

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Members present were Chairman Doug Davie, Commissioner Pam Bricker, Commissioner Karla Shriver, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Davie called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bricker gave the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of approval of the end-of-the-year vouchers. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

At 9:03 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a letter to the District Attorney's office expressing concerns about the use of County space and the need for more conversation regarding compensation for this space. She requested approval to send the letter. The consensus of the Board was to approve the letter. The letter was signed.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving an email from Louise Colville, Rio Grande County Museum Director, saying that a recent visitor to the Museum appeared to be in an altered state and was hard to handle. Ms. Wisdom asked if the Museum needed an emergency call button. She asked what the emergency procedures are for the Museum and how these situations could be handled in the future. Commissioner Shriver recommended that the Sheriff be called for assistance. She also asked if the Museum has an emergency call button. Ms. Wisdom will talk to the security staff and the Sheriff and determine if the Museum has a call button. Commissioner Shriver noted that people are still visiting the Museum, so the door cannot be locked.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a letter from Ezzie Michaels, Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, requesting that the fiscal officer for the Homeland Security Grant be changed from Chairman Davie to Ms. Wisdom. Commissioner Shriver explained that in the past the County's financial officer had been the fiscal officer. Because the County did not have a financial officer last year, Chairman Davie had been named. The consensus of the Board was to approve Ms. Wisdom as the fiscal officer for the grant.

Ms. Wisdom presented the monthly Veterans Service report. Chairman Davie signed the report.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving an email from Tom Malacek regarding small tracts of land in the Summitville area. He asked if the County wants these tracts of land, which are Forest Service tracts with County tracts adjacent to them. Commissioner Shriver noted that the County does not want these tracts, but said the Forest Service does not want them either. She said that taking these tracts will create a better working relationship with the Environmental Protection Agency and creates the possibility of developing trails and opening the area to hunting.

Ms. Wisdom reported that a telecom company is interested in the County's television towers. The County currently rents two or three towers on the Burkhart property, in Agua Ramon, and on Baxter Mountain. Commissioner Shriver asked Ms. Wisdom to confirm which towers are leased by the County with Suzanne Benton. Ms. Wisdom said these towers will be used to provide internet service to areas where fiber optic service is not available. Commissioner Shriver said that this would be a service to the County constituents and might also provide a source of revenue. Ms. Wisdom asked which tower the Road and Bridge Department uses for communications. Chairman Davie said the tower is in Agua Ramon. Commissioner Shriver said there is a lease on one tower with Amigo.net, and asked if it is still valid. Chairman Davie asked if the amount of the lease on the Burkhart tower is \$600.00 per month. Ms. Wisdom said she will confirm the Amigo.net lease and the amount of the lease on the Burkhart tower. Ms. Wisdom said these towers may be involved with the new Forest Service forest plan.

Ms. Wisdom presented a request from Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, to approve an amendment to the master contract for prevention services between the State, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Rio Grande County Department of

Public Health, which was initiated in 2012. The amendment changes the term of the contract to September 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018. The amount of the contract is \$139,840.00. Commissioner Bricker moved to approve the amendment to the master contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Human Resources Officer Kristy Dennis is working on updating County employee salaries to reflect the two percent cost of living increase. Ms. Wisdom noted that this increase was built into the 2017 budget and asked if a motion was required to approve the increase. The consensus of the Board was no motion is needed because it was discussed and approved in the budget process. Commissioner Bricker asked if any employees are minimum wage employees. Ms. Wisdom said there are no minimum wage employees, and noted that some employees' wages were adjusted to be in compliance with ACA requirements.

Commissioner Bricker asked when the jury would be chosen for an upcoming lawsuit. Ms. Wisdom explained that the County has 20 days to respond to the notification of the lawsuit and that CTSI has not yet responded. Other issues related to this case were discussed.

At 9:26 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Doug Davie, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 10, 2017. Members present were Senior Commissioner Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:00 a.m., Senior Commissioner Shriver called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Commissioners to the Board. Commissioner Bothell gave the opening prayer. Commissioner Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was turned over to Ms. Wisdom. She asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Glover nominated Commissioner Shriver. The nominations were closed, and Commissioner Shriver was elected by acclamation.

Ms. Wisdom asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Shriver nominated Commissioner Glover. The nominations were closed, and Commissioner Glover was elected by acclamation. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Shriver.

Chairman Shriver noted Commissioner Glover's previous council experience. She again welcomed the new Commissioners to the Board. Chairman Shriver explained that in an effort to be more efficient, the new Board is considering meeting twice per month and will hold work sessions as needed. She said this is a trial and may or may not work. A schedule for Managers' meetings will be determined.

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of the update from the Weed District and the addition of reports concerning Council of Governments and Development Resources Group meetings. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., the meeting was turned over to Ms. Wisdom. Proposed Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners meeting dates were presented. It was noted that the Board will meet on February 1, 2017. The Board also reviewed the schedule for receiving reports from

department heads. Chairman Shriver explained that the schedule of Board meetings has to be officially posted and must be approved.

Resolution 2017-0001, Setting the Meeting Dates of the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners, was presented. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting dates are:

- January 4, 10, 25, 2017
- February 1, 15, 22, 2017
- March 15, 29, 2017
- April 12, 26, 2017
- May 17, 31, 2017
- June 14, 28, 2017
- July 12, 26, 2017
- August 16, 30, 2017
- September 13, 27, 2017
- October 11, 25, 2017
- November 15, 30, 2017
- December 6, 19, 27, 2017

The resolution also states that the Commissioners may also attend the Colorado County, Inc.'s conventions on June 5 to 7, 2017, and November 27 to 29, 2017. Book 585 Page 280

Resolution 2017-002, Setting the Holiday Schedule of the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners, was presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 282

The holiday dates are:

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| • January 16, 2017      | Martin Luther King's Birthday |
| • February 20, 2017     | Presidents' Day               |
| • April 14, 2017        | Good Friday (half-day)        |
| • May 29, 2017          | Memorial Day                  |
| • July 4, 2017          | Independence Day              |
| • September 4, 2017     | Labor Day                     |
| • November 10, 2017     | Veterans' Day                 |
| • November 23, 24, 2017 | Thanksgiving                  |
| • December 25, 2017     | Christmas                     |
| • January 1, 2018       | New Year's                    |

Resolution 2017-003, 2017 County Commissioner Committee Assignments, was presented. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 283

The committee assignments are:

Commissioner Bothell:

- SLV All Hazards Committee
- SLV E-911 Telephone Authority Board
- SLV RETAC
- SLV Hazmat Team
- SLV UAS Committee
- Rio Grande County Prevention Partnership

Commissioner Glover:

- Rio Grande County Weed and Pest District
- San Luis Valley Regional Landfill Authority Board
- Rio Grande County Tourism Board
- Monte Vista Chamber Ag Committee
- Rio Grande County Library District
- San Luis Valley Veterans Coalition
- San Luis Valley Television Board
- CDOT Transportation Planning Region

Chairman Shriver:

- Astronaut Rominger Airport Advisory Board
- SLV Housing Coalition
- Tri County Seniors
- San Luis Valley Council of Governments
- San Luis Valley Development Resources Group
- San Luis Valley Revolving Loan Board
- South Central Seniors
- RWEACT
- SLV Great Outdoors
- County Health Pool Designation

All Commissioners:

- Rio Grande County Museum
- SLV Board of County Commissioners
- Rio Grande County Courthouse Security Board
- Public Health Advisory Board
- Colorado Counties, Inc., standing committees

Other appointments:

Jody Kern, Director, Department of Social Services:

- SLV Community Action Agency
- Health and Human Services, Colorado Counties, Inc.

Dixie Diltz, Land Use Administrator:

- SLV Habitat Conservation Plan

Roni Wisdom, County Administrator:

- Alternate to CCI standing committees

Positions left unfilled:

- Crossroads Turning Points, Inc. Advisory Board
- Action 22 Board

Resolution 2017-004, Resolution to Reaffirm the Posting Location(s) of the Board's Public Meetings Requiring Prior Public Notice and the Official Custodian of the Minutes of the Board's Public Meetings, was presented. The bulletin board on the second floor of the Courthouse is the location where the schedule of meetings will be posted. The County Clerk and Recorder will be the custodian of the public minutes of the Board meetings. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 286

Department head nominations were presented. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the department head nominations. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The department heads are:

- Road and Bridge Supervisor: Patrick Sullivan
- Department of Social Services and Hiring Authority: Jody Kern
- Public Health Director: Emily Brown
- Public Information Officer: Emily Brown
- Emergency Manager: Vacant
- Veterans Service Officer: Jack Rudder
- Rio Grande County Museum Director and Cultural Center (part time): Louise Colville
- Rio Grande County Attorney: William Dunn
- Rio Grande Weed and Pest District Director: Brianna Brannan
- County Administrator: Roni Wisdom

- County Finance Officer: Roni Wisdom
- County Budget Officer: Roni Wisdom

The Monte Vista Journal was nominated to be the designated newspaper of record for all legal publications by Rio Grande County. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the nomination. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Rio Grande County Courthouse was designated as the place to post the County Commissioners' agenda and other meeting agendas. First Southwest Bank, Del Norte Bank, Community Banks, Sunflower Bank, Rio Grande Savings and Loan, and San Luis Valley Federal Bank were nominated as the designated official depositories for Rio Grande County funds. Chairman Shriver clarified that the banks are listed as depositories. Commissioner Bothell asked if the County still has an account at Community Banks. Ms. Wisdom said there is still an account at Community Banks, but it is not used much. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the designation of the Courthouse as the location to post Board meetings and agendas, and to approve the County depositories. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Shriver noted that County signature cards need to be verified. Ms. Wisdom said that she has discussed this with County Treasurer Peggy Kern, who is verifying the signature cards.

