

Mr. Sullivan reported that there was a fire at Schrader Creek on July 11, 2017. A fire line was built around it and the recent rain helped. Chairman Shriver asked how information is being communicated when there is a fire. She asked if Emergency Manager Chris Ortiz is involved in the communications. Mr. Sullivan said that Mr. Ortiz was not notified about the fire until he received Chairman Shriver's email. He said that Mr. Ortiz needs to request that he be notified and suggested that the Pueblo Forest Service could contact Mr. Ortiz. Chairman Shriver stated that there is a communication breakdown that needs to be fixed.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he met with Airport Co-Manager Jay Sarason regarding upcoming work (crack sealing and mowing) that needs to be coordinated. Mr. Sullivan said he prefers that the Road and Bridge not do the crack sealing because it would be more efficient to have someone who specializes in that to do it. He said the airport would pay for the equipment and labor since the airport already has the material. Mr. Sullivan said there will be an aviation equipment auction in August or September.

Chairman Shriver noted that Mr. Sarason has brought up the crack sealing. She also reported that the airport is running out of tie-down parking space. She said a new area may have to be created that would include pavement and tie-downs. She suggested using the old taxiway, where the planes could be parked with their tails toward the dirt. Mr. Sullivan said that crushed gravel could be placed near the old runway and tie-downs could be placed on the pavement. He noted that pilots cannot use the taxiway for take-offs and the taxiway would be easy to fix. Commissioner Glover suggested that this area could be used for long-term parking, and said that this is the best and less expensive area. Chairman Shriver said more discussion is needed. Commissioner Glover asked if tie-downs could be placed on the existing pad. Mr. Sullivan said the Department can get started on this project. He explained that the pavement will have to be cut and hand digging will be necessary in order to not disturb the fabric under the pad. He said the Department will work on this project as time permits. Chairman Shriver said there will be a fly-in for Covered Wagon Days, but that tie-downs would likely not be needed for that event.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Road and Bridge Department is working with the Monte Vista airport to repair asphalt. The Department's static roller is being used, and is working well.

Mr. Sullivan brought up the right of way between the Briggs and Velasquez properties. Ms. Wisdom said that Secure Rural Schools funds could be spent on the County Road 10 North project to provide children with a better way to get to school. Mr. Sullivan said these funds could also be spent on the Center school sidewalk, or the funds could be applied to providing a better access to the new school being built in Del Norte with a BEST grant. Ms. Wisdom said the funds need to be spent by September 1, 2017. Mr. Sullivan said he has received calls regarding County Road 15, which needs repair. He reported that property needs to be acquired in order to make the repairs. Ms. Wisdom said there are options for the SRS funding.

Mr. Sullivan reported meeting with the Town of South Fork regarding all-terrain vehicles on July 11, 2017. He said there is concern regarding signage. He reported that there is one speed limit sign in the Indian Trails subdivision, and that the problem is actually in Lower Alpine, where the residents have requested that ATVs not be ridden there. Commissioner Bothell said there is a problem with ATVs on County Road 15. Commissioner Glover stated that there is a lack of consistency in how the signs look. Chairman Shriver said the signs need to conform to County regulations. She said that the County sold signs to South Fork, and she agreed that there is confusion about the signage on County Road 15. The ATV ordinance states that ATVs can be used to travel from point A to point B, but cannot be used for joy riding in the area. Mr. Sullivan said that County Road 18 is the boundary and noted that the signage is clear at the intersection of County Road 18 and County Road 15.

Commissioner Glover said that the proposed phases of the overall ATV project from the Town of South Fork are not clear to the general public and more education is needed. Chairman Shriver said there is a one half-mile portion of County Road 15 that is not approved for ATV use by the County ATV ordinance. She suggested that the area might be extended to Forest Service Road 665.

Commissioner Bothell said that South Fork has sold only 35 ATV flags and suggested that this is a limited number of people who understand the rules. Mr. Sullivan stated that phases two through four will be difficult to regulate. He said when signs are added, they must conform to State standards. He expressed concern about adding logos to signage. Chairman Shriver recommended that a discussion be scheduled with the Town of South Fork and Mr. Sullivan. Commissioner Glover recommended that the discussion be scheduled before Town Manager Tom Acre leaves his position in mid-August.

Commissioner Glover and Mr. Sullivan agreed to meet to discuss road building in the San Francisco Creek area.

At 9:56 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Ms. Diltz reported that the Sheriff delivered a letter to Vickie McNeely on July 11, 2017, notifying her that she must vacate her property immediately. Ms. Diltz reported that she has heard that since being evicted, Ms. McNeely is living on the Prentice property; this is unconfirmed. Ms. Diltz reported that someone wants to buy the McNeely property.

Ms. Diltz reported that Viaero is working with an engineer on a plan to become compliant with its conditional use permit. She also reported that she is researching codes in other counties as they relate to questions from Lester Yoder.

Ms. Diltz reported that she and Mr. Kern traveled to Jasper on July 7, 2017, and discovered some houses that have built without building permits. She said that it is difficult to identify exact parcels of land because maps do not match the area. She said that San Luis Valley GIS will be in Jasper in September. Mr. Kern reported that he spoke to the homeowners' association president regarding the lack of building permits. The president said that building permits are not required for structures that are less than 200 square feet. Mr. Kern explained that this rule applies to out-buildings, rather than residences. Ms. Diltz suggested sending a letter stating the rules to all property owners in Jasper, but acknowledged that identifying all the property owners will be difficult. She said another option would be to print placards and place them on the doors of the residences. Mr. Kern was concerned that property owners have to be contacted before private property can be accessed. Ms. Diltz stated that the code book allows her access to private property.

Chairman Shriver asked how many rules letters would be needed. Ms. Diltz estimated that 200 letters would be needed. Commissioner Bothell suggested that the letter be informational to prevent others from breaking the rules. Ms. Diltz said she will make one more trip to Jasper and place placards on residence doors and she will also send the rules letter to property owners. It was also suggested that the homeowners' association may have a newsletter, which might serve as a way to contact property owners. Ms. Diltz will contact the secretary of the homeowners' association.

Mr. Kern reported that he has issued 11 new home building permits, and five more applications have been received in the last five days. He reported that the building is occurring County-wide. These are single family homes. Mr. Kern said he is reviewing plans and reported that his inspection load is heavy. Mr. Kern reported that he is reviewing preliminary plans regarding the proposed Rio Grande Hospital expansion.

Mr. Kern reported that he has spoken to Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, about scheduling a Board of Health meeting to discuss two issues: a septic vault request in Jasper and a septic replacement in Masonic Park. The homeowner in Masonic Park may request a vault, but would prefer an on-site wastewater treatment system. Mr. Kern stated that the size of the lot is a concern; there is an individual well on the property. A reduction of setbacks may be required because the OWTS regulations will not be met with the setbacks as they are. Mr. Kern said the request for the vault in Jasper needs to be heard soon.

Mr. Kern said that a template for the OWTS regulations needs to be started.

Mr. Kern reported that in 2009, Steve Graham purchased two mining claims in Summitville. He now wants to build back country huts on the property. Mr. Kern said that in 2009 pit privies were approved, but have been prohibited since 2013. The property was not built out in 2009, so Mr. Graham may have to reapply for a conditional use permit for the back country huts.

Mr. Kern reported receiving an address request for a solar plant on Sherman Avenue in Monte Vista. There are two different parcels: one parcel is owned by the school and the other is owned by Debra Martinez. Ms. Diltz said that she would speak to the property owner about applying for a conditional use permit for the solar plant.

Ms. Diltz also reported that the Monte Vista Head Start wants to replace its sign. The project was started, but when the Head Start was contacted by the County, Head Start was told it cannot have an illuminated sign. The Head Start may apply for a variance.

At 10:16 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the contract between the County and RG and Associates to revise the County code book.

At 10:17 a.m., Lynn McCullough was present to express concern about thefts on his property. He said the number of thefts has increased in the last year-and-a-half. He said the increase may be due to the local drug problem. Mr. McCullough has spoken with the Sheriff's Department and suggested that the Department is short-handed. He also suggested that there is a problem with the court system and said that jails cannot be built quickly enough. Mr. McCullough said he has had six thefts and the thieves have not been caught. He said that when thieves are caught they go to jail, to rehab, and when they are released, they go back to their old ways.

