

Ms. Bartee said that the existing space is difficult to navigate. Chairman Shriver said the office would be good for the Fair Board and recommended that the County Building Department be consulted. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the building of the office at the McMullen Building, contingent on the involvement of the Building Department and possible funding from the Stampede Committee. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Bartee requested a letter from the Board stating that it has approved building the office. Ms. Wisdom will send the letter.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 10:27 a.m., the BOCC meeting resumed. Adam Moore, San Juan Nordic Club, was present to discuss a San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative Grant. The funds (\$35,000.00) from the grant will be used to purchase trail grooming equipment. A UTV will be purchased for \$6,000.00; a trailer to haul the UTV will be purchased for \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00; a special groomer, which can be pulled behind a snowmobile or a motorcycle will be purchased for \$3,000.00. Mr. Moore said matching funds were needed for this grant, and asked if these funds might be available from the County's Conservation Trust fund. Chairman Shriver asked if there were any other sources for matching funds. Mr. Moore said that the Bureau of Land Management will contribute \$2,000.00 and the San Juan Nordic Club will contribute \$1,000.00. Other matching funds will come from other sources (\$150.00 to \$250.00), and Kristi Mountain Sports will contribute \$250.00, plus there will be in-kind donations of grooming trails and trail maintenance. Chairman Shriver said the San Juan Nordic Club is good at grooming trails for the public's use. She also said that the County has purchased supplies and equipment for the club in the past, and noted that Conservation Trust funds can only be used for recreational projects. Other counties help with trail maintenance and the trails are used for both winter and summer activities. Chairman Shriver said that the Town of South Fork is developing more winter activities.

Commissioner Bothell asked where the Nordic Club maintains trails. Mr. Moore said the three main trails are in Rock Creek, Big Meadows, and the South Fork Guard Station. Other trails are at Bishop Rock, the Monte Vista golf course, and at 4UR Ranch.

Chairman Shriver said that this project would be a good use of Conservation Trust funds. Commissioner Glover asked how long the equipment would last. Mr. Moore said the club has two snowmobiles and two groomers from the 90s, 2000, and 2010. He said the new equipment should last for the long term. Mr. Moore added that \$400.00 to \$600.00 is spent to maintain the equipment every year. Chairman Shriver noted that the County does not pay for equipment maintenance. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the matching funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Conservation Trust funds, contingent on the San Juan Nordic Club receiving the grant. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Moore requested a letter of support from the Board. Ms. Wisdom will write the letter.

At 10:37 a.m., a public hearing regarding a conditional use permit was opened. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, Lester Yoder, Eli Mast, and Edwin Hostetler were present and sworn in. Mr. Mast has requested a conditional use permit to operate a sawmill at the County Line Road and County Road 8 South (5595 East County Road 8 South, Monte Vista). Ms. Diltz reported that notices to neighbors were mailed on December 9, 2016. Public notice of the hearing was published in the Monte Vista Journal on December 23, 2016. The application was heard by the Planning and Zoning Commissioner on January 17, 2017, where it was denied because the property is zoned as agricultural estate.

Mr. Mast said the operation is a small sawmill and he wants to pursue the business as a home-based business. Chairman Shriver asked how long Mr. Mast has been operating the sawmill. Mr. Mast said it has been operational since July 2016. Chairman Shriver asked if he was aware of County codes when he started the business. Mr. Mast said he was not aware of the County codes, and made the conditional use application when he became aware. Chairman Shriver asked how large the operation is. Mr. Mast said that 2,000 to 3,000 board feet is the maximum production per day.

Ms. Diltz said that the way the operation is currently laid out, it is too large to be considered a home occupation. It takes up too much land. A home occupation may occupy 25 percent of a residence. Ms. Diltz explained that out buildings can be used, but the business must be in the residence. Commissioner Glover noted that the sawmill is outside and not in the home. He asked how much lumber would be stockpiled. Mr. Mast said that logs would be delivered once or twice a month. He said there would be some leftover logs to store. Commissioner Glover asked if there was a kiln at the sawmill. Mr. Mast said there is no kiln. Mr. Mast also said that the business would not create a traffic problem, and he will clean up the area so that it will not be an eyesore.

There are two addresses on this property and Chairman Shriver asked why Mr. Mast does not want to change it. Mr. Mast said he has shipping accounts that use the address; however, he will change the address if it is required by the Board.

Chairman Shriver said the options of the Board are to approve the conditional use permit as presented with conditions, deny the application per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, or consider the matter for 30 days. Commissioner Bothell said the sawmill is a good use of the land because the land cannot be irrigated or grazed, and there are two paved roads that provide access to the property. But she said that the business does not follow the rules, even with a conditional use permit.

Mr. Mast said he was open to suggestions. Commissioner Bothell said she appreciated that improvements are being made on the residence, and Commissioner Glover said the logs are being stored behind the house. Mr. Mast said the logs will be kept where they are, and noted that the sawmill is a good use of the corner of the property. He said he does not see a need for a larger log yard, and asked if there needs to be a cap on the number of boards he can process. Commissioner Glover said that this was not addressing the issue. Commissioner Bothell moved to consider the issue over a period of 30 day to determine if a zoning change is needed or if another resolution can be found. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Mast said that he could purchase more property from a neighbor. Ms. Diltz said that John Yoder owns 60 to 70 acres adjoining Mr. Mast's property, and has a conditional use permit to operate a chicken barn on that property. Mr. Yoder has offered to sell 25 acres to Mr. Mast, and will be able to maintain his conditional use permit. This would give Mr. Mast the required 35 acres to request a zoning change. Mr. Yoder's property is zoned as agricultural ranch. She said that once the property is purchased, a zoning change could be requested, then a conditional use application could be made to operate the sawmill. Chairman Shriver said that the Board would need to review the purchase agreement. Ms. Diltz asked if Mr. Mast would have to come before the BOCC or the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. Commissioner Glover said that waiting 30 days will allow everyone involved time to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Mast asked if the conditional use permit will be approved if he buys the additional property. Commissioner Bothell said that he would still be eligible for the permit. Ms. Diltz recommended that Mr. Mast draft the purchase contract with the contingency of conditional use permit being approved. Commissioner Glover recommended that no money be spent until everything is in order. Chairman Shriver recommended to Mr. Mast that he hire an attorney or a real estate agent or work directly with Mr. Yoder. She noted that the Board cannot supply legal advice. Ms. Diltz asked that a site map be added to application.

At 10:55 a.m., the public hearing was closed.

At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing was opened regarding a minor subdivision exemption. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Michael Jay Widger were present and sworn in. Ms. Diltz reported that the address of the 80-acre property is 8698 South County Road 3 East, Monte Vista. The property is zoned agricultural ranch. Notifications to neighbors were mailed on December 15, 2016, and no response was received. A survey was presented showing the division of 3.88 acres with a residence and out buildings. Ms. Diltz said that Mr. Widger wants to sell the residence. She said there is a pond on the corner of the property, which will be aligned with another field in order for the agricultural assets to remain together. Ms. Diltz reported that the application was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 17, 2017, and was approved with conditions. Ms. Diltz cited article 20DB3 requiring a 25-foot setback and asked Mr. Widger about the distance of spray from the end gun on a nearby sprinkler.

A plat was reviewed showing that there is a distance 43.5 feet from the end of the sprinkler pipe to the property. Commissioner Bothell said that there is not enough space for a road in that 43.5 feet. Mr. Widger said that a road was not needed; there is other access to the property. He said there is a fence between the building and the field. Ms. Diltz said that according to page 181 of the County code book, a buffer zone has to be adequate to not cause damage to a structure from an end gun. Mr. Widger said he would install an end gun shut-off device. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the exempt division of land with the contingency that the shut-off device be installed on the end gun. Commissioner Bothell noted that this will be an issue for future owners. She seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 1249

Ms. Diltz said that the survey and the resolution need to be recorded. She asked Mr. Widger for proof that the shut-off device was purchased.

At 11:14 a.m., the public hearing was closed.

At 11:15 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department was present to request a signature on the Highway Users Tax Fund mileage certification. He explained that the Road and Bridge Department completed several overlay and construction projects in 2016. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the Colorado HUTF mileage statistics. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The certification was signed. Chairman Shriver thanked the Road and Bridge Department for helping with the recent snow emergency in Costilla County. Mr. Sullivan said that crews spent 30 hours over two days assisting Costilla County.

At 11:25 a.m., Dave Osborn, Regional Field Manager of the Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, was present. He said the Rio Grande County Road and Bridge Department did a "bang-up job" in assisting Costilla County and noted that the County has the equipment that was needed.

Mr. Osborn explained that State statutes outline emergency management services. Mr. Osborn noted that Rio Grande County does not have an emergency manager, and offered to help write a job description for the position. He offered whatever help the County needs. Chairman Shriver said that filling the emergency manager position is a high priority for the County, but it has not received good applications. Commissioner Bothell said the Board would review the applications after the meeting. Mr. Osborn said that he has sent possible applicants to the County. Ms. Wisdom said that three or four applications have been received in the last six weeks, and she has spoken with some of the applicants.

Mr. Osborn said he would provide support to the County. He said that according to State statutes, the County is required to have an emergency plan. If the County does not have an emergency plan, he will help with finding funding and services.

Mr. Osborn suggested that County elected officials and department heads take the 402 class he teaches, which outlines responsibilities in emergency situations. Mr. Osborn offered to set up the class for the County. Chairman Shriver said this class provides invaluable training, and suggested expanding the class to include the new county commissioners from Mineral, Costilla, and Alamosa Counties. Mr. Osborn said that such a regional class would focus on the region rather than the County. He said he is planning a class for Costilla County soon. The class is two to three hours long. Chairman Shriver also suggested adding representatives from the County municipalities, and Mr. Osborn agreed that including them would be good. He noted that the Town of Creede provided some funding so that the Mineral County Emergency Manager works for both the town and the county. Commissioner Bothell said that it might be hard to schedule a large group. Chairman Shriver said it would be good for people to see the Emergency Operations Center in Alamosa.

Mr. Osborn explained that the Emergency Operations Center is a regional center serving the six Valley counties. The counties support the EOC with both people and funding. There is no cost for three operational periods and the center is activated for most disasters.

Ms. Wisdom asked what the funding cycle is for the emergency manager position. Mr. Osborn explained that funding tries to match a county's fiscal year, but is based on the federal fiscal year. Mr. Osborn said that funding was established in November/December 2016 and started in January 2017. He offered to assist with finding the funding. Chairman Shriver asked if the grant would fund the emergency manager position. Mr. Osborn said that when the position is filled the grant would require a 50-50 match, though the State usually pays 35 to 40 percent rather than 50 percent. He said that the Emergency Management Performance Grant stays with the State. Mr. Osborn also said that he is unsure what funds would be available this year. He suggested that if the County position is a full-time position, the County should write to the State and request 50 percent funding.

Chairman Shriver asked what the salary ranges are for Valley emergency managers. Mr. Osborn said that full-time positions pay \$36,000.00 to \$48,000.00. Part-time salaries are \$12.00 to \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Osborn said that emergency manager positions have changed over the last 10 years and it is hard to get anything done when the position is part-time. He said there are many plans to be written and there is a great deal of work to be done with communities. He will send salary figures to the Board for its review. Mr. Osborn noted that Alamosa County has a part-time emergency manager and Mineral and Saguache Counties have full-time emergency managers (32 hours per week). Conejos County has a 75 percent-time emergency manager, and Costilla County's emergency manager works 20 or fewer hours per week.

Chairman Shriver gave Mr. Osborn the correct list of Rio Grande County elected official and department head contacts. She had observed wrong or an incomplete list of names for Rio Grande County in the updated Rio Grande Early Warning Notification Plan that she received at a recent RWEACT meeting. Mr. Osborn will update his list. He said that the notification parameters for rainfall amounts will be changed in the Early Warning Notification Plan.

Mr. Osborn thanked Rio Grande County again for the assistance with the snow emergency in Costilla County. He also said that the Colorado Emergency Management Association annual conference will be in February and will include three or four days of training. He said there is 100 percent participation from the Valley.

Mr. Osborn suggested that the new County emergency manager, once hired, should attend the Emergency Management Academy in Centennial. This is a one-week-a-month commitment spanning seven months. Lodging and training are paid for.

