site. Ms. Costanzi said it is in everyone's interest to keep the remedied site remedied.

Commissioner Bothell asked if there could be any digging on the site. Ms. Costanzi said that digging would be limited and no digging would be allowed in the remedied area. Chairman Shriver said that a definition of "mining" versus "archeological study" should be developed. She also said that parameters will be developed and that having the help of ASU will be good.

Ms. Wisdom said that this area will be a good place to study environmental issues, how the contamination happened and how it was remedied. She said the goal of the land exchange is to make the area an asset to the County.

Ms. Costanzi said the EPA wants to maintain the remedy but also to be able to provide options. She said the State, the County, and the Federal governments need to work together to make the area an asset. Ms. Costanzi also noted that when there are people around a site they notice problems and help protect the site.

Mr. Rudolph said he wants to coordinate a site visit that will include the BOCC, the Forest Service, and Western Lands Group, Inc., and conduct a day-long work session. June 13, 2017, is the preferred date for the site visit; June 9, 2017, is the alternate date.

Chairman Shriver said that public tours of the area will be conducted; tentative dates are July 14 and 15, 2017. There will be an open house and refreshments.

Mr. Rudolph said that there are buildings that will be removed and drone photos will be taken of the area. He said a goal for the area is to work with Colorado State University to conduct vegetative mapping to determine if the plants in the area are healthy. He said the root base of the plants is holding the soil together, and this base may have declined since it was last mapped. This could be because of a lack of nutrients or that more native plants are growing in place of the seeded plants. CSU will test the soil, amend it, and then test it again. The area may need to be fertilized.

Mr. Rudolph said there are places that can be used for classrooms, test plots could be developed, and retreats can be held. Dorms or yurts could be built where people could stay; recreational vehicle hook-ups could be installed; camping areas could be provided.

Chairman Shriver thanked Mr. Rudolph for his contribution with the Brownfields workshop. She said the workshop was well attended. She also said there is interest from Homelake and the Monte Vista Cemetery for Brownsfield consultation. Ms. Wisdom also said that the City of Monte Vista has obtained a block grant for building remediation and wants more information.

At 11:07 a.m., Gary Johnson, SLV Neighborhood Watch, was present. As part of the Monte Vista Ice Skating Committee, he reported that the ice rink and pavilion are cleared out. A contractor was used for this work, rather than using volunteers. A contractor will be used next winter to set up the rink again. Next winter the ice rink will be expanded to include a warming shed, refreshments, and skates. Mr. Johnson said that the Road and Bridge Department pulled up the barrier poles.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Neighborhood Watch program has changed. A goal of the program is to include businesses. A fund raising gala is being planned that will feature a silent auction, the San Luis Valley Big Band, community awards, and a gourmet dinner. Mr. Johnson said that the SLV Neighborhood Watch is working. Crime has decreased in Monte Vista and good things have happened.

Chairman Shriver asked if the program is working in Del Norte and South Fork. Mr. Johnson said that setting up programs in these towns is the next step, with a larger goal being to make it a Valley-wide program. He said that Del Norte has started a program and has an active organization, which has received help from Del Norte Bank.

At 11:28 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the March 2017, Veterans Service Report. The report was signed.

At 11:30 a.m., Tom Slade, South Fork Ranches, was present to provide an overview of the planned unit development in South Fork. Mr. Slade explained that the South Fork Ranches PUD

was the first one built in Rio Grande County. The Rio Grande Club golf course is part of the PUD; Willow Park is not part of the PUD. Most of the property is north of the river. The River Front area consists of 19 lots and the Bear Creek area is north of County Road 15. Both River Front and Bear Creek have their own home owners associations. Sub-associations have been created within South Fork Ranches that have been turned over to the homeowners.

Mr. Slade explained that the whole area has been platted. There are 13 sub-associations, nine of which are active. One area of South Fork Ranches is comprised of 38 lots, 35 of which are owned by one person. Mr. Slade noted that a change of use can be sought if this area will not remain residential.

In 2009, the developer of South Fork Ranches turned the property over to the homeowners. The homeowners then worked to make the property compliant with Colorado law. A road engineer was hired to get the roads in compliance, and some roads will be rebuilt this summer. The South Fork Ranches master HOA is complying with all County specifications. The developer turned over the declarant and entitlement responsibilities to the master HOA, which allows the HOA to manage further development and ensure that units are built properly. The County approved the building of 1,207 lots. If more lots are needed, a request will be made of the County.

Mr. Slade explained that South Fork Ranches wants to keep the golf course a golf course and it will not be divided. The golf course has its own water.

Mr. Slade reported that letters have been sent to the sub-associations detailing water availability and what can be built. He said there is enough water to support a 100 percent build-out of the property. He also said that there is flexibility in how units can be distributed. If an area has 46 units and wants 50, the additional units would have to be purchased, along with the water to support the units. Any changes of use would require permission from the declarant and the County would be approached for permits. Mr. Slade asked that if the County is approached by someone, the County makes sure the HOA has been contacted first.

Mr. Slade explained that each HOA has its own bylaws, covenants, and rules, which are posted on the South Fork Ranches website: www.southforkrancheshoa.com. The HOA owns the roads and the walking path. It works with the County Weed District and Ciello.

Dixie Diltz was introduced to Mr. Slade, and they agreed to keep each other apprised of issues that might come up. Commissioner Glover said the PUD is nicely defined and thanked Mr. Slade for the presentation.

At 12:10 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:30 p.m., a letter of intent to be appointed to the Tourism Board from Kazie Hayes was presented. Ms. Hayes will represent South Fork on the board. Commissioner Glover moved to appoint Ms. Hayes to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A public hearing on a conditional use permit was called to order. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Paul Yutzy were present. Mr. Yutzy requested a conditional use permit to operate a laminated post manufacturing facility at 5590 Highway 370, Monte Vista. Ms. Diltz reported that notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper on February 22, 2017. Notices to neighbors were sent on February 24, 2017. There was no response from neighbors. The conditional use application was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 21, 2017. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use application, with three stipulations:

- A legal survey has to be done. The survey has been mailed to Ms. Diltz. However, the survey was drawn as a division of land, so a site survey is still needed for the 3.18 acres being used for the manufacturing facility.
- A Colorado Department of Transportation access permit must be received. This is in process. A CDOT inspector will look at the property and the access may have to be widened.
- The building will need to be changed because it was built as an agricultural building, and will now have to meet codes for use as a manufacturing building.