At 9:30 a.m., Darryl Miles, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board. He welcomed the new Commissioners. Chairman Shriver explained that the Board takes a yearly tour of County roads and river dikes in the spring.

With regard to the County holiday schedule approved above, Mr. Miles explained that due to weather, the Road and Bridge Department exchanges Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day for holiday time off on Independence Day and a day during Stampede. He asked the Board to amend the Department's holiday accordingly. Chairman Shriver noted that this has been done in the past. Commissioner Bothell moved to amend the Road and Bridge Department's holiday schedule. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Miles reported that December 2016 was very busy. The Road and Bridge Department built up County Road 23 to Highway 112 to help prevent wrecks. He said that County Road 4.5 off County Road 3 West has been staked and engineered. Work will continue, depending on the weather.

Mr. Miles reported that the Department plowed snow on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and on some weekends. Chairman Shriver noted that this is the second year in a row that the Department worked on Christmas Day. She also said that the Department was commended for clearing roads at a meeting she attended on January 9, 2017. Commissioner Glover noted that Rio Grande County's ability to clear roads is much different from other counties in the Valley. Mr. Miles said that the Department's priorities are school bus routes and paved roads. He said secondary roads are plowed the next day, and said that there are 600 miles of roads in Rio Grande County.

Ms. Wisdom asked how the Road and Bridge Department is compensated when it works on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Mr. Miles said this needs to be determined, and acknowledged that this is simply part of the job. He explained that the Department's week begins on Sunday and both holidays fell on Sunday, so are considered part of the work week. Commissioner Glover asked if these days could be traded for other days off. Chairman Shriver noted that overtime costs need to be managed, and said that Supervisor Patrick Sullivan makes sure other days are traded. Commissioner Bothell noted that work during the holidays occurred last year, and said that according to labor laws, 40 hours must be worked before overtime pay begins. Commissioner Glover said that exchanging days off would manage overtime and suggested that the issue be discussed. Ms. Wisdom thanked the Road and Bridge Department for its work.

Mr. Miles reported that trees have been trimmed in South Fork and bridges have been repaired, particularly the bridge on County Road 14A.

Chairman Shriver asked how much snow fell in Creede. Mr. Miles said there were 18 inches, but it has melted. He said that Bear Town has 117 percent of normal snow pack.

Mr. Miles reported that purchasing a new truck for the Department is on hold due to the weather.

Mr. Miles reported that the transmission went out on a John Deere maintainer. The Road and Bridge Department is looking at the options of either trading in the maintainer or finding used parts to repair it. He explained that this is a "gypsy" machine and is used wherever it is needed. The maintainer was in Monte Vista when the transmission went out. Mr. Miles said that if the machine is traded, it will have a higher value if the transmission is repaired. However, it will be expensive to repair. Commissioner Glover asked if the transmission could be rebuilt or if it could be swapped out. Mr. Miles said that swapping it out would be easier.

Mr. Miles reported that the Road and Bridge Department will use Martin Luther King Day to clean up snow and ice around the Courthouse. Ms. Wisdom asked if the parking lot across the street from the Courthouse could be cleared of snow and ice. The Maintenance Department usually maintains this parking lot. Chairman Shriver complimented Mr. Sullivan on his succession plan in providing opportunities for Mr. Miles. She said that the Road and Bridge Department is a good team.

At 9:45 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented Resolution 2017-005 from the County Treasurer to nominate the financial institutions used by the County: First Southwest Bank, Del Norte Bank, Community Banks, Sunflower Bank, Rio Grande Savings and Loan, San Luis Valley Federal Bank, and brokers Edward Jones, CSIP, Peaks Investment Management, and Colorado Financial Partners/LPL Financial. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 288

Chairman Shriver explained that Commissioners Bothell and Glover will need to sign no conflict of interest statements with regard to investments made by the County. She said that County Treasurer Peggy Kern presents information from investment advisors once a year. Commissioner Glover asked for clarification regarding the no conflict of interest statement. Chairman Shriver explained that a Commissioner cannot personally benefit from a County investment; if a Commissioner is part of a company in which the County is investing, it could be considered a conflict of interest.

At 9:55 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board. Mr. Kern welcomed the new Commissioners to the Board, noting that everyone is on the same team and shares the goal of promoting a safe, healthy community. He said that building and zoning codes are important to that goal. Chairman Shriver requested that planning and zoning books be given to the new Commissioners. Ms. Diltz said she would provide the copies.

Mr. Kern distributed the monthly building permit log and explained it to the Board. He said that these revenues need to be reconciled with the County Treasurer. This process is slow because of the new accounting software.

Mr. Kern reported that there has been a shift in construction projects from residential to commercial. There were 19 commercial renovations or expansions in 2016; nine new commercial buildings were started, including the nursing home and chicken barns. There were five single-family homes built, which is down from a total of 15 the previous year. There were 30 fewer building permits issued in 2016 than in 2015, but the revenues for issued permits were higher.

Mr. Kern reported that a new truck for the Building Department has been ordered (2017 Chevrolet Colorado) from Town and Country. A delivery date will be determined; probably six to eight weeks from the order date. He reported that the funds for this vehicle will come from the 2016 budget. The truck will replace a 10-year-old vehicle, and brought \$7,000.00 as the trade-in price.

Mr. Kern requested time off January 23 to 27, 2017. The consensus of the Board was to approve the request. Mr. Kern will notify Ken VanIwarden so that inspections will be covered in Mr. Kern's absence.

Mr. Kern reported that the Building Department is working on making address corrections. He is working with Tom McDaniel and the South Fork Fire Department to correct addresses in the Willow Park area. There are 20 or 30 more addresses to correct. Masonic Park will be the next area that the Department will correct.

Mr. Kern reported that 2017 will be a busy year with the upcoming expansion of Rio Grande Hospital.

Mr. Kern said he visited the nursing home on January 9, 2017. The project encountered a problem when it was discovered that there were not enough bathrooms for residents in one

wing. New plumbing and electrical systems have been roughed in, and columns are being moved. However, Mr. Kern said that there are problems with moving the columns and new solutions are being worked out. The nursing home may open in late summer 2017.

Mr. Kern reported that Proximity Malt, LLC, is completing the design phase of its remodeling. The next phase is the build out. The company is pouring concrete and dealing with snow removal. The business will open in the spring or summer.

Commissioner Glover asked about the septic pipe needed for the project. Chairman Shriver reported that there was a meeting with the County, the City of Monte Vista, and Proximity Malt to discuss the pipe, the valve, and the insulation of the building. Because the City of Monte Vista's City Manager's illness, this discussion is probably on hold. Chairman Shriver said the County will help find sources of funding for the project and said that a USDA grant might be available. Commissioner Glover expressed frustration about how the City of Monte Vista is handling this issue. Chairman Shriver said the County might be able to help facilitate grants. Commissioner Glover said that the plant needs to be running year round.

At 10:14 a.m., Ms. Diltz reported that Commissioner Glover resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission on December 20, 2016, prior to becoming a County Commissioner. She reported that there is one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and that Ken Vanlwarden has joined the Commission. Ms. Diltz said that Wesley O'Rourke has not sent a letter of interest to remain on the Commission; his term expires on January 15, 2017. Ms. Diltz said that having a member of the Commission from District 2, south of Monte Vista, would be helpful. Ms. Wisdom asked if there is a job description for the position on the Commission. Ms. Diltz said there is not a written job description, but the position is described in the code book. Ms. Diltz will send letters with the job description directly to interested people.

Ms. Diltz said there are vacancies on the Board of Adjustments. Commissioner Glover said that it is important to fill these positions. Chairman Shriver suggested that a work session be held to address the issue, noting that this affects the municipalities of the County. She suggested that a County-wide planning board could be formed. Ms. Diltz said that a more diverse board would be helpful. Commissioner Glover said it would be nice to have someone from District 2 on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Bothell suggested that having someone who could represent the Amish community would be helpful. The Board suggested several names.

Mr. Kern pointed out that a Board of Appeals is needed, too. This Board could set up a process for appeals. Commissioner Glover suggested making a list of the issues that need to be addressed in a work session. He said that the Planning and Zoning Commission needs six members who are committed to the Commission. Ms. Diltz said that there will be a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting next week, and three members of the Board will be absent.

Ms. Diltz reported speaking to Anna Miller, Department of Local Affairs, regarding available grants to fund the update of the County's code book. A grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 is available, with an application deadline of February 1, 2017. Administrative grants (match grants) are available for less than \$25,000.00. Ms. Diltz said that some funding for the update has been budgeted in 2017. Ms. Diltz estimated that the total cost of the code book revision would be \$70,000.00, based on what other counties have paid to update their code books. Ms. Diltz said that Ms. Miller provided a list of firms that do this kind of work. Ms. Diltz has contacted RG and Associates; it estimated a cost of \$40,000.00 to \$80,000.00 to complete the update. Ms. Diltz has also contacted Clarion Associates and has not received a response. Commissioner Glover said that it is time to get the code book in order. Chairman Shriver agreed, saying that it is necessary in order for the County to grow. Ms. Diltz noted that the code book should match the County's Master Plan.