Chairman Shriver requested that Mr. Osborn send the Board emergency manager job descriptions and salary ranges for its review. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Board speak with an emergency manager to understand what the position entails. Chairman Shriver suggested that the emergency manager position could be combined with the airport manager position.

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

At 1:15 p.m., the meeting resumed.

Ms. Wisdom requested that the Board make an appointment to the County Health Pool. It was noted that Chairman Shriver is on the County Health Pool board and that Kristy Dennis, Human Resources Officer, is an alternate board member. Commissioner Bothell moved to appoint Chairman Shriver to the County Health Pool. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the airport has had a money market account that allowed limited check writing. The airport would like to change the account to a regular commercial checking account. Ms. Wisdom asked the Board to ratify a letter to Del Norte Bank requesting this change. Commissioner Bothell moved to ratify the letter. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented a warrant from January 10, 2017, to be voided. A duplicate payment was made to Del Norte Auto Supply in the amount of \$1,215.95. Commissioner Bothell moved to void the warrant. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The voided warrant was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from Jeannie Webb and Cathy, Steve, and Katie Hostetter requesting approval to use the McMullen Building for horse training four to six times per week. They have offered to pay \$30.00 for each half day the building is used. They will only use the building during the winter. The letter states that the group probably will not turn on the lights or use any electricity. Chairman Shriver expressed concern that the lights might be left on inadvertently. Commissioner Glover noted that the County cannot make a profit, and asked if the payment accurately covers the cost of using the building. Commissioner Bothell asked if the group would carry its own insurance. Chairman Shriver said that insurance would not be necessary because signs are posted that say that riders do so at their own risk and that the building is an equine facility. She also asked about the archery group that uses the building and leaves bales of hay there. Ms. Wisdom said that the County pays for all maintenance, electricity, and insurance for the building. Chairman Shriver said that the McMullen Building is generally open to the public and collecting rent is a new option. She asked that the group make sure the panels around the walls remain secure. Commissioner Glover assured the Board that Ms. Webb will not leave lights on, and Commissioner Bothell said that when people pay for the use of the building they will be more responsible and take better care of it. Commissioner Bothell said that \$30.00 is a reasonable rent payment. Chairman Shriver noted that the archery activities bring many people to the area, and noted that the Ag Conference is paying rent this year. Commissioner Glover moved to consider approving the use of the building by Ms. Webb and the Hostetters when specific dates are established and insurance indemnification is received. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:30 County Assessor J.J. Mondragon and County Treasurer Peggy Kern were present to discuss tax abatements. Ms. Mondragon reported that tax abatement requests have been received from the owner of a property that was briefly owned by a school, and from a subdivision that did not get the correct discount and was double assessed. She also reported that tax abatement appeal from Community Banks was settled in the amount of \$6,154.00. She

explained that State tax exemptions are not done until July and they go back to the previous year.

Ms. Kern explained that tax abatements are difficult. When a tax abatement is approved on a property (the request for abatement can go back as much as two years after the taxes have been paid), the money has to be returned from the entities to which the tax funds have been paid. Ms. Kern said that in the case of tax funds being returned from a school, it causes problems for the school, especially if it has already spent the funds. An abatement is easier if the taxes have not yet been paid. Ms. Mondragon said that the tax abatement appeal by Community Banks could have been avoided if it had gone through the process in a timelier manner.

Ms. Wisdom asked why the County was not able to defend its valuation of Community Banks. Ms. Mondragon explained that the Board of Assessment Appeals usually sides with the tax payer. She also said that the Assessor's Office incorrectly calculated the square footage on one of the Community Banks buildings.

Ms. Kern said that tax abatements become public record, and Ms. Mondragon said they might occur more often because attorney tax agents are finding loopholes in the system. Ms. Kern said that mistakes happen and there will be abatements. She explained that owners of properties with exempt status sometimes do not know that they have to apply for that exemption on a regular basis. She noted that it hurts the property owner to lose the exempt status, especially when the property is part of a not-for-profit organization. Ms. Wisdom added that the fee for an exemption is higher if it is paid late. Ms. Mondragon said that medical buildings are not-for-profit and are tax exempt. Ms. Wisdom asked if the Amish school is tax exempt. Ms. Mondragon said that the Amish schools obtain their exemptions for three schools through the State.

Several tax abatement requests were presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the tax abatements. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OWNER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 28, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 27, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 26, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 24, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 20, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 11, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 10, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 8, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 7, South Fork Ranches	\$836.34
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 33 South Fork Ranches	\$ 87.74
Providence Ridge, LLC	Lot 39, South Fork Ranches	\$ 87.74
Monte Vista School District Con 8	Tract 5, Old Mill Subdivision	\$ 63.65
Leonard E. Velasquez	Fr SW4SW4, Sec. 33-39-8	\$672.76
William A. Miller	FR SE4SE4 Sec 10-38-7	\$665.66
William A. Miller	FR SE4SE4, Sec 10-38-7	\$783.64

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the tax abatement appeal from Community Banks: Bank Midwest, owner, at the addresses: 59 North Broadway, Monte Vista, and 30359 Highway 160, South Fork, in the amount of \$6,154.00. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:55 p.m., Lyndsey Ferrell, Del Norte Public Library, was present to request approval on a resolution to approve a grant. It was determined that this approval should be given by the Library District, rather than the County. However, the Board did offer a letter of support for a USDA Rural Development Grant application in the amount of \$8,000.00 whose funds will be used for computer equipment and shredders. There will be a \$2,000.00 match for the grant, which will come from the library endowment. Chairman Shriver said this is a well-deserved project. Ms. Ferrell reported that the library has received \$25,000.00 from El Pomar, as well as Boettcher funds for building improvements. Chairman Shriver said the library provides a place for children to go, recreation, and educational opportunities. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Ferrell asked if the BOCC needs to approve the Library District budget. Chairman Shriver said it did not.

At 2:02 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the Homeland Security contract with Jean Borrego, who will manage the Homeland Security grant. The grant provides a salary to Ms. Borrego in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month. Ms. Wisdom explained that the County receives a statement of hours worked from Ms. Borrego, and noted that Ms. Borrego also works for Alamosa County. Ms. Borrego's work is defined by the contract, and the County administers the grant. Ms. Wisdom said that some concerns were expressed regarding this contract at the All Hazards Meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, but all conditions have been met. Ms. Wisdom recommended that the 2018 grant include administrative and audit costs. Commissioner Glover said that the County should be reimbursed for these costs on all grants that allow it where the County serves as the fiscal agent. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the Homeland Security contract with Ms. Borrego. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

At 2:20 p.m., Ms. Diltz presented the Michael Jay Widger exempt division of land resolution for signature. The resolution was signed.

Ms. Wisdom asked the Board if it wants to join the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and the Del Norte Economic Development Council. Chairman Shriver stated that the Board has not joined the organizations in the past and currently belongs to the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council. Ms. Wisdom said that membership in the Del Norte organizations was free. The consensus of the Board was to join the Chamber of Commerce and the EDC.

The Board discussed the schedule for a meeting with Mark Rudolph, Summitville Project Manager, to discuss possible Brownfields projects. The preferred date for the meeting is April 19, 2017.

Chairman Shriver reported that Bob Wold made some corrections on the Hazards Mitigation Plan, as required by the State. She distributed these corrections to the Board. Commissioner Glover moved to approve these changes. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Sheriff's January 2017 meal log: 5,057 meals were prepared; average cost per meal was \$1.61; the cost per meal for a six-month period was \$1.15.

Commissioner Bothell asked to review the applications for the County emergency manager. Chairman Shriver noted that the Board needs to discuss what the emergency manager will do and what the salary will be. She asked if the position would be half-, three-quarter-, or full-time. She also asked if the position should be combined with the airport manager position. Ms. Wisdom said that part-time positions for both the airport and emergency manager were budgeted at a rate of \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Commissioner Bothell said it is a good idea to combine the positions so that five to ten hours per week are spent at the airport, with the rest of the time spent in the emergency manager role. Chairman Shriver said the number of hours worked will affect benefits.

Commissioner Bothell suggested that the position might have to be advertised again. Ms. Wisdom suggested that a job description be created, then she can call the applicants and discuss the position with them. Chairman Shriver said that the airport board will need to provide input, also.

Commissioner Glover asked what the decision process is. Chairman Shriver said that the job description needs to be developed, salary determined, and whether benefits will be offered. Commissioner Glover suggested starting the position as a part-time position and then increasing the number of hours in order to provide benefits.

Chairman Shriver cautioned the Board to be aware of tasks that might be assigned to the emergency manager that would take him or her out of the County and said that there are many meetings to attend. She said that the former emergency manager ended up on RWEACT projects rather than on County projects. Ms. Wisdom suggested asking other emergency managers about their day-to-day responsibilities. Commissioner Glover said that before applications can be screened the Board needs to develop the emergency manager job description. The consensus of the Board was to develop the job description as soon as possible, and to use the samples provided by Dave Osborn as the starting point.

At 2:46 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 February 15, 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 Glover gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of a discussion with Jeff and Kay Harmon, and the addition of a discussion of letters of support. 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 February 1, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was noted that hay bales used by the archery group are still at the McMullen Building.

At 9:11 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board. Mr. Sullivan reported that in the last six weeks the base work on County Road 23 has been completed. Staff training is complete. Mr. Sullivan reported that snow was removed from around the Courthouse and jail on February 8, 2017.

Mr. Sullivan reported that snow removal crews spent two full days in Costilla County to assist with the snow emergency in January. The cost of this work was \$18,400.00. Chairman Shriver told Mr. Sullivan that Dave Osborn, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, was very complimentary about the Road and Bridge crews. Mr. Sullivan said that the Road and Bridge crews were very willing to help and did not hesitate to put in the time.

Mr. Sullivan reported that time was spent at the airport to remove snow and to complete inspections. He also said that the Highway Users Tax Fund mileage certificate was submitted to the State. He said the HUTF funding has increased.

Mr. Sullivan said that proposed work for the Road and Bridge Department includes work on County Road 4.5. He said that some runoff is occurring and muddy spots on roads will be dealt with as they happen. Crews are working on getting snow removed from gravel roads.

Mr. Sullivan reported that a remanufactured transmission has been found to repair the John Deere grader that broke down recently. The cost of the transmission, including installation, is \$14,500.00. The Road and Bridge Department will install the transmission, then will decide what to do with the grader. Chairman Glover asked what the grader is worth. Mr. Sullivan said that a 2006 model would be worth \$49,000.00. If the Department purchases a new grader, it would have to be a Tier Four grader. He explained that lease options include service. He said the John Deere grader can be used anywhere and there is no rush to replace it. A decision will be made in the spring. Mr. Sullivan said that the grader could probably be sold for \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00, with the transmission installed. The grader will be tested after the transmission is installed.

Mr. Sullivan asked if irrigation water would be released on April 1, 2017. Chairman Shriver said this was not firm, but was the likely date. Mr. Sullivan said two weeks would be spent on County Road 4.5, then culvert work would begin. Mr. Sullivan also said that potholes would be repaired when they are discovered.

Commissioner Bothell asked how the work in Costilla County affected work in Rio Grande County. She asked how the County crews were paid. Mr. Sullivan said the crews used all their

hours. Five crew members worked overtime on Friday and six worked overtime on Saturday. Commissioner Bothell asked if this would be taken as comp time. Mr. Sullivan said Road and Bridge staff can carry up to 52 hours of comp time along with vacation days.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the stop sign at the intersection of the County Line Road and Highway 112 has been repaired by the State and is now the correct height and the sign is larger. He said he found no visibility issues at this intersection. He said that when the trees are leafed out, there may be a slight issue, but the trees are on private property and the State cannot clear them.

Chairman Shriver reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation is planning projects on Highway 160 and County Road 19, and also plans to chip seal Highway 160 from South Fork to Monte Vista. The work will be contracted to Old Castle Materials. Mr. Sullivan said that CDOT needs to remove chips from the South Fork pit.

Ms. Wisdom told Mr. Sullivan that the San Luis Valley Fair Board is making changes to the McMullen Building to create an office. She also said that Jeannie Webb will be renting the facility for horse riding. She said that the group is not planning on using any electricity, but may.