It was noted that the two metal buildings on the property, which measure 48 by 90 feet, are adequate for manufacturing. A restroom is accessible for employees and customers. A waste water treatment system has been installed and is acceptable.

Commissioner Bothell asked for a description of the lamination process. Mr. Yutzy explained that a machine glues and nails pieces of wood together. The poles can be made to the specifications of the buyer.

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the conditional use application for a laminated post manufacturing facility. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 3357

The public hearing was closed.

At 1:43 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented an abatement of taxes for Lee A. Welch, in the amount of \$863.87. The abatement is due to a clerical error. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the abatement of taxes. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning. The agreement includes the six Valley counties, Chaffee County, and all the municipalities in the area. The agreement provides local, rather than State control of transportation. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from CDOT requesting applications for persons to sit on the Safe Route to School Advisory Committee. It was agreed that Commissioner Glover would continue to be the County's representative on this committee.

A meeting with CDOT Region 5 is scheduled for May 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in either Del Norte or South Fork. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how CDOT and the County can work together to improve highways throughout the State. The discussion will include customer service issues, signs, etc. Ms. Wisdom said it is important that the City of Monte Vista be included.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Sand Dunes Drifters 4-H club has requested the use of the McMullen Building and pavilion for a meeting June 23 to 25, 2017. The club requested that the rental fee be waived. Commissioner Glover moved to waive the rental fee for this meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that an ICS-402-Incident Command System Overview for Executives and Senior Officials course is being scheduled. The date, time, and venue are pending. David Osborn, San Luis Valley Regional Field Manager, will be the instructor. The course will be three hours long, and municipalities can be invited, along with County department heads. The Board agreed that April 25, 2017, would be the preferred date, with May 16, 2017, as an alternate date.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from High Valley Community Center requesting funds from the Conservation Trust Fund for items for the new outdoor area: a tile basketball court and five units of playground safety surface. Chairman Shriver noted that municipalities also want to complete projects and these projects should be discussed before a decision can be made on the HVCC request. The issue will be discussed at the April 26, 2017, meeting of the BOCC.

At 1:56 p.m., Chairman Shriver reported attending the CTSI health pool meeting last week. The audit report provided a very clean report for the health pool.

Chairman Shriver reported that the San Luis Valley Commissioners Association will meet on April 17, 2017. The operational framework will be discussed at this meeting. This framework will determine how the organization functions and will serve as its bylaws. Each county will contribute operating funds in the amount of \$400.00, to start the project. Chairman Shriver said she discussed the issue with Conejos County, and it agrees.

At 2:00 p.m., a public hearing regarding a conditional use permit was called to order. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Eli Mast were present to request approval to operate a sawmill at 5595 East County Road 8 North, Monte Vista. Ms. Diltz reported that Mr. Mast met with the BOCC in February 2017, where the conditional use application was denied. Since that time, Mr. Mast has obtained a purchase agreement for 25 acres of adjacent land. Ms. Diltz reported that Mr. Mast is also requesting an amendment of zoning for the property to agricultural ranching from agricultural estate. Ms. Diltz noted that properties around Mr. Mast's property are zoned agricultural ranch.

Ms. Diltz reported that notifications to neighbors were sent a second time on February 24, 2017, and notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper on February 22, 2017. There has been no response from neighbors.

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the change of zoning of Mr. Mast's property to agricultural ranch from agricultural estate. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Diltz reported that the survey of the five-acre area of the sawmill has been completed. Chairman Shriver asked if there was adequate access to the property. Ms. Diltz said there is access from County Road 8 South and from County Road 6 East. Ms. Diltz reported that the property now has a Rio Grande County address. There are no other requirements, and the Planning and Zoning Commission is satisfied. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the conditional use application as written. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Shriver noted that the fee paid for the previous conditional use application applies to this application.

Ms. Diltz told Mr. Mast that the resolution will be signed when the purchase of the additional land is completed and the deed is recorded with a copy to Ms. Diltz.

The public hearing was closed.

At 2:09 p.m., Ms. Wisdom brought up the topic of snow days and snow plowing around the County complex. Chairman Shriver reported that the day after the last snow storm, she came in the east door of the courthouse as Rio Grande County Sheriff Brian Norton came in the west door at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sheriff Norton was upset that snow had been plowed away from the street in front of the courthouse, but had not been plowed from the front of the jail or from the south parking lot by the jail. Chairman Shriver investigated and noted that vehicles were parked on the street in front of the jail, so the area could not have been plowed. There were also cars in the south parking lot. Chairman Shriver said in the past that the parking lot had been plowed by the Sheriff's Department with a four-wheeler. She said a policy is needed for County staff plowing the County complex. She said cars need to be moved. The Maintenance Department clears the edges of the complex and the Town of Del Norte plows the streets. Commissioner Glover noted that there are always cars parked in front of the jail and in the parking lot, and that Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, should be included in this discussion. Commissioner Bothell said that the Maintenance Department does not clear the sidewalk in front of the jail, and that by statute the sidewalk must be maintained. Chairman Shriver indicated that when she inspected the parking area in front of the jail, the sidewalk was cleared.

Ms. Wisdom reported that County offices shut down early the day of the storm and said that employees had concerns that some employees got four hours off and others got three hours off. The employees have made a formal request for a two hour delay the day of a snow storm, and if employees have to leave early because of the weather, that time would be taken from their annual leave.

Chairman Shriver said this was an odd storm and that most employees were already at work before the storm worsened. Commissioner Glover suggested discussing the plowing issues with the Town of Del Norte.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the City of Trinidad is working with HCP, the company that provides tele-health and tele-psychiatry services to rural jails. HCP recently made a presentation to provide services for the Rio Grande County jail. Chairman Shriver suggested doing more research on the issue before making a decision regarding hiring HCP. She suggested talking with the southeast county commissioners at the next CCI meeting, or setting up a conference call with them, or visiting the Trinidad jail. Commissioner Glover said a decision is needed on this issue. Ms. Wisdom will call the City of Trinidad and arrange a discussion.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a request from a resident of the Town of Center to have the Road and Bridge Department and the BOCC look at a place they would like to build a sidewalk. Commissioner Glover said that power poles may have to be moved in order to build the sidewalk. There is concern about the width of the area where the sidewalk would go. It could be moved to the other side of the street, but a cross walk would have to be installed across Highway 112. A visit to the area was scheduled for April 19, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

At 2:30 p.m., Brianna Brannon, Weed District, was present to open chemical bids and to update the Board. Don Henderson, DP Ag Services, was also present. Chemical bids were received from DP Ag Services and Farm Service Center. No other bids were received via email.