Commissioner Glover asked if the incidents were vandalism or thefts. Mr. McCullough said they were thefts. Commissioner Bothell asked Mr. McCullough if he had any ideas about a solution to the problem. Mr. McCullough said that the Sheriff recommended a drug rehabilitation facility. He said he does not have an answer. He does not know how to keep drugs out of the Valley. Chairman Shriver noted that there is a drug dog in the Sheriff's Department. She also said that the Board has not received a report from the Sheriff about the types of calls the Sheriff's Department makes or notification that he is understaffed. Mr. McCullough said the Sheriff indicated he cannot arrest drug dealers because the federal authorities want "bigger fish." Mr. McCullough suggested that more funding should be available for law enforcement, and said that liberal judges let off the thieves. He asked if a drug rehabilitation facility would be possible. Chairman Shriver responded that there has been no discussion about building such a facility in the Valley. Mr. McCullough said that with no drug rehabilitation centers available, the Valley is worse than anywhere. He asked where funding for a facility would be available. Ms. Wisdom said that drug rehabilitation facilities are usually funded by mental health organizations, noting that the methadone clinic in Alamosa was difficult to get started. She said the Sheriff's comments are true.

Mr. McCullough asked if it is possible that inmates obtain heroin in jail. Commissioner Bothell said that inmates detox in jail, and when they are released they take too much heroin and overdose.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Communities that Care program for youth is attempting to address the issue. Mr. McCullough said that his company no longer does any employee drug testing because if it did, he would not have any employees. Commissioner Glover said that the legalization of marijuana has made heroin less expensive. Commissioner Bothell explained that heroin dealers often barter for items other than money.

Mr. McCullough asked if the Sheriff's Department is adequately financed. He also asked how to address his issues with the court system. Chairman Shriver said that a meeting with Judge Patrick Hayes did not provide a solution. She also explained that the Sheriff has not reported that financing is a problem to the BOCC. Commissioner Glover agreed, saying that after the Board's last tour of the jail, nothing was brought up about the Department being underfunded. Commissioner Glover said that Alamosa County is building a new justice center and it will be 40 beds short. Chairman Shriver said there has been discussion about renting the correctional facility in Walsenburg for use by the region. A study is being conducted by an interim committee including Senator Larry Crowder, which was formed by the State. This committee needs to meet.

Ms. Wisdom pointed out that the District Attorney is paid with County funds, and public defenders are paid by the State. This salary inequity creates a revolving door in the DA's office in terms of retaining attorneys. She said plea bargains are struck in order to keep the process moving. She suggested that Mr. McCullough speak to legislators. Chairman Shriver said it has been difficult to get bills passed to increase DA funding. Mr. McCullough said that there are issues to be solved. Commissioner Bothell thanked Mr. McCullough for his concern.

At 10:45 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was 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 11:11 a.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to come out of the executive session. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rio de la Vista, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, was present to request an amended letter of support for a conservation easement on the Encantada Ranch. The Board had previously written a letter of support for conservation easements on the Encantada Ranch, the Nash Ranch, and the Twin Pines Ranch. However, the grant from GOCO was not awarded for the three easements, so the Encantada Ranch will be handled individually. The ranch is 430 acres. Ms. de la Vista explained that GOCO requires letters of support from counties. Chairman Shriver noted that the previous letter was approved by the Board, so this letter should not be a

problem. Ms. de la Vista explained that a conservation easement is a voluntary undertaking by the property owner. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported receiving an email from Joan Mobley, a resident of the Indian Trails subdivision, with a complaint regarding all-terrain vehicles in the area. Chairman Shriver explained that the ordinance states that ATVs may be used to access trails but cannot be used for joy riding. She said that Ms. Mobley will have to present a petition from residents in the subdivision in order to make a formal complaint. To change the ordinance, more than one complaint is needed; perhaps there are others in the subdivision who want the ordinance. Chairman Shriver said no other formal complaints have been received from residents of Indian Trails.

Commissioner Glover said he has received several calls about ATVs, particularly after the July 4th holiday. He said other issues would be raised in the next 30 days. He said there is a house at the end of Sioux Trails that has been remodeled to create rental units. He said this needs to be researched, and said that ATVs make the road dusty. He said there is a posted speed limit sign, but the residents of the subdivision need to work together. Chairman Shriver said a formal complaint needs to be made by the subdivision. She recommended that the response to Ms. Mobley include a suggestion that she contact her neighbors about the issue and that the Board needs to hear from the group. Ms. Wisdom asked how large the group would have to be in order to make a formal complaint; she also asked what the complaint process would be. Commissioner Glover suggested that Ms. Mobley circulate the petition to gauge support. Commissioner Bothell noted that there are two subdivisions in this area and that ATVs could be allowed in one and not the other. Chairman Shriver will draft a response to Ms. Mobley.

At 11:25 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented the July 2017, mid-month vouchers, including Department of Social Services vouchers. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the mid-month vouchers. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The voucher were signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Weed District's forced entry list. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the forced entry list. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. The property owners on the list include:

Land Owner/Lessee	Weed Species	Parcel Numbers	Mode and Date of Inspection
Paul and Helen Yutzky	Hoary Cress, Russian Knapweed	6325100057	Written Notice July 11, 2017
Joseph and Regina Yoder	Perennial Pepper Weed	6311201002	Written Notice July 10, 2017
John Brady	Russian Knapweed	6315400130 6322100045 6323100049 6310400289 6311300430	Written Notice July 10, 2017
Linda Wells	Hoary Cress, Russian Knapweed	6326200374	Written Notice July 10, 2017
Joan and Samuel Valdez	Russian Knapweed, Perennial Pepper Weed	6325100372	Written Notice July 11, 2017
Brimhall Industries	Perennial Pepper Weed	3324100030	Verbal Notice June 7, 2017

Ms. Wisdom presented the Veterans Service Report and requested a signature. The report was signed.

Commissioner Bothell asked if meal reports from the jail are being submitted. Ms. Wisdom said they are. She will update the spreadsheet and present it at the next meeting. Commissioner Bothell asked if the Sheriff's Department submits an arrest report. Ms. Wisdom said it does not. Chairman Shriver said the Department used to submit an arrest report, but has not recently. She said the Department can track calls, but there has been no report since the resignation of the Undersheriff Rapps. Ms. Wisdom will request that arrest reports be submitted to the Board.

Ms. Wisdom requested approval on the contract between the County and RG and Associates regarding the County's land use codes assessment. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve

the contract. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented the State Innovation Model contract between the Department of Public Health and the State. The contract is in the amount of \$139,840.00; the funds are passed through to Behavioral Health. The grant is managed by the Department of Public Health. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Health Care Coalition Contract. The Department of Public Health serves as the fiscal agent for the contract in the amount of \$99,033.00. This is the first year, of five, for the contract. The contract includes administrative costs. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Emily Brown, through one of her grants, purchased a screen and projector for the Annex. This is related to the IT update for emergency preparedness.

Ms. Wisdom presented the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and Colorado Workforce. She reported that the co-location fees from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds are not needed. Ms. Wisdom reported that Jody Kern and DSS Attorney Ryan Dunn have approved signing the MOU. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the MOU. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that she will be attending the Homeland Security Grant meeting on July 26, 2017, and will not be able to attend the next BOCC meeting.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the Managers' Meeting scheduled for July 19, 2017, was to include departmental updates. However, Tyler Tobin, Tobin and Associates, will be here, so she has scheduled a presentation by Mr. Tobin.

Ms. Wisdom reported that no tax protests have been received to date, but time has been scheduled for them, should they be needed.

At 11:39 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande)

The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in a special session on Wednesday, July 19, 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 9:52 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order. Commissioner Glover gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of tax abatements, a discussion with Randy Kern, Building Department, an update on the creation of airport policies, an update on Summitville, and an update on the recent Council of Governments meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

No minutes were reviewed or approved at this meeting.

At 9:55 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported that after a discussion with County Attorney Bill Dunn, she has begun to research general operating policies for the airport. For example, the policy would state that there can be no fireworks at the airport; no parking on the runway, etc. There

will be a meeting this afternoon with the airport advisory board where the policies will be discussed. A draft of the policies will be presented to the Board in the future.

Chairman Shriver reported that the Summitville tours on July 14 and 15, 2017, were well attended. Approximately 70 people took the actual tour, and others were at the site as well. A total of approximately 125 people toured the site. Chairman Shriver reported that people commented that they would like the tour to be an annual event. She also said that she will meet with Mark Rudolph, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, so that she can better understand the area.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Steve Graham, a property owner in the Summitville area, was approved to install privies several years ago on property he owns, but did not do the installation. Now, the regulations have changed, and this is an issue for him. Ms. Wisdom said that Mr. Graham is interested in building a general store and back-country huts on the property, and is interested in leasing other parcels from the County rather than buying them. The huts could be used to house Adams State University students studying the area. Ms. Wisdom said the property is in the Bowen Placer area and it can be accessed from the Park Creek road.

