

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday March 15, 2017. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 9:45 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. Assistant District Attorney Ashley McCuaig and Deputy District Attorney Brandon Williams were present. Mr. McCuaig said that the DA's office wants to begin a dialogue with the BOCC. He said concerns need to be discussed and transparency issues need to be addressed. Mr. Williams said that the DA has an open-door policy.

Brenda Felmlee, Field Representative for Representative Scott Tipton was present. She welcomed Commissioners Glover and Bothell to the Board. She reported that Representative Tipton is serving on the Financial Services and Natural Resources Committees. She reported that the Forest Service is purchasing land, and if the Board has any concerns, it should let her know. Ms. Felmlee reported that the water rights protection act is moving forward in the legislature. Ms. Felmlee asked the Board if the County has any shovel-ready infrastructure projects that could be started. Chairman Shriver said it has nothing now, and asked if projects could be considered for 2018. Commissioner Bothell asked Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, who was also present, if the County has anything ready. Mr. Sullivan said that rural, county roads probably do not qualify for federal funds. Ms. Felmlee asked for projects to be submitted next week. Chairman Shriver asked how detailed the project information needs to be, and if a trails project in South Fork would qualify. Ms. Felmlee said that some trails projects have already been submitted.

Ms. Felmlee reported that the weed mitigation project at the refuge is going well. Commissioner Glover reported that there was a misunderstanding regarding the funding, and said the contract states that the funding is \$17,000.00 per year. Ms. Felmlee said that the funding is in the amount of \$17,000.00 over five years. Commissioner Glover said the funding is renewable; only \$6,000.00 was spent in 2016. Ms. Felmlee reported receiving the letter from the Weed District.

Ms. Felmlee reported that the healthy forest legislation was included in the 2014 Farm Bill. She invited the Commissioners to call her anytime.

At 9:55 a.m., Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to update the Board. He reported that base work on County Road 23 is complete. Grading and shaping will be completed this week. Work on County Road 4.5 will begin today.

Mr. Sullivan reported that routine maintenance is being performed on bridges. He said that the Department cleared the parking lots at Ski Hi Park for the Ag Conference. The Department is patching potholes and there are many of them.

Future work for the Department includes completing the work on County Road 4.5 and County Road 23. Mr. Sullivan reported that nighttime sign inventory has been completed. There are 4,000 signs in the County, which is a large investment. Only a few signs need to be replaced.

Repairs on the transmission of the John Deere grader will be complete by the end of the week. Mr. Sullivan reported that the Colorado Department of Transportation will begin work on County Road 19 on March 20, 2017. He also reported that the hay bales were removed from the McMullen Building on March 13, 2017. The Department helped the City of Monte Vista put up a message board for the Crane Festival.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the river is coming up, and it will spike if the temperatures stay high. He said the Department is prepared to deal with trash in the river.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he was notified about the AWAS building being unlocked at the airport. He said there are several people who have keys to this building. Chairman Shriver asked if the lock should be changed. Mr. Sullivan said Eagle Air has his key to the building and

he will get it back. He reported that the new AWAS contractor may have left the building unlocked.

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to schedule an inspection of dikes and bridges in the next two weeks. He said he preferred a morning inspection. Chairman Shriver suggested including a tour of County roads at the same time. She said this can be completed in half a day.

Mr. Sullivan reported that a new laydown machine has been located in Kansas City. He said he would know the schedule of availability in the next few weeks. He said purchasing this machine would be an upgrade equivalent to 13 years. Chairman Shriver explained that this purchase was approved in 2016, but the Road and Bridge Department did not purchase a new-used machine. Mr. Sullivan said the 2001 machine has 8,000 hours on it and will cost \$40,000.00. He said the machine would be used six months of the year. The machine is smaller than the one the Department currently has. Commissioner Bothell asked if the smaller size would create a problem, and Mr. Sullivan said it would not.

Mr. Sullivan said that funds for the purchase of the laydown machine would be taken from the Department's reserve funds, rather than from capital expenses. He noted that laydown machines are difficult to find in the Rocky Mountains and that the purchase is best made through a dealership where the machines are checked out prior to the sale.

Mr. Sullivan asked Ms. Wisdom if there had been follow up on a workers' compensation case. Ms. Wisdom said she would speak to the Human Resources Department.