Mr. Sullivan reported that there is a serious mouse problem at the McMullen Building, due to the hay bales left there by the archery group. He asked if there could be a restriction put on what materials can be left in the building. He said that he understand that mice stay away from Sudangrass. Chairman Shriver asked Ms. Wisdom to speak to the archery group and ask it to remove the hay bales. Commissioner Bothell asked if bait boxes could be installed. Chairman Shriver said that the group using the building should move the hay bales. Ms. Wisdom asked if an exterminator is needed. Commissioner Glover said the hay bales need to be removed first. Mr. Sullivan said he would be willing to move the bales and charge the group for the costs incurred. Chairman Shriver said the archery program is a good one, but it has created a problem. Commissioner Bothell asked if the hay bales could be stored outside the building and used at another time. Commissioner Glover said the mice will follow the hay and that bales need to be taken off the property. He also said that he wants to support the archery program, but materials that are appropriate for use should be specified.

In an effort to determine how much time an airport manager would spend caretaking the airport, the Board asked Mr. Sullivan to outline the tasks required and the time to complete them.

Caretaking of the fuel station and measuring fuel:	1 to 2 hours, when conducting the monthly AST inspection
Changing the price of fuel:	1 hour
Obtaining reports from the fuel system:	2 hours
Equipment control, light replacement:	1 to 2 hours
Reporting, policy performance:	1 to 2 hours (monthly)
Storm water permitting:	1 hour
Sweeping the runway and taxiway:	6 hours (3 brooms, 2 hours each)
Dealing with lights and AWOS system:	Depends on the issue
Dealing with the water system:	1 to 4 hours
Attending airport advisory meetings:	1 hour
Emergency response training	8 hours per year, minimum
Plowing the airstrip:	2 hours, minimum (depends on snow depth)
Weed mowing and other controls:	12 hours for runway and taxiway (with a tractor) 4 hours around hangars 16 to 20 hours with weed eater

Mr. Sullivan said that time dealing with pilots varies, and he pointed out that there are times when the Road and Bridge Department cannot make repairs and other repair services have to be found. He also noted that when clearing snow around the fuel yard, shovels have to be used. He said weed mowing is done twice a year.

Commissioner Bothell asked if it would be better to hire an Emergency Manager and also hire a part time person for the Road and Bridge Department who could work at the airport. Mr. Sullivan said that the person hired for the airport position should be separate from the Road and Bridge Department in order to manage scheduling and efficiency. Mr. Sullivan said the cost to take care of the airport is \$20,634.00 and 237 man hours are spent.

Chairman Shriver said that the Board now understands the time commitment for maintaining the airport. She asked that the job description for the airport manager position be sent to Mr. Sullivan, and noted that the 2017 budget allows for a part-time airport manager. Commissioner

Bothell calculated that the amount of time spent at the airport is five hours per week. Ms. Wisdom noted that there is no maintenance equipment at the airport, and the Road and Bridge Department would be needed for some tasks. Commissioner Glover said the airport manager could conduct inspections and inventories. Mr. Sullivan said that a mower is available to keep the weeds under control, and the Road and Bridge Department could supply a snowplow if the Board wants the manager to clear snow. However, this could be an issue, depending on training. Commissioner Glover said there needs to be discussion about what the Road and Bridge Department is willing to do at the airport.

Chairman Shriver said that some tasks would depend on the person hired. Mr. Sullivan said that whoever is hired will need to be on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week, which could be an issue for a part-time position of 16 hours per week. He said that the Road and Bridge Department is the emergency responder for the airport at this time. He pointed out that the airport manager should take emergency training. Chairman Shriver said that if the airport manager is also the emergency manager, that training would be taken. Ms. Wisdom said that a backup manager would have to be available if the airport manager is on vacation. Mr. Sullivan said that if the Board is unable to find an airport manager, the position can be taken on by the Road and Bridge Department, and that compensation would be required. He reminded the Board that when there is a demand from the airport to plow snow, this takes a plow off County roads. Commissioner Glover agreed that the Department should be compensated if it takes on the management of the airport. Ms. Wisdom said that costs incurred by the Road and Bridge Department can be taken out of the airport budget and that these costs are now being tracked.

Chairman Shriver thanked the Road and Bridge Department for its work at the airport as it has grown. Mr. Sullivan said that the Department would continue to complete the work at the airport.

At 10:02 a.m., Coroner Rusty Strohmayer was present. Mr. Strohmayer reported that the Sheriff's Department is purchasing a new transport van and is willing to give its old van to the Coroner's Department. Mr. Strohmayer said the van would probably have to be fitted with lights so that it can be seen at a distance.

Mr. Strohmayer said that a new half-ton pickup is needed, but the van would be sufficient for the time being. He said a camper shell with sealed compartments and two cots could be purchased for the pickup at a cost of \$12,000.00. He said the camper shell could be refrigerated, but that would not be needed in this climate. The pickup would also have to be fitted with lights.

Commissioner Glover asked if the camper shell will only fit specific models of pickups. Mr. Strohmayer said it would fit all trucks. Commissioner Bothell asked what the sealed compartments hold. Mr. Strohmayer said they hold all the equipment and hazmat suits the Coroner would need at a call.

Chairman Shriver asked what the van would need in order to use it temporarily. Mr. Strohmayer said the windows would have to be blacked out, the seats removed, and lighting installed. The van currently being used by the Coroner, which was obtained from the Sheriff's Department, lasted for two years. However, a recent inspection showed that it might lock up and is no longer safe. Commissioner Glover asked if the Sheriff's Department van is rear-wheel drive. Mr. Strohmayer said it is, and that it has about 200,000 miles on it. Mr. Strohmayer said that the Sheriff's Department is waiting on its new van and the old one might be available in a month. He said this would be a transfer between departments and that the old Coroner's van could be traded or sold. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the transfer of the Sheriff's van to the Coroner's Department with the van being re-stickered with the Coroner's information. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Wisdom asked that the van be inspected. She also asked for the cost of the lights, blacking out the windows, and any necessary repairs.

Mr. Strohmayer said he has obtained bids from Town and Country Ford on a four-wheel drive, half-ton pickup. He also found a used Suburban at a cost of \$17,000.00 to \$18,000.00. He said that adding \$10,000.00 to this cost would equal the cost of a new pickup.

Mr. Strohmayer reported that a contract between the County and Strohmayer's Funeral Home is being drafted. He said the only change from the 2016 contract is that the County will pay a fee when the Coroner uses his personal vehicle for County work. This would not be a per-mile fee. Mr. Strohmayer said that a recent transport from Pueblo to Colorado Springs cost \$245.00. Chairman Shriver said that it is County policy to pay a per-mile fee when a personal vehicle is used for County business. Commissioner Bothell said that the costs of the driver, fuel, and insurance would have to be paid through the funeral home. She asked if the employee was paid by the County. Mr. Strohmayer said the County pays \$100.00 per trip. Commissioner Bothell asked why a County employee is not paid by the County when the employee uses Mr.

Strohmayer's personal vehicle. Mr. Strohmayer said it is because the employee is driving Mr. Strohmayer's vehicle. Mr. Strohmayer said that Strohmayer's Funeral Home handles transport for Mineral County.

Mr. Strohmayer said that the contract would get done. He said that his attorney asked if fees should be increased, and Mr. Strohmayer said they should not. Chairman Shriver asked when the Board would see a draft of the contract. Mr. Strohmayer said that this is up to the attorneys. Mr. Strohmayer reported that he had not been paid this month. Ms. Wisdom explained that the payment was delayed because of a discrepancy between the Coroner's budget established by the County and the budget established by the Coroner's Department. The budget from the Coroner was received too late to be included in the County budget. Ms. Wisdom explained that mortuary fees are not included in this year's budget, but expenses are covered. Chairman Shriver explained that departmental budgets need to be received in time to be included in the County budget.

Mr. Strohmayer said he did not know what happened with regard to the lapsed license of Strohmayer's Funeral Home. He said the issue should not have been reported to the newspaper. Chairman Shriver said the Board did not notify the paper. Mr. Strohmayer said that he was three days late in submitting the licensing paperwork, and the State made errors in processing it. He is now licensed through 2018. He asked the Board to approach him with any licensing questions it may have.

At 10:40 a.m., Eric Grossman was present to discuss the San Luis Valley Branding Initiative. Ms. Wisdom reported that Mr. Grossman gave a Power Point presentation at the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council meeting on February 14, 2017. She explained that the goal of the San Luis Valley brand is not to supplant other branding efforts; it would be a brand for the entire Valley. Chairman Shriver suggested that Mr. Grossman meet with the Rio Grande County Tourism Board. Mr. Grossman said that he has met with the Town of Del Norte and with Three Barrel Brewing Company.

Mr. Grossman explained that the concept of the Valley logo will be to work in combination with other logos. It will provide exposure for the Valley and will invoke an emotional response. Creating it will require participation. Mr. Grossman said that there have been territorial and political components in the past that have made branding efforts difficult. Chairman Shriver said that the Tourism Board will be receptive because of its various partnerships. She said the Valley logo should enhance any other logos. Commissioner Glover said that everything should be in place before the logo is designed.

Mr. Grossman said that the public only wants to know what it wants to know. He said that educating the public will be done by taking the Branding Initiative to communities and starting dialog. He said this will take time, but is necessary. He reported that there is a feeling among some people that the Highway 160 corridor is the "Front Range" of the Valley and this perception needs to be healed. He said that divisions are dissolving. Commissioner Bothell said that perceptions become reality for some people. Ms. Wisdom said that efforts need to be made to get people to participate in the branding effort. Commissioner Glover said people are beginning to work together.

Mr. Grossman said communities need to work together because the economy of one community affects the economy of the others. Commissioner Glover agreed. Mr. Grossman said that the exodus from big cities will happen, and the Valley needs to be ready to grow. Chairman Shriver said that the Valley's infrastructure is not ready. Commissioner Glover said that efforts to repair sewer lines in Monte Vista and waterlines in Del Norte are behind.

Chairman Shriver asked what Mr. Grossman needs from the BOCC. Mr. Grossman said that there has not been much financial discussion at this time. In-kind donations are being calculated. A grant to fund professional services will be sought in the amount of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Mr. Grossman said that he has attended 22 meetings, which amounts to in-kind donations of \$4,000.00. The budget for outreach is \$10,000.00. The grant ends in May or June 2017. Mr. Grossman said the costs for subsequent phases are unknown. The entire cost of the initiative may be \$150,000.00 to \$250,000.00. A marketing plan will be developed to market the Valley in other areas. Mr. Grossman reported that donations have been received from several entities: San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative: \$1000.00; Alamosa County: \$2,000.00. He said that perhaps Rio Grande County could contribute in the future.

Chairman Shriver thanked Mr. Grossman for his hard work. She said the effort will take time and that the Board will discuss it. Commissioner Glover said he will work with Mr. Grossman and the Tourism Board at its monthly meetings. Mr. Grossman will send a follow-up email to Ms. Wisdom. Mr. Grossman noted that every presentation he makes is the same. Ms. Wisdom

suggested creating a logo similar to the State logo, and Mr. Grossman said he did not want this initiative to appear to be coming from the State.

At 11:05 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Ms. Diltz reported that the County may be approached about participating in solar gardens. She said Oak Leaf Energy Partners is interested in developing a solar garden south of Homelake. Ms. Diltz has called Oak Leaf. Chairman Shriver said Alamosa County has established a fee (similar to an impact fee) that is collected from the solar installations and used to help the community. Ms. Diltz said that a fee of \$30,000.00 is collected in Alamosa County and a percentage of that amount is given to the community. It was suggested that this idea be considered for inclusion in the County code book. Chairman Shriver said that when oil and gas companies came to the Valley similar fees were established that benefitted schools and the community. Ms. Diltz said she would research the matter.

Ms. Diltz said that Benjamin Tarry has expressed interest in establishing a Messianic/Jewish colony. It is very early in the process and might require a Planned Unit Development.

Ms. Diltz reported that the Ride the Rockies bicycle tour will come through Monte Vista in June. The riders will stay at Ski Hi Park, and there will be no impact to the County.

Ms. Diltz distributed the land use fee schedule comparison for the Board's review. She noted that Alamosa County's fees have not changed. Chairman Shriver said the Board would review these fees. Ms. Diltz said that solar regulations and fees could be incorporated.

Ms. Diltz reported that an educational facility is being considered on San Francisco Ranch. She said this may or may not work.

Mr. Kern reported that the Building Department took delivery of its new pickup on January 31, 2017. He is very happy with it. He said he had floor mats and splash guards installed. Ms. Wisdom asked if the truck needs signage. Commissioner Bothell said that it is important that the truck be identifiable. The Board discussed businesses in the Valley that could provide the vinyl signage.