Chairman Shriver attended a recent Council of Governments/Development Resources Group meeting and reported that all the DRG mini grants have been awarded. Memberships have been paid by organizations in the County. She noted that Conejos County, some towns in Alamosa County, and Saguache County have not paid their memberships. The penalties for not paying membership dues are that the towns or counties are not eligible for mini grants and they may be eliminated from Region 9. Chairman Shriver reported that DRG has a new website and that it looks good. It features a portal to demographic information. She suggested that this information, as it applies to Rio Grande County, be included on the County's revised website. Commissioner Bothell asked if DRG would have to be credited for this information on the County website. Ms. Wisdom said that credit should be given.

Chairman Shriver reported that the new meeting time for the broadband committee is now the fourth Thursday of the month. The Board adjourned to the Board of Adjustments hearing. The SLVCOG discussion continued afterward.

At 10:07 a.m., citing C.R.S. 30-28-117, the BOCC appointed itself the Board of Adjustments. (Annotation: County commissioners had authority to appoint themselves to a board of adjustment in *Fedder v McCurdy* 768 P.2d 711 Colo. App. 1989). A public hearing to discuss a variance application was called to order. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Chuck Heald were present. Mr. Heald was sworn in.

Ms. Diltz reported that Verlyn Boese, represented by Mr. Heald, has requested a variance on his property on Swede Lane and Highway 285 to change the north set back from 50 feet to 25 feet. The east boundary of the property is Highway 285, which must maintain a 50-foot setback. A precedent set in 2008, designated the Swede Lane side of the property as the front; Mr. Heald would like a new designation. Mr. Heald said this is the narrow side of the property, and according to the code book definitions, should be considered the front of the property. Ms. Diltz said that the entrance of the property should be considered the front of the property and CDOT will only grant an "Exit Only" egress onto Highway 285 at this location.

Chairman Shriver stated that the variance should be granted because Mr. Heald's building of a container storage business is the highest and best use of the property. Ms. Diltz said that the variance would include changing the 50-foot setback to 25 feet on the front (north side) of the property, and changing the 20-foot setback to 10 feet on the rear (south side) of the property. Mr. Heald said this would be acceptable to him and work for his proposed business plan. He noted that the configuration of the storage containers cannot be laid out differently because it would become a safety issue.

Ms. Diltz reported that the application for the variance was received on June 29, 2017, and the fees were paid. Neighbors were notified, and no responses were received. An elevation certificate was completed by Martin Reynolds, and the business will be built above the flood plain. Ms. Diltz said that the Planning and Zoning Commission had reviewed the application and recommended denial due to a statement in the code book that has to do with the applicant having caused a hardship.

Commissioner Glover recommended approving the variance. Chairman Shriver clarified that the variance includes the north and south setbacks. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the variance, changing the 50-foot setback to 25 feet on the north side of the property, and changing the 20-foot setback to 10 feet on the south side of the property. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 587 Page 420

At 10:19 a.m., the public hearing was adjourned and the BOCC meeting resumed.

Chairman Shriver reported that at the recent COG meeting, it was stated that a champion is needed to move the broadband project forward. She suggested to the COG Board that it model itself after SLVGO, and recommended that it facilitate/partner with Ciello. She noted that there are grants available for this project.

Commissioner Bothell asked how this project would affect small companies like Jade Communications. Chairman Shriver said that Jade Communications is on the committee, but is not stepping up to move the project forward. Ms. Wisdom stated that it will take all the partners to get broadband to all parts of the Valley. Commissioner Glover noted that Ciello is here and is an aggressive company.

Commissioner Bothell asked who the recipient of the grant would be. She asked if Ciello received the grant, if it would give it an unfair advantage. Commissioner Glover said that CenturyLink will not do the project. Chairman Shriver expressed disappointment that the project is stalling. She asked if the COG Board could help Ciello, because it is installing services anyway. She noted that the City of Alamosa has also apparently backed away from the project. Commissioner Bothell asked what the reason is for the stall. Ms. Wisdom asked if a Department of Local Affairs grant is available, noting that Region 10 received a large grant. She also said that Crestone has wireless service and is interested in more service availability. Chairman Shriver stated that this project is a huge priority for the Valley. Ms. Wisdom asked if Conejos and Costilla Counties are participating in the project because that area of the Valley needs access to internet service. Chairman Shriver said that someone is needed to drive the project and to manage the grant.

At 10:30 a.m., County Assessor J.J. Mondragon was present to update the Board. She reported that the Assessor's Office received 230 tax protests. One protest will be brought before the Board of Equalization next week.

Ms. Mondragon reported, in compliance with C.R.S. 39-1-104(1) and (1.5)(a), that the valuation for assessment purposes of all taxable possessory interests in the county for the year 2017, is \$24,100.00. She reported, in compliance with C.R.S. 1983, 39-8-105, that the valuation for assessment purposes of all taxable personal property in the County for 2017, is \$7,939,413.00. The valuation of the County in 2016 was \$19,346,100.00. This amount has increased \$362,000.00 in 2017, making the total \$19,709,000.00. The total County valuation increased from \$181,342,593.00 to \$184,796,292.00.

Ms. Mondragon reported that the value of the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative increased by \$255,100.00, but she thinks the value should be higher.

Ms. Mondragon reported that the railroad has not requested a tax abatement. Chairman Shriver reported that at the COG meeting Costilla County Commissioner Lawrence Gallegos reported that he observed eight to ten railroad cars that looked like they were not empty and that some sort of product was being stored in them. The cars had placards on them. He notified the railroad and before any other action could be taken, the cars were moved. Ms. Mondragon said that railroad cars are counted once a year on January 1. Ms. Wisdom suggested that the Road and Bridge Department be asked to watch the railroad cars in the County, and Commissioner Bothell suggested notifying Emergency Manager Chris Ortiz, as well. Chairman Shriver said there is an app to track each car by its number because it is a safety issue to know where each one is. Ms. Mondragon said she has spoken to the Division of Wildlife about where the cars are placed. Commissioner Glover said that the railroad is not placing the cars correctly to allow for appropriate crossing.

At 10:40 a.m., pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Commissioner Glover moved to go into executive session for personnel matters. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:57 a.m., the Board came out of executive session.

At 10:58 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, was present.

Commissioner Bothell explained that she has heard complaints about Mr. Kern and the Building Department. She requested that the complainants send her an anonymous letters, which he or she did. Commissioner Bothell presented Chairman Shriver and Administrator Wisdom a copy of the letter at that time. Chairman Shriver noted that Mr. Kern briefly showed her the letter before it was presented in the Board. She said she was disappointed in the content of the letter,

the fact that it was anonymous, and that this was the first official time she had seen the letter. Mr. Kern said he considered the letter an attack on him that should be defended. He said he would answer every complaint.

Commissioner Bothell said that an inspector has power and people are afraid to tell Mr. Kern or the BOCC if they have issues because the complaints will be held against them. She said that people are afraid that if they ever want to build anything else, Mr. Kern could make their lives miserable.

Mr. Kern said that he has been in his position for 13 years and in that time has built many relationships. He has found ways to get jobs done. His work is not as described in the letter. Mr. Kern said that he has the education and the certifications to run a professional department. He said that people have apologized to him when they have become angry, and he makes a point not to butt heads with anyone.

Mr. Kern stated that the letter refers to electrical inspections, which he does not do; the State handles electrical inspections. He stated that the letter says he was hired because of his family relationships. Mr. Kern noted that he was hired before Jody Kern was hired, and his mother, Peggy Kern, is an elected official. He stated that there is no connection between the three at work.

Mr. Kern pointed out the part of the letter stating that one of the people the writer spoke with actually stated that if he needed to build anything in Rio Grande County, he would probably end up "shooting the SOB." He said this is a threat and asked who wrote the letter.

Commissioner Bothell explained that she heard complaints about the Building Department during her campaign. She said she suggested that people with complaints send her anonymous letters so she could handle the complaints after the election. She asked that the person's actual name be placed on the return address. She noted that the name on this letter was fictitious. She said she does not know who sent the letter.

Mr. Kern said there are no facts in the letter, and asked if specific issues could be discussed. He said no one should hide in this situation. Chairman Shriver pointed out that the letter says that the writer will attend the next BOCC meeting, and she hoped maybe he or she actually will.