DP Ag Services prices were:

CHEMICAL	AMOUNT	PRICE	PER UNIT
Locktite	2.5 gallon	\$ 36.67	per gallon
Vaporguard	2.5 gallon	\$ 16.00	per gallon
Plateau	1.0 gallon	\$143.01	per gallon
Milestone R&P	1.0 quart	\$ 85.35	per quart
RangeStar	2.5 gallon	\$ 23.49	per gallon
Hi-Dep	2.5 gallon	\$ 25.16	per gallon
Vanquish	2.5 gallon	\$ 64.46	per gallon

Farm Service Center prices were:

CHEMICAL	AMOUNT	PRICE	PER UNIT
Locktite	2.5 gallon	\$ 38.02	per gallon
Vaporguard	2.5 gallon	\$ 16.60	per gallon
Plateau	1.0 gallon	\$152.87	per gallon
Milestone Range and Pasture	1 quart	\$ 91.24	per quart
RangeStar	2.5 gallon	\$ 25.11	per gallon
Hi-Dep	2.5 gallon	\$ 26.90	per gallon
Vanquish	2.5 gallon	\$ 68.91	per gallon

Chairman Shriver noted that DP Ag Services provided the lowest prices on all the chemicals. Commissioner Glover moved to award the entire bid to DP Ag Services. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Brannon will notify Farm Service Center.

Commissioner Glover told Ms. Brannon about the plans to lay fiber optic cable from Wolf Creek to Shaw Creek, and noted that to try to spray weeds around the crews would likely be a waste of time. Ms. Brannon said there were some issues with the CDOT contract with the Weed District to spray weeds, and said that spraying could be done in October.

There will be a meeting of the Weed District advisory board on April 21, 2017, at Sunflour Bakery, in Monte Vista, at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Brannon reported that general equipment maintenance is being completed. Weed spraying will begin in about two weeks. The Weed District purchased a 200-gallon spray rig with no wheels. It has been modified with wheels so that it can move around. Supplies are being ordered and employee training is being readied.

Ms. Brannon reported that incorrect price calculations had been included in the contract with CDOT, and the contract is being revised. The previous contract with CDOT did not charge enough for chemicals. Because spot spraying is being done, only 70 percent will be charged for chemicals in the new contract. The previous contract charged \$12,500.00, and the previous Weed District supervisor guaranteed that chemical costs would not exceed \$2,700.00.

Ms. Wisdom asked how long it takes to spray a mile. Ms. Brannon said it depends on how fast the equipment is able to move. The average is three miles per hour for the employee cost. Ms. Wisdom suggested adding overhead costs, such as unemployment, equipment maintenance, and administrative time to the costs included in the contract.

Ms. Brannon said that CDOT may not act very quickly on the contract, and the contract could be finalized for CDOT's next fiscal year. The revised CDOT contract will be sent to the Board for its review.

Ms. Brannon said the new accounting system is working well and reports are good.

Ms. Brannon said a memorandum of understanding to spray weeds on San Luis and Rio Grande railroad property was sent to the railroad in February. There has been no response. Ms. Brannon has requested that it be returned by May 1, 2017, and has told the railroad that forced entry might be required.

Ms. Brannon reported that ditch companies are signing up for a weed spraying grant in 2018.

Ms. Brannon said she is still working on a plan to be able to float the river and map weeds.

There will be a meeting with the wildlife refuge on April 17, 2017, to finalize its weed management plan.

Ms. Brannon reported that most employees are not able to start work until the end of May, even though Ms. Brannon wants them to start earlier in May. Ms. Brannon is concerned because Hoary Cress is beginning to come up. She would like to extend the spraying season to September, but noted that employees will leave by the end of August.

At 3:01 p.m., Ms. Wisdom's birthday was celebrated.

At 3:15 p.m., Kristy Dennis, Human Resources Department, and Office Assistant Bobbie Hatton were present. Ms. Dennis reported that the jail roof is leaking. The roof was replaced in 2013. Siemens sub-contracted with Torres Plumbing and Heating, which sub-contracted the work to Greer Roofing Company. Ms. Dennis said the roof has several penetrations that are causing the leaks. She said special caulking and maintenance needs to be done, and noted that the Siemens warranty was unclear. Ms. Wisdom is researching the warranty. Chairman Shriver said the roof has never been satisfactory. Ms. Wisdom reported that the Siemens contract states that it should be contacted about any problems, but because Torres was the sub-contractor, she asked if this would void the contract. Chairman Shriver said that drains have been installed, but they are not draining properly. Ms. Dennis said that flashing was installed two years ago. Commissioner Glover recommended contacting Siemens so that repairs can start. Commissioner Bothell suggested talking with Grover Hathorn, who might be able to provide a recommendation for a repair company. Commissioner Glover said the roof should have an eight-to-ten-year warranty.

At 3:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bothell gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the approval of payroll and a change of time to 10:00 a.m. for the meeting of the Board of the Department of Social Services. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017, meeting, with changes. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:07 a.m., although the public comment session of the meeting had been closed, Charlotte Bobicki, Field Representative for Senator Michael Bennet, was present. She reported that President Donald Trump would be discussing tax cuts and North Korea today. Ms. Bobicki also reported that some cabinet positions are changing.

Chairman Shriver asked if Ms. Bobicki had any information regarding Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools funds coming to the County. Ms. Bobicki said that Senator Bennet is looking for help on SRS funding. Ms. Bobicki reported that she spoke to Saguache County, which lost \$96,000.00 in SRS funding this year. She said that counties are writing to Washington, D.C., about the importance of SRS funding. Ms. Bobicki will send copies of other counties' letters to Ms. Wisdom for use as a template for a letter from Rio Grande County. Ms. Wisdom reported that the County received \$29,000.00 in SRS funding this year, which is a significant decrease from the \$219,000.00 it received in 2016. Last year, \$50,000.00 was

distributed to the Road and Bridge Department, \$3,000.00 was distributed to the National Forest, and the remainder was distributed to the schools in the County. Ms. Bobicki said the Senator is working with local superintendents to gain support for SRS funds.

At 9:16 a.m., Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, was present to update the Board. He reported that the boiler is not working again, due to another natural gas leak. The repair person is scheduled for today.

Mr. Medina reported that there is a leak in the roof of the Department of Social Services building, which is likely coming through one of the heaters. The repair person scheduled to look at the boiler will also look at the roof today.