Mr. Kern reported that Ken Vanlwarden worked half a day in the Building Department while Mr. Kern was out of the office. Mr. Kern will be out of the office the first week in March to attend continuing education classes in Denver.

Mr. Kern distributed the year-end building permit report:

PERMIT TYPE	PERMITS IN UNINCORP. COUNTY	PERMITS IN MONTE VISTA	PERMITS IN DEL NORTE	PERMITS IN SOUTH FORK	TOTAL
Single Family Dwellings	5	0	0	0	5
Two Family Dwellings	0	0	0	0	0
Town Homes (3 or more units)	0	0	0	0	0
Manufactured Homes	2	1	0	0	3
Residential Additions	22	1	5	0	28
Acc. Structures & Ag Buildings	35	0	4	0	39
Res. Decks & Porches	9	10	10	0	29
Residential Re-roof	22	11	2	0	35
Commercial Buildings	6	0	0	1	7
Commercial Additions	8	0	1	1	10
Commercial Remodels/Renovation	1	6	4	0	11
Commercial Re-roof	7	2	0	0	9
Building Permit Extension	8	0	0	0	8
IGA Inspections	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PERMITS	159	39	28	2	228
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$97,026.05	\$10,535.50	\$26,886.40	\$625.10	\$135,073.05

This report will be posted on the Building Department website. Mr. Kern said the Department has been busier than usual and has issued more permits than usual.

Mr. Kern reported that 30 addresses in Willow Park have been corrected. In working on address corrections in Masonic Park, Mr. Kern discovered that the problems are with the County Assessor's database; there are very few address discrepancies in Masonic Park. Commissioner Bothell noted that the Assessor's database is used by a number of people. Mr. Kern said that the Building Department has obtained an accurate map of Masonic Park roads, which will be sent to E911. He said that new addresses are issued by the Building Department. Commissioner Bothell asked how the Assessor's Office obtains addresses. Chairman Shriver explained that the addresses come from several places and some are very old. Correcting addresses in Willow Park and Masonic Park was a goal of the Building Department, and Mr. Kern said he is happy that these goals have been met.

Mr. Kern is planning a work session with the Board on February 22, 2017. He said he is preparing a permit fee schedule and a spreadsheet of his responsibilities. Commissioner Bothell asked that building codes be a topic of this work session. Chairman Shriver said that having this matrix of responsibilities would help the County and the communities clarify who does what.

Ms. Wisdom said that she would review the content of the Building Department website with Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern said that a great deal of information was posted in 2016, and that it is good to review the content. Commissioner Bothell noted that other county websites include an application for a building permit. Mr. Kern said that it is his preference to have the building permit applications filled out (in triplicate) in person in the Building Department office in order to make them as accurate as possible. These permits are filed forever.

Chairman Shriver told Mr. Kern that the State has scheduled a work session concerning Enterprise Zone changes.

At 11:27 a.m., Sheriff Brian Norton, Del Norte Police Chief Robert Fresquez, Colorado State Patrol Sergeant-Major Anne Robinson, Colorado State Patrol Captain David Rollins, and County Deputy Sheriff Adam Fresquez were present. Captain Rollins presented a Certificate of Commendation to Deputy Fresquez for his assistance in the safe surrender of a suspect in Costilla County on September 9, 2016.

At 11:30 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented mid-month vouchers for February 2017. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vouchers were signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Veterans Service report. The report was signed.

A letter of support for the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative grant was presented. This grant application, from the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and the San Luis Valley Council of Governments, on behalf of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, is a capacity building grant. Chairman Shriver explained that SLVGO was started in 2012, and created a master plan for trails and recreation in conjunction with Rio Grande County, Alamosa County and the Tourism Board. Chairman Shriver was also personally involved. She said this is a Valley-wide plan, and noted that while Costilla County did not participate because it had its own trails plan, the Costilla County trails plan was incorporated into the SLVGO master plan. Chairman Shriver said that GOCO contributes 75 percent of the funds for this grant.

Chairman Shriver said that the Valley has a basis in trail building, and because of this Valley-wide plan, it is easier to find other funders. This plan has become a model for the State due to the collaboration of the businesses, governments, and non-profit agencies involved. An Executive Coordinator has been hired through the Council of Governments and DRG will be the fiscal agent for the grant. Grant funds will be used to pay and train the Executive Coordinator. El Pomar has also provided funding for another training for the Executive Coordinator. Chairman Shriver said that SLVGO is taking steps to become its own legal entity. Chairman Shriver said the Outdoor Industry Association estimates that outdoor recreation is contributing \$644 billion per year to the economy. She said that the Town of Del Norte is becoming well known as a mountain bike community and has been featured in magazines. She said there is trail development from Crestone to Baca to the Sand Dunes, and Mineral County has developed some trails, as well.

A letter of support to the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative for the grant application of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Funds for the Del Norte Riverfront Project was presented. Chairman Shriver explained that there are numerous partners in this

project: the Town of Del Norte, Trout Unlimited, and URGED. Funding was approved in 2016, to purchase rock for the project. There are several phases to the project. The river bank will be stabilized, a boat ramp will be installed, a playground will be built, and an amphitheater will be built. The County provided Conservation Trust funds for this project in 2016, which were matched by DRG. The coordinator of this project will attend the upcoming San Luis Valley County Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Shriver asked for the Board's approval of both letters of support. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the letters of support. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The letters were signed.

At 11:55 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the Department of Social Services vouchers. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vouchers were signed.

At 12:00 p.m., Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a follow up call from Rusty Strohmayer stating that he expects to be paid a storage fee of \$750.00. Chairman Shriver said this fee should be negotiated in the contract with Mr. Strohmayer. Ms. Wisdom said without a contract, there is nothing to negotiate. Commissioner Bothell said that leading questions need to be asked of Mr. Strohmayer. Chairman Shriver asked how Mineral County is charged by Mr. Strohmayer, and noted that all parties need to be transparent. Commissioner Bothell said she does not understand how a County employee is paid when the employee drives Mr. Strohmayer's personal vehicle. Chairman Shriver said that payments to Mr. Strohmayer need to be tracked. Commissioner Glover said that the terms of the contract need to be clearly defined or something different should be done. Chairman Shriver noted that the contract should be between the County and Mr. Strohmayer and not with Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Commissioner Bothell reported that she spoke to Sheriff Norton, who said that each time the Coroner picks up medications from a scene, those medications can be dropped off at the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Shriver said this could be suggested to Coroner Strohmayer.

At 12:07 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:30 p.m., the meeting resumed. Jim Clare, San Luis Valley Regional Landfill, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present. Mr. Clare explained that the San Luis Valley Solid Waste Authority was started in 1992 or 1993 by Rio Grande and Alamosa Counties, at a cost of \$250,000.00. Those funds were repaid to the counties, then additional funding was obtained. The landfill received its first load in February 1995. Federal regulations were passed that closed 32 "dumps" in the Valley.

Mr. Clare explained that State inspectors make sure the landfill is in compliance. If the landfill is closed for any reason, it has to be secured and monitored for a 30-year period. Assurance funds must be available to cover the costs of closing, securing, and monitoring the landfill. Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties are the fiscal agents for these assurance funds.

Mr. Clare said that an engineering firm is hired every five years to study the landfill in terms of how it might be closed and monitored for 30 years. Costs for reseeding and reclaiming the area are updated, and the counties must be able to cover those costs. Money is contributed to the assurance funds, but the State does not recognize those funds. The audit of the landfill classifies these funds as restricted funds. Mr. Clare said that the landfill has approximately 38 percent of the funds to cover the total amount of assurance funds needed. Fees to use the landfill have remained the same for the last six years, and he asked if they should be raised, but said that as a service to the community, the fees should remain the same. Ms. Diltz said she has reviewed the landfill's budget and fees, and stated that increasing fees would cause people to use the landfill less. Mr. Clare said that a hydro-mulcher was obtained from Kremmling when its landfill closed.

Chairman Shriver explained that the landfill does its own accounting and conducts its audit separately from the County. Mr. Clare said that all accounting is done in-house in order to make certain it is done correctly. He said that the County insures the landfill equipment and the landfill reimburses the County for these costs. Chairman Shriver asked if the County receives a copy of the landfill audit. Ms. Wisdom will find out. Mr. Clare reported that the landfill is waiting for the State's 2015 notification of compliance.

Chairman Shriver said that the County closed dumps in Monte Vista and Del Norte and monitors the wells in those locations. She said there are covenants stating that no building can occur at these locations and fencing must be maintained. The Land Use and Road and Bridge Departments maintain these sites. Mr. Clare said the landfill works with the Road and Bridge

Department on some projects. The landfill has been approached by the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council regarding a recycling project, but Mr. Clare said the project is cost-prohibitive at this time.

The status of other landfills in the Valley were discussed. Mr. Clare was unsure if the Saguache landfill is open, and he said that the Creede landfill is out of compliance. When a landfill is out of compliance, the State gives it three options: shut down, use a transfer station, or comply.

Chairman Shriver congratulated Mr. Clare on the award he won, recently. Mr. Clare said he has participated in a landfill managers' program. Chairman Shriver told Mr. Clare about the upcoming Brownfields work session. Mr. Clare reported that the landfill is applying for a Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity grant.

Members of the landfill board are Darius Allen, Alamosa County, Gene Glover, Rio Grande County, Dixie Diltz, Rio Grande County Land Use Department, Robert Vance, City of Monte Vista, and Pat Steenburg, City of Alamosa.

Mr. Clare reported that one minor suggestion was made by the State after a recent surprise inspection. Another inspection yielded six suggested improvements, including signage wording. He said the landfill is in compliance with State regulations and is becoming a model for the State. He invited the BOCC to visit the landfill.

Mr. Clare said water testing is completed twice a year on five wells that are 200 feet deep. The summary of these tests, which is prepared for the State, costs \$15,000.00. He also said six wells are tested for gas. If a landfill has a leachate collection system, it must be pumped out. However, due to the Valley's climate, such a system is not needed at the landfill.

Mr. Clare told the Board that petroleum-contaminated soils have to be covered and tested. The landfill can take only a limited amount of contaminated soil each year; it took 950 tons in 2016. The landfill receives 100 tons of trash every day.

Ms. Wisdom asked how the landfill board decides how much money to set aside for the assurance fund. Mr. Clare said that Wall Smith and Bateman assists with this decision every year, and a master plan is created every five years. An audit will be conducted in the next few months and the formula for this year will be established. The landfill usually adds an additional five percent to the required amount. Ms. Wisdom asked for copies of the landfill audit and the assurance fund master plan.

Ms. Wisdom said that at a recent All Hazards meeting, she learned that Homeland Security funds may be decreased. She asked what is done with gas spills from cars and trucks, noting that the Department of Homeland Security states that there are no gas spills here. Mr. Clare said that the Local Emergency Planning Committees are working on this issue and reports are finally being generated. He said more reports will generate more funding.

At 2:05 p.m., Del Norte School District Superintendent Chris Burr, Angie Velasquez, and Town of Del Norte Manager Bernadette Martinez were present. Mr. Burr said the Del Norte School District is applying for a BEST grant to build a new school. The ownership of the land where the school will be built is in question. Land was donated to the school by Vernon Mann in 1995, and it was thought that the school then owned the land. However, through a search of the County Assessor's website, it has been discovered that the County purchased the land, with the understanding that the school would maintain the property in exchange for its use. Mr. Burr said that the school would like to own this land, and intends to purchase an additional 40 acres for the new school.

Commissioner Bothell said she researched old minutes that state that the land was purchased by the County at a cost of \$66,000.00. The school was to pay \$10,000.00 for three years and the County was to pay \$9,000.00 for three years. She said the intent was to help the school. Chairman Shriver said she was unaware that the County owns this property, and asked if the information was recorded in the school board minutes. Ms. Martinez stated that Town records indicate that the County purchased the land in 1994 with a GOCO grant to be used for a soccer and baseball field. She said in 2010, the County received another grant for improvements on the field and to build a walking path. Ms. Martinez said the resolution states that the County will retain the property for 25 years. Ms. Martinez said she would send Ms. Wisdom a copy of the resolution.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the school knows there is a gas line that runs across the field. Mr. Burr said the gas line runs from the dugout to the highway, and the school will not be using

that portion of the property. The school does need to know where it can place the new school facilities.