Ms. Wisdom said when the Board and Mr. Sullivan last toured the jail, adding a safety screen in the two holding cells was discussed. The Sheriff has decided to add the screen, and has received a quote from Monte Vista Machine and Tool in the amount of \$10,900.00. She asked Mr. Sullivan if the Road and Bridge Department was interested in completing this work, noting that if the Department is not interested, the Sheriff will need to obtain another bid. Mr. Sullivan said he would prefer to defer the work; the Department is down two employees at this time, and its work schedule is heavy through September. Commissioner Glover suggested that the Board look at the ceiling at the jail again. Chairman Shriver noted that some repairs have been done in some areas.

Ms. Wisdom told Mr. Sullivan that Gary Johnson, Monte Vista Ice Rink Committee, sent thanks to the Road and Bridge Department for its help constructing the ice rink. She also said that Gigi Dennis, City of Alamosa, sent thanks for hazmat suits. Mr. Sullivan said that San Luis Valley Hazmat sent the suits, rather than the County.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the addition of a discussion of the Rio Grande County Annual Operating Plan. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:16 a.m., Randy Kern, Building Department, and Dixie Diltz, Land Use Department, were present to update the Board.

Mr. Kern reported attending a class last week in Denver, regarding tiny homes and recycled homes. He noted that some local interest has been expressed in tiny homes. He reported that there is an appendix chapter in the 2015 codes that addresses tiny homes. Chairman Shriver said that containers are being used to provide housing for the homeless in Denver and Boulder. Mr. Kern reported that Chaffee County is planning a tiny home development.

Commissioner Bothell asked for a definition of tiny homes. Mr. Kern said that if a house is on wheels, it is considered a recreational vehicle, which requires a self-contained sewer system. Chairman Shriver suggested having a work session on tiny homes. She also suggested that Mr. Kern meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 21, 2017, at 3:30, to discuss tiny homes. Mr. Kern noted that there are voluntary standards that regulate tiny homes.

Mr. Kern reported that the Building Department's website has been updated. He said that address corrections at Masonic Park have been completed, and maps of the area have been shared with San Luis Valley GIS.

Mr. Kern reported that a new home and a manufactured home are being built in Monte Vista. He reported that a Dollar General store is being built in South Fork. Mr. Kern said that residential building is increasing: five homes have been started before summer, and there were a total of five new homes built in 2016.

Ms. Diltz reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet with the Board. She reported that there will be a two-session flood plain workshop on April 22, 2017. The morning session will be in South Fork; the afternoon session will be in Monte Vista.

Ms. Diltz reported that blight issues are being brought up. She reported receiving a complaint that Colorado Recyclers was recently burning tires or wires. Ms. Diltz was not able to contact the owner. She will notify the Department of Public Health about the complaint.

Ms. Diltz reported that inspections have been conducted on the Del Norte and Monte Vista landfills. Both are intact and no repairs are needed.

Ms. Diltz reported that in 2016, Monte Vista Potato Growers asked for a permit to build an addition to its warehouse. On July 13, 2016, the Board approved the addition, which has no setback on the west side of the building. Ms. Diltz said that Monte Vista Potato Growers want to connect the buildings this year, again with no setback. Commissioner Glover moved to approve connecting the buildings with no setback on the west side. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Diltz said that the business located on County Road 7 North, called the Country Escape Room, needs to obtain a conditional use permit. Commissioner Bothell asked what the change in use would be, and Ms. Diltz said she is not sure. Chairman Shriver asked Ms. Diltz to investigate any issues. Ms. Diltz said at the least, the business would be classified as a home occupation, and expressed concern about safety. Commissioner Bothell said the Escape Room has a panic option so that people can get out.

At 10:36 a.m., a conditional use hearing was called to order. Delbert and Marlene Dueck were present to request a permit to operate a welding and fabrication business at 10782 North County Road 2 West in Center. There is a building on the property, which was built in 2006 on 7.41 acres in the corner of an alfalfa circle. Ms. Diltz said there are no violations and property taxes are current. The welding and fabrication business fits the land use code and is a service business. Chairman Shriver pointed out that the Duecks have answered all the questions. Ms. Diltz said the property is well maintained. She noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission is not concerned about the size of the projects on which the business will work. She said the Duecks presented a good application. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the conditional use permit. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Book 585 Page 2192

Mr. Dueck said that the projects will not be too large and that the business will serve the community. Ms. Diltz recommended that a sign be put up. She said she will send the signed resolution to Mr. Dueck. The public hearing was closed.