Ms. Wisdom told Mr. Medina that Century Link is installing new fiber for the court system and there is a leak in the room where the fiber comes in. It was suggested that the spigot be capped off, since the spigot is not used. Ms. Wisdom also asked when the wire would be removed from the new curb around the pipe near the front door of the courthouse. Mr. Medina said it would be removed when the lid is constructed for the box.

At 9:30 a.m., pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), the Board went into executive session for personnel matters.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:52 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented April 2017 end-of-the-month vouchers and April 2017 payroll. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the vouchers and payroll. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vouchers were signed.

April 2017 Mid-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Ann Burkhart	Annual Rent TV to wer	\$575.00
ASFPM Membership	2017 ASFPM Membership Land Use Rio Grande County	\$150.00
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Septic Services	\$80.00
CDHS Central Accounting	Court VA	\$1.00
Centurylink	719-657-9017 478	\$147.62
Centurylink	7196572744943	\$852.16
Centurylink	7196572003015	\$28.94
Centurylink	7198524781380	\$430.62
Centurylink	7196573325233	\$115.36
Centurylink	K7196570048014	\$731.64
Chaffee Cnty Public Hlth	EPSDT Contract Billing Jan - April 2017	\$5,780.00
Co Dept. of Labor & Employ	Tank Registration Acct 22630-00000-2017	\$35.00
Co Dept. of Pub Hlth & Env	Account 03-14 Isds Fees/"4" Owts X \$20 Each	\$80.00
Colo County Treasurer's	June Conference	\$150.00
Colo Public Trustee Assoc	Conference In June	\$75.00
Colorado Depart. of Revenue	01277561-0001/03/17-03/17 /84-6000800	\$194.00
Colorado Dept. of Health	Acct Vc174415 X-ray Machine	\$50.00
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Customer # 287831 Computer Services	\$2,624.96
Del Norte Auto Supply	3 Bags of Ice Melt #50	\$50.97
Del Norte Auto Supply	Acct 7048	\$164.42
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Acct 429 Troubleshoot Problem	\$305.40
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Battery for Coroner/Corrected Check Amount	\$102.00
District Attorney Office	4th of 2017	\$15,000.00
Dixie Diltz	Miles to Meetings and Code Enforcement	\$45.90
Early Childhood Council	April 2017	\$2,265.00
GCR Tire Center/Tds	Cust #636802	\$3,264.41
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 21609	\$31.61
Great America Financial	Agreement# 016-0939369-000	\$136.17
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Inv Cont 535908 536651	\$427.00
J & D Ultimate Embroidering	Nancy's Public Health Polo Shirt	\$28.73
Jack's Market	Acct 4000	\$90.43

Jade Communications, LLC	Acct# 2938	\$96.92
Kathy's Fabric Trunk	Quilt Sleeves for Display Purposes	\$57.36
Ken's Service Center	Acct RGSO	\$730.97
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay March 2017	\$1,250.00
LA Police Gear, Inc.	Acct 1164514	\$166.25
Lake County Health Dept.	March 2017	\$725.00
Leds, LLC	Icounty Storage/Access Fees/Jan/Feb/Mar	\$1,606.00
Maddox Collections	Pre-Employment Deputy Coroners	\$60.00
Maddox Collections	Acct RGSO	\$30.00
Mark Haas	2Nd 1/2 of Payment for Front Sidewalk	\$1,225.00
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Website Hosting for RGPP	\$89.85
Megan Wilson	Spring Conference - Canon City/ Election/ Hava Training	\$137.70
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Shredding	\$65.00
Mona Syring	2/24 to 3/25/2017 Clerk to the Board	\$383.60
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4530243	\$1,031.22
Monte Vista Journal	Subscription/MV Journal	\$34.75
Phil Long Ford	Acct RGSO/New Pickup	\$29,935.00
Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC	Inv Cont - 5038 5040 5042 5008 5009 5010 5013 5015 5016 5019 5021 5022	\$1,970.48
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$40.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water March	\$24.00
San Luis Valley TV Inc.	2nd Quarter Statement	\$1,436.25
Simple Distributors LLC	Toner	\$349.00
SLV Rec	Acct# 4705001905	\$3.00
Southern Colorado	Dues Southern Region Assoc.	\$75.00
State of Colorado	April 2017 Renewals	\$448.13
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Elevator Contract 17952/4/1-6/31/2017	\$794.04
Total Office Solutions	Rubber bands	\$16.28
Total Office Solutions	Acct 21609-0	\$287.43
Town of Del Norte	Museum 1512.01/Annex 1892.01/Courthouse 1822.01	\$255.92
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement/Freight on Paper Rolls	\$131.71
Valley Publishing	Acct RGSO/Deputy Ads	\$105.72
Valley Publishing	Employment Advertising	\$55.10
Valley Publishing	Acct RGSO/Subscription	\$34.75
Valley Publishing	Acct# 5374	\$297.00
Valley Publishing	Public Hearing Notices	\$72.00
Valley-Wide Health System	Acct 56345 Dental	\$479.00
Valuwest, Inc.	Commercial Reappraisal Pymt	\$3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 842020320-00001	\$237.77
Verizon Wireless	Acct 765509857-00002	\$102.02
Verizon Wireless	Acct 765509857-00004 So	\$1,257.89
Verizon Wireless	Acct#765509857-00005	\$143.86
Verizon Wireless	Acct 765509857-00006	\$223.23
Victim Assistance Fund	Court VA	\$1.00
Waste Management-	Inv 0967633-2521-2 MV	\$243.38
Waste Management-	Acct#65-0003178-2521-4	\$205.62
Weavers Level Best Septic	Snow Removal Mobilization Fee	\$215.00
WSB Computer Services	Document and Download Manager Ext. for Joomla/Dp Calendar	\$197.00
WSB Computer Services	Annex Computer Supplies 1/2 Pymt	\$5,907.50
WSB Computer Services	Website Creation 1/2 Now	\$1,125.00
WSB Computer Services	Wi-Fi System Long Range	\$101.00
Xcel Energy	Acct#53-1083310-0	\$1,996.20
Xerox Business Solutions, LLC	Indexing and Imaging Land Records/Annual Microfilm Storage	\$1,907.10
TOTAL		\$95,376.34