Commissioner Bothell said she researched the minutes from January to June 1995, and noted that parent groups were involved in fundraising. She asked if the County could lease the property to the school for 100 years. Mr. Burr said that \$40,000.00 per year is spent on this facility for the metered well and Xcel Energy charges. Ms. Martinez said the water fees include all school facilities. The soccer and baseball fields and concession stand are charged only during the season they are used. Mr. Burr said the school also mows the grass on the fields. He said the grant application will include what is best for the community, and stated that this has been a good agreement.

Ms. Bothell asked about the possibility of a 100-year lease. Chairman Shriver said the ownership of the property needs to be confirmed. Commissioner Glover said that a lease will not help, and Mr. Burr agreed, saying that BEST regulations are "sticky." Mr. Burr said that the 50-yard line is the property line between the Town and the County and asked if the property could be annexed by the County. Chairman Shriver suggested discussing the possible options with GOCO. Ms. Martinez said the grant was in the amount of \$40,000.00, and Commissioner Glover asked if the grant could be paid back.

Mr. Burr said that the facilities are available to the community and the school wants this to continue; the BEST board will take this into consideration. He said if a bond issue is needed, this will have to be explained to the voters. He said the goal is to get the facilities off the main roads.

Commissioner Bothell asked what would be done with the current school facilities, suggesting they could be used for a new judicial complex in the future. She asked if the elementary school could be mitigated and restored. Chairman Shriver expressed concern about a judicial complex being close to a school and said there are regulations about how far from a school such a complex could be placed. She said the Board can discuss options. Mr. Burr said the BEST grant application requires information about how the old buildings will be used or if they will be destroyed. To qualify for the grant, Mr. Burr said the school needs to eliminate 170,000 square feet of space. He said the BEST grant will not pay for refurbishing old buildings. He also said that people are more attached to the field house than they are to the stone quarry buildings. Commissioner Glover said the field house is the best in the Valley in terms of its lighting and view. Mr. Burr said it is the most expensive facility to operate; the energy bills are very high. He said something needs to be done with the property to benefit either the school or the community.

Mr. Burr explained that marijuana taxes make the grant more robust (\$43 million is available). He said the Del Norte schools are the worst in Colorado in terms of security. He said he is touring other BEST schools. Mr. Burr explained that this is a \$40 million project. The community will be asked to match 47 percent of the grant and the State will match 53 percent. It will cost \$400.00 per square foot to build the new facility. The grant application deadline is February 23, 2017.

Chairman Shriver said she will share information with Mr. Burr regarding bonds. Ms. Wisdom said researching the ownership of the property will likely take longer than the February 23, 2017, deadline. Mr. Burr said the ownership of the property will become an issue when the grant money is to be spent. Chairman Shriver said the Board is open to solutions. Mr. Burr noted that the County also owns a half-interest in the well on the property; the school owns some ditch rights.

At 2:43 p.m., Jody Kern, Department of Social Services was present to discuss the purchase of three vehicles. Ms. Kern presented prices from Town and Country Ford for three cars at the February 1, 2017, meeting, which Commissioner Glover asked to review. Commissioner Glover explained to the Board that he has been a fleet manager for a car dealership. He said that when a fleet car is sold, the car comes with enough gas to get to the closest gas station; the dealer is not even responsible for adding a license plate bracket. Commissioner Glover reported speaking to the John Roberts dealership in Gunnison and to Spradley in Pueblo about the prices obtained by Ms. Kern. He said both dealers were more interested in selling used cars than in selling fleet cars. He reported that prices received from these two dealers were competitive, but there would be additional costs associated with traveling out of the Valley to take delivery of the cars. The Roberts prices was \$440.00 less than the Town and Country price, but did not include floor mats or license plate brackets. Commissioner Glover said this put the Town and Country price within \$120.00 and the cars would be easier to get, plus the warranties would be handled correctly.

Ms. Wisdom asked if there are mechanical issues with the cars being replaced. Ms. Kern said they have high mileage and one has needed brake replacement.

Commissioner Glover said the prices for Equinoxes were better than prices on the Edges, and Ms. Kern agreed. Commissioner Glover said the old Edge would be worth more with lower mileage. Ms. Kern said that the mileage is close to 200,000.

Chairman Shriver agreed that the prices from Town and Country were acceptable. The Board discussed how warranties are handled. Ms. Kern said the current cars have been maintained well locally and have required little warranty work. Commissioner Glover said he would speak to Town and Country directly to order the new cars for DSS. Chairman Shriver moved to purchase the three cars from Town and Country Ford. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion. Commissioner Bothell abstained. The motion carried with Chairman Shriver and Commissioner Glover voting in favor of the purchase.

Commissioner Glover said that department heads do not need to get vehicle bids. He said he would be happy to do the shopping for them. Commissioner Bothell said that exact bids should be obtained. Commissioner Glover said that apples-to-apples bids would yield the same price.

Chairman Shriver said that no decision has been made regarding appointing a Commissioner to the Crossroads/Turning Point Board. Ms. Kern said she is on that board, along with Michael Yohn, Alamosa County, and several representatives from law enforcement. She said that former Commissioner Pam Bricker was the only other county commissioner on the board. Ms. Kern said the board discusses detox and what drugs are coming into the Valley. She assured the Board she will pass along information from the Crossroads/Turning Point board meetings.

Ms. Wisdom reported that County employee service awards are scheduled to be given on March 29, 2017. One employee will celebrate 50 years with the County, and Ms. Wisdom suggested inviting her family.

At 3:02 p.m., the Board discussed the recent presentation about supplemental insurance from Aflac. Ms. Wisdom said the County offers a similar program and not many employees use it. Chairman Shriver said the County does not need the Aflac program, and Commissioner Glover agreed. Commissioner Bothell asked if the employees know about its supplemental insurance, and Ms. Wisdom said they are notified during their orientation. Chairman Shriver recommended declining the Aflac insurance.

At 3:03 p.m., two tax abatements were presented. These abatements were approved by the County Assessor, J.J. Mondragon, who was present to explain them. Thistledown LLC should not have paying tax on this property for five years, because it was someone else's responsibility. An abatement in the amount of \$695.14 is due. The property owned by Maryam Echevarria Pepper should have been classified as agricultural rather than vacant. An abatement in the amount of \$150.49 is due. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the abatements. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request for a contribution to the Del Norte after-prom committee. Chairman Shriver said the Board has not contributed in the past. The consensus of the Board was not to contribute.

At 3:17 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a bid from WSB Computer Services in the amount of \$2,375.00 to create a new County website. Commissioner Bothell said the Board needs to determine what it wants for the website. She asked if content could be posted by County employees. Ms. Wisdom said employees would be trained to add content, but cautioned about being careful about how many employees could change content. She said it probably could not be limited by departments. Chairman Shriver asked that WSB be asked to discuss the website creation with the Board. She suggested that the Board review other websites WSB has created. The bid was tabled.

The Board discussed how to structure the airport manager and emergency manager positions, then decided to move that discussion to a work session following the meeting.

At 3:25 p.m., the Board of Commissioners Governing Policy was presented. Commissioner Bothell pointed out two typographical errors and corrections were made. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the Governing Policy as corrected. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The policy was signed.

At 3:37 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 February 22, 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 8:55 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a telephone call to County Coroner Rusty Strohmayer. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The call to Coroner Strohmayer was placed. Ms. Wisdom explained that the draft of the 2017 contract between the County and Mr. Strohmayer has been sent to County Attorney Bill Dunn for review. Mr. Strohmayer said he needs to be paid \$750.00 for office expenses and equipment. Ms. Wisdom responded, saying he has been paid \$350.00 for office expenses. Chairman Shriver explained that the \$750.00 was an agreed-to fee from the 2016 contract; there is no contract with Mr. Strohmayer at this time. Ms. Wisdom said the County did not set the office fee at \$750.00 for 2017; rather it was set at a rate of \$350.00 per month.

Mr. Strohmayer said he would get the District Attorney involved this year, as he did last year, in order to get paid. He will also obtain a letter from the Attorney General. Ms. Wisdom suggested scheduling a meeting with Mr. Strohmayer, the Board, the County Attorney, and Mr. Strohmayer's attorney to work out the details of the 2017 contract. She reiterated that the \$350.00 paid to Mr. Strohmayer was for office expenses. Mr. Strohmayer said this payment was for storage and not for office expenses. Chairman Shriver said the Board would review the recent invoices and confirm correct payments. She asked Mr. Strohmayer to continue to work in his capacity as Coroner. Mr. Strohmayer said he has no vehicle and no office and asked how he is supposed to work. He reiterated that he will call the District Attorney.

Ms. Wisdom presented an invoice from Mr. Strohmayer dated December 31, 2016, showing that \$350.00 was paid for office expenses. Chairman Shriver confirmed this with Mr. Strohmayer. He disputed this payment, saying that the Board was suffering from "idiotitis."

Chairman Shriver said the County entered into the contract in 2016; this was the first time a contract had been drafted. Commissioner Bothell requested copies of the information from the District Attorney from 2016. Mr. Strohmayer said he would have the District Attorney call the Board.

Chairman Shriver reiterated the request for the District Attorney's materials. She then reviewed an invoice from Mr. Strohmayer dated February 2, 2017. An office fee of \$350.00 was paid, along with office supplies in the amount of \$85.11. Mr. Strohmayer said the \$350.00 was for storage. Chairman Shriver pointed out that a subsequent invoice was paid for storage. She also pointed out that the 2016 contract with Mr. Strohmayer expired on December 31, 2016, so fees agreed to in that contract no longer apply. Mr. Strohmayer said the draft of the 2017 contract is the same as the 2016 contract, except for the addition of a fee for using Mr. Strohmayer's personal vehicle.

Commissioner Glover confirmed that \$750.00 per month was paid in 2016, for office expenses. Commissioner Bothell said the 2016 contract has expired, and pointed out that it cannot be amended for 2017.

Chairman Shriver acknowledged miscommunications between the Board and Mr. Strohmayer in 2016, which led to a contract that could not be changed. Commissioner Glover explained that the Coroner's budget and contract were due before the first of the year, and Mr. Strohmayer did

not submit them. Chairman Shriver noted that Mr. Strohmayer changed the storage fee in 2015, with no notice or agreement. The call ended.

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

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:17 a.m., Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, was present to update the Board. He reported receiving two bids to repair the sidewalk leading to the entrance of the courthouse. He reported that pipes are exposed on the side of the step and need to be covered to reduce heat loss. One contractor said a box can be built around the pipes at an additional cost of \$150.00. The two bids came in at \$2,300.00 from Haas to tear out and replace the sidewalk and \$2,500.00 from Aardvark Plumbing (includes a curb wall).

Commissioner Glover reported that the heating pipes under the sidewalk will run from where the crack is to the curb. Commissioner Bothell said she noticed an expansion joint on the narrow sidewalk as well, and asked if it should be fixed. This may be a winter heave and the sidewalk may settle in the spring. Mr. Medina reported that Aardvark Plumbing wants to run the new pipe under the grass. He said he would prefer that the pipes connect to the sidewalk. Mr. Medina said he will give the bids to Ms. Wisdom. Commissioner Glover said this repair should be completed as soon as possible. Mr. Medina asked how to route people into the building while the repairs are being made. Ms. Wisdom asked if the side door to the courthouse could be used, but said this might be a problem for the security guard. Jody Kern, Department of Social Services, suggested that the repairs be completed during a week when there is no court.

Commissioner Bothell asked why a box needs to be built around the exposed pipes near the step. Mr. Medina said this would provide access to the pipes if they need to be repaired in the future. He said the box would be insulated.

Mr. Medina said he does not know about maintenance needs at the jail, and reported that the other County buildings are in good shape.

New chairs are being considered for the Annex. Chairman Shriver said the Board has not made a decision regarding the chairs; it is possible that the existing chairs could be re-covered. Ms. Wisdom said this option would be less expensive than purchasing new chairs. Mr. Medina said the Annex carpet will have to be replaced in the future.

Mr. Medina reported that trees have been trimmed at the Rio Grande County Museum. He will ask Director Louise Colville if more trimming is needed.

At 9:28 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 10:02 a.m., the meeting resumed. Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board.