Ms. Wisdom asked about the status of the Mast sawmill. Ms. Diltz said that Mr. Mast will meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission soon.

At 10:45 a.m., Devon Haynie, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention, was present to present the Rio Grande County Annual Operating Plan. The operating plan defines procedures used in an emergency. Mr. Haynie explained that there are two changes in this year's plan: the State is no longer the intermediary for the Smokey the Bear project, and the single air tanker from Alamosa has closed. The tanker has not been used in four years, and funds will be used for other things.

Mr. Haynie explained that the nearest fixed bases are in Cañon City, Pueblo, and Durango. In an emergency here, a mobile trailer will be brought to the airport, if needed.

Mr. Haynie said that the operating plan includes definitions. Chairman Shriver asked if Mr. Haynie has discussed the plan with Sheriff Brian Norton. Mr. Haynie said he has not, but that Sheriff Norton is familiar with the operating plan.

Mr. Haynie explained that emergency needs are dictated by the incident. One fire engine is provided to the County from March 1 through October 31, 2017. It is located at fire station number 2 in Alamosa. He said there is an automatic aid agreement with the City of Monte Vista, and one is being drafted with the Town of Del Norte. He said a new fire truck will be purchased this year. Ms. Wisdom asked how the old truck will be disposed of. Mr. Haynie said it has to be sold and the funds applied to the purchase of the new truck.

Mr. Haynie said that multi-mission aircraft are located in Centennial. It would take an hour and a half for them to reach this area, and would be good for search-and-rescue missions. The aircraft

have sensors designed for the military. A helicopter will be available for fire suppression from May 15, 2017 to October 17, 2017. There will be costs associated with using the helicopter.

Mr. Haynie discussed the costs and responsibilities of the County and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention under the Annual Operating Plan. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve and sign the 2017 Rio Grande County Annual Operating Plan. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The plan was signed. When all the signatures are in place, a copy of the plan will be sent to Ms. Wisdom.

At 11:05 a.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a request from Rio Grande Hospital to waive the rental fee for the Annex for a T'ai Chi class that will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., every Friday for 12 weeks. The consensus was to approve waiving the fee.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving notice from Christy Doon, Department of Local Affairs, that Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne will be in Del Norte on March 22, 2017, from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. A location is needed. Topics of discussion suggested by the Board include broadband services, jail health care, the Employment First program, the airport and roads. Chairman Shriver suggested asking department heads for input on the discussion topics.

Ms. Wisdom reported receiving four applications to fill positions on the Tourism Board. She noted that the two positions representing Monte Vista and Del Norte are difficult to fill. She reported that the application from Del Norte should be acceptable for appointment. Three applications have come from South Fork. The letters will be reviewed and a decision about appointments to the board will be made.

Ms. Wisdom said that there have been no applications to fill a position on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. She said that Brian David is interested and needs to send a letter of interest. The appointment must be made on March 29, 2017.

Ms. Wisdom reported that the estimate to repair the courthouse sidewalk from Haas was accepted. Half of the amount will be paid to start the work.

Ms. Wisdom requested a signature on the Veterans Service report for February 2017. The report was signed.

Ms. Wisdom presented a contract between Dominion Voting Systems and the Clerk and Recorder's Office for a voting system and manager. The contract was tabled until Cindy Hill, Clerk and Recorder, could be present to discuss it.

Ms. Wisdom presented a letter from Jim Clare, San Luis Valley Solid Waste Authority, to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment regarding the use of an alternative cover at the landfill. The consensus of the Board was to approve the experiment. Commissioner Glover suggested that presentations from Jim Clare and Tom Acre, Town of South Fork, would be good sessions for upcoming Managers' Meetings.

Ms. Wisdom distributed information from the Chamber of Commerce. With regard to the upcoming presentation from HCP Systems, Ms. Wisdom distributed an article about health care in jails. She said that Arlene Harms, Rio Grande Hospital, and Emily Brown, Department of Public Health would be present for the discussion about having an EMT at the jail to provide access to tele-medicine and tele-psychiatry services to inmates.

Chairman Shriver reported that two applications for the emergency manager position have been received and would be reviewed.

Chairman Shriver reported that a survey map of the airport has been worked on for more than a year. It was recommended by the airport advisory board that two taxiways be widened, so the map had to be redrawn. Allowances need to be made to allow for larger aircraft and a hangar may be eliminated. Chairman Shriver said pins would be set within two weeks. The airport advisory board recommended approving the plat. Chairman Shriver said that certain lots would be leased first and if someone comes in with other needs, these needs could be discussed.