Ms. Wisdom suggested starting the code book updating process with an analysis of the existing book to see what is there. She estimated that this might cost \$20,000.00. Commissioner Bothell asked if DOLA grants are available more than once. Ms. Wisdom said that DOLA appreciates projects that are outlined in specific steps; grants for these steps show that the project is progressing. She said that a work session is needed. Chairman Shriver said that the code book update needs to be a priority. Commissioner Glover agreed and said that the book is a working document. Commissioner Bothell suggested that a price for the analysis be obtained before the work session is held. Ms. Diltz said that that cost can be obtained, and recommended scheduling the work session.

Ms. Diltz reported that there are several conditional use permits and divisions of land pending. There are also some home occupations to be reviewed. She said that packets of information will be prepared for the Board's review prior to the first hearing on February 1, 2017. She noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet to discuss these issues on January 17, 2017.

At 10:25 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present to update the Board. He reported that a lawsuit against the County has been referred to a law firm in Denver; no response to the complaint has been filed. The lawsuit is also against the Sheriff and four deputies in their individual and official capacities. Mr. Dunn said he will check with Sheriff Brian Norton about the Sheriff's Department response. Commissioner Bothell asked if CTSI will represent individuals. Mr. Dunn explained that this would be a conflict because CTSI will represent the County and the Sheriff. Additional counsel might have to be added. Commissioner Bothell asked if the individuals would be expected to pay for their personal attorneys. Mr. Dunn said that this might be necessary, and noted that he needs to read the complaint. He said that the individual responsibility part of the complaint might be dismissed before personal attorneys are needed. In fact, various parts of the complaint could be dismissed. He said that CTSI has designated an attorney to represent the County.

Mr. Dunn reported speaking with County Assessor J.J. Mondragon regarding the pending Board of Assessment appeal from Community Banks (the Monte Vista and South Fork branches). Ms. Mondragon said that Valuewest is re-valuing the buildings. She is confident that the difference between the County's valuation and the appraisal by Sterling Properties can be worked out. Mr. Dunn said that hearings are scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2017. He reported that DOLA has rules for Board of Assessment appeals, and that he needs to determine the timeline. He said that subpoenas will be sent to the State representatives who determine how properties are valued.

Chairman Shriver asked Mr. Dunn about his schedule. He said he would be in court on January 18 and February 1, 2017. Chairman Shriver told Mr. Dunn that the Board will meet twice per month, and that a schedule for department head meetings is being reassessed. A tentative schedule for Mr. Dunn's updates was given to him.

At 10:51 a.m., County Assessor J.J. Mondragon was present. She reiterated that Valuewest is working on the Community Banks appeal. She said that the difference in valuations was 16 or 17 percent and that she thinks that Community Banks will settle. She reported that this amount is based on 2013 and 2014 abatements and that the County would have to pay interest on taxes paid. The final amount will be available soon. Mr. Dunn said that it is time to start responding to the appeal. Ms. Mondragon noted that Community Banks does not want to have a hearing.

The Board discussed how Mr. Dunn is paid as a contract worker with the County.

At 10:55 a.m., Ms. Wisdom asked Mr. Dunn to review the contract with CIC, the provider of the new accounting software, to determine if the County can terminate the contract. She explained that the product is not a good one. Mr. Dunn will review the contract.

Ms. Wisdom presented resolutions 2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003, 2017-004, and 2017-005 for signature. The resolutions were signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented end-of-the-year vouchers, including DSS:

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| 12/31/16: | \$138,216.97   |
| 1/10/17:  | \$301,334.74 (includes workers' compensation, property, and general liability insurance) |

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Shriver suggested that voucher reports be available for review prior to the meeting where the vouchers are approved. The consensus of the Board was to agree with this suggestion.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported that a proposed schedule for department head updates will be distributed.

Ms. Wisdom reported speaking to someone who is interested in leasing tract 9 at the airport. This tract does not have a hangar on it. She explained the recent trade of tracts between the County and John McVicker. The former McVicker tract has a hangar on it, and Mr. Coleman is also interested in this tract. Mr. Coleman will likely tear down the old hangar and build a new one. The lease for this tract is in the amount of \$600.00 per year for 25 years. Chairman Shriver said that leasing this tract will increase its tax value, and that new building at the airport is good for economic development. Commissioner Bothell moved to continue negotiations on these tracts, then transfer them to Mr. Coleman, who will tear down the old hangar, following the covenants of the airport. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the new owners of the Rio Grande Club flew to Del Norte, and the airport was helpful in getting their plane de-iced.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving a call from Jerry Clare with a complaint about the railroad cars moving in again in the area of County Road 3 West and Stoeber Lane. Mr. Clare will continue to talk with the railroad.

Ms. Wisdom reported that two women tripped on a mat in the Clerk's office in December and were injured. County Clerk Cindy Hill is in contact with them and the event was reported to CTSI. The mat has been removed.

At 11:09 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported on the Council of Governments meeting. She said a total of \$50,000.00 in DOLA mini grants is available in 2017. A total of \$10,000.00 may be available to one government. These grants require a 50/50 reimbursement match. She explained that a similar grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 was used last year for the Summitville project.

Chairman Shriver reported that Eric Grossman is leading the COG branding committee initiative; Mr. Grossman would like to be paid for his efforts. The Development Resources Group said that he would have to raise the funds for his payment. Chairman Shriver said that a target industry study will be mailed.

Chairman Shriver said that COG may lead the Valley to try to repeal SB-152, which prevents municipalities from creating their own broadband networks. This would be a Valley-wide effort. She said that CCI may also work at the State level to repeal the law.

Broadband: Chairman Shriver said that a master plan for this effort will be developed by a steering committee made up of 10 to 20 members with technical backgrounds. She said that Jim Leist is interested in being part of this committee to represent the County, noting that he has the required technical background. She requested approval to appoint him to the committee. Commissioner Bothell asked if Mr. Leist has kept up with the industry. Chairman Shriver noted that Mr. Leist is very technical, and Commissioner Glover said that broadband does not change much. Chairman Shriver said that Mr. Leist can help move the process forward because of his previous efforts in other areas. Commissioner Bothell moved to appoint Jim Leist to the broadband steering committee. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Shriver noted that the memorandum of understanding between the County and COG needs to be renewed.

At 11:44 a.m., Ms. Wisdom reported meeting with Tom Acre, Town of South Fork, and Bernadette Martinez, Town of Del Norte (Forrest Neuerburg, City of Monte Vista, was not available). The group discussed zoning issues and how they relate to marijuana. Ms. Wisdom suggested that this issue be included in the Planning and Zoning work session. Ms. Wisdom said that these meetings will build bridges with the County municipalities.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Town of Del Norte wants to build a park near the new nursing home. She said that Headstart also wants to build in that area. She said that a new road would be needed to provide access to the park and Headstart. Ms. Wisdom said that Conservation Trust funds can help with the funding for the park. Commissioner Glover said that Rotary also wants to be involved. Commissioner Bothell said that elderly people like to watch children play, and noted that the current access to the nursing home is odd. She said that access from the highway would be better. Ms. Wisdom said that this would be a CDOT project. Chairman Shriver suggested that Del Norte explore a KaBoom! Grant for the park.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Town of South Fork continues to pursue its multi-use bridge that will help move people from one side of town to the other. Chairman Shriver said this is a good project on which the County can partner.

The Board discussed creating a calendar for the Commissioners that would alert them to upcoming meetings and who should attend the meetings. The Board also discussed who should manage the County email. It was decided that the Administration office will manage the email, and that the general County email address will be eliminated. The individual Commissioner's email addresses will be listed on County letterhead.

At 11:58 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla L. Shriver, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday January 25, 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.

Chairman Shriver asked if there were any public comments. Cindy Cotten, Admin Specialist II/SB-94 Coordinator, was present to discuss SB-94, a program that is run out of the Probation Department to reduce the amount of time juveniles spend in detention and keep them from returning to detention. The program has received a grant from Youth Corrections. Judge Pattie Swift has requested a representative from Rio Grande County to serve on the board for a three-year term. Board members are not usually rotated off this board.

Ms. Cotten explained that the fiscal agent for this grant is the Probation Department. The program provides pretrial services for juveniles after they have been arrested. These services include substance abuse services, GED programs, etc. There are four detention beds in the Valley at Youth Track Corrections; there are 384 detention beds in the state. If more than four beds are needed, they can be borrowed from other areas of the state. Ms. Cotten said the goal of the program is to keep juveniles out of detention.

When juveniles enter the program, they are assessed for their risk of re-offending, their mental health status, their substance abuse issues, and they are also screened for sex trafficking. Ms. Cotten noted that sex trafficking is more prevalent in the northern part of the state.

Ms. Cotten explained that the mandatory board members include the District Attorney, the Public Defender, Judge Dan Wazl, Judge Martin Gonzales, Superintendent of Monte Vista Schools Bob Webb, Duane Oakes, Sheriff Brian Norton, and Behavioral Health CEO Kristina Daniels. The next board meeting will be April 5, 2017. The goal of this meeting is to determine trends and what the board should be doing. The meeting will last four hours and board members will be trained. The meetings are held quarterly and are scheduled based on the members' availability.