Mr. Kern stated that the letter is upsetting. He asked the Board what complaints it has heard. Commissioner Glover said the only complaint he has heard has to do with rates and fees charged by the Building Department. He said that if this needs to be remedied, it should be discussed. Mr. Kern said he would be happy to review the fees, and noted that the fees have not increased in some time. Chairman Shriver said that the fees were reviewed two or three years ago. Chairman Shriver indicated that the Board rescinded the Impact Fee approximately one-and-a-half or two years ago. Commissioner Glover suggested that the fees be compared with other counties' fees. Chairman Shriver agreed that it may be time to review the fees again. Mr. Kern said that Saguache, Conejos, and Costilla Counties were not included in the previous comparison. Alamosa, Chaffee, Archuleta, and La Plata Counties were used in the comparison with Rio Grande County's fees. He said that Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties' fees mirror each other. He also noted that no county has reduced its fees, and said fees have probably increased. Mr. Kern said that his goal is for permit fees to cover the costs of the Department, and they have. Commissioner Glover said it would be good to conduct the review as a team, and then be able to speak to the public about the fees.

Commissioner Bothell said she has had complaints that Mr. Kern has been inconsistent from one situation to another. Mr. Kern said he strives for consistency, but each project is different.

Chairman Shriver summarized the discussion: The County received an anonymous letter that was sent to Commissioner Bothell. Issues in the letter include electrical inspections, which Mr. Kern does not do, and a vent pipe leak. Mr. Kern noted that he conducts inspections in Monte Vista and unincorporated Rio Grande County; he does not conduct inspections in Del Norte and South Fork. Chairman Shriver noted that the letter contains a threat, and says there is a rotten egg in the County. She said the letter states that Commissioner Bothell is attempting to prove Mr. Kern's ineptness.

Commissioner Bothell said she is not attempting to get rid of Mr. Kern, but said she saw the anonymous letter strategy as a solution when people are afraid. She said she has worked with inspectors and has experienced fear of reprisal.

Ms. Wisdom said the letter says that Mr. Kern "concocted codes" when he did not. Mr. Kern said the codes used by the County are international codes and the 2003 code was adopted in 2004.

The codes were updated in 2006, and Mr. Kern said they were adopted by the BOCC in 2008. Chairman Shriver said there are no new codes other than the new OWTS regulations. She also noted that fees have not changed and have been in place for many years.

Mr. Kern said he could prepare a comparison of fees, even though the Department is busy. Chairman Shriver stated that the impact fee was rescinded in late 2015 or 2016. Commissioner Glover said that after the comparison, the Board can defend them and can also defend Mr. Kern; he suggested that citizens could be invited to review the fees and offered his assistance in conducting the comparison. Mr. Kern said it would be helpful if Commissioner Glover could look up other counties' fees on the internet. Mr. Glover said he could get Archuleta and Chaffee Counties' fees. Chairman Shriver suggested reviewing Costilla and Conejos Counties to determine if they charge permit fees. She asked if the comparison could be completed by the August 16, 2017, meeting. Mr. Kern said it could and explained that the fees are charged on a two-tier system. He suggested choosing a specific project (e.g., a house and a garage) to use to compare the fees across the board.

Chairman Shriver asked if the worksheet where fees are determined for a project are kept in each project file. Mr. Kern said they are and the valuation is also kept in the Building Department's log, as well.

Mr. Kern asked for the Board's support, stating that he cannot do his job without it. He said that the BOCC sets the rules and the County departments are expected to enforce them. He said the Board needs to be comfortable with the various departments.

At 11:25 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a voucher to Avfuel in the amount of \$26,928.49; these funds need to be wired to Avfuel. The voucher is for 8,000 gallons of gas. She noted that prices were compared before the purchase and the County got the best price. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the voucher. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The resolution regarding Chuck Heald's variance was presented. A correction was needed before it could be signed. The resolution was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented two tax abatements for approval:

- Ascencion Najera, \$98.48; trailer was double-assessed
- River Island Ranch, \$18.77; the lease was terminated in 2015

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the tax abatements. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reminded the Board about upcoming meetings:

- Courthouse Security, Friday, July 21, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
- Board of Health, Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 3:30 p.m., about OWTS
- Proximity Malt Opening, August 2, 2017; 1:00 p.m. field tour; 3:00 p.m. tour of the facility; 5:00 p.m. dinner

Commissioner Bothell reported that the recent CSU Extension meeting was good. She said that an Extension study showed that being part of 4-H or Boy Scouts makes a difference in whether a person is hired for a position. She said this was a networking meeting.

Chairman Shriver reported that a budget training conducted by CTSI will be held in Alamosa, Thursday, July 27, 2017. She asked if Commissioner Bothell and Commissioner Glover were going to attend and they said they would. Chairman Shriver also said that Brianna Brannon, Weed District, Bobbie Hatton, Administrative Department, and Stephen Hunzeker, Coroner, have also been contacted to attend.

At 11:32 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

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Clerk of the Board

CenturyLink	Acct# 7196572744943	\$858.38
CenturyLink	7196573325233	\$58.12
Chematox Laboratory, Inc.	Acct RGSO	\$197.40
Co Dept. of Pub Hlth & Env	Account 03-14 Isds Fees/"13" OWTS X \$20 Each	\$260.00
Colorado Assessor's Assoc	Summer Conference	\$400.00
Colorado Depart. of Revenue	Acct# 01277561-0001	\$454.00
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Customer #287830	\$25.00
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Monthly Hosting	\$2,624.96
Conejos County Nursing	March and April 2017	\$1,703.55
Costilla County Public	March and April 2017	\$4,713.69
Creative Culture Insignia, LLC	Acct RGSO/Patch	\$238.25
Del Norte Auto Supply	Inv Cont 041914, 043721, 044713, 043721/Acct #7048	\$130.88
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Acct 429	\$96.00
District Attorney Office	7Th Portion of the 2017 Budget	\$15,000.00
Dixie Diltz	Miles - Meetings/Blight	\$40.95
DP Ag Services	Milestone Herbicide	\$3,414.00
Emily Brown	Chairs and Tables/CTC/Hydro Flask/Obh	\$5,345.11
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Inv Cont 543135, 543019	\$571.05
Ida Salazar	Miles	\$144.00
Isabela Arellano	Monthly Pay for June	\$1,500.00
Jack's Market	Paper towels	\$43.95
Jack's Market	Inv Cont 205089, 205470, 207062, 208768, 209962, 105095, 153857/Acct 4000	\$113.55
Jade Communications, LLC	Acct #2938/Internet and Phone	\$86.92
KD Klene	Acct RGSO/Detergent	\$83.00
Ken's Service Center	Inv Cont 46652/Acct RGSO	\$262.73
Kimberly Bryant	Monthly Pay May 2017 Sim CTC	\$2,145.00
Kimberly Bryant	June 2017 Pay	\$2,343.00
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay for June 2017	\$3,235.20
Leslie Lopez	Pay for Month of June	\$1,977.00
Maroon Pride	Tob Neptune Radio Commercial	\$150.00
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Inv Cont 13940, 13980	\$6,564.81
Monte Electric	Replaced Part On Floor Buffer	\$86.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Customer #34530243	\$96.08
Penny Plummer	Monthly Pay for June	\$2,733.75
Rio Grande County	Postage for Public Health	\$165.94
Rio Grande County	Postage for EPSDT	\$82.31
Rio Grande County Clerk	Vehicle Registration	\$58.27
Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC	Acct #8 Last Billing	\$751.41
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$45.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$25.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$24.40
Saguache Co Public Health	April 2017	\$1,418.56
San Luis Valley TV Inc.	3Rd Quarter Statement 2017	\$1,436.25
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	Elevator Contract Cust# 17952/7/1-9/30/2017	\$794.04
Total Office Solutions	Paper,Bond,36"X150	\$20.99
Town of Del Norte	Cust # 1512.01/1892.01/1822.01	\$586.36
Valley Electric, Inc.	Acct RGSO/Changed Lamps In Pod 204 and In Two Showers	\$341.42
Valley Publishing	Seeking Qualified Consulting Firm	\$48.00
Valley-Wide Health System	Acct 56345 Dental	\$439.00
Valuwest, Inc.	Commercial Reappraisal Monthly Payment	\$3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Account# 765509857-00002	\$211.40
Verizon Wireless	Acct # 765509857-00004	\$1,258.35
Verizon Wireless	Account# 765509857-00005	\$153.96
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Bill	\$224.59
Vernon Keith	Transport Expense	\$6.27
Victim Assistance Fund	MTC Breakdown	\$3.00
Waste Management	Acct #'S 0967632-2521-4/0967633-2521-2	\$247.56
Waste Management	Account# 65-0003178-2521-4	\$217.96
WSB Computer Services	2nd Half of Website	\$1,125.00

WSB Computer Services	Recycling Display Fee	\$16.00
WSB Computer Services	Acrobat Pro	\$881.00
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1083310-0	\$1,987.94
TOTAL		\$83,510.45