Chairman Shriver said there is a problem with people storing their gliders at the airport on a long-term basis. Someone is also storing a Suburban there. She recommended that a residential long-term lease and a transient agreement be drafted to manage this sort of issue. She said the Board needs to develop a policy.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the Denver Broncos and cheerleaders will appear at High Valley Community Center on March 22, 2017. She also reported that there will be a prime rib dinner fund raiser on March 31, 2017, and an art auction on April 27, 2017.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the Colorado Acupuncture Reserve Corps is conducting a study on stress due to a life event and is looking for volunteers. Sessions will last one to one-and-a-half hours with the focus being on first responders.

Commissioner Bothell reported that free acupuncture treatments will be available at the Senior Center in Alamosa on the first, second, and fourth Mondays every month. The sessions are available to senior citizens, and to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Commissioner Bothell reported that the Red Cross is distributing free smoke detectors with ten-year batteries and needs an organization with which to partner. Ms. Wisdom noted that DSS caseworkers may need access to these smoke detectors and suggested that Commissioner Bothell speak to Jody Kern. The smoke detectors might also benefit Single Entry Point senior citizens.

At 11:35 a.m., mid-month vouchers were presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. DSS vouchers were also presented. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the DSS vouchers. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 11:37 a.m., pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), the Board went into executive session for personnel matters.

At 12:03 p.m., the Board came out of executive session. No decision was made.

At 12:04 p.m., Dixie Diltz presented the conditional use permit resolution for Delbert and Marlene Dueck's welding and fabrication business. The resolution was signed.

At 12:05 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 1:28 p.m., the meeting was resumed. Kenny Bertain, WSB Computer Services, DSS Director Jody Kern, County Assessor J.J. Mondragon, Veterans Service Officer Jack Rudder, Human Resources Officer Kristy Dennis, Rio Grande County Museum Director Louise Colville, and Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill were present to discuss the redesign of the County website. Several changes and modifications were discussed:

- The Veterans Services offices will have an updatable page, including phone numbers for clinics and other resources
- Each department will have a calendar
- There will be an alphabetical index of topics
- The home page will feature County news, the department of the month, and other features
- The number of users will be tracked through Google Analytics
- The Rio Grande County Museum will have a page
- Links will be added to the Tourism Board and the landfill
- Emergency updates will be included, posted by the Public Information Officer
- County history and demographics will be included
- Ordinances and job openings will be included
- A County directory will be included, along with an employees-only page
- Forms will be included for use by the public
- Contact information for the court, the District Attorney, and the cities will be included
- Photographs of staff will be limited to protect security

The consensus of the group was that the website is heading in the right direction.

At 2:20 p.m., Sheriff Brian Norton, Rita Torres, Dena Strick, Rick Cardenas, M.D., and Luci Magana, Health Care Professionals, and Arlene Harms, Rio Grande Hospital were present. Emily Brown, Department of Public Health was present on the telephone.

Ms. Torres explained that HCP provides health care services to detention facilities in rural areas. HCP currently works in Las Animas and Sterling. After a budget review, staffing needs are determined to provide real-time access to health care for inmates through tele-med and tele-psychiatry services. Monthly reports are generated to demonstrate costs and any problems with the services. Ms. Torres said that mental health issues are usually more prevalent.

HCP uses the National Commission for Health Care as its standard of care. Ms. Torres said this is the highest standard. A manual is provided to corrections officers with procedures to follow. Officers will receive comprehension-based training through an online academy, testing, and certificates. An interim arrangement will be developed for the first six months of the program to make sure HCP is a good fit with a detention facility.

HCP provides a 24 hour, seven days a week triage service to provide health care to inmates via a computer. Electronic documentation is provided and the local hospital is included in the system.

Ms. Torres said that medical clearance is needed before an inmate is booked into the facility in order for Medicaid to continue to pay for his or her care. Training in this area takes 20 to 30 minutes, and everyone in the system is required to take it. An inmate's risk factors are identified at this time.

Ms. Torres explained that HCP is a non-profit organization and runs a closed-door pharmacy, which contains costs. Formulary medications not available through its pharmacy can be arranged for through a local pharmacy. When HCP is hired, it will evaluate the needs of the detention center and provide standards of care. The center's budget is evaluated and will be sustained. Risk will be mitigated. Ms. Torres said that information can be shared through HIPPA.