Ms. Cotten explained that the program also works with the Department of Social Services in an effort to reduce the number of juveniles in detention. The number was reduced in 2015. She said that sometimes it is not safe for the juveniles to return home, but at the same time, they do not belong in detention, so other arrangements have to be made. Ms. Cotten said that it takes 30 to 60 days for the juveniles to work through the system to get to probation.

It was agreed that the Board will discuss appointing a Commissioner to the SB-94 board.

At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m., Porfie Medina, Maintenance Department, was present to update the Board. Mr. Medina reported that a motor in the boiler room has been replaced and is working well.

Mr. Medina reported that there is a leak in the Rio Grande County Museum roof, but he cannot determine its location. He said the membrane on the corners of the roof is high and that may be where the water is coming from. He will reseal the roof when it is warmer.

Mr. Medina reported that the newly purchased snow brush is working well with the UTV. He said it will also be used in the summer to clean up parking lots. The brush clears the snow from the sidewalk in one pass, and it has an emergency shut off.

Chairman Shriver reported that the UTV was purchased six years ago. She also reported that Jim Clare, San Luis Valley Regional Landfill, called and asked about purchasing the County's snow blower. Ms. Wisdom will determine the snow blower's value.

Ms. Wisdom asked if the drain in the DSS parking lot is still backing up and if Mr. Medina has talked to the Town of Del Norte about it. Mr. Medina says the Town ignores his calls and recommended that a Commissioner or Ms. Wisdom make the call. Ms. Wisdom will call the Town.

At 9:30 a.m., Brianna Brannon, Weed District, was present to update the Board. Ms. Brannon reported that she attended the Weed District Advisory Board meeting on January 24, 2017. She reported that the Colorado Department of Agriculture grant is written for 2017.

Ms. Brannon reported that the Weed District's accounting software is not working for line items, and recommended that the system be converted to QuickBooks on the Cloud. Lyla Davis has been contracted to help with the data entry, which will include chemicals, employees, and accounts. She said that the San Luis Valley Weed Management Association uses QuickBooks. Ms. Wisdom explained that Ms. Brannon does the accounts receivable and billing for the District, and the existing software is not set up to do this well. Ms. Wisdom expressed concern about the monthly cost of using the Cloud version of QuickBooks, because it has not been budgeted. She noted that there is a one-time fee to purchase the software. Ms. Brannon said that the Advisory Board prefers her to be on the road rather than behind her desk.

Chairman Shriver said that the QuickBooks software can have three to six different accounts on it and noted that the Museum needs accounting software that will work with a non-profit organization. She said the Museum is trying to adapt its existing accounting system. Chairman Shriver suggested that the software be purchased and used by the Museum and the Weed District. Ms. Wisdom said each user would have a password. She suggested that Ms. Davis could set the system up for both the Museum and the Weed District. Ms. Brannon said the data entry would be the most time-consuming part of the conversion.

Commissioner Glover asked if the software would track usability. Ms. Brannon said it would and would also generate invoices and billing. Commissioner Glover noted that the software would pay for itself by giving Ms. Brannon the information she needs. Ms. Brannon said that transparency and efficiency are important.

Ms. Brannon reported that Ms. Davis has the Weed District's 2017 budget and plans to hold the license on the program. The consensus of the Board was that the County should hold the QuickBooks license. Ms. Wisdom asked Ms. Brannon to notify Ms. Davis that the Board would prefer for the County to hold the QuickBooks license and that Ms. Brannon and Ms. Davis would be set up as users. The program can also be made available to other users.

Commissioner Glover asked how the Weed District equipment maintenance schedule is tracked. Ms. Brannon said she started keeping those records last year and said that this is a task that QuickBooks can handle. More work is needed on these records.

Ms. Brannon reported that the ditch companies do not contact the Weed District about their meetings. She said she is willing to contact the companies herself, but does not know whom to contact. Commissioner Bothell suggested that she contact the Rio Grande Water Users; Ms. Brannon said they are not open to sharing information.

Ms. Brannon said the presentation on noxious weeds is ready to present.

At 9:50 a.m., Emily Brown, Public Health Department, was present to update the Board. She explained that the Public Health Department is required to have a Board of Public Health to deal with issues such as quarantines and septic problems. The Rio Grande County Board of Health is made up of the BOCC and representatives from each municipality. The Board meets quarterly, on the second Thursday of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 9, 2017, and orientation will be provided. Chairman Shriver also explained that without this arrangement, each town would have to have its own Board of Health. Ms. Brown said the meetings promote discussion.

Ms. Brown explained that there are seven core services of the Public Health Department:

1. Assessment, Planning, Communication
2. Vital Records and Statistics (there is a memorandum of understanding between the Department and the Clerk and Recorder's office to manage birth and death records)

3. Communicable Disease Prevention (this includes all communicable diseases, which are tracked through the State system; the Department follows up on treatments)
4. Prevention and Population Health Promotion (this includes tobacco grants, substance abuse programs, immunizations, obesity, etc.)
5. Emergency Preparedness and Response (this includes ESF8 emergency support functions; various people have different roles depending on the type of emergency)
6. Environmental Health (this includes food inspections and general complaints such as burning tires, bed bugs, etc.)
7. Administration and Governance

Chairman Shriver explained that Ms. Brown is the Public Information Officer for the County and serves as the County spokesperson. Because she is always available, she is able to provide a consistent message from the County. Ms. Brown said there is a spokesperson training on March 3, 2017. She noted that in an emergency the media will want to speak to someone in charge, such as an elected official or the Sheriff. Ms. Brown suggested that the County sign up with CO Train, which is a system of keeping track of all trainings that are taken.

Ms. Brown reported that a community health assessment is conducted every five years and one will be done this year. The Department of Public Health works with other Valley departments to gather data.

There will be a Healthcare Sector meeting on February 2, 2017. This meeting will examine how important the healthcare workforce is in the Valley. Ms. Wisdom said the goal is workforce training and determining what positions are needed in the healthcare sector. She suggested healthcare in jails as a topic for the meeting.

Ms. Brown reported that the heroin problem is growing. The Public Health Department has prevention coalitions, but there is also an issue of helping people who are already using heroin. She said that there are neonatal issues and syringe access issues. The Alamosa County Department of Public Health is working on a Harm Reduction program that includes disposal of used syringes and access to clean syringes. Ms. Brown noted that diabetic needles need to be disposed of as well. Commissioner Bothell asked if there is still an incinerator at the Monte Vista city office building, which used to be a hospital. Ms. Brown said she would find out, and said that the hospital in Alamosa has an incinerator. Commissioner Bothell suggested putting up public kiosks where needles could be disposed. Ms. Brown expressed concern about whose liability it would be to pick up the needles and said that it is expensive to contract with companies to pick up the needles. Ms. Wisdom asked if the crematorium at the Conour Animal Shelter could be used to dispose of needles. Commissioner Bothell asked if after incineration the waste could be taken to the landfill. Ms. Brown said it could. Ms. Wisdom suggested that a drop-off box could be installed at the DSS building. Ms. Brown said she would explore all these options. Chairman Shriver said that the Aspen airport has a similar kiosk system where passengers can dispose of marijuana.

Ms. Brown explained that the Harm Reduction program is for intravenous drug users who are at risk of contracting HIV and hepatitis C. Several cases of HIV and hepatitis C have been diagnosed around the state. The Harm Reduction program distributes clean syringes in exchange for dirty syringes. This establishes a relationship with the drug user and the program and provides a way to find other services such as counseling and testing. Alamosa County may enact this program. It has a funder for HIV and hepatitis testing. Hospitals will be asked to supply syringes because federal funding cannot be used to purchase syringes. The program would be run by the Area Health Education Center and would set up locations around the Valley. Ms. Brown said that Rio Grande County is the second largest county that is interested in the program; San Luis and Center are interested in the program, as well. If the program is started in Rio Grande County, it would need to be approved by the County Board of Public Health.

Chairman Shriver explained that some County employees work with clients who have hepatitis, and the County offered employee vaccinations for hepatitis A and B through the Department of Public Health. Ms. Brown said that County health insurance covered the cost of the vaccinations for most employees. Those employees without County health insurance were able to receive free vaccinations from State funding. Ms. Brown said that several employees from the Road and Bridge Department, DSS, the Clerk's Office, and the Maintenance Department took advantage of these vaccinations. Ms. Brown suggested that the vaccinations be promoted to new employees and said that the vaccinations are good for life.

Ms. Brown said that testing for tuberculosis is complicated and the Department has not started an employee testing program at this time. Commissioner Bothell asked if the rates of TB have increased due to Syrian refugees. Ms. Brown said that TB is more prevalent in Mexico and

South America and vaccinations are given in those countries. She said that when people who have received the TB vaccinations are tested for TB they test positive.

Ms. Wisdom asked who is at risk of contracting hepatitis C. Ms. Brown said that drug users are at risk, and there is no vaccination for hepatitis C. She said that hepatitis A is transmitted through food, and hepatitis B is transmitted through blood. Commissioner Glover said that baby boomers are at risk of contracting hepatitis C and that there is a separate blood test for it. Ms. Brown said there is funding to cover hepatitis C testing for five years.