Ms. Brown reported that the State immunization contract is changing to reflect the State's fiscal year. The contract in the amount of \$29,640.00 will be in force from April 2017 through June 2018. These are both State and Federal funds that are used for immunization services, including staff funding and supplies if they are needed. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Immunization Core Funding contract. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Brown reported that the Del Norte Health Fair would be on March 25, 2017; the Monte Vista Health Fair will be on April 8, 2017.

Ms. Brown reported that the Alamosa County Public Health Director is presenting the harm reduction syringe access program to the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners. The Area Health Education Center will be the fiscal agent for this program. The harm reduction program will provide testing and will supply clean needles to drug users. The program will start in Alamosa and then extend to other communities. If the resolution to support the program is passed by the Alamosa BOCC, Ms. Brown will present the program to the Rio Grande County Board of Public Health on March 9, 2017. Ms. Brown said the area communities will be more involved in the program than counties will be.

Ms. Brown requested approval to close the Department's office on March 15 2017, so the staff can attend a Trauma Evaluation and Management symposium at Adams State University. The

symposium for first responders will include trauma and crisis issues, as well as trauma care for children. The symposium will also be a networking event for the Prevention Coalition. Needs for the next year will be discussed, as will be HB-1451 to coordinate youth services. The consensus of the Board was to approve closing the office on March 15, 2017.

Chairman Shriver asked how HB-1451 efforts could work with the Inspire Grant in the Valley. Ms. Brown said this could be an opportunity. She also said the bill is for people working with youth, rather than being for youth. She said there may be a training in the fall that could work with the Inspire Grant.

Ms. Brown reported that trainings are being conducted to get people involved on the board of the Communities that Care program. A data contractor is needed on a part-time basis to track what programs are needed and to help with community assessments. The funding for the Communities that Care program has been received.

Ms. Brown reminded the Board that an emergency preparedness exercise will be held from June 15 to 17, 2017. On Saturday, June 27, 2017, from 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., the exercise will include practicing the ordering and distribution of medications. Volunteers are needed.

Ms. Brown reported that the Health Care Coalitions from Saguache, Rio Grande, and Mineral Counties meet quarterly to establish the various roles in an emergency and to discuss needed trainings. She said Colorado is one of a few states whose coalitions work this way. Other states work through non-profit organizations. Grant funding covers hospitals and clinics. The grant needs to change in order to run the funding through health care coalitions. Nine health care coalitions will be established to cover the State; no new partners will be established in the Valley. The Board discussed options concerning who can manage this grant. Ms. Wisdom asked if the grant includes administrative costs. Ms. Brown said there would be some additional funding, depending on who the health care coalition partners are.

Ms. Brown reported that the Ebola grant, the Communities that Care grant, and the tobacco grant are close to expiring and funds are available for purchasing technology updates needed in an emergency. The Ebola grant ends in March 2017; Communities that Care and the Tobacco grant end in June 2017. Chairman Shriver said a projector and a screen are needed, as well as some white boards. Ms. Brown said that a telephone update is needed to add another line if the Annex meeting rooms would be used for the command center. Ms. Wisdom said this should be a separate line. Chairman Shriver suggested that Ms. Brown discuss needs with Dave Osborn, Homeland Security. Ms. Brown will also discuss needs with WSB Computer Services. Ms. Brown said that Wi-Fi is available in the Department of Social Services building and the Department of Public Health has a wireless connection with unlimited data. Ms. Brown pointed out that the electrical outlets in the Annex meeting rooms are inconveniently located and more outlets would be helpful. It was suggested that she speak to Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, about finding an electrician. Commissioner Bothell noted that white boards can be installed anywhere.

Ms. Brown asked about the status of the emergency manager position. Ms. Wisdom said the position has been advertised and she has spoken with applicants. A job description is being developed for the part-time position. Interviews will take place in the next two weeks. It was suggested that Ms. Brown sit in on the interviews.

Ms. Brown asked about the status of the jail nurse position. Ms. Wisdom said this topic needs to be added to an upcoming agenda. Ms. Wisdom reported that Sheriff Brian Norton has spoken to a tele-med and psychiatric care company based in New Mexico. An EMT could be the liaison between inmates and the tele-med company. The company provides 24-hour access. Ms. Wisdom will obtain more information from the Sheriff.

Ms. Brown said a Pipeline meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2017, which would be good for the emergency manager to attend.

At 10:32 a.m., Cleve Simpson, Cory Off, and Brian David, Rio Grande Water Conservation District, were present. Mr. Simpson, General Manager of the District, said he has been in this role for nearly a year. He explained that the District encompasses Conejos, Rio Grande, and Alamosa Counties, and portions of Saguache and Mineral Counties, which is 90 percent of the Rio Grande Basin. The District Board is made up of nine members; each county has two representatives, except for Mineral County, which has one. New appointments to the District Board from Rio Grande County must be submitted by the April 2017 meeting. Mr. David's term expires April 17, 2017. Mr. Off is the other Rio Grande County representative.

Mr. Simpson distributed the District's budget to the Board. The District receives \$2.3 million in funding, \$417,000.00 of which comes from Rio Grande County.

The District works to protect endangered species and water rights, and also administers water issues. The primary effort of the District is creating subdistricts, which manage water in various areas of the Valley. The intent of the subdistricts is to remain compliant with rules pertaining to ground water. There are 7,000 wells in the Valley affected by these rules. Mr. Simpson said there is some opposition to the rules, but the issues are being worked out; there will be a water court trial in 2018.

Mr. Simpson reported that Subdistrict No. 1 has been in operation for six years. There are six subdistricts in the Valley, three of which are in Rio Grande County. Each county collects the fees assessed by the subdistricts, and these fees are sent to the subdistricts.

Mr. Simpson said Subdistrict No. 1 is changing its plan of water management, how its fees are collected, and the amount of those fees. This has caused some contentiousness among members. The Subdistrict is raising money to replace injury to surface water rights and to sustain the aquifer. The goal is to recover 700,000 acre feet of water in the next 20 years. Some progress has been made, but Mr. Simpson said the progress is not happening quickly enough. Additional sources of funding may be needed. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) pays when farmers fallow their land. However, Mr. Simpson said there is not much interest in the CREP program. Only 5,000 to 6,000 acres have been fallowed locally, so the incentive to fallow land needs to be increased. The federal CREP program requires a 15-year commitment, and there are restrictions on what can be done with the land. Mr. Off said that being allowed to rotate crops throughout a farm would be a better option, but the CREP program only applies to one parcel of land.

Mr. Simpson reported that this will be the fourth year when the river flowed at its historical average. There are 3,000 wells in Subdistrict No. 1. He noted that 3,000 wells have been shut off on the South Platte.

Commissioner Glover asked why the CREP program is a 15-year commitment. Mr. Simpson said it is a federal program. Commissioner Bothell said it is focused on land that did not need to be farmed. Mr. Simpson said the program was designed for other areas, and does not fit well locally.

Mr. Simpson said the subdistrict project cannot fail; the District is committed to its success. Mr. Off said the District does not have the political clout to change rules. Mr. David said that CREP impacts the flexibility in what a farm can do. Commissioner Glover asked who the voice of the District is. Mr. Simpson said the District has a lobbyist and the District may send a contingent to Washington, D.C., to be a small voice for change in the nation. Mr. Simpson invited the Board to visit the District offices and to ask any questions it may have. The District will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year.

At 10:55 a.m., Louise Colville, Director of the Rio Grande County Museum, was present to update the Board. Ms. Colville said she is working on advertising this week. Postcards to be sent to teachers have been worked on, and the next set of press releases regarding the Crane Festival and the Summitville exhibit will be sent out by the end of the week.

Ms. Colville said her assistant is working at the Carnegie Library in Monte Vista and information will be shared between the library and the Museum.

Ms. Colville reported that she has taken over Museum dues collection and paying Museum bills. Chairman Shriver said the QuickBooks system needs to be discussed for the Museum. Commissioner Glover said the financial report received at the recent Museum Board meeting was excessive. Ms. Colville said she would compile the next report. Ms. Wisdom said QuickBooks could be set up online at a cost of \$50.00 per account, or a QuickBooks program could be purchased. Lyla Davis can help set up the program, and Ms. Wisdom said this would be worth whatever she charges. Ms. Colville stressed the importance of keeping financial information in the Museum office rather than on personal computers. Commissioner Glover agreed that this provides better control. Ms. Colville reported that membership is handled on the Past Perfect software program.

At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing continuation was called to order. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, Eli Mast, and John Yoder were present to discuss a conditional use permit for a sawmill on County Road 8 South and the County Line road in Monte Vista. Ms. Diltz explained that the first hearing on this matter was held on February 1, 2017, and the decision was tabled.

Chairman Shriver asked Mr. Mast about his progress in purchasing additional land. Mr. Mast said his neighbor has agreed to sell him 25 acres of land that adjoins Mr. Mast's property; both parties have agreed to the purchase price. A closing date will be determined after the property is surveyed. Ms. Diltz said she advised Mr. Mast not to spend any money until he had a tentative approval of the conditional use permit.

Mr. Mast showed the Board a rough map of the plot of land, showing the additional 25 acres. Ms. Diltz said there would be a boundary line adjustment when the survey is complete.

Chairman Shriver expressed concern that Mr. Mast uses two addresses for this property and suggested that he use one, preferably in Monte Vista. Mr. Mast said his concern was not getting his mail. Commissioner Bothell assured him that his mail carrier will know where he lives. Ms. Diltz said it is only the physical address of the property that needs to change. The mailing address can remain the same. Chairman Shriver said the change is necessary for public safety. In an emergency it would be important. Ms. Diltz added that with the Alamosa address, if the sheriff was called, the sheriff would be out of his jurisdiction because the property is actually in Rio Grande County. Ms. Diltz offered to help Mr. Mast with the address change, and said she would notify the Building Department.

Chairman Shriver recommended that the Board approve Mr. Mast's new plan of action with the purchase of the additional 25 acres, so the property complies with the County code book. She said the Board would have to deny the first conditional use permit application and that Mr. Mast could apply for a new one contingent on finalizing the purchase. She recommended to the Board that he would not be charged an additional application fee for this. Mr. Mast asked if the property would have to be rezoned. Ms. Diltz said an amendment of zoning would be required before a new conditional use permit could be approved. This will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 21, 2017, then presented to the Board at a hearing on April 15, 2017. Ms. Diltz requested a new site map to clarify where the sawmill will be located on the property. She said Mr. Mast should create the map showing there is room to grow. She noted that even if the survey is pending, the conditional use permit could still be approved. Commissioner Glover moved to deny the original conditional use permit application, noting the fee for a new application would be waived along with a change of address fee. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 11:27 a.m., vouchers were presented, including a period 13 account containing 2016 expenses from the Department of Public Health.