July 2017 End-of-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Airgas USA, LLC	Acct#2414544	\$227.39
Alamosa County	M&A Rent for August 2017	\$300.00
Alamosa Wrestling Foundation	Wrestling Train Sponsor	\$415.00
Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv Cont - 146556, 145824, 145535/Acct# 1935	\$4,409.12
ASFPM	ASFPM Exam Fee	\$100.00
Asphalt Drum Mixers, Inc.	Cust Po 839	\$136.00
Carnegie Public Library	2017 Award	\$2,500.00
Cata-Co Assn Tax Appraisers	Cata Conference for C.E. Class Dale Trujillo	\$385.00
Cata-Co Assn Tax Appraisers	Cata Conference C.E. Class Chris Leist	\$400.00
Caterpillar Fin. Services, Corporation	001-0763418/001-0763422/001-0763440/Acct # 40837	\$81,316.95
Center Redi Mix, Inc.	Concrete	\$321.88
CenturyLink	7196573454	\$58.91
CenturyLink	7198735588	\$52.33
CenturyLink	7196579167029/Fuel Card Reader	\$65.44
CenturyLink	7196572847008	\$49.38
CenturyLink	7196574000294	\$529.22
CenturyLink	7196570646508	\$159.94
CenturyLink	72809885/7196572744	\$67.80
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct# 7000703800	\$61.75
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	Acct #7000708800	\$59.95
Co. Bureau of Investigation	Acct # Co0530Ccw	\$105.00
Computer Information Concepts, Inc.	2nd Contract Payment	\$21,825.08
Conduent Business Solutions, LLC	Track Search	\$25.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Trimmer Line for Courthouse	\$23.98
Del Norte Auto Supply	1 3V Lithium Battery for Museum	\$16.69
Del Norte Auto Supply	Inv Cont 46353/Acct# 7046	\$80.34
Dianne Koshak	Miles to Meetings	\$78.75
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Base Radios Not Staying on Pooltable DTR Site/Main Radio Required Antenna Removal and Power Removed to all ow Radio to Erase Corrupted Memory Data	\$48.00
Direct TV	Acct # 045235405	\$170.98
DP Ag Services	Herbicide, Buccaneer Plus, Vaporgard	\$8,492.38
Drive Train Industries, Inc.	Long Stroke	\$174.20
El Paso County Coroner	Customer #451135	\$2,800.00
Emily Brown	Miles, Per diem and Stipend	\$679.69
Fastenal	Cust Po Hotplant/Cust # Coala0222	\$16.76
First Bankcard	2015 Hsgs Proj 1 Line 3, Line 2, M&A/Acct# 4804079969931595	\$9,218.08
First Bankcard	Facebook	\$2.03
Force America Dist.	Cust Po B1	\$292.13
GCR Tire Center / Tds	Cust# 636802/A-34/Ap-10000	\$1,486.39
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 21611Can June	\$33.08
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756/Fru87431/Fuu80195/Fuu80199	\$182.93
Gobins, Inc.	Service Contract Copy Machine	\$94.32
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756/#2011109690 Service Contract	\$94.32
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 21611Can July	\$33.08
Grainger Parts	Band Saw Blade	\$76.30
Great America Financial	Agreement# 025-1070947-0000	\$349.13
Great America Financial	Agreement# 015-0875950-000	\$452.00
Hart of The Valley, LLC	Installation of New Operator on Inside # Door of McMullen Building and Service all Remaining Doors	\$2,009.86

Haynie's Inc.	Acct# 7066	\$1,345.93
Id Edge	Acct Riogrande2	\$140.00
Industrial & Farm Supply	Inv Cont 111413/Acct #189	\$320.62
Isabela Arellano	Stipend for Lunch, Farmers Market for CTC/RGPP - 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18	\$40.00
Jean Borrego	Travel and Supplies/2015 Project 1/M&A	\$352.19
Jean Borrego	Proj 1/Coord Salary	\$5,000.00
KD Klene	Acct RGSO	\$33.00
Ken's Service Center	Maintenance on Vehicle	\$91.64
Lenco West, Inc.	Inv Cont 37919	\$256.21
Leroy A Romero	Inv 007	\$150.00
Leslie Lopez	Stipend for Lunch/Farmers Market - 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18	\$40.00
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Inv Cont 81000426, 81000506, 81000335/Acct #1052229	\$570.02
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Shredding	\$24.00
Monte Electric	Hot Plant	\$5,875.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Tire Repair and Fuel	\$1,148.78
Monte Vista Machine Tool Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	Acct Riogra/Jail Cell Repair/Install False Ceilings In 2 Cells	\$10,458.00
O & V Printing, Inc.	Po B1 , Unit 87	\$747.19
O & V Printing, Inc.	Business Cards for Dave and Zach	\$125.00
O & V Printing, Inc.	Laminated Wall Calendar	\$86.84
Peggy J Kern	Mileage to Post Office	\$9.00
Pro Com	Pre-Employment	\$148.00
Rock Water Management, LLC	Office Rent/July	\$450.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$39.00
Safety – Kleen	Solvent	\$210.94
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont 10623217, 10628639, 10634214/Acct #86268	\$5,889.40
SLV Auto Repair, LLC	New Tire	\$214.78
SLV Behavioral Health Group	April and May 2017 Acct#s 1337000605/7000235200/7000524700/70005414 00	\$10,807.45
SLV REC	Sf-4699010705/DN 759843705	\$491.00
SLV REC	Budget Billing	\$185.00
SLV REC	Trash Barrels	\$97.00
SLV Regional Solid Waste	Office Supplies for CTC, Iz and Tob	\$2.25
Staples Business	Envelopes, Staples, Toner Etc.	\$3,409.86
Total Office Solutions	Po 91Ftl/A31/B41	\$584.58
Transwest Truck, Inc.	Acct# Riogr007	\$489.91
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Battery and Charger for Ht1250	\$739.85
Valcomm	Inv Cont 3623343924 Acct #124164	\$200.00
Valero Marketing	Ad for Public Health Nurse	\$26,292.35
Valley Courier	Monitoring Museum Security	\$130.50
Valley Lock and Security, Inc.	Concrete Mix	\$105.00
Valley Lumber and Supply, Inc.	Ad for Public Health Nurse	\$12.20
Valley Publishing	Air Compressor	\$36.00
Valley Tractor Repair	IT Audit & Expenses	\$362.50
Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., LLP	Acct# Riogcou/A/C Service/Cleaned and Replaced Filters at Annex	\$6,002.03
Vendola Plumbing, Inc.	Gathered Information and Ordered Thermostat, Installed and Programmed Thermostat	\$212.50
Vendola Plumbing, Inc.	Acct# 842020320-00001	\$449.44
Verizon Wireless	Inv Cont - Po3C0445907, Po3C0445798, Po3C0445799, S03W0832305, Po3C0444843, So3W0832452,, Po3C0445103, Po3C0445486, Po3C0445650, Po3C0445999	\$238.06
Wagner Equipment	Acct# 0406-00-819100-9	\$3,386.77
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-819102-5	\$321.04
Wex Bank	Acct 0406-00-821424-9	\$399.59
Wex Bank	Maintenance Agreement	\$3,559.34
WSB Computer Services		\$1,815.00

WSB Computer Services	Battery Backup & Surge Protector	\$85.20
Xcel Energy	Acct # 53-1143312-0	\$2,785.98
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$2,936.27
TOTAL		\$240,284.45

July 2017 Payroll

County General	\$195,210.12
Road and Bridge	\$74,498.54
Social Services	\$112,771.79
Weed District	\$11,823.07
Airport	\$926.40
Public Health	\$16,043.30

Mr. Medina presented the bid from A & M Construction for repairs of the windows at the Museum. The bid is in the amount of \$1,100.00. The Board will review the bid.

At 9:29 a.m., Chairman Shriver presented the amended Community Development Block Grant for which the County is the fiscal agent. The amendment increases the funding of the grant in the amount of \$675,000.00. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the amended grant. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The amendment was signed.

Chairman Shriver reported that Louise Colville, Director of the Rio Grande County Museum, has requested that Museum staff revise its schedule to work every other Saturday after Covered Wagon Days. Chairman Shriver explained that this schedule would allow Ms. Colville and her assistant to have time off, noting that one person can manage the Museum because the number of visitors decreases after Covered Wagon Days. Commissioner Glover stated that Ms. Colville can make this decision and that it is a good idea to change the schedule as proposed. Commissioner Bothell stated that the change is very appropriate. The consensus of the Board was to approve Ms. Colville's making the decision about employees working on Saturday.

At 9:45 a.m., Lindsey Ferrell was given a copy of the County Governing Policies document.