It was noted that Commissioner Bothell will be a board member of the Prevention Coalition. Ms. Brown said there is new funding with marijuana funds. Ms. Brown also said that there was a Communities that Care meeting last week.

Ms. Brown reported that Environmental Health will charge \$45.00 to inspect child care centers.

Ms. Brown reported that Costilla County activated an emergency response due to wind and snow earlier in the week.

At 10:33 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn and County Sheriff Brian Norton were present. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Bothell moved to go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dustin Underwood and Monroe Johnson, Ciello, were present to update the Board. Ms. Wisdom said that Rio Grande County Museum is signing up with Ciello for internet services, and that the County might also obtain services from Ciello. Mr. Underwood said that the timeframe for this would be easy. The infrastructure will be complete in Del Norte this week and splicers will be in place in two weeks. All fibers are being installed on power poles above ground. Commissioner Bothell asked how wires are installed in areas where there are no power poles. Mr. Underwood said they are buried underground and run along other utility lines. He said that cable was buried along the railroad between Monte Vista and Alamosa. Mr. Johnson said that in Del Norte, Ciello used abandoned cable television lines.

Chairman Shriver asked about the cost to bring the fiber optic cable from the power poles into the County buildings. Mr. Johnson said that in a residential situation the cost is \$1,200.00: \$600.00 to bring the cable inside the home; \$600.00 to drop the cable from the facility to the house. When a residence is far from a power pole, the cost increases. There is no additional charge to bring in the cable.

Ms. Wisdom explained that the County is also interested in a voice-over telephone system. She said there are five or six bills every month from Century Link. She also said that the airport needs internet access for the fuel farm, and internet service is needed at the Road and Bridge shop in Monte Vista.

Chairman Shriver asked if a special room is needed for Ciello equipment. Mr. Johnson said that switching is easy to do. Ms. Wisdom said that it was WSB Computer Services that recommended Ciello and noted that WSB handles the switching. Mr. Johnson said that Ciello works with WSB often. He asked for copies of the County's telephone bills and said he would talk with WSB and then provide a quote for telephone service. He said that Ciello can provide internet and telephone service at a substantially lower cost. He said a plan would need to be determined for how to access the building, whether through conduit or from above. He said that porting arrangements would stay the same as they are now with Century Link. An interface can be provided for other existing equipment. Chairman Shriver suggested that old, unused equipment be discarded.

Chairman Shriver said that the airport would be a challenge, and Ms. Wisdom said that the Road and Bridge Department would also be a challenge. Mr. Johnson said that providing service at the airport would justify a build-out there. The airport needs service to the fuel pump and the FAA equipment. He said that Leach Field is complete. Ms. Wisdom said that it is possible that hangar owners may also want service. Chairman Shriver said that Eagle Air Med might also want service. Ms. Wisdom said that the Veterans Service Office in Monte Vista might want service, and Mr. Johnson said that Ciello is already working on a quote for Homelake. He said Ciello is registered with the State. Chairman Shriver suggested that the Court might also want service. Commissioner Bothell asked if the new fiber installed last fall could be used for the Court. Mr. Johnson said that Ciello fiber would have to be used. Commissioner Glover said that

Ciello sells itself with what it provides. Mr. Underwood said that Ciello internet speeds are better than Century Link speeds.

Ciello fiber optic cable has been installed from Monte Vista to Alamosa, but no residential installations have been completed. Mr. Johnson reported that the area from New Hope Church in South Fork to Healdworks has not yet been built. The area from Healdworks in Del Norte to the Deacon farm is being built. Work will continue from the Off Ranch to County Road 27 to the Plaza area and to Monte Vista through the year. Mr. Johnson said that the San Francisco Creek area is nearly complete, and work has started in the Pinos Creek area. There will be service there in the spring. Mr. Johnson reported that the South Fork area is complete except for the golf course; building will begin in Alder Creek in the spring. The first loop of Willow Park is built and work continues. Mr. Johnson noted that there is a great deal of rock in this area. Mr. Johnson said that the Wolf Creek area has been built to the three RV parks. He said that the Colorado Department of Transportation is doing a project in this area, and Ciello is asking it to install conduit as it proceeds. Ciello is building from the County Line to the Capulin Highway, then will split off to two substations in La Jara. Mr. Johnson said that Ciello needs to connect with all the Monte Vista Cooperative locations. Mr. Johnson said that two build-outs are complete on Deep Creek Road above Creede and backbone fiber has been installed to the Spring Creek area.

Ms. Wisdom asked how far north Ciello has built. Mr. Johnson noted that all the current building has been self-funded. Some temporary wireless sites have been installed north of Monte Vista. These will be converted to fiber optic cable when the area is built. Commissioner Bothell asked how far the wireless sites extend and where they are located. Mr. Johnson said they have a range of eight to ten miles. The Ansel substation is between Monte Vista and Center; the Stanley substation is four to five miles east; and the Center substation is northeast of Center. Mr. Johnson said that warehouses are anxious to get service, and noted that it is a challenge to spend money to build in low-population areas where few monthly bills will be generated.

Chairman Shriver asked if the substations require a permit application. Mr. Johnson said that existing poles are being used with antennae. Commissioner Glover said that the substations are six miles apart and are not located along the highway. Mr. Johnson said that some substations will require FCC licenses.

Ms. Wisdom asked if Ciello has access to other funding sources or grants. Mr. Johnson said that Ciello has been turned down for various grants. Chairman Shriver offered to provide letters of support from the County for future grant applications. Mr. Johnson noted that Ciello has spent a great deal of money on this project. Chairman Shriver said that having internet service is a selling point for the Town of South Fork. Mr. Johnson agreed, saying that realtors and potential buyers often contact Ciello before purchasing property.

Ms. Wisdom asked if there has been growth in commercial orders. Mr. Johnson said that Ciello doubled its commercial work orders in 2016. He also said that with the new water rules, electricity usage has dropped. He said there is a great deal of interest in Saguache County for service for marijuana grow operations. He said that Ciello is being careful with the grow operations in making certain that the operations will be in business for the long term. He said that there is a new fish farm in Saguache County.

Ms. Wisdom asked how many people are employed by Ciello. Mr. Johnson said there are approximately 50 employees and that it is not difficult to find employees. Mr. Underwood said that hundreds of applications are received for the customer service area. Mr. Johnson said that finding qualified linemen is a challenge; linemen are usually trained in Grand Junction. Chairman Shriver asked if there were enough lineman positions that the local colleges could be asked to provide training. Mr. Johnsons said this could be discussed. He said that some lineman work is contracted out for cable placement. He said that residential installations require specialized training. Ciello has good employees with good skills.

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

At 1:33 p.m., the meeting resumed. Lori Unger, Aflac, was present to discuss supplemental health insurance for County employees. Ms. Unger explained that Aflac helps employees pay deductibles and co-pays. There is an accident plan that pays \$120.00 for the first doctor's visit; \$35.00 for X-rays; \$1,200.00 for the first 24 hours in the hospital; and \$300.00 for each additional day in the hospital. There are also payouts for flights for life and stays in an intensive care unit. An accidental life insurance policy in the amount of \$48,000.00 is also available. Ms. Unger said that Aflac will pay even if an employee is covered by workers' compensation.

Ms. Unger presented a price chart for premiums for individuals and families. Children are covered to the age of 26. Ms. Unger said that there is a cancer policy where children are covered at no charge, and experimental procedures are covered. Aflac offers critical care, dental, and vision insurance. Aflac also offers short-term disability and life insurance, as well as maternity coverage. Any employee can purchase an Aflac policy up to the age of 75. The policy is good for the life of the employee.

Commissioner Bothell asked how the Aflac plan works with other insurance coverage. Ms. Unger said that the premiums are paid before taxes. The major medical plan is billed after the co-pay and deductible are paid, then a claim form is sent to Aflac. Aflac pays the employee directly.

Chairman Shriver said the Board would discuss the proposal, and noted that this expense is not included in the County's 2017 budget. She asked if the County would have to offer the plan to all employees and pay for it, or if it could be chosen by individual employees. Ms. Unger said that the policy has to be offered as a group policy. She said this creates savings. Ms. Unger said that the County would pay the premiums in arrears, and that 100 percent participation is not required. Commissioner Glover said that this is a good program.

At 1:48 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the check writing signature card for Chairman Shriver's signature.

Ms. Wisdom presented Colorado Parks and Wildlife impact assistance grants. Rio Grande County will receive \$6,217.50 for its total wildlife acres. Chairman Shriver signed the document.

Ms. Wisdom presented a bill for dues for membership in Action 22 in the amount of \$750.00. She said that Action 22 is still organizing and said that Alamosa County is not joining this year. Commissioner Bothell asked what Action 22 has accomplished. Chairman Shriver explained that Action 22 has hired its third executive director. She recommended that the County not join this year. She said that the \$750.00 could be better spent for the County's residents. Commissioner Glover said that in the last year he has not heard of any accomplishments of Action 22. Commissioner Bothell said she heard about a healthcare amendment from Action 22 but has heard of nothing else. She said Action 22 does not have a cause. The consensus of the Board was to decline membership in Action 22 this year.