Ms. Torres reported that HCP has evaluated the County jail, finding that there is limited onsite staff and limited provider access. Medication administration training is needed and co-pays are not being collected at the Medicaid rate. She said that inmate medical clearances are needed, there are mental health issues at the jail, and there is no policy and procedure manual. She said that HCP can train the jail staff on the policy and procedure manual. She also noted that the jail has a high level of emergency transport.

Ms. Torres made the following recommendations: Create a 24/7 access point, which would be live with paramedics with access to doctors; install the tele-med system, which would run like a clinic and include medical records; create access to the closed-door pharmacy, with no access to narcotics; create a withdrawal protocol without substituting addictions. Ms. Torres said several areas should be addressed as soon as possible: training; expanding mental health services; instituting a detox program; and collection of co-pays.

Ms. Torres said that the Department of Public Health would be included, especially in terms of the use of Narcan. Ms. Brown said that Narcan will continue to be available at Medicaid rates, after the free supply is depleted.

Ms. Torres explained that the training will be an intense one-week training. On April 1, 2017, a new training, "Look before You Book," will be available. Before an inmate is booked into the detention center, photographs will be taken to determine if medical clearance is needed. Medical assessment programs and chart reviews will determine the services rendered to an inmate, and it can determine if a higher level of care is needed.

Ms. Torres explained that the medical provider makes all the decisions about an inmate's care, rather than jail staff. A counselor will address needs for the inmate's well-being and will attempt to keep the inmate out of jail if he or she needs other services. The goal is to minimize transport. Emergency services can be scheduled for the same day.

Ms. Torres encouraged the jail to become accredited, which would cost \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 per year. Sheriff Norton reported that the Sheriff's Office budget for health care is \$100,000.00. The cost for 24/7 access to HCP, including equipment, tele-med/counseling for three days per week would cost \$97,524.00 per year (\$8,127 per month), with a start-up cost of \$7,942.00. These costs include clinics, pharmacy services, detox, and risk management services. Depending on the equipment the jail has, additional equipment would cost \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. Once this equipment is purchased it will belong to the jail. Ms. Torres said that a private room with a dedicated telephone and fax line will be needed to be in compliance with HIPPA.

Ms. Brown asked what the day-in-the-life would be for staff working with this system and also asked about how medical records would be handled. Ms. Torres said that electronic medical records are easy to use, once one has been trained. There are eight to 10 bookings per day at the jail, and an EMS person could be trained to conduct the intake.

Ms. Brown asked how HCP would partner with doctors. Ms. Torres said that a call would be made ahead of time to arrange costs and that HCP would work with community health centers.

Ms. Harms noted that unless an inmate is injured at the jail, the hospital cannot charge him or her. She said this would not be a cost savings.

Ms. Torres presented a sample of an interim contract with HCP. She said that after working with the jail for six months, the contract would be re-evaluated and adjusted.

Ms. Wisdom asked how many inmates HCP is able to keep out of the emergency room. Ms. Torres said that if the average number of ER visits is 15 now, HCP can reduce that to two.

Ms. Harms asked if doctors at the hospital can contact HCP. Ms. Torres said they can, and they can also review HCP's records and test results.

Ms. Torres said that regional supervisors will visit the detention facility quarterly and will meet with all parties involved. If more frequent visits are needed, the supervisors will come more often.

Commissioner Bothell asked what would happen if an inmate refuses to take a prescribed medication. Ms. Torres said that the refusal would be documented and then offsite resources, as well as judicial resources would be located to assist with the issue. Ms. Strick noted that when an inmate might cause harm to him- or herself or others, a suicide protocol would be implemented.

Sheriff Norton pointed out that in terms of mental health issues, HCP is not more of a resource that what is available to the jail now. He said no hospital will take a suicidal inmate. Ms. Torres said there are certain procedures and medications that would be prescribed, and an evaluation of the inmate would be completed within 72 hours. Sheriff Norton said it is time-consuming to manage inmates who will do anything to get out of jail. Ms. Torres said there are tools for officers to use to make observations, but stressed that law enforcement should not conduct assessments.