April 2017 End-of-the-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
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Adventure Media, LLC	2017 Grand Circle Travel Planner Advertising	\$2,595.00
Airgas USA, LLC	Inv# 1057488378/Acct# 2414544	\$263.61
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	January 2017	\$2,431.61
Alamosa County	SHSG 2015 M&A , Rent	\$300.00
All Truck and Trailer	Cust P/O B41/Customer #68263	\$89.11
Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv Cont 135467 136865 136868 136604 136889 132304/Acct# 1935	\$24,009.89
Brumley Plumbing Heating	Install Rp Backflow Prevention Device/Check for Leaks	\$552.51
Business Solutions Leasing, Inc.	Copier Lease	\$54.73
Centurylink	719-657-9167 029	\$126.23
Centurylink	7196574000294	\$531.52
Centurylink	7196572847 008	\$48.84
Centurylink	7196573454	\$58.43
Centurylink	7196570646508	\$160.04
Centurylink	72809885/719-657-2744	\$66.97
Centurylink	7198735588	\$51.89
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000703800	\$61.75
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000708800	\$59.95
Co Dept. of Pub Hlth & Env	03 Rg 0066F	\$152.90
Co. Bureau of Investigation	Acct RGSO/Toxicology	\$330.00
Coast To Coast Computer	Acct 291679/Toners	\$304.00
Columbine Automotive	Connectors/Circuit Breakers	\$58.00
Costilla County Public	January 2017	\$1,647.03
Del Norte Auto Supply	Acct# 7046	\$50.29
Devi Jardon	Black Ink and Book of Stamps	\$24.80
Dianne Koshak	Miles	\$97.20
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Cust# 429/Glass Mount Antenna/Programming New Mobile Radio	\$151.85
Direct TV	Acct #045235405	\$168.98
Drive Train Industries, Inc.	Acct# 56310	\$1,289.48
Dwight Freeman	Board Meeting and Miles	\$63.50
Emily Brown	Mileage/Preparedness Mobilization Mtng/Ad/Supplies	\$1,829.07
First Bankcard	Plan Proj 1 L 2/Proj 1 Plan L 3/ M&A L 2 / Acct# 4804079969931595	\$9,086.53
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 21611Can/Contract Agreement Fpu01780- 01	\$33.08
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756	\$57.04
Great America Financial	Agreement #025-1070947-0000	\$349.13
Great America Financial	Agreement # 015-0875950-000	\$452.00
Great America Financial	Agreement# 016-0939369-000	\$136.17
Grover Hathorn	Board Meeting and Miles	\$65.30
Haynie's Inc.	Acct# 7066	\$1,418.30
Ida Salazar	Mileage	\$162.00
Industrial & Farm Supply	Acct# 189	\$230.54
Internet Honey	Marketing Services, Email Delivery, Tourism Engine	\$121.48
Jack Rudder	Mileage and Per Diem	\$564.30
Jean Borrego	SHSG 2015 Proj 1 L 2/M & A Proj 1	\$304.92
Jean Borrego	SHSG 2015 Proj 1 Planning/Coord Salary	\$5,000.00
Kenneth Vanlwarden	Board Meeting/Miles	\$63.50
Lenco West, Inc.	Hydraulic Hoses, Nuts, Bolts	\$234.95
Leonard Brown	Board Meeting	\$50.00
Leroy A Romero	April Office Cleaning	\$150.00
Lockton Companies, LLC	Policy # G24809663003	\$790.00
Lyle Signs, Inc.	Cust# R10011	\$225.90
Mackey Construction Co.	Paint/Dimple	\$120.72
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Annual Registration Renewal 1 Year	\$33.90
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Website Hosting (3Mo), Search Engine Opt, Website Updates, Website Updates	\$247.50
Michael Mitchell	Board Meeting/Miles	\$65.30
Minerals Technology Corp.	Rust Solvent	\$176.88

	Inv Cont - 25440 25406 26583 42255	
Monte Vista Cooperative	12772/Acct# 4531231	\$397.61
Monte Vista Machine Tool	Repair Nut and Bolt	\$36.00
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	Wheel Seal/Blue UCB Connector	\$105.64
Nancy Molina	Mileage	\$40.50
O & V Printing, Inc.	Information Sheet Folders	\$65.00
Peggy J Kern	Mileage	\$9.45
Pen Craft Design Company	Retainer for April	\$800.00
Psychological Resources	Acct RGSO/Psych Test for New Hire	\$135.00
Pts of America, LLC	Acct 1652	\$4,479.00
Rock Water Management, LLC	April Rent	\$450.00
Rogers Family Mortuary, Inc.	Transport	\$700.00
Russell Surveyors & Associates, Inc.	Professional Services	\$4,233.75
Safety - Kleen	Parts Washer Service/Solvent	\$210.94
Saguache Co Public Health	January 2017	\$1,081.80
Saguache Co Public Health	EPSDT Services/March 2017	\$775.00
Shamrock Foods Company	10557026, 10562829	\$6,123.03
SLV Auto Repair, LLC	Inspect Check Engine Light	\$85.58
	Acct RGSO/Replace Windshield 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan	\$290.00
SLV Glass, Inc.	SLV Heritage Tourism Brochure Printing	\$600.00
SLV Museum Association	Acct's # 1337000605/7000235200/7000524700/70005414 00	\$625.00
SLV REC	Acct# 4705001905	\$100.00
SLV REC	Acct #10274	\$332.50
South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.	Cable and Speaker	\$29.98
Southern Colo. Computer	Phone Supplies/Computer Supplies	\$191.34
Staples Business	Acct RGSO/Water Softener	\$240.00
Steffens Plumbing	Miles to CS & Expenses	\$307.45
Stephen Hunseker		
Susan Cullen	Travel - Uber/Meals/Meals for Conference	\$1,027.20
	Acct 5660/Water Not Shutting Off In Shower/Install 2 Circ Pumps for Hot Water	\$5,009.65
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC	Ribbon/Acct #21608-0	\$144.66
Total Office Solutions	Acct# Riogr007	\$180.50
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Ad for Pt Airport Manager	\$100.05
Valley Courier	Detention 4/1-4/18	\$189.00
Valley Courier	Ad for Equipment Operator	\$220.50
Valley Courier	Ad for Public Health Nurse 4/15/17-5/2/17	\$135.00
Valley Lumber and Supply, Inc.	Concrete Mix/Getz Culvert	\$13.44
Valley Publishing	Ad for Pt Airport Manager	\$27.75
Valley Publishing	Acct RGSO/ Dispatch 4/5-4/12	\$57.00
Valley Publishing	Health Fair 2017 Ad	\$210.00
Valley Tractor Repair	Starter/Cust P/O A59	\$375.30
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 842020320	\$237.90
Volvo of Denver	Acct# 478100	\$1,540.44
	Inv Cont - So3W0830488 Po3C0439909 Po3C0437433 Po3C0439910 Pooc1958042 Pooc1960759 Pooc1960760 Po3C0439340 Po3C0440772/Acct# 74470	\$1,998.87
Wagner Equipment	Board Meeting/Miles	\$63.50
Wesley O'Rourke	Acct# 0406-00-819100-9	\$199.63
Wex Bank	Acct 0406-00-821424-9	\$2,851.35
Wex Bank	Legal Fees/Miles	\$632.25
William F. Dunn	Toner Magenta/Black Print head	\$86.00
WSB Computer Services	Maintenance Contract Agreement	\$1,815.00
WSB Computer Services	Acct# 53-1143312-0	\$1,244.84
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$3,320.51
Xcel Energy		
Total		\$101,893.53