At 1:53 p.m., January 2017 vouchers and payroll were presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the vouchers and payroll. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### JANUARY 2017 MID-MONTH VOUCHERS

| VENDOR                      | SERVICE                              | AMOUNT       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 4 Rivers Equipment, LLC     | Machine Had Stopped in the Road      | \$361.56     |
| Alamosa Co Nursing Svc      | Ph Tob Sub Contract                  | \$2,821.72   |
|                             | Oct/Environmental Health Tob Sub     |              |
|                             | Pymt Oct 2016                        |              |
| Alcon Construction, Inc.    | Supply and Install 12X10 Tm175       | \$3,178.21   |
|                             | and Operator So#2692470/2692471      |              |
| Blackstone Industries       | Refund of Deposit for Proximity Malt | \$1,589.50   |
| Brown's Septic Svc Inc.     | Services for December                | \$80.00      |
| Centurylink                 | Telephone                            | \$412.33     |
| Chaffee Cnty Public Hlth    | EPSDT Contract Billing/Nov & Dec     | \$2,890.00   |
|                             | 2016                                 |              |
| Co Assoc. of Local Public   | 2017 CALPHO Dues \$720/2017          | \$925.00     |
| Health Off.                 | NACCHO Dues \$205.                   |              |
| Co Dept. of Pub Hlth & Env  | Account 03-14 Isds Fees Rio          | \$40.00      |
|                             | Grande County/"2" OWTS               |              |
| Colo Dept. of Agriculture   | Scale and/or Measuring Device        | \$280.00     |
| Colorado Counties           | Capp for 2017                        | \$113,892.00 |
| Colorado Depart. of Revenue | State and County Fuel Tax            | \$106.00     |
| Columbine Automotive        | Tie Wraps/Tape/Heat Shrink/ Fuses    | \$82.00      |
| Conejos County Nursing      | Tob Sub Contract/Oct 2016            | \$1,617.29   |
| Costilla County Public      | EPSDT Contract Billing December      | \$2,140.00   |
|                             | 2016                                 |              |
| Costilla County Public      | Tob Sub Contract/Sept Oct 2016       | \$2,496.39   |
| County Sheriffs of Colo     | Acct RGSO/Annual Dues                | \$3,377.43   |
| County Worker's             | 2017 Contribution Invoice            | \$86,949.00  |
| Dana Delaine                | Va Mileage Acct RGSO/437Mi X .45     | \$196.65     |
| Del Norte Auto Supply       | Airport Repairs Through R&B          | \$1,215.95   |
| Del Norte Auto Supply       | Acct 7048/Inv 31181                  | \$1.20       |

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| Digitcom Electronics, Inc.             | Acct 429/Navigator Dispatch Workstation - Gx520/Labor and Miles   | \$1,724.20  |
| District Attorney Office               | 1st Portion of 2017 Budget  | \$15,000.00 |
| Early Childhood Council                | Healthy Community Services/Oct, Nov, Dec 2016   | \$6,795.00  |
| Endpoint Direct, Inc.                  | Postage Tax Notices   | \$3,800.00  |
| Force America Dist.                    | #61601 Parts  | \$688.04    |
| Galls, LLC                             | Acct #3737546/Nameplate/ Ripstop 6 Pocket   | \$233.18    |
| Great America Financial                | Agreement #025-1070947-0000 Konica Bizhub   | \$349.13    |
| Great America Financial                | Agreement#015-0875950-0000/Various Canon Copiers  | \$452.00    |
| Great America Financial                | Agreement#016-0939369-0000  | \$136.17    |
| Gunbarrel Station, Inc.                | Mount and Balance Tire  | \$75.00     |
| Haynie's Inc.                          | Inv#'s Cont/419091 4108778 418447 418924 41887  | \$96.11     |
| Haynie's Inc.                          | Oil Seal/Neutral Backup Switch  | \$80.43     |
| Jack's Market                          | Inv Cont /# 130763, 131604, 132624, 115349, 134626, 134911, 135792, 136182, 137205, 117787, 91096, 118662 | \$118.77    |
| Jade Communications, LLC               | Acct# 2938/719-852-4804/RGCWD   | \$86.92     |
| Ken's Service Center                   | Acct RGSO/Tires/ Diagnostic/ Maintenance  | \$1,880.81  |
| Kimberly Bryant                        | Monthly Pay SIM Grant/Nov Dec 2016  | \$1,845.84  |
| Lake County Health Dept.               | Lake 123116 Billing for December 2016   | \$725.00    |
| Leds, LLC                              | Imaging Old Books   | \$12,053.60 |
| Lenco West, Inc.                       | Male To Male/1/2" Npt Nipple  | \$10.42     |
| Leroy A Romero                         | Monthly Office Cleaning   | \$150.00    |
| Master Print & Web Design, Inc.        | CTC Grand/RGPP Logo Design  | \$89.85     |
| Master Print & Web Design, Inc.        | CTC Grant Website RGPP - 3 Months   | \$89.85     |
| Mckesson Medical Surgical              | Bandages  | \$13.86     |
| Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.              | Inv Cont -81021956, 81022020/Acct# 1052229  | \$570.88    |
| Mobile Record Shredders, LLC           | Shredding   | \$65.00     |
| Mona Syring                            | Manager's Meeting for December  | \$57.40     |
| Mona Syring                            | Clerk 12/21-12/30/2016  | \$114.40    |
| Monte Vista Machine Tool               | Surface Flywheel  | \$60.00     |
| Moonlight Customs LLC.                 | Cust# 109/Battery Draw/DTR Radio Inoperative  | \$535.31    |
| Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc. | Motor Assy. Heat Control  | \$187.76    |
| Park County Jail                       | December Holding/Manning  | \$1,395.00  |
| Petty Cash, R & B Dept.                | Postage   | \$22.55     |
| Pitney Bowes, Inc.                     | Acct#8000-9090-0857-7624  | \$114.13    |
| Rio Grande Canal Water                 | Postage Power Overlimit Late Fee  |             |
| Rio Grande Conservation                | 2017 Annual Assessment  | \$3,600.00  |
| Rio Grande County                      | Building Rent   | \$12,000.00 |
| Rio Grande County                      | Annual Grant Acct RGSO  | \$3,500.00  |
| Rio Grande County                      | Search and Rescue Reimbursement   | \$13.26     |
| Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC               | Cont Inv# 4917, 4922, 4923, 4925, 4927, 4930  | \$1,102.65  |
| Robins Construction, Inc.              | Rio Grande River/Del Norte Project  | \$10,000.00 |
| S & S Distribution, Inc.               | Water for Office  | \$23.40     |
| Saguache Co Public Health              | Tob Sub Contract Pymt Oct 2016  | \$888.27    |
| Saguache Co Public Health              | EPSDT Services December 2016  | \$775.00    |
| San Luis Valley Council                | 2017 Funding  | \$13,681.00 |
| San Luis Valley Fair Brd               | Inv#126, Budgeted Amount  | \$1,000.00  |
| San Luis Valley TV Inc.                | 1st Qtr Statement#1 2017  | \$1,436.25  |
| Shamrock Foods Company                 | Con't Inv# 10471027 10475630/Acct #86268  | \$5,809.37  |
| Shoreland                              | Travel Software - Travax  | \$975.00    |
| SLV Behavioral Health Group            | Behavioral Health Group/SIM Oct 2016  | \$5,355.19  |
| SLV REC                                | SF - 4699010705/DN - 759843705  | \$200.00    |
| SLV REC                                | Acct# 4705001905  | \$190.00    |
| SLV REC                                | Acct#'s 1337000605/7000235200/7000524700/ 7000541400  | \$697.00    |

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| South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.           | Acct#D 117636 December Statement/Propane for The Maintenance Shop                                     | \$296.70                |
| South Fork Water and Staples Business  | Paid for Full Year 54.00X4 Office Supplies, Office Mat, Calendar for Desk, Ink, File Holders, Sorters | \$216.00<br>\$597.17    |
| Strohmayer's Funeral Home, LLC         | Storage   | \$300.00                |
| Strohmayer's Funeral Home, LLC         | Mortuary 750/Office 30/Supplies 85.11   | \$1,135.11              |
| Suntrust Equipment, Corp               | Payment 16 Customer#405344  | \$10,385.00             |
| Thyssenkrupp Elevator Town and Country | Contract #17952/01/01-03/31/2017 Acct# 2179/New 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan                              | \$794.04<br>\$24,363.99 |
| Town and Country                       | 2017 Fleet/Non Retail Chevrolet Colorado 4Wd Ext Cab Z71  | \$24,524.45             |
| Tracker Software Corp. Inc.            | Pubworks Support & Service for Year 2017  | \$1,745.00              |
| United Reprographic                    | Maintenance Agreement 12/22/16-1/21/17 Cost Per Copy 11/22-12/21/16                                   | \$170.18                |
| Upper Rio Grande Animal Society        | Contract W/ URGAS for 2016  | \$2,500.00              |
| Valley Lumber and Supply, Inc.         | Wood Fence/5.5 N & 3 E  | \$728.19                |
| Valley Publishing                      | MVJ Legal 4085 Applic Sawmill   | \$24.00                 |
| Valley Publishing                      | Legal MVJ #4088 Notice of Supple. Budget  | \$56.00                 |
| Valley-Wide Health System              | Acct 56345 Dental   | \$678.00                |
| Verizon Wireless                       | Acct 765509857-00002  | \$102.04                |
| Verizon Wireless                       | Acct 765509857-00004  | \$1,258.37              |
| Verizon Wireless                       | Acct 765509857-00005  | \$143.96                |
| Verizon Wireless                       | Molina, Cullen Koshak Brown Jetpack CTC   | \$221.32                |
| Wagner Equipment                       | Pooc1934350/Pooc1936694/159010  | \$25,040.76             |
| Waste Management-                      | 0967632-2521-4 DN/0967633-2521-2 MV   | \$223.62                |
| Waste Management-                      | Acct 65-0003178-2521-4  | \$205.62                |
| William F. Dunn                        | Legal Fees  | \$325.00                |
| WSB Computer Services                  | Utp Cat5E Patch Cable, Cat6 Crossover Adapter   | \$46.00                 |
| WSB Computer Services                  | Maintenance Agreement Jan 2017  | \$1,815.00              |
| WSB Computer Services                  | Monitoring and Management   | \$2,772.00              |
| WSB Computer Services                  | Remote Monitoring & Management  | \$504.00                |
| WSB Computer Services                  | Toner for Printer   | \$240.00                |
| Xerox Business Services, LLC           | Cust# 287831  | \$2,624.96              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |   | <b>\$439,551.71</b>     |