Chairman Shriver reported that paving has started on County Road 10. Commissioner Bothell added that no oil was delivered on Monday, July 24, 2017, because the company neglected to send it. Once the oil truck delivered the oil, the work started Tuesday, July 25, 2017. She said there was nothing to be done about the delay. It was noted that the Road and Bridge Department is excited about the new laydown machine.

Commissioner Bothell reported that fire notifications were discussed at the Emergency 911 meeting on July 25, 2017. She said all emergency managers were scheduled to meet with the Colorado State Patrol to discuss setting up a reverse 911 call to the emergency managers as a group. Chairman Shriver noted that not notifying Emergency Manager Chris Ortiz about the Schrader Creek fire was a weak link in the system.

Commissioner Bothell reported that Washington State has enacted an E-DUI law, regarding texting while driving. She said that texting while driving was equivalent to the driver having a blood alcohol level of 0.8. She also said that other drivers have a code to turn in an offending driver.

Commissioner Bothell explained that the E911 grant in the amount of \$6,000.00, which has been discussed at previous meetings, requires one-to-one matching funds. Commissioner Bothell also said that SLV GIS/GPS has created a good map with lines of longitude and latitude that has been posted on the County website. Chairman Shriver added that radar maps have also been created.

At 9:50 a.m., Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board.

Ms. Brown reported that the nursing position applications close today, but there may be one more application received. Migrant Head Start immunizations will begin the end of August, and the Public Health Department may contract with Otero Junior College to help with the process. Ms. Brown said the immunization process is easier with two nurses.

Ms. Brown reported that the Attorney General is trying to establish permanent medication and needle disposal drop boxes in every county. The program will be administered by the Area Health Education Center. Ms. Brown explained that drop boxes need to be available at the

Sheriff's Office, in all three County municipalities, at the hospital, and in pharmacies. The local group will monitor the drop boxes and pack and ship the medications and needles. Ms. Brown said the South Fork police chief, Don McDonald, is very interested in the medication drop boxes and also in needle disposal drop boxes. He may manage the program. Chairman Shriver said that it is good to have all the partners on board with this program. Ms. Brown said that AHEC has shown that this is a good way to prevent AIDS and hepatitis. Chairman Shriver noted that people may want to dispose of their medications in another county.

Ms. Brown said that the goal is to have two needle exchange sites. One will be in Alamosa and the other will travel from county to county. Locations need to be found. Ms. Brown pointed out that the needle disposal part of the program is different from the medication disposal portion. For example, diabetics, who use needles legally, need a way to dispose of their needles. Commissioner Bothell said that legal disposal is difficult, and Ms. Brown added that some options are not good. There are expenses associated with packing and shipping the needles. Ms. Brown will work with Chief McDonald on the program.

Ms. Brown presented the 2018 regional Child Fatality Review Team Intergovernmental Agreement memorandum of understanding. This MOU is required by the State. The MOU requires that determinations be made for what childhood deaths might have been prevented. Ms. Brown explained that the San Luis Valley is working by county; the MOU is regional in other areas of the State. The IGA agrees that the six Valley counties can be considered a regional team. Nancy Molina will be the coordinator for the review team. Chairman Shriver asked if other Boards of County Commissioners have signed the MOU. Ms. Brown said that Saguache County has signed the agreement.

Ms. Brown explained that the review team discusses how childhood deaths might be prevented. Solutions often include the use of helmets, installing speed bumps, etc. The review team will meet two times per year. No funding is required from Rio Grande County, and other counties receive \$2,000.00 each, and contribute half the costs. Ms. Brown will monitor the program to see how much funding is used. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the MOU. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Bothell asked how many cases are reviewed, and Ms. Brown said that there are not many cases.

Ms. Brown reported that Phase Two of the Communities that Care program (training and forming work groups) is complete. The program will begin to review risk factors and determine what prevention actions are needed. The CTC Youth Coalition will present a photo gallery on August 4, 2017, at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. The photographs will show both positive and negative aspects of the community.

Ms. Brown presented independent contracts for the CTC data assistant Penny Plumber (20 hours per week per year) and for youth advocates Isabela Arellano and Lesli Lopez. The youth advocates will work until school starts and can work through September on Fridays. They have been working at the Monte Vista farmers market. Ms. Brown asked if their contracts need to be changed. Chairman Shriver recommended that the contracts be changed when the need arises. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the contracts. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown reported that the 2018 Tobacco contract has been signed and will be subcontracted to the other four counties involved. Saguache County has signed the contract and the other three counties will sign it when they are available. Ms. Brown asked if the Board has a preference about who signs the contract first. Commissioner Bothell said that it does not matter, unless a party makes changes, which would require that the contract be redrafted. Ms. Brown explained that each county receives a \$24,000.00 reimbursement over a 12-month period under the contract; Alamosa County receives an extra \$10,000.00 for environmental health. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the MOU with Saguache County under the Tobacco contract. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The contract was signed.

Ms. Brown presented the MOU between Costilla and Rio Grande County for the Office of Behavioral Health/Prevention Coalitions in the amount of \$15,350.00. Ms. Brown explained that this is a regional prevention group. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the MOU. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The MOU was signed.

Ms. Brown presented the Healthy Communities contracts to provide Health Care Finance and Policy. Rio Grande County will subcontract with the following entities:

- Chaffee County Public Health \$17,340.00
- Costilla County Public Health \$25,680.00

- Early Childhood Council \$20,000.00
- Lake County Public Health \$ 8,700.00
- Saguache County Public Health \$ 9,300.00

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the contracts. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown reported that Incident Command System 300 training is scheduled for August 2 and 3, 2017, at the Alamosa County offices, room 221; ICS 400 training is scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2017, at Conejos Hospital. The trainings will provide information about expanded incidents. Commissioner Glover has signed up for 30 hours of online training. Ms. Brown said it is good to also attend trainings and that Chris Mitchell is a good instructor. Chairman Shriver suggested that copies of any certifications received from the trainings be held in County offices. Ms. Brown said the classes are held every two years.

Ms. Brown reported that the Health Care Coalition contract has been sent to the State. Ms. Brown will meet with Ms. Wisdom regarding hiring a coordinator for the contract. Ms. Brown said that the Coalition steering committee and the chairs have been elected. A meeting will be held on August 8, 2017, where bylaws and a structure for the Coalition will be discussed. Ms. Brown is serving as co-chair of the Coalition with Chris Rodriguez from Costilla County. The next meeting will be held October 19, 2017.

Ms. Brown reported that she has spoken with cabinet makers regarding building a cabinet to house the audio/visual equipment at the Annex. Both cabinet makers are backed up, so the construction will probably not happen until late August. Ms. Brown has also spoken with two companies who may have suggestion for additions to the IT system at the Annex. This may include radio communications. Ms. Brown will review the contents of the emergency trailer in the next two weeks.

Ms. Brown presented the 2018 IGA with Alamosa County for environmental health. Ms. Brown said that Mineral County is not participating this year, because it has someone from Hinsdale County who will inspect restaurants. The IGA includes five Valley counties in the amount of \$9,234.00 each, with in-kind funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 each. Alamosa County may not have included its in-kind funding and this will be clarified. This agreement is the same as the 2017 agreement. Ms. Brown said that more discussion will be held next year about the specific programs. She said that summer staff may be hired for events and vendors; vendors often do not know how to serve food. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the IGA. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and County Attorney Bill Dunn were present. Mr. Kern stated that he wants to respond to the copy of an anonymous letter he received at the July 19, 2017, meeting in public, rather than discussing it in executive session, which was offered by Chairman Shriver. He presented a letter of response to the Board. Mr. Kern also reported that a comparison of building fees from other counties will be completed next month.

Mr. Kern's letter follows:

July 21, 2017

Rio Grande County BOCC & Roni Wisdom
925 Sixth St. Room 207
Del Norte, CO 81132

RE: Response to anonymous letter

Dear Commissioners and Ms. Wisdom,

I would like to take the opportunity to give my response to the anonymous letter that was given to me by Commissioner Bothell dated July 7, 2017. As you are aware the letter is addressed to the County Commissioners with Attention: Suzanne Bothell and was delivered to Commissioner Bothell by the complainant. This letter is comprised mostly of fallacies and inaccurate information as well as false accusations directed at me and the way I perform my job duties. My response to the points made in the letter are as follows:

1. The Rio Grande County Commissioners adopted the 2003 International Building Code (IBC), the 2003 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2003 International Mechanical Code (IMC) on June 2, 2004 with an effective date of July 15, 2004. Since that time the Rio Grande County BOCC replaced the 2003 International Codes with the

2006 International Codes on March 18, 2009 with an effective date of April 1, 2009. The 2006 International Codes are still the adopted Building Codes for Rio Grande County to this day. My job is to enforce the codes which the Commissioners adopt, not to “concoct” my own codes.