At 3:30 p.m., Brianna Brannon, Weed District, was present to update the Board. She requested appointments for members to the Weed District Board. Commissioner Glover moved to approve Doug Cooper to the Weed District Board. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion. Chairman Shriver abstained from voting (Mr. Cooper is her nephew and she has no supervisory authority over him on this board). The motion carried. Commissioner Bothell moved to re-appoint Mike Schaefer to the Weed District Board for a term of three years. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brannon reported that chemical bids will be published. She said a new chemical will be used this year, which will be cost effective.

Loctite (sticker/anti foam agent)	2.5 gal
Vapoguard (water conditioner/drift management)	2.5 gal
Plateau	1 gal
Milestone (range and pasture label)	1 qt
Rangestar (same as Milestone and Hi-Dep)	2.5 gal

Chairman Shriver explained the bid process, and recommended that Ms. Brannon make certain that all chemicals are legal in Colorado. The bids will be sent to all vendors and when they are received, the Board will review them at a regularly scheduled meeting. The due date for receiving bids from vendors will be April 12, 2017 or April 26, 2017. Ms. Brannon reported that weed spraying will begin May 8, 2017.

Ms. Brannon reported meeting with CDOT on March 14, 2017, regarding spraying weeds in Mineral County from South Fork to Wolf Creek. Rio Grande County has offered to manage traffic control with reimbursement from CDOT. Ms. Brannon is obtaining a cost estimate and will determine Mineral County's role. Ms. Brannon explained that CDOT requires a contract with weed management and traffic control plans. Ms. Brannon will review this contract with the Board when it is drafted.

Ms. Brannon reported that she will make presentations to Home Owners Association presidents in South Fork. She said she is working with Willow Park to draft a contract to control Canadian Thistle.

Ms. Brannon reported that the contract with the wildlife refuge is in place, although the amount of the contract is ambiguous. She said her understanding is that the contract is in the amount of \$17,000.00 for 5 years, and said if \$11,000.00 is used to spray weeds this year, the same amount will be added to the contract next year. She noted that neighbors of the refuge will now have to do their part to control weeds on adjacent property.

Ms. Brannon said the next Advisory Board meeting is Friday, March 17, 2017, at Mountain View restaurant, in Monte Vista.

Ms. Brannon reported that QuickBooks has been set up for Weed District accounting. Lyla Davis help set it up.

At 3:50 p.m., Ms. Wisdom suggested scheduling a work session with the District Attorney next week. The meeting will be scheduled via email. She noted that scheduling an interview with an applicant for the emergency manager position is difficult to coordinate with the other interviews.

At 3:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Karla 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 special session on Monday, March 20, 2017. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring. County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill and Public Information Officer Emily Brown were also present.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order to address the resignation of County Coroner Rusty Strohmayer. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Commissioner Bothell moved to table the minutes from the March 15, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 10:02 a.m., a letter from Coroner Strohmayer was presented, stating that he resigned his position as County Coroner, effective immediately Friday, March 17, 2017. Deputy Coroner John Darlington also resigned his position, effective immediately. The Board reviewed the letter. Commissioner Glover moved to formally accept Coroner Strohmayer's resignation. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Shriver presented a memorandum of understanding (an intergovernmental agreement) between Rio Grande County and Alamosa County for Alamosa County to provide coroner services until a Rio Grande County Coroner can be appointed. The MOU was drafted by Alamosa County, and will take the place of the verbal arrangement made on March 17, 2017, in a telephone call between Chairman Shriver and Alamosa County Coroner Kevin Rogers, who agreed to assist Rio Grande County. Coroner Rogers suggested that Chairman Shriver also speak to Saguache County Coroner Tom Perrin to make sure there was not an MOU already in place with Saguache County. In a telephone conversation with Chairman Shriver, Mr. Perrin indicated there was no written MOU between Rio Grande and Saguache Counties for coroner services and suggested that Alamosa County take the lead in the agreement. He also said that Saguache County would provide secondary services. Mr. Perrin explained that the Saguache County Deputy Coroner works on a very limited basis, and said that Saguache County will assist Rio Grande County in any way it can. Chairman Shriver recommended that the Board approve the MOU with Alamosa County, noting that the agreement addresses liability and workers' compensation. Chairman Shriver said she also spoke to Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen, who committed assistance from Alamosa County. The MOU will be re-evaluated when a Rio Grande County Coroner is appointed.

Commissioner Glover moved to approve the MOU-Intergovernmental Agreement between Rio Grande County and Alamosa County for interim coroner services. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the process for appointing a Coroner. Chairman Shriver thanked Ms. Hill for her assistance in researching State statutes regarding appointing a replacement for an elected official.