### JANUARY 2017 END-OF-MONTH VOUCHERS

| VENDOR                           | SERVICE                                 | AMOUNT     |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| Alamosa County                   | Rent                                    | \$300.00   |
| Alpha Medical Distributor, Inc.  | Body Bags                               | \$2,962.88 |
| Britt L Jardon                   | Ise Denver/Reimbursement for Attendance | \$1,342.22 |
| Brown's Septic Svc Inc.          | Acct RGSO/Pump Grease Trap              | \$435.00   |
| Bryan Christensen                | Stipend and Mileage                     | \$60.35    |
| Burriss and Sons Bucking Bulls   | MV Riding School                        | \$1,000.00 |
| Business Solutions Leasing, Inc. | Copier Lease #101-0818002-000           | \$54.73    |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-2744 943B                       | \$846.29   |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-3325-233B                       | \$57.60    |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-9017 478B                       | \$147.53   |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-2003 015B                       | \$32.03    |
| Centurylink                      | 101Atizfalmscomadco/K719-657-0048-014M  | \$365.39   |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-2847-008B                       | \$49.73    |
| Centurylink                      | 719-657-9167 029B                       | \$63.28    |
| Centurylink                      | Acct 7196570646 508B                    | \$163.17   |
| Centurylink                      | Acct 7196574000294B                     | \$581.22   |
| Charter Communications           | Internet for Veterans                   | \$84.95    |
| Colo County Treasurer's          | 2017 Annual Dues                        | \$400.00   |

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| Colo Public Trustee Assoc           | 2017 Annual Dues  | \$200.00    |
| Colorado Assessor's Assoc           | Homestead Class   | \$20.00     |
| Colorado Assessor's Assoc           | Remaining Balance for 2016<br>Classes   | \$60.00     |
| Colorado Counties Inc.              | Inv #2017-184/2017 Dues   | \$13,500.00 |
| Colorado Counties Inc.              | Inv #2017-173/2017 Public Land<br>Dues  | \$1,366.00  |
| Crimestar Corporation               | Acct RGSO/Computer Programs<br>Update   | \$1,200.00  |
| Dale Trujillo                       | South Fork/Del Norte/ Monte Vista<br>Miles  | \$39.60     |
| Del Norte Auto Supply               | Rivets for Maintenance Dept.  | \$4.94      |
| Del Norte Prospector                | Newspaper   | \$34.75     |
| Dianne Koshak                       | Mileage   | \$36.90     |
| Direct TV                           | Acct# 045235405   | \$160.98    |
| Dwight Freeman                      | Board Meeting/Meeting Mileage   | \$63.50     |
| Early Childhood Council             | Jan & Feb 2017 Healthy Community<br>Services                                      | \$4,530.00  |
| El Paso County Coroner              | Cust# 451135/Jackson/Armstrong  | \$2,800.00  |
| Elevation Outdoors, LLC             | 1/2 Page January Ad   | \$760.00    |
| Emily Brown                         | Miles/CTC Regional Coord. Mtg   | \$68.58     |
| First Bankcard                      | Acct# 4804079969931595 Rio<br>Grande County                                       | \$8,392.61  |
| First Bankcard                      | Acct# 4804079969931595  | \$1,505.80  |
| Frank A Clark                       | Drug Buy Money  | \$1,000.00  |
| Front Range Removal Service,<br>LLC | Transport from Pueblo to Colo.<br>Sprgs   | \$225.00    |
| Gene Glover                         | Mileage to CCI School In Denver   | \$239.40    |
| Gobins, Inc.                        | Contract Lease# 6189440372-<br>01/Copier Lease                                    | \$38.43     |
| Great America Financial             | Agreement# 025-1070947-0000   | \$349.13    |
| Great America Financial             | Agreement# 015-0875950-000<br>Various Canon Copiers                               | \$452.00    |
| Grover Hathorn                      | Board Mileage & Stipend   | \$65.30     |
| Harris Publishing, Inc.             | December Banner Ad  | \$250.00    |
| Hinsdale County                     | Cust# 0068/Riogrande Cutthroat<br>Trout Assessment/3 Yr Commitment                | \$2,500.00  |
| Ida Salazar                         | Mileage   | \$179.10    |
| Internet Honey                      | Lead Fulfillment/Cosvg & Grand<br>Circle  | \$85.00     |
| Jack Rudder                         | 2017 County Veterans Service<br>Officer Training Registration/<br>Membership 2017 | \$323.00    |
| Jean Borrego                        | Coord Salary  | \$5,000.00  |
| Kaleigh Benavides                   | Mileage   | \$28.80     |
| Keith Rogers                        | Board Miles and Stipend   | \$58.10     |
| Kenneth Vanlwarden                  | Board Mileage/Stipend   | \$63.50     |
| La Police Gear, Inc.                | Acct 1164514/Gun Slings   | \$87.50     |
| La Puente Home, Inc.                | Rio Grande Cnty Commissioners for<br>The Food Bank                                | \$100.00    |
| Lockton Companies, LLC              | Airport Liability Insurance   | \$1,490.00  |
| Mark Mueller                        | Board Miles and Stipend   | \$56.30     |
| Marks Outdoor Sports                | 2017 Bercomac Rotary Broom for<br>UTV   | \$3,784.00  |
| Marv's Small Engine Repair,<br>Inc. | Parts(Cdi Unit/Ign.Coil) and Labor<br>for Repairs on UTV                          | \$189.03    |
| Master Print & Web Design,<br>Inc.  | SEO 3 Month Web Hosting/Domain<br>Reg 1 Yr  | \$261.50    |
| Master Print & Web Design,<br>Inc.  | CTC Grant RGPP Logo<br>Design/Balance Due   | \$69.15     |
| Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.           | Cont Inv# 81022170/Acct#1052229   | \$389.81    |
| Mike Schaefer                       | Board Miles and Stipend   | \$56.30     |
| Miles Marketing                     | 2017 Coop SLV 1/2 Page  | \$7,471.50  |
| Monte Vista Crane                   | 2017 Advertising  | \$1,000.00  |
| Motorola Inc.                       | Cust# 1036273093-0007/2016<br>Homeland Security Grant                             | \$23,990.28 |
| Nancy Molina                        | CTC KLO Mtg/Mtg W/Community<br>Board Member                                       | \$120.51    |
| O & V Printing, Inc.                | Acct RGSO/Inv 47714 forms   | \$1,147.35  |
| Peggy J Kern                        | Mileage Post Office   | \$8.55      |
| Pen Craft Design Company            | Retainer for November and<br>December   | \$800.00    |
| Pro Com                             | Acct RGSO/Inv 46280 Pre-<br>Employment Drug Testing                               | \$185.00    |
| Pro Com                             | Service Fee for Year 2017   | \$44.00     |

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| S & S Distribution, Inc.          | Water Delivery   | \$37.00             |
| Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.              | Cust# 70094643   | \$862.33            |
| Shamrock Foods Company            | Cont Inv3 10491210/Acct# 86268                             | \$4,118.32          |
| SLV REC                           | Acct#'s<br>1337000605/7000235200/70005247<br>00/7000541400 | \$1,279.00          |
| Small Business Development Center | 2017 Contribution for SBDC                                 | \$1,000.00          |
| Summit Market                     | Acct #4000/Statement                                       | \$7.23              |
| Susan Cullen                      | Mileage  | \$55.80             |
| Suzanne Bothell                   | Mileage to CCI New Commissioners Workshop                  | \$237.60            |
| Thompson Publishing Group         | Fair Labor Standards/Acct #1389122                         | \$536.99            |
| Thyssenkrupp Elevator             | MCP Records Retention Binders and Beep Maintenance Manual. | \$150.00            |
| Tom Haefeli                       | Board Miles and Stipend                                    | \$66.20             |
| Total Office Solutions            | Acct# 21608-0 Toner/Tape                                   | \$331.82            |
| Town of Del Norte                 | Cust# 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01                              | \$187.20            |
| Ultramax                          | Federal 223 55Gr Bonded/12 Ga 1 Oz Rifled Hp Slug          | \$357.50            |
| Valley Lock and Security, Inc.    | Monitoring 2017 Museum Security 01/01-03/31/2017           | \$105.00            |
| Vaxcare, Inc.                     | Cust# 1728   | \$2,353.00          |
| Verizon Wireless                  | Acct# 842020320  | \$234.46            |
| Wex Bank                          | Acct #0406-00-819100-9                                     | \$218.31            |
| Wex Bank                          | Acct# 0406-00-821424-9                                     | \$3,193.94          |
| WSB Computer Services             | Apc Battery Backup   | \$227.50            |
| Xcel Energy                       | Acct# 53-1143312-0   | \$2,448.27          |
| Xcel Energy                       | Acct#53-1083310-0  | \$2,971.65          |
| Xcel Energy                       | Acct# 53-1084871-0   | \$5,305.92          |
| Xerox Business Services, LLC      | Track Search   | \$25.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      |  | <b>\$122,107.61</b> |