April 2017 Payroll

County General:	\$195,885.81
Road and Bridge:	\$ 72,759.21
Social Services:	\$111,275.26
Weed District:	\$ 3,570.67
Public Health:	\$ 20,608.57
TOTAL:	\$404,099.52

At 9:53 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that there will be a meeting on May 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Chambers, with the Colorado Department of Transportation Region 5. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the needs and interests of the County. Chairman Shriver asked if the municipalities could be invited, and Ms. Wisdom said that according to CDOT, they could not, because CDOT wants to talk with only the BOCC. Chairman Shriver and Commissioner Glover agreed that a representative from each town should be invited to the meeting. Commissioner Glover also suggested inviting Julie Constin, from the Durango CDOT office, who is very interested in rural areas. Ms. Wisdom will extend the invitations to Ms. Constin and the town managers of Monte Vista, Del Norte, and South Fork.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 10:26 a.m., the meeting resumed. Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board.

Ms. Brown reported that the Department is replacing a Public Health nurse. Applications for the position will close on May 3, 2017, and the goal is to fill the position by June 1, 2017. Until the new nurse is hired, there will be no travel clinics. Other available travel clinics will be posted online.

Chairman Shriver asked if the Public Health nurse position could be combined with the jail nurse position in Alamosa. Ms. Brown said she would find out.

Ms. Brown reported that a Youth Summit is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2017, to be held in conjunction with several other organizations. The summit will focus on prevention efforts.

Ms. Brown asked the Board how it wants to participate in the emergency preparedness exercise on June 17, 2017. She noted that the Rio Grande County Emergency Manager starts on May 1, 2017, but that Jim Felmlee will serve in that capacity for the emergency exercise. Commissioner Bothell said that participants in the exercise should play the roles they would play in an actual emergency. Ms. Brown will look for a "cheat sheet" to help establish roles. She noted that she is working on setting up the exercise, and may use the McMullen Building at Ski Hi Park. Commissioner Bothell said that the San Luis Valley 911 Emergency Telephone Authority would like to participate in the exercise. Ms. Brown will contact the Authority.

Ms. Brown introduced Nancy Molina, Prevention Coordinator for Communities that Care. Ms. Molina has made presentations to the Town of Del Norte, the City of Monte Vista, and the Kiwanis club. Members of the CTC Youth Council were also present: Lesli Lopez, Monte Vista High School; Brandy Hoffstaetter, Monte Vista High School; Ryan Marquez, Del Norte High School, and Lacey Jones, Del Norte High School.

Ms. Molina thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the CTC program and for its support.

The CTC program is modeled on how to achieve better outcomes for communities in terms of preventing youth problem behaviors. It involves the entire community, youth, and key leaders. The program is data driven, with the data coming from each specific community. CTC is evidence based and outcome focused. Ms. Molina said that 40 communities in Colorado are participating in the CTC program.

The program consists of five phases. In the first phase, community leaders met in January. The program is now in phase two, which is organizing the program within the community. Participants are being recruited and work groups are being created. In phase three, a community profile will be developed, including risk factors for youth in the community. When the risk factors are established, one or two priorities will be chosen, needs will be reviewed, and resources will be found to deal with the risk factors. Ms. Molina noted that the community board will make these decisions. A plan will be created in phase four, and programs will be chosen to target the priorities. The program will be evaluated in phase five.

Ms. Molina reported that in a large trial, CTC achieved powerful results: a 33 percent decrease in tobacco use, a 32 percent decrease in alcohol use, and a 25 percent decrease in delinquent behavior. Chairman Shriver asked the youth representatives if drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are problems. They said they are.

Ms. Molina explained that the program includes social development strategies and relationships are developed with youth in the community. Healthy behaviors are modeled by coalition leaders.

Mr. Marquez said that he has seen an increase in drug and alcohol use since he was in middle school (he is now a senior in high school). Ms. Lopez said it is stupid to use substances. Ms. Hoffstaetter said that students use substances to cope and they need better options. Chairman Shriver asked if Mr. Marquez could stay involved with the program after he graduates. He said he will not be able to, but wants to help start the program.

Chairman Shriver asked if the Youth Council's peers will buy into the program. Mr. Marquez said he hopes so. Commissioner Glover asked if CTC was getting buy-in from the Town of Del Norte. Ms. Jones said that freshmen are interested, and Ms. Lopez said that the Council is making presentations to eighth-grade classes. The vision of the Youth Council is to become role models to influence younger children.

Chairman Shriver asked how the Board could help. Ms. Molina asked for continued support for the CTC program, and for the Board to act as key leaders. She asked that the Board tell the community about the program.

Ms. Molina reported that a group of fourth graders will make a presentation of their own creation at the Rio Grande Prevention Partners meeting on May 2, 2017, at the Chamber of Commerce in Monte Vista, at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Wisdom asked what options are available to students with risky behaviors. Ms. Hoffstaetter said the Youth Council can be a support system and provide students with someone with whom to talk.

Chairman Shriver asked if San Luis Valley Behavioral Health is involved in the CTC program. Ms. Molina said it is part of the coalition. Ms. Molina explained that youth are impacted in many ways. She said working with community members and organizations in Denver will help determine options and ways to get involved. She said there is on-going training.

Ms. Brown added that CTC will work with the community to provide options for youth activities. The source of problems will be identified and prevention efforts will be focused on these problems.

Ms. Molina is keeping the principals of the schools involved. Sargent schools are not involved in the program at this time, but may get involved later. Ms. Brown said that the Public Health Partnership is reviewing Public Health data from the last five years, so this is a good time to build prevention efforts.