FEBRUARY 2017 MID-MONTH VOUCHERS

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1 Better LLC	Acct# A8394	\$5,000.00
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	2017 Environmental Health Services	\$8,168.00
Alamosa County	Copies - Color & Black and White	\$25.33
Boyce Equipment & Parts Co., Inc.	140X20 Goodyear	\$2,254.00
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Septic Service January	\$80.00
Carse	2017 Carse Membership Dues - Darryl Miles/Patrick Sullivan	\$290.00
Cata-Co Assn Tax Appraisers	Membership Dues	\$100.00
CCNC, Inc.	Acct RGSO/2017 Membership	\$100.00
CDHS Central Accounting	Vouchers/Sheriff Fund/ Fee's for Sheriff/Bitf & State VA	\$6.00
CenturyLink	719-657-9017 478B	\$147.53
CenturyLink	719-657-2744 943B	\$861.80
CenturyLink	7196572003015B	\$17.63
CenturyLink	7196573325233B	\$57.60
CenturyLink	101Atizfalmscomadco/K7196570048014M	\$365.45
CenturyLink	719 657 3454 758B	\$58.39
CenturyLink	719 852 4781 380B	\$406.60
CenturyLink	Re Issued Check for Check #146123	\$58.53
CenturyLink	719 873 5588 534B	\$51.81
CenturyLink	Re Issued Check for Check #146126	\$159.94
CenturyLink	Replacement Check for Check# 146121 (10/26/16)	\$365.84
CenturyLink	Re Issued Check for Check# 146127	\$97.68
CenturyLink	Re Issued Check for Check #146124	\$51.89
CenturyLink	Re Issued Check for Check# 146125	\$568.95
CenturyLink	Acct #72809885/719-657-2744	\$59.14
City of Monte Vista	Acct# 105.5746.10.00/Pd for Full Year Avg \$60 @ 12/2017	\$720.00

CO Dept. of Labor & Employ	Storage Tank Registration	\$35.00
Colorado County Clerk's Assn.	2017 State Dues	\$852.08
Colorado Depart. of Revenue	State and County Fuel Tax	\$78.00
Colorado Dept. of Health	Acct RGSO/Jail Training	\$220.00
Computer Information Concepts, Inc.	W-2's/1099's and Envelopes	\$162.76
Costilla County Public	EPSDT Contract Billing January 2017	\$2,140.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Acct 7048	\$109.85
Del Norte Police Dept.	Health Fair Banner March 25, 2017	\$25.00
District Attorney Office	2nd Portion of The 2017 Budget	\$15,000.00
Dixie Diltz	Landfill Board Meetings/Cu Application Site	\$28.80
Galls, LLC	Inv Con't 6830953/Acct# 3737546	\$4,097.61
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756 Service and Copies	\$140.89
Gobins, Inc.	Cust# 13756	\$227.47
Great America Financial	Agreement # 016-0939369-000 Copy Machine	\$136.17
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Tires and Tire Repair	\$171.00
Hart Intercivic	Postage General Election	\$1,309.66
J.J. Keller & Associates	Cust# 200074804/S Dvir Bond 3 Ply Stk	\$442.81
Jack's Market	Inv Con't 142923 143631 122504 144990 123250 123251 145641 123475 146392 123957 147187 125263 149348 150051 150411/Acct 4000	\$190.04
Jack's Market	Inv Con't 119377 139952/Acct 4000	\$51.27
Jade Communications, LLC	Acct# 2938	\$96.92
Jean Borrego	\$580.50 Miles for Jan/Verizon \$133.44	\$713.94
Ken's Service Center	Inv Con't 44954 44829 44936 44891/Acct RGSO	\$1,402.14
Kimberly Bryant	Monthly Pay/Sim Grant/January 2017	\$1,215.64
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay/December 2016/January 2017	\$2,050.00
Lake County Health Dept.	Billing for January 2017	\$725.00
Leds, LLC	2017 Maintenance Scandoc	\$1,520.00
Leds, LLC	Oct/Nov/Dec 2016 lcounty Storage/Fee	\$1,518.00
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	RGPP Logo Pens/RGPP Logo Sticky Notes	\$418.66
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Shredder Fees	\$24.00
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Recycling Fees	\$24.00
Mona Syring	Clerk of the Board 1/1-1/29/2017	\$524.60
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct# 4545094/Propane	\$912.86
Monte Vista Cooperative	Inv Con't 21099 32405/Acct# 4531231	\$73.72
Monte Vista Machine Tool	Replace Yokes in Driveline/ Turn 1 3/4 Pin To 1 5/8	\$322.30
Moonlight Customs LLC.	Install Transport Partition	\$412.50
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	Inv Con't 28685	\$94.41
Nada Appraisal Guides	Acct# 107581/Nada Guide	\$186.00
Park County Jail	Acct RGSO/Jan Holding	\$360.00
Pen Craft Design Company	January 2017 and Postage	\$844.83
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Acct# 0016457644	\$65.00
Policeone.Com	Po #137/Inv# 1213-1/Acct RGSO Taser Training	\$225.00
RGI-Ace Electric	Labor and Parts for Court House Boiler.	\$1,059.97
Rio Grande County	Pass Through Grant from SLV Weed	\$4,762.20
Rio Grande County Clerk	Title Fees for 2017 Dodge Van So	\$10.98
Rio Grande County Clerk	Title Fee To Clerk for 2017 Chevy Pu	\$12.06
Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC	Inv Con't 4947 4948 4949 4950 4951 4952 4953 4954 4956 4957 4958 4960 4961 4962 4964 4966 4967/Acct# 8	\$1,737.28
Rio Grande Services	Acct RGSO/Checked Walk-in Cooler/Convection Oven	\$484.00
Roller Auctions	Acct RGSO/Two Dog Units From Douglas County Sheriff	\$570.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water - January	\$16.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$45.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$23.40
S & S Distribution, Inc.	February Water	\$24.00
Safety - Kleen	Solvent	\$210.94
Saguache Co Public Health	EPSDT Services/January & February 2017	\$1,550.00

Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Tubersol	\$121.71
Simple Distributors LLC	Inv Con't 62608/Floor mat/Calendars/Tape/Ribbon/Calc Tape/ Mat/White Out Clips/Rubber Bands/Envelopes/Toner	\$534.58
SLV REC	Sf-4699010705 \$280 /Dn-759843705 \$120	\$400.00
SLV REC	Acct# 4705001905	\$190.00
SLV Regional Solid Waste	Trash Barrels	\$4.75
Solar Traffic System, Inc.	6 Volt 18 Ah Sla Battery Pack/1Z5726170398975076	\$69.99
South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.	January Statement Acct# 11763	\$254.50
South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.	Acct#10274	\$806.25
Staples Business	Office Supplies/2 Pocket Folders, Post Its, Wall Files	\$38.18
State of Colorado	January Renewals	\$337.08
State of Colorado	February Renewals	\$393.58
Statutes Unlimited	2017 Election Resource Manual	\$245.00
Strohmayers Funeral Home, LLC	Cooler Storage Rent	\$300.00
Strohmayers Funeral Home, LLC	Office Space and Office Supplies	\$385.11
Taser International	Acct 107320	\$3,926.66
Top Value	Acct 4781	\$50.69
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC	Acct 5660/Remove Catalyst Systems On Roof Top Units and Convert To Original Set Up.	\$4,560.00
Total office Solutions	Acct# 21609-0 Computer/Office Supplies	\$83.81
Town of Del Norte	#1512.01/1892.01/1822.01	\$241.62
Ultramax	Acct Ri115	\$817.00
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement # 6573334/Contract # Ct1825-04	\$96.84
Valley Courier	Acct RGSO/Detention 11/26-12/13/2016 Deputy 2/4-2/21/2017	\$360.00
Valley Electric, Inc.	Acct RGSO/Replaced Ballast In 2-Lamp Compact Can Light/ Fixed Broken Wire In Cell Block Room	\$338.72
Valley Publishing	MVJ Legal #4098	\$24.00
Valley Publishing	MVJ Legal #4101/Resolution	\$40.00
Valley Publishing	Legal MVJ#4103/Notice of Budget	\$312.00
Valuwest, Inc	Commercial Reappraisal Pmt	\$3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00002	\$102.90
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00004	\$1,257.89
Verizon Wireless	Acct #765509857-00005	\$143.86
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$221.39
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 842020320	\$165.89
Victim Assistance Fund		\$6.00
Waste Management-	DN-0967632-2521-4 /Mv-0967633-25521- 2	\$243.94
Waste Management-	Customer Id #05925-74006	\$205.62
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-819102-5	\$871.15
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406 00 819100 9	\$189.94
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$1,093.75
WSB Computer Services	Maintenance Agreement	\$1,815.00
WSB Computer Services	Acct RGSO	\$7,331.50
WSB Computer Services	Recycling Fees/Flash Drive	\$48.50
WSB Computer Services	Toner - Xerox Printer	\$111.00
Xcel Energy	Acct#53-1083310-0	\$2,775.89
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$5,295.39
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Indexing & Imaging - Land Records December 2016	\$1,657.80
TOTAL		\$111,195.35

FEBRUARY 2017 END-OF-MONTH VOUCHERS

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Airgas LLC	Inv#'s Cont -9060158301, 9941805136	\$871.23
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	November 2016 Public Health and Environmental Health Program	\$1,082.55
Alamosa County	Rent Jan 2017	\$300.00

Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv#'s Cont - 126083, 130047, 126084, 130048, 129335, 128730, 128732, 131167, 128731, 127734, 128914, 131184, 128985, 129361	\$30,111.85
Bryan Christensen	Miles and Stipend	\$60.35
Business Solutions Leasing, Inc.	Agreement# 101-0818002-000	\$54.73
C B I Printers	Envelopes	\$80.00
CenturyLink	7196574000294B	\$685.42
CenturyLink	7196570646508B	\$161.54
CenturyLink	7196579167029	\$63.28
CenturyLink	7196573454	\$58.35
CenturyLink	00247404328	\$51.81
CenturyLink	7196572847008	\$49.74
CO. Bureau of Investigation	Acct Co0530Ccw	\$52.50
Columbine Automotive	Heat Shrink Triple Wall	\$56.00
Computer Information Concepts, Inc.	Custom Programming/Signature Change on Laser Checks	\$300.00
Conejos County Nursing	Tobacco Sub Contract November 2016	\$1,198.00
Costilla County Public	Tob Sub Contract Payment November 2016	\$1,096.81
Del Norte Auto Supply	Acct# 7046	\$465.32
Del Norte Auto Supply	Leaf Blower for Maintenance Dept.	\$231.91
Dianne Koshak	Miles to Meetings/Jan/Feb	\$132.75
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Cust# 1040000140/Install New Antenna on Ford P/U W/Liftgate - Check Antenna In 950 Cat Loader	\$432.67
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Acct #429/Install New Console Computer	\$283.14
Division of Reclamation	Pit Permit #M-1987-019	\$323.00
Dwight Freeman	Miles and Stipend	\$63.50
Emily Brown	Miles to Meetings	\$245.70
Endpoint Direct, Inc.	Printing 2016 Tax Notices	\$640.75
First Bankcard	Acct# 4804 0799 6993 1595	\$7,686.30
GCR Tire Center/Tds	Backhoe,	\$222.22
Gobins, Inc.	Maint Contract Copier	\$437.50
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756/Maint Contract and Copies/#2011109690	\$53.94
Gobins, Inc.	Copier Maint and Copies	\$63.00
Great America Financial	Copier Lease/Agreement# 025- 1070947-0000	\$349.13
Great America Financial	Copier Lease Annex & Sheriff/Agreement# 015- 0875950-000	\$452.00
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	A 32/A 14	\$167.40
Haynie's Inc.	Acct#7066	\$1,511.14
Ida Salazar	Miles to Meetings	\$171.00
Industrial & Farm Supply	Acct# 189	\$137.74
Ivan Curley Signs & James Clare	Acct RGSO/Strip New Van	\$390.00
Jean Borrego	Miles and Stipend	\$52.25
Jean Borrego	Miles \$445.95/Supp-Mat Verizon \$133.44	\$579.39
Jean Borrego	Salary	\$5,000.00
Keith Rogers	Miles and Stipend	\$58.10
Kenneth Vanlwarden	Stipend and Miles	\$63.50
Lenco West, Inc.	Inv#'s Cont - 36471, 36468, 36399, 36327, 36309, 36297, 36288, 36251, 36263, 36561, 36516, 36341	\$1,052.01
Leroy A Romero	Monthly Cleaning	\$150.00
Lyle Signs, Inc.	Road Signs	\$2,650.96
Matco Tools	Tools	\$67.41
Michael Mitchell	Stipend and Miles	\$65.30
Mike Schaefer	Miles and Stipend	\$56.30
Monte Vista Cooperative	Inv#'s Cont - 34894, 37168, 36989, 36218, 36129/Acct #4531231	\$162.60
Myers Brothers Truck And Tractor, Inc.	Dipstick Gromett, Elbows, Axle	\$86.50
Nancy Molina	Miles to Meetings	\$66.57
O & V Printing, Inc.	Envelopes/ Business Cards - Commissioners	\$977.61