#### JANUARY 2017 PAYROLL

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| County General  | \$200,731.73        |
| Road and Bridge | \$76,983.06         |
| DSS             | \$115,986.64        |
| Weed            | \$3,570.67          |
| Public Health   | \$18,507.89         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$415,779.99</b> |

Total Payroll Deductions: \$123,899.85

Ms. Wisdom presented a change in appointments to boards on which the Commissioners serve. Commissioner Glover moved to appoint Commissioner Bothell to the South Central Seniors Board. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter of interest from Deanne Jacobs, who is interested in serving on the Rio Grande County Museum Board. Commissioner Bothell moved to appoint Ms. Jacobs to the Museum Board. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the appointment of Sandy Wagner to the Museum Board, with no letter of interest. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Wagner attended the most recent Museum Board meeting and expressed verbal interest at that time.

Ms. Wisdom presented two requests for appointment to the Tourism Board: Dustin Underwood and Louise Colville. Chairman Shriver said there would be no conflict of interest for Ms. Colville to serve on the Board. Commissioner Glover moved to appoint Mr. Underwood and Ms. Colville to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Dr. Carmen Simone, Trinidad State Junior College, has requested appointment to the South Central Workforce Board. Chairman Shriver said that Dr. Simone is dedicated to the workforce issue and also serves on the South Eastern Workforce Board. Commissioner Bothell moved to appoint Dr. Simone to the Board. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Wisdom reported that the next meeting of the Workforce Board is scheduled for February 26, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at the Workforce center.

Commissioner Bothell volunteered to serve on the SB-94 Board, which was discussed earlier in the meeting. Chairman Shriver moved to appoint Commissioner Bothell to the SB-94 Board.

Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bothell said she would consider serving on the Crossroads/Turning Point Board.

At 2:01 p.m., Mark Rudolph, Summitville Project Manager, was present to update the Board. He explained that there are Forest Service in-holdings in the area of property that is owned by the County through tax defaults. The State maintains this property in perpetuity, and the Federal government will not allow deed restrictions. Mr. Rudolph said that the goal of the Forest Service is to transfer its in-holdings to the County in the next year. Mr. Rudolph requested a formal letter from the County to the Forest Service requesting the land transfer; he will draft a letter for the Board's review. This had been discussed and agreed upon with the former BOCC.

Chairman Shriver thanked Mr. Rudolph. She said that it would be better to work with landowners in the area than to work with the Forest Service. She said that transferring this land would allow for the possibility of creating trails and hunting in the area, which would benefit County constituents. It was noted that some challenges had been created by the former project manager. For instance, a water treatment plant was built in Summitville, but the County has no access to it. The County-owned lots are usable and can attract tourists.

Commissioner Glover asked how many acres are part of the land transfer. Mr. Rudolph said there are 42 acres, comprising 30 or more parcels. Mr. Rudolph also said that the County can establish how the land can be used and cited archeological projects as an example. Chairman Shriver said that a positive vision for the land is needed and that the land needs to be a working asset for the County.

Commissioner Glover asked who the Forest Service representatives are. Mr. Rudolph said they are Meg Sullivan, Tom Malacek, and Mike Blakeman.

Chairman Shriver said that SLV Go trail building projects are good for economic development. She said the recently erected Summitville park shelter is used every day. Mr. Rudolph said the information board needs to be painted in the spring, and that interpretative signs will also be installed.

Ms. Wisdom asked if the land transfer agreement can include an addendum stating that projects would continue in the event Mr. Rudolph leaves his position as project manager. Mr. Rudolph explained that in fact the Summitville project manager position is being transferred to Alicia Schultz over the next three years. He said she is a good asset. Mr. Rudolph will be moving to a similar position in Silverton.

Chairman Shriver suggested that tour dates for the water treatment plant be scheduled during the summer for interested parties. She said that this sort of collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment could be used as a model elsewhere. Mr. Rudolph reported that the tour held in conjunction with Adams State University last summer brought 25 people to Summitville. Summitville was also visited by a school group and a summer geology camp.

Commissioner Bothell asked when the work at the Superfund site would be finished. Mr. Rudolph explained that the water at Summitville would be treated forever. At this time the Environmental Protection Agency pays for 90 percent of this work and the State pays 10 percent. After five years, the State will take control of the project. Chairman Shriver explained that the County owns the property but has no say in what happens to it. She said that Mr. Rudolph has helped give the County a voice. Mr. Rudolph said there are opportunities to develop the area.

Commissioner Bothell asked if deed restrictions could be lifted on the outside parcels. Mr. Rudolph said that the existing covenant is a vague document and a new one will be drafted with single property ownership within certain boundaries after the land is transferred to the County. Mr. Rudolph met with Pete Magee, GIS Colorado, to discuss the Forest Service's request for determining boundaries in the area. Dan Russell, Russell Surveyors, has also been contacted to survey the area when he returns from vacation in February. The State will pay for the survey. Mr. Rudolph is also contracting with Western Lands Group to provide an independent survey of the area. The results of these surveys will be presented to the Board, State and local officials, and the Forest Service. Commissioner Glover said he is in favor of transferring the land to the County. Commissioner Bothell said there is no downside to the transfer. The consensus of the Board was to move ahead with the transfer.

Mr. Rudolph reported that Summitville is snowed in and that no water is being treated during the winter. He checks on the site every three weeks.

Chairman Shriver reported that the "Summitville Now and Then" exhibit will be on display at the Museum on April 22, 2017. The next meeting with Mr. Rudolph will be at the end of March. Chairman Shriver suggested scheduling a work session on Brownfields projects as part of this meeting. Mr. Rudolph suggested including the community and Brownfields representatives in the work session. Mr. Rudolph said that Brownfield sites are underutilized because of contamination. He said that a future use for a Brownfield site could be determined and that future use would decide the type of clean up needed.

Chairman Shriver said the old Del Norte hospital and older housing at the Veterans Center are possible examples of Brownfields projects. She said the County should help these land owners. Mr. Rudolph said that Brownfields grants are available and a contractor is available to help find federal grants. He suggested concentrating on state grants at this time. Mr. Rudolph also said that a community-wide assessment grant is available from the EPA that could be used to identify properties in need of help. The Board was enthusiastic about putting this work session together.

At 2:45 p.m., Ms. Wisdom reported that Rio Grande County has been designated as an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone. This provides additional tax credits for businesses. Mr. Wisdom said that all Valley counties have this designation this year.

Ms. Wisdom reported that she has received emails regarding address updates for the April 1, 2020 census.

Ms. Wisdom presented information from the Clean Energy Collective regarding the creation of a solar community garden in the County. She explained that the County could buy in to the community garden and receive energy credits. She also explained that the Clean Energy Collective did not receive the RFP with Xcel Energy and is proceeding in a different direction.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from the Monte Vista Crane Festival requesting a donation of \$1,000.00. It was noted that the Tourism Board always contributes to the Crane Festival. The consensus of the Board was to not contribute the \$1,000.00 because the County has not contributed in the past.

Ms. Wisdom requested permission to attend the Government Finance Officers Association annual conference in Denver. The cost to register is \$380.00 and there would be other costs such as lodging and meals. She estimated that the total cost would be approximately \$1,000.00. The consensus of the Board was to grant permission for Ms. Wisdom to attend the conference.

At 2:55 p.m., the Board discussed a possible economic development opportunity to improve tourism in Del Norte, South Fork, and Mineral County. The Board needs to discuss this project and possible grants to fund it. Ms. Wisdom will check the County's budget to see if there are available funds for this project. It was noted that a possible grant is available and the deadline is Friday, January 27, 2017.

Other County goals were discussed. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the list of County goals for 2017. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The goals are:

- Economic Development
  - Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Evaluation
  - Workforce Development
  - Affordable Housing Evaluation
  - Economic Development Plan for Rio Grande County
  - Tourism and Tourism Board Evaluation
- Internal
  - Website Evaluation and Upgrades
  - Zoning Issues and Code Book analysis
  - Organizational Chart
  - Staffing Needs: Emergency Manager and Airport Manager
  - Analysis of Generation of Additional County Revenues and Overall-Budget
  - Mill Levy analysis , expense analysis, cost savings analysis
  - Mental Health Issues with Jail and Court System
  - Extension office – analyze future funding
  - District Attorney – analyze funding and office space needs

It was noted that Commissioner Bothell is working on setting up a County RFP form. She has also drafted a Reward for Resource Savings for employees and asked the Board for comments.

At 3:10 p.m., Commissioner Glover moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Karla L. Shriver, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board