Chairman Shriver asked about the budget to support the CTC program. Ms. Brown explained that the program is fully funded this year, in the amount of \$130,000.00. The program will be funded with \$150,000.00 in 2018. The funds for the program come from marijuana taxes, and other sources such as Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. The funding includes salaries for Ms. Molina and Penny Plummer, who is compiling the Public Health data. The goal is make the program sustainable. Ms. Brown said that the IOG is being combined with the CTC program and the State is enthusiastic. Ms. Wisdom suggested including someone from the Workforce board in the program; Ms. Molina will contact the board.

Ms. Wisdom asked at what age youth could get involved in the program. Ms. Molina said, "the younger, the better." The program will start working with high school students first, then trickle down to younger grades. Ms. Brown said the program has received support from local schools and is working so that it can continue easily as students graduate.

Chairman Shriver thanked Ms. Molina and the Youth Council for the presentation.

Ms. Brown reported that training for the emergency exercise will be held on May 18, 2017. Roles and activities will be discussed. She said that the Assessor's Office and DSS are participating. She will contact the Road and Bridge Department about its participation, as well.

Ms. Brown reported that the updating of the Annex IT is being completed. Electrical work is pending from Billings Electric, and WSB Computer Services is installing some equipment. Ms.

Brown said that some equipment will need to be covered and locked. Commissioner Bothell reported that SLV 911 allots \$6,000.00 per year for each county, and suggested that these funds could be used for the emergency communication equipment. Ms. Brown said that radios, telephones, and Wi-Fi are being tested at Ski Hi Park. Commissioner Glover suggested contacting the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative if more power is needed.

Ms. Brown reported that the Health Care Coalition is becoming its own entity and will need a fiscal agent. No agency has volunteered to be the fiscal agent. Ms. Brown said the coalition may become a non-profit organization and could work through the Development Resources Group or Rio Grande Hospital. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Community Action Agency, as part of DRG, might be helpful in terms of becoming the fiscal agent and providing a director. Ms. Brown said that the State is sending information to the federal government and needs names for where to send the funding. Ms. Brown said she would be willing to accept the responsibility for the County. She said the funds could possibly be combined with the Homeland Security grant and suggested that Jean Borrego could manage the grant. Ms. Brown said the fiscal agent could be changed in 2018. The scope of work has been received and the deliverables are similar to the deliverables of the Public Health Department. Reporting is also similar. Ms. Brown said she will speak to the hospital because the grant should be hospital focused. Ms. Wisdom volunteered to assist with the administration of the grant.

Ms. Brown said there will be a State Board of Health meeting in Alamosa, on May 27, 2017. She also expressed interest in attending the summer CCI session, June 5 through 7, 2017.

At 11:20 a.m., Adam Moore, Colorado State Forest Service, was present to update the Board. He presented the 2016 Forest Health report, which is developed in conjunction with the Forest Service and the Colorado State Forest Service. He explained that an aerial survey is conducted to assess the health of the forest. The survey includes fire mitigation and how insects affect the health of the forest. Mr. Moore said a wildfire reduction grant works well for the Valley.

Mr. Moore reported that there is no mountain pine beetle in Rio Grande County. However, the spruce beetle has had a huge effect in the County, while numbers are decreasing in the State. He said there has been a decrease in spruce beetle numbers in Saguache and Conejos Counties because the beetles are running out of food and are moving north. The spruce beetle will continue to affect the State for a few more years. Mr. Moore reported that there are some Douglas fir beetles in the County and there are more spruce bud worms in Costilla County than in Rio Grande County.

Mr. Moore explained that the forest makes the watershed healthy. This water is sent to other states.

Mr. Moore reported that the City of Monte Vista has been designated a Tree City USA, and has received a grant from the Tree Coalition to plant trees under power lines. Crab apple trees, junipers, and pines are good trees to plant under power lines. An education component is needed. The City is planting six trees. Mr. Moore said he is working with the Town of Del Norte to become a Tree City again.

Seedling sales are being held in Rio Grande County, and presentations are being made regarding insects. Mr. Moore works with the Colorado State University Extension Service on these projects.

Mr. Moore reported that he provided fire education at the Crane Festival, at Bear Creek, and at River Island Ranch. He explained that this included topics of defensible space and tree thinning. He noted that the wood chipper project with the South Fork Fire Department is working well. A fire mitigation brochure is being developed. A community wildfire protection plan is being developed for areas of the County that are out of the fire district (Rimrock, Jasper, and Rock Creek). Input is being received from the residents.

Mr. Moore presented the service agreement between the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, the Colorado State Forest Service, and Rio Grande County. This Title III agreement will provide wildfire education. Mr. Moore said the terms of the contract are the same as they were in 2016. Ms. Wisdom reported that the County will not receive Title III SRS funds this year. Mr. Moore said he would adjust the dollar amount of the contract, so that it will not exceed the amount of funds available. Mr. Moore said that 40 to 60 percent of the funding is federal funding, and the remainder comes from CSU. Ms. Wisdom verified the amount of County funding that is available. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the service agreement. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The agreement was signed.

In his role as a member of the San Juan Nordic Club, Mr. Moore told the Board that the club did not receive the CCI grant it applied for, so the matching funds from the County are not needed. He asked if the matching funds could be used in the future. Chairman Shriver said the Board could not commit the funds beyond the 2017 budget. The club is applying for a GOCO grant for a groomer for non-motorized trails. He asked if the County matching funds for the CCI grant could be used for the GOCO grant. The Board agreed they could.

At 11:50 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from Rogers Family Mortuary with a bid for transporting decedents from the Rio Grande County Coroner's Office to the El Paso County Coroner's Office for autopsies. A fee of \$350.00 per decedent will be charged, plus \$100.00 for the driver. It was explained that Coroner Stephen Hunzeker sent letters to all Valley mortuaries requesting bids, and Rogers Family Mortuary was the only one to respond. It was agreed that this arrangement would be in force until a vehicle is purchased for the Coroner's Office. The van from the Sheriff's Office can be sold.

Ms. Wisdom reported that one of the Sheriff's Office's canine units was sold to the Monte Vista police department for \$2,000.00. She said other vehicles may be put out for bid.

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

At 1:05 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a memorandum of understanding between CDOT and the Weed District for noxious weed control. Chemical expenses are listed, noxious weeds are identified, and labor charges are included. County Attorney Bill Dunn has reviewed the MOU. Commissioner Glover said that Highway 160 probably will not be sprayed in the area where fiber optic cable is being laid until September. Chairman Shriver noted that the MOU is between CDOT and the Weed District and does not require the Commissioners' signature. She asked if there should be a place in the MOU for Mineral County to sign.