2. In the letter the complainant discusses electrical wiring. The Electrical Codes are adopted, administered, permitted, and inspected by the Department of Regulatory Agencies of the State of Colorado. I have nothing to do with the electrical requirements.
3. I don't know who the county employee or elected official the complainant spoke with, but I can assure you that there is absolutely no nepotism or preferential treatment for me just because I happen to have family members also employed at the county. We work in different departments and have very little or no contact with each other during the typical work day.
4. The complainant states that he or she spoke with someone who stated “if he needed to build anything in Rio Grande County, he would probably end up shooting that SOB.” I would truly like to know who made that statement as it is an illegal threat to me and causes concerns for my safety as well as the safety of my family.
5. I would absolutely welcome anyone to visit any of the job sites that I am actively performing inspections on as well as any past projects that I have given inspection approvals for. I would also welcome anyone to talk with builders, plumbers and homeowners that I have worked with and ask their opinion of my knowledge of the codes and my professionalism.
6. I have never attended a four hour class to learn how to be a Code Enforcement Officer. I have however spent hundreds of hours studying for and passing seven of the nationally recognized and prestigious International Code Council certifications. I have also taken the soils evaluation course and passed the soils evaluation test to become a “Certified Competent Technician” through the Colorado Professionals in Onsite Wastewater. I spend a minimum of 35 hours per year in classes devoted to professional development and continuing education in order to maintain my certifications.
7. My construction background began at a young age working for my family's construction business during the summers and some weekends while I was in school. From June 1990 until June 2004 I was employed full time by Kern Construction as a general contractor and eventually became a partner in the ownership of the business. During my 14 years as a contractor I gained a lot of experience in all phases of residential and small scale commercial construction as well as ran my own crew of two to four employees. From June 21, 2004 to present day I have been employed as the Building Inspector for Rio Grande County. I think it would be fair to say that my whole working career has been in the construction industry.

In closing, I would just like to state that I have always strived for excellence in all endeavors that I am involved with. I take my job very seriously and I do my very best to be competent, fair, consistent and treat everyone with respect and courtesy. I feel that I represent myself and Rio Grande County with the very highest level of professionalism. Upon request, I will be more than happy to provide documentation to verify the points that I've discuss in this letter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Kern, Building Inspector

At 10:32 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) Commissioner Glover moved to go into executive session for legal advice. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Glover moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. No decisions were made.

At 11:28 a.m., Chairman Shriver stated that one of the roles of a Board Chairman is to establish procedural integrity for the Board of County Commissioners. The Chairman is responsible to guide the behavior of the Board in following its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside organizations in accordance with best practices for local government and Colorado State Statutes.

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners does not condone the actions taken by a single Commissioner. The Board must act as one. The Board will draft a specific policy outlining how the County will handle anonymous letters in the future. This draft policy will be posted and the public is invited to participate. The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners will follow its own Governance Policies and the Policies and Procedures of the County. Chairman Shriver

asked the Board if it agrees with this statement. Commissioner Glover and Commissioner Bothell stated that they agree. Chairman Shriver said a draft policy regarding anonymous letters will be presented at the next BOCC meeting.

At 11:30 a.m., Elaine Regan, Upper Alpine, Patty Kelly, Del Norte, Kathleen Kinnon, Del Norte, and Rio de la Vista, Del Norte, were present. The group, representing Indivisible Del Norte, expressed concern regarding the use of plastic shopping bags. Ms. Regan stated that she is from the County, neither living in South Fork nor Del Norte. Indivisible Del Norte wants to protect the environment. Ms. Regan said she was present to introduce the idea of decreasing the number of plastic bags in the area; she recommended that reusable shopping bags be used instead. Ms. Regan explained that in cities that charge five cents each for plastic bags, the effort does not work because people forget. Ms. Regan said Indivisible Del Norte has not surveyed local retailers yet. She also noted that legislation in California to reduce the use of plastic bags failed.

Ms. Kelly asked the Board if it has been approached with this issue. Chairman Shriver said it has not. Ms. Kelly said an effort in Alamosa to reduce the use of plastic bags failed. She asked if a vote was taken to charge a fee for plastic bags, if it would be a County vote or a Town of Del Norte vote. Chairman Shriver said the County could vote on the issue, but the County municipalities would also have to pass the measure. Commissioner Bothell noted that most retailers are in the Town of Del Norte.

Ms. Kelly asked for the Board's advice on how to proceed. Chairman Shriver suggested that the group approach grocery stores to obtain their opinions. Ms. Kelly noted that fees collected by the grocery stores would be divided between the stores and the County. Commissioner Glover suggested attending a Del Norte town meeting and discussing the issue with grocery stores. He also said that most of the plastic bags he sees are from Walmart. Ms. Kelly said there is resistance to reducing the number of plastic bags used because they have become a cultural item. She said that awareness needs to be raised; using plastic bags is not just about convenience.

Ms. Kelly reported that the Creede landfill is doing recycling, and received a grant for receptacles and hauling the recyclable material away. Chairman Shriver said the Methodist Church in Monte Vista stopped its recycling program because of the expense of hauling the material away. Ms. Kelly said the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council has received a grant to study landfills, and found that 64 percent of the material in landfills is recyclable. She asked how to get people to recycle. Commissioner Glover said this is difficult because in the case of recycled paper, it is more expensive than non-recycled paper. He noted that he is on the San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority board; this landfill receives 1,000 mattresses per year, and mattresses do not compress. He said a container has been added for mattresses but there is a \$25.00 fee to use it. He said recycling has to start somewhere.

Mr. Dunn suggested that retailers might be persuaded to provide a discount to customers who do not use plastic bags. Ms. Kelly said that a notice with recycling information could be included with water bills. Commissioner Glover suggested that the group speak to the landfill for specific information. Ms. de la Vista asked if the landfill recycles cardboard, and Commissioner Glover said it does. Commissioner Glover said that the recycling program in Alamosa is expensive and may have to be rethought. Ms. de la Vista said that the group can watch for grant opportunities. Chairman Shriver said this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Ms. Kelly said that the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council has many ideas. Chairman Shriver said the Council would be a good partner.

At 11:45 a.m., Reginaldo G. Garcia, Ph.D., University of Colorado, was present to discuss IT MATTTRs Colorado (Implementing Technology and Medication Assisted Treatment and Team Training in Rural Colorado). Dr. Garcia works for CU in Denver on this three-year project that includes the San Luis Valley and eastern Colorado. The program is a study that will provide training to rural primary care practice teams on opioid use disorder and medication assisted treatment.

The first part of the program trains medical staff on opioid medications and addiction in primary care clinics in the Valley. Dr. Garcia said that Rio Grande County is at the top of the opioid addiction epidemic. The number of addictions has increased since 2002, as has the death rate from overdoses. Dr. Garcia said this is an epidemic with a low capacity for treatment. Special certifications are needed to treat addiction with medication, and this program is providing the training.

The second part of the program is to educate citizens. Dr. Garcia said people are affected by the epidemic who do not know anything about it. IT MATTTRs is working on education efforts in

the Valley, which will be evaluated to determine if the effort is a benefit. Citizens are being asked to participate in a survey and the results will be confidential. The findings of the survey will be reported in a large-group summary format at conferences. The education effort will be released after the survey is complete. Dr. Garcia said he has met with other BOCCs, boards, law enforcement, schools, and town boards. Chairman Shriver suggested that Dr. Garcia speak to Emily Brown, Department of Public Health. Dr. Garcia said that Ms. Brown is working on the educational part of the program. Dr. Garcia has also met with Jody Kern, Department of Social Services. Chairman Shriver thanked Dr. Garcia for his efforts.

Mr. Dunn asked if there are signs that restrictions on opioid prescriptions have had an impact on abuse. Dr. Garcia said that since 2002, there has been an increase in the use of opioids. The number of deaths from overdoses exceeds the number of deaths from automobile accidents. Dr. Garcia said the use of opioids is leveling off, but the number of deaths from heroin overdoses is increasing. He said addicts are finding other sources. Commissioner Bothell, citing a CNN story, said that companies that produce prescription OxyContin are making billions of dollars. She asked why the companies are being rewarded. She also noted that the inventor of Narcan is working on an injection that would prevent heroin from being addictive.

Dr. Garcia said IT MATTRs Colorado is unique in the United States and it is increasing the capacity for treatment. He said a doctor in Taos has used this approach for two years and has achieved good results. There is only one prescriber of Buprenorphine in the Valley who works with pregnant women. Other doctors are being recruited so they can be certified.