Peggy J Kern	Mileage Post Office	\$9.90
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Acct# 47385703	\$5,000.00
Pro Com	Drug Testing	\$82.00
Pts of America, LLC	Acct #1652/Prisoner Transport - Riddle	\$1,070.30
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Yellow Fever Vaccine	\$682.34
SLV Behavioral Health Group	Behavioral Health Group	\$4,743.08
SLV REC	Acct#'s 1337000605, 7000235200, 7000524700, 7000541400	\$1,953.00
Staples Business	Ink Cartridges	\$94.46
Susan Cullen	Miles to Meetings	\$126.90
Thompson Distributing Inc.	Inv 6994	\$618.93
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC	Replace Relief Valve	\$617.11
Total Office Solutions	Office Supplies/Tape/Forms/Binder	\$131.66
Total Office Solutions	Inv#0276341	\$230.58
Total Office Solutions	002/Acct#13756/File Pockets, Post Its, Highlighters, Calc Ribbon, Phone Organizer, Pens	\$37.98
Town And Country	Acct# 13756	\$168.72
Valcomm	Air Dam	\$795.00
Valley Lumber And Supply, Inc.	Fsa2017Rgr	\$23.38
Wagner Equipment	Tape Rule Power Lock	\$3,587.72
Wagner Equipment	P03C0436832, P00C1943269, P03C0436357, P03C0436412, P03C0436413, P03C0436102, P00C1942413, P00C1941430, S03W0828486, S03W0828711, S03W0828430, P03C0436103, P03C0435369, P00C1942411	\$3,503.66
Wesley O'Rourke	P03C0436689, P03C0436603, P03C0436917, P03C0437011, P00C1946926, P03C0437078, P03C0436415, P03C0436358, P03C0436773, P00C1946927, P03C0436410, P03C0436414, P03C0437248, P03C0436411, P00C1942412, P00C1947893, P03C0437433	\$63.50
WSB Computer Services	Stipend and Miles	\$1,815.00
Xcel Energy	Maint Agreement	\$2,863.86
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Acct# 53-1143312-0	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	Data Merge 2016	\$91,601.85

Monthly payroll was presented:

County General	\$201,797.14
Road and Bridge	\$74,408.80
DSS	\$112,903.88
Weed	\$3,570.67
Public Health	\$18,507.89
TOTAL	\$411,188.38

Total deductions were in the amount of \$120,449.23. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the February 2017 vouchers and payroll. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 30-25-111(1.5), total payroll for 2016 follows:

POSITION	GROSS SALARY
Accountant	\$43,093.12
Accountant	\$5,767.19
Appraiser	\$28,861.35
Appraiser	\$46,569.08
Appraiser	\$26,236.30
Appraiser	\$35,520.80
Case Aid-Living Skills	\$24,716.56
Case Aid-Living Skills	\$26,612.92
Case Aid-Living Skills	\$26,725.00
Case Manager	\$26,428.73
Case Manager	\$28,285.00

Case Manager	\$29,411.80
Case Manager	\$33,647.56
Case Manager	\$54,405.85
Case Manager	\$8,010.20
Case Manager	\$44,060.56
Caseworker	\$36,416.20
Caseworker	\$37,039.85
Caseworker	\$35,291.56
Caseworker	\$35,818.55
Caseworker	\$35,226.16
Caseworker	\$36,187.00
Civil Process Server	\$42,124.84
Clerk	\$33,485.51
Clerk	\$31,329.64
Clerk	\$26,337.64
Clerk	\$26,204.05
Clerk	\$40,860.80
Clerk	\$32,121.71
Clerk	\$34,346.33
Clerk	\$27,625.57
Clerk/Typist/Secretary	\$28,597.00
Clerk/Typist/Secretary	\$22,630.00
Clerk/Typist/Secretary	\$22,630.00
Committee Member	\$250.00
Committee Member	\$808.72
Committee Member	\$674.66
Committee Member	\$467.50
Committee Member	\$547.20
Committee Member	\$195.90
Committee Member	\$53.69
Committee Member	\$463.90
Committee Member	\$709.89
Committee Member	\$281.00
Committee Member	\$324.30
Committee Member	\$765.95
County Administrator	\$9,862.00
County Administrator	\$41,676.79
Custodian	\$22,892.25
Custodian	\$26,243.01
Custodian	\$19,638.30
Custodian	\$34,957.81
Department Head	\$72,881.25
Department Head	\$42,395.20
Department Head	\$59,738.45
Department Head	\$76,900.00
Department Head	\$76,900.00
Deputy Officer	\$20,919.77
Deputy Officer	\$223.51
Deputy Officer	\$35,094.40
Deputy Officer	\$33,804.76
Deputy Officer	\$31,891.24
Deputy Officer	\$22,527.50
Deputy Officer	\$19,420.71
Deputy Officer	\$28,665.16
Deputy Officer	\$30,349.18
Deputy Officer	\$303.00
Deputy Officer	\$15,155.97
Deputy Officer	\$271.69
Deputy Officer	\$2,173.60
Deputy Officer	\$14,886.64
Deputy Officer	\$2,871.20
Deputy Officer	\$1,862.40
Deputy Officer	\$35,780.80
Deputy Officer	\$28,081.58
Deputy Officer	\$28,937.00
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$1,100.00
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$2,600.00
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$200.00
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$37,769.93
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$43,673.26
Deputy to Elected Off.	\$900.00
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$35,205.59
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$506.70
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$27,090.83
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$11,338.64

Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$12,335.83
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$8,347.97
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$9,160.42
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$55,000.79
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$13,030.90
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$4,022.20
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$32,317.49
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$13,368.03
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$8,613.68
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$26,496.09
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$20,248.72
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$25,406.23
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$29,356.30
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$30,753.85
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$26,721.29
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$4,193.76
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$28,969.75
Dispatcher/Detention Officer	\$11,529.60
Elected Official	\$49,700.04
Elected Official	\$49,700.04
Elected Official	\$481.50
Elected Official	\$49,700.04
Elected Official	\$61,625.04
Elected Official	\$49,700.04
Elected Official	\$66,600.00
Elected Official	\$49,700.04
Elected Official	\$22,100.04
EPSDT Case Manager	\$28,353.31
Equipment Operator	\$43,147.67
Equipment Operator	\$33,479.98
Equipment Operator	\$48,303.05
Equipment Operator	\$31,868.53
Equipment Operator	\$29,327.93
Equipment Operator	\$3,045.76
Equipment Operator	\$30,761.82
Equipment Operator	\$29,671.58
Equipment Operator	\$28,231.72
Equipment Operator	\$31,066.24
Equipment Operator	\$48,662.83
Equipment Operator	\$43,632.42
Equipment Operator	\$48,878.15
Equipment Operator	\$33,023.29
Equipment Operator	\$30,121.29
Equipment Operator	\$35,395.09
Foreman	\$53,789.56
Foreman	\$52,400.86
Grant Support Clerk	\$9,838.49
Human Resource Officer	\$52,805.91
Income Maint. Technician	\$29,403.18
Income Maint. Technician	\$31,190.56
Income Maint. Technician	\$31,795.00
Income Maint. Technician	\$27,193.00
Income Maint. Technician	\$30,695.72
Income Maint. Technician	\$19,638.02
Income Maint. Technician	\$31,190.56
Income Maint. Technician	\$21,489.80
Income Maint. Technician	\$31,795.00
Income Maint. Technician	\$31,190.56
Income Maint. Technician	\$8,061.82
Income Maint. Technician	\$2,278.25
Jail Administrator	\$46,527.76
Jail Cook	\$22,543.25
Jail Cook	\$5,500.09
Jail Cook	\$5,712.78
Jail Cook	\$6,315.80
Jail/Lieutenant	\$34,491.16
Land Use/Bldg. Insp.	\$2,868.80
Land Use/Bldg. Insp.	\$38,609.56
Land Use/Bldg. Insp.	\$59,076.76
Land Use/Bldg. Insp.	\$270.00
Legal Technician	\$3,374.40
Legal Technician	\$16,683.80
Legal Technician	\$33,062.56
Legal Technician	\$33,725.56
Manager	\$42,364.00

Manager	\$20,196.03
Manager	\$53,635.00
Manager	\$52,664.35
Mechanic	\$49,387.53
Office Assistant	\$9,882.96
Office Assistant	\$2,178.09
Office Assistant	\$27,460.84
Office Assistant	\$18,615.74
Office Assistant	\$642.76
Office Assistant	\$26,337.64
Office Assistant	\$19,802.96
Office Manager	\$25,000.90
Office Manager	\$44,060.56
Office Manager	\$31,417.45
Office Manager	\$33,888.04
Pc Spray Operator	\$6,112.00
Pc Spray Operator	\$1,660.00
Pc Spray Operator	\$4,554.00
Pc Spray Operator	\$2,125.00
Public Health Nurse	\$36,267.58
Public Health Nurse	\$44,105.69
Recovery Technician	\$29,386.78
Recovery Technician	\$31,143.66
Undersheriff	\$20,707.48
Veteran Office	\$15,271.68
Weed Inspector	\$5,246.50
Welder	\$48,234.41
TOTAL	\$4,887,875.80

At 11:32 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a tax abatement for approval. The property, 1085 Grande Avenue Office Building LLC, should have been taxed at a residential rate rather than a commercial rate. A refund of \$2,486.28 is due. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the tax abatement. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported having a conversation with the American Small Business Development Center. She requested a marketing intern to work with the County three hours a week. She was turned down. She then spoke to Jeff Owsley, San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center, and he offered an intern for three hours per week for 12 weeks, for a one-time fee of \$210.00. The intern will work with Commissioner Bothell and WSB Computer Services on the County website and social media presence. Ms. Wisdom said the Board needs to decide what is needed in these areas. Chairman Shriver said the County's current policy regarding social media needs to be kept in mind. She said this policy may be amended. She asked if the County wants to accept posts in response to its posts. The consensus of the Board was to accept posts.

Commissioner Bothell asked what the Board wants for the County website. Commissioner Shriver asked when WSB is scheduled to meet with the Board. Ms. Wisdom said it is scheduled to meet with the Board on March 15, 2017. Ms. Wisdom said it would be best to start with the intern now, so time during the 12-week period is not lost. Commissioner Glover said the opening page of the County website needs to explode and invite people to visit. He said the program should be simple and easy to use. He expressed concern that the search feature for the BOCC minutes does not work on Apple devices.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Rio Grande County is a major funding source for the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council. She distributed the Annual Report for Investor Members and asked the Board to consider ways to assist the organization in the coming year. Chairman Shriver explained that the financiers of the organization committed to three years of funding. This is a public and private partnership that includes the County, municipalities, individuals, and businesses. The County committed to \$10,000.00 per year. Ms. Wisdom explained that URGED takes prospective business people around the area to keep them interested in the area. Commissioner Glover said this is a good organization. Ms. Wisdom commented that after three years of being in existence, the organization may need more direction. Ms. Wisdom serves on the URGED board and will share information from meetings with the BOCC.

Ms. Wisdom distributed a press release from the Colorado State Forest Service regarding eight million standing dead trees in Colorado.

Ms. Wisdom distributed a press release from the Colorado Department of Transportation regarding 2017 projects:

- US 24 Buena Vista Enhancement Project
- US 160 at Rio Grande County Road 19 Intersection
- US 160 South Fork to Monte Vista Chip seal

Upcoming projects include:

- US 285 Passing Lanes North of Nathrop
- US 160 and SH 17 Intersection
- US 50 Passing Lanes East of Salida
- US 160 Wolf Creek Fiber Optic RAMP
- R5 Traffic Signal Replacement Chafee and Rio Grande Counties
- US 160 Wolf Creek Pass Phase 1 Signs
- R5 Region-Wide Striping, Rumble Strip, and WC RSA Phase 1

Ms. Wisdom presented an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning. CDOT will provide funding in the amount of \$12,000.00. Ms. Wisdom said that an IGA has not been in force for 15 years. Chairman Shriver said it was important to retain the San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region so that the region has input into the State, and the State will not manage the area alone. She requested approval for the IGA. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The agreement was signed. It was noted that transportation is an issue in the Valley.

Ms. Wisdom presented a memorandum of understanding between the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Rio Grande County Weed District, and the Mineral County Weed Department to implement an effective noxious weed control program for the State highways in Rio Grande and Mineral counties. The agreement will be in effect from February 13, 2017 through June 30, 2020. There are 202 miles of highway within the area and weeds will be sprayed twice a year at a cost of \$42.85 per mile. The expenses for 2017 will not exceed \$8,700.00 and the total costs for the remaining fiscal years are estimated to be \$17,500.00 per year. The Board expressed concern about how Mineral County will reimburse Rio Grande County for its costs. Chairman Shriver said the contract needs to be clarified in terms of who does what part of Mineral County. The Rio Grande County Weed District received CDOT funding in 2016. Chairman Shriver noted that this agreement is similar to the agreement between the Weed District and the Forest Service. Ms. Wisdom will discuss the agreement with Brianna Brannon, Weed District, to clarify details.

Ms. Wisdom said the early warning notification was printed and distributed.

A Brownfields webinar regarding clean-up issues will be held on March 1, 2017.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a thank you from the Food Bank for the County's donation of \$100.00.

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

At 1:12 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a tax abatement for approval. The refund due on the property owned by Rio Grande County is in the amount of \$5.22. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the abatement. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board