Ms. Wisdom presented the CDA grant to the Weed District in the amount of \$75,000.00. The distribution of funds is spelled out and there is a one-to-one match. A 10 percent administration fee will be paid to San Luis Valley Weed Management and a 10 percent administration fee will be paid to the Weed District.

Commissioner Glover noted that the expenses are on Brianna Brannon's laptop and can be printed out easily. The BOCC is pleased with the cost controls that have been developed.

Commissioner Bothell asked if Mineral County has a Weed District. Commissioner Glover said it does, but it is not spraying the Highway 160 area because of a lack of equipment and the expense of the job.

Ms. Wisdom presented an MOU between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Rio Grande County in the amount of \$87,500.00 for work at Summitville from the Western Lands Group, Inc. This work is related to the land exchange between the Forest Service and the County. Chairman Shriver clarified that the costs of this work will be paid by CDPHE and not the County. The estimated costs include:

Collection Agreement with USFS/RGNF:	\$15,000.00
Phase I ESA:	\$ 4,000.00
Survey (field work):	\$12,000.00
BLM Supplement Plat:	\$ 2,500.00
WLG Fees/Expenses:	\$36,500.00
TOTAL:	\$70,000.00
25 Percent Contingency:	\$17,500.00
Estimated Costs:	\$87,500.00

Commissioner Bothell said that if more remediation of the site is needed, the County will not be liable for the payment. Chairman Shriver said that the Environmental Protection Agency and CDPHE will manage the site and the liability. She also said that definitions of "digging" need to be developed. It was agreed to table this discussion until later in the meeting.

At 1:30 p.m., Nancy Butler, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, was present to request a letter of support to GOCO for RiGHT's funding request for conservation easements on the Nash, Encantada, and Twin Pines ranches in the Del Norte area. Ms. Butler explained that RiGHT is a local land trust. It is requesting \$3.1 million to conserve the three ranches. The ranches will be protected through conservation easements with restrictions, which RiGHT enforces.

Commissioner Bothell asked how the conservation easements will work in the future. Ms. Butler explained that the land owners continue to own the land. When the land owners die, the land is

passed to an estate or it is sold. The conservation easement restrictions remain with the land and a new owner will have to abide by them. Chairman Shriver noted that most easements are created in perpetuity.

Ms. Butler explained that a connector trail will be created on the property line of the Twin Pines ranch to connect to Del Norte and popular biking trails on nearby public lands. Commissioner Bothell asked if the connector trail will become public land. Ms. Butler said that the owner of the Twin Pines ranch also owns the Mortensen ranch adjacent to the Twin Pines ranch and is allowing the trail on the back fence line. This will be a public access easement, and is specific to this property. The use of the ranch may change at some time, but it must remain a ranch.

Commissioner Glover asked if the water is protected with the conservation easements. Ms. Butler said that the water must stay with the land. She also said that the Twin Pines water may be leased in the future, but these leases will be short-term leases, with the caveat that the water must remain in the Rio Grande Basin.

Commissioner Glover clarified that the connector trail will be on BLM land and will be approximately three miles in length. Ms. Butler said this will create a great trail for families and has a great deal of potential. Chairman Shriver asked if the trail will be on the Twin Pines ranch only, and Ms. Butler said it would.

Ms. Wisdom asked if conservation easements increase the value of the land. Ms. Butler explained that an appraiser will provide a value without the easement, with a public easement, and with a conservation easement. The difference between these values is the conservation value.

The letter of support states that these easements will protect the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. Commissioner Bothell asked where the Flycatcher will be protected with these easements. Ms. Butler said there is potential habitat on the Nash and Encantada ranches. She said that protecting this habitat is an asset for the County because it eliminates the need for permitting when areas with willows need to be cleaned.

Commissioner Bothell asked how the \$3.1 million would be spent. Ms. Butler said the money would be used for conservation and no other payments to the land owners would be made. Ms. Butler explained that the Colorado Water Conservation Board contributed matching funds for the Nash ranch easement, which is not yet completed.

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:50 p.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that a Certified Development Finance Association conference will be held on May 16, 2017. Funding for specific projects will be discussed. She reported that she sent information on repairing the City of Monte Vista's waste water treatment facility used by Proximity Malt, LLC. Chairman Shriver said that the fees for this conference can be waived. She also said that the City of Monte Vista needs assistance in obtaining funding. This project will benefit the economic development of the area. Commissioner Bothell noted that the waste water facility should be able to run year long.

At 1:55 p.m., Chairman Shriver asked if the Board agreed with sending pictometry information to the Assessor's Office. The Board agreed, noting that this service is expensive.

Chairman Shriver reported on information received at recent DRG and Council of Governments meetings. There are four new businesses in La Jara. San Luis Valley Rural Electric is providing the area with broadband service. Housing permits are being issued and low income housing is being constructed. She reported that the City of Alamosa is purchasing water rights and is building a \$300,000.00 animal shelter with Alamosa County. A dog park is also being built. Chairman Shriver reported that Costilla County has issued a moratorium on marijuana. She said that Creede is building a gazebo, and telephone service is being improved in Creede.

At 2:00 p.m., a public hearing was opened to discuss distribution of SRS funds. Chris Burr and Angie Velasquez, Del Norte school district, and Robert Webb, Monte Vista school district, were present.

Ms. Wisdom explained that the County received \$219,000.00 in SRS funding in 2016. Of this, \$115,000.00 was distributed to County schools. She said that 2017 funding is in the amount of \$26,600.00, and can be distributed to schools or the Road and Bridge Department; it cannot be split. In order to comply with State statutes, three members of each school district and three members from the County must decide how to distribute the funds.

Mr. Burr commented that the Center school district is in Saguache County. Mr. Webb noted that most Center students live in Saguache County, as well. Commissioner Glover said that the Center school should be represented, and Mr. Webb said the superintendent from Sargent school should also be in attendance.

Mr. Burr said that it would be a benefit to distribute the funds to the schools in order to recapture other funding. Chairman Shriver noted that the Board needs to verify if the amount of the SRS funds will be removed from PILT funds. Mr. Webb stated that the Center school stands to lose \$330,000.00 in SRS funding.

The consensus of the group was to agree to clarify the questions. Mr. Webb asked if more funding will be available later and Ms. Wisdom said she would research the issue. Ms. Wisdom will provide information to the State indicating that the public hearing was held, and will email the participants with new information.

At 2:18 p.m., the public hearing was closed.

At 2:19 p.m., the Board discussed and clarified the specific terms of the CDPHE contract regarding the land exchange at Summitville. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was noted that this will start the appraisal process.

At 2:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board