At 12:04 p.m., Chairman Shriver presented the San Luis Valley Radar Memorandum of Understanding among the San Luis Valley County Commissioners Association; the BOCC of Alamosa County; the BOCC of Conejos County; The BOCC of Costilla County; the BOCC of Hinsdale County; the BOCC of Mineral County; the BOCC of Rio Grande County; the BOCC of Saguache County; the Conejos Water Conservancy District; The Rio Grande Water Conservation District; the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District; the San Luis Valley Irrigation District; the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable; Conejos Water Users Association; Rio Grande Water Users Association; and the Rio Grande Watershed Emergency Action Coordination Term. Chairman Shriver explained that the MOU includes coverage of the radar system and its budget. It is a non-binding agreement of support for the concept of installing a permanent radar system in the Valley. There is no financial responsibility for the County.

Chairman Shriver explained that the Rio Grande Water Conservation Board has approved funding for the project. She said that the County has provided a letter of support for the project. Commissioner Bothell asked if the MOU would be negated if a party can drop out at any time. Mr. Dunn explained that the MOU is a "straw poll" show of support for using State tax funds for the project.

Commissioner Shriver stated that Mineral County approved the MOU on Monday, July 24, 2017. She also said it might be possible that the Water Conservation Board may own and operate the radar system. Commissioner Glover asked if the Federal Aviation Administration could own and operate the system. Chairman Shriver said the FAA does not want to operate it. Mr. Dunn asked if an authority could be established to operate the system, and Chairman Shriver said it could. Mr. Dunn pointed out that one of the benefits of the radar system would be to flight-for-life flights. Chairman Shriver said other benefits would include being able to assist SNOTEL predict runoff, and to provide assistance for public safety, economic development, tourism, and weather prediction. Mr. Dunn said the radar system might not be completely free. Chairman Shriver said the current cost estimate would be \$500.00 annually. Commissioner Glover said that people in the water business are enthusiastic because the radar system will give them a more effective way to manage water. Commissioner Glover moved to sign the MOU. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the railroad owes \$250,000.00 in back taxes to Costilla County. She said back taxes are also owed to Rio Grande and Alamosa Counties; she asked if there is any way to collect these taxes. Mr. Dunn said the counties could sue the railroad and get a judgement against it. He explained that suits against the railroad are filed in federal court, rather than being filed locally. He said larger counties would not stand for the non-payment of taxes, and noted that the railroad cannot be sold at a tax sale. He said a class-action suit could be filed, but that it would go on forever. He asked if anyone has talked with the railroad. Commissioner Bothell said that Costilla County has talked with the railroad, and feels its only option is to not approve the liquor license for the train to La Veta. Mr. Dunn suggested that the counties could collectively address the issue.

At 12: 16 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:30 p.m., the meeting resumed. Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, and Robert Phillips, representing the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, were present to discuss an exempt division of land.

Ms. Diltz reported that the application for the exempt division of land (5003 West County Road 7 North, Del Norte) was submitted in April 2017. The proposal is to divide approximately five acres containing a residence and accessory structures from a 160-acre parcel of agricultural land, with the intention of selling the residential parcel. Neighbors were notified on May 3, 2017. There was a delay in approving the application because of issues with a well. Neighbors were notified again on May 18, 2017, and the Planning and Zoning Commission heard the application on June 20, 2017. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the division of land. The well is on an adjacent property and has been approved; the well is dedicated to the residence. Access to the property has been approved and the setbacks have been approved. A preliminary survey has been completed.

Chairman Shriver asked Mr. Phillips if he understands that this is a one-time exemption and Mr. Phillips said he does. Ms. Diltz explained that the division of land is needed in order to sell the residence. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the one-time exempt division of land. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Diltz stated that a final plat is needed, which will be attached to the resolution, and then the resolution will be signed.
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At 1:37 p.m., Commissioner Bothell requested that Emergency Manager Chris Ortiz be delegated as a spending authority in the case of an emergency. Chairman Shriver said the agreement needs to be reviewed. Commissioner Bothell stated that the authority needs to be revised because it will expire. Chairman Shriver suggested that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

At 1:39 p.m., the Board toured the DSS parking lot. Jody Kern was available and pointed out the areas where people using the Annex were illegally parked. She also pointed out the No Parking and Do Not Block the Driveway signs. Commissioner Glover suggested that fencing could be used to block the No Parking areas. Ms. Kern also pointed out the drain on the curb on the north side of the DSS building that does not drain properly. She said the water drains to the east and does not melt adequately to make parking safe in that area. Commissioner Glover suggested talking to the Town of Del Norte. Chairman Shriver noted that it is the town's maintenance issue, and said that the County needs another parking lot.

At 2:03 p.m., County Assessor J.J. Mondragon, Dale Trujillo, Chris Leist, and Tim Cardin were present for a Board of Equalization hearing regarding property owned by David Bradley, who was not present. The hearing was called to order.

While the Board waited for Mr. Bradley to arrive, Ms. Mondragon reported that no personal property protests have been received by the Assessor's Office. She said Safeway might protest, but she does not know yet. Ms. Mondragon said she has called companies that sell agricultural chemicals about the prices for those chemicals, and is also obtaining prices on sprinklers and wells.

Ms. Mondragon asked if the letter notifying Mr. Bradley of the date of the hearing was sent with a request for a return receipt. Chairman Shriver called County Administrator Roni Wisdom, who said the letter had not been sent with a request for a return receipt. Ms. Mondragon suggested making this a policy. Ms. Wisdom agreed, and suggested rescheduling the Board of Equalization hearing, because there is no way to know if Mr. Bradley received the letter. Ms. Wisdom will send another letter on Friday, July 28, 2017, and will also call Mr. Bradley. Ms. Mondragon said the valuation determination needs to be complete by August 6, 2017, and suggested scheduling the hearing for Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Chairman Shriver said in light of the August 2nd date, the letter to Mr. Bradley would be mailed today. The hearing was rescheduled for August 2, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Glover moved to table hearing the notice of determination. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 2:12 p.m., Commissioner Glover presented a map of the property owned by Sundance Landing. The owners of Sundance Landing have requested that the County build a half-mile road on that property that would connect to an existing County road. This will provide access to lots that might be sold in the future. The sellable lots have electricity and have been surveyed. These lots could also be used for storage, while the owner builds in another area. The owners of Sundance Landing will give the County a piece of property in exchange for the road. Commissioner Glover said the new road does not need to be paved. Chairman Shriver stated that the new road will have to be built to County specifications. Commissioner Glover said that he will obtain very specific details, including a clearer map and information about the land

exchange, from the owners before the decision is made. Chairman Shriver suggested talking to the property owners. Commissioner Bothell said that this project has potential, and asked if the area is very rocky. Commissioner Glover said that the rocks in the area are not bad, and noted that this property should have never been this close to the airport. Chairman Shriver suggested making the deal as simple as possible: a road for the land. Commissioner Glover said that the owners will have to meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission and obtain a survey. Chairman Shriver said that the existing agreement will have to be followed, rather than anything that might have been said in the past. Commissioner Bothell asked if there is a well on the property, and Commissioner Glover said there is. Commissioner Bothell suggested using the well to run a water line to the airport. Commissioner Glover noted that he is related to the owners of the property and will abstain from any vote.

At 3:00 p.m., bids from companies responding to the request for proposal to perform due diligence on the purchase of the railroad were opened. Tom Acre, Town of South Fork, was present.

COMPANY	DATE RECEIVED	PERSONNEL	COSTS
SGM Inc., Salida	7/21/17	Matt Hudson, Sr. Project Manager; Appraiser: Monte Mullins; Marlin Reed, Allpine Title	Appraisal: \$17,500.00 Valuation: \$1,300.00 Title work including survey: \$8,200.00 Environmental: \$10,500.00 Track Conditions: \$40,797.00 TOTAL: \$78,000.00
R.L. Banks & Associates, Arlington, VA	7/20/17	Gary Englemire	Company stated that it cannot complete the work for less than \$80,000.00. The company is interested in the job, but sent no bid.
RMI Midwest, Wilmette, IL	7/21/17		Total price not to exceed \$123,500.00, including out of pocket expenses of \$16,000.00. No bridge load rating was included.
Iowa Pacific	7/19/17 via email; no formal packet	Todd Cecil	The company is interested in completing the work free of charge.

These bids will be emailed to the administrator of the project and a committee will be formed to analyze the proposals and come back with a recommendation from the selection committee for a company to perform the due diligence.

At 3:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Karla Shriver, Chairman
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring
Clerk of the Board