The minimum qualifications for the new Coroner include:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be a resident of Rio Grande County for one year prior to an election
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent or a college degree
- Must submit proof of a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency
- Must be an eligible elector of the County
- Must not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge unless pardoned

Further, State law encourages candidates for the office of Coroner to possess knowledge and experience in the medical-legal investigation of death. Coroners are also encouraged to participate in programs that provide education and training. State statutes indicate that the coroner will become a certified death investigator through the Colorado Coroners Association within one year of taking office. It is also required that the Coroner obtain 20 hours of continuing education training and provide policies for Coroner staff, as well as demonstrate an understanding of issues that would be considered a conflict of interest. It was noted that when Coroner Strohmayer did not obtain his continuing education in May 2015, at the directive of the State, his salary was withheld until the training was complete.

Chairman Shriver explained that the Board has 10 days to make the appointment, but it was unclear whether the 10 days were business days or calendar days. Ms. Hill said she understood that it was 10 calendar days. It was also unclear if the new Coroner has to be affiliated with the same political party as the former Coroner.

Commissioner Glover asked whether the Deputy Coroner has to maintain his or her licensing and training. Chairman Shriver said he or she would. Commissioner Glover said that Board needs to make sure that the new Deputy Coroner maintains his or her license and training.

At 10:18 a.m., a call was placed to the Colorado Secretary of State's office. There was no answer.

At 10:20 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported that Valley Publishing is holding space for a press release, and that the release is due by noon on March 20, 2017. Ms. Brown read the draft press release and the Board discussed changes.

Ms. Brown asked if Coroner Strohmayer had returned various items to the County. Chairman Shriver explained that County Attorney Bill Dunn will contact Mr. Strohmayer. She also said that the contents of the Coroner's van, which was returned, need to be verified.

At 10:31 a.m., a call was placed to Hilary Rudy, Deputy Director of Elections, in the Secretary of State's office. Chairman Shriver introduced those present. Ms. Rudy acknowledged that the wording of the statute regarding the amount of time required to appoint a replacement for an elected official is unclear, and she recommended following the 10-day rule and to consider them calendar days.

Ms. Rudy said that the newly appointed Coroner would not have to be affiliated with the same political party as the former Coroner. She said that rule only applies if a Commissioner has to be replaced. Ms. Rudy said it is at the discretion of the Board to appoint a new Coroner.

Commissioner Glover asked if the MOU between Rio Grande County and Alamosa County will provide Coroner services if the Board is unable to fill the position within 10 days. Ms. Rudy recommended speaking to the Rio Grande and Alamosa County attorneys to clarify the issue, but noted that the MOU would probably cover Coroner services for as long as necessary.

Ms. Hill asked about the procedure to notify the Secretary of State when a new Coroner is appointed. Ms. Rudy said that after the oath of office is taken, the same paperwork that was

filed when Coroner Strohmayer took office would have to be filed for the new Coroner with the Secretary of State. Ms. Rudy said that the Department of Local Affairs maintains a list of County officers, and that the Business and Licensing Division should also be notified. Ms. Rudy suggested that Ms. Hill send an email notifying the Secretary of State about the resignation of the County Coroner, and then follow up with another email when a new Coroner is appointed.

The schedule for appointing a new Coroner will be:

- Letters of interest due: March 23, 2017, by noon
- Interviews: To be determined
- Appointment of Coroner: March 27, 2017

It was agreed that the press release will be disseminated to Valley Publishing, the Valley Courier, the County website, and local radio stations. An email address for letters of interest will be included in the press release in order to allow for quick response. Commissioner Glover acknowledged that 10 days is a short time to make a new appointment.

It was noted that interest in the position has been expressed from a citizen, so the position may be easy to fill. It was noted that even if this person was fingerprinted in the past, a new set should be obtained so a new background check can be completed. Ms. Hill said that the background check would not be completed within the 10-day period, but it would be possible to show proof that new fingerprints were taken.

Commissioner Bothell asked if interviews were scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017, and more information was needed from an interviewee, if there would be enough time to obtain that information. Ms. Hill said there may be only one or two letters of interest. Chairman Shriver said the Board must be transparent and open about the appointment process.

At 11:00 a.m., Ms. Brown presented the press release for review. The Board approved the press release. It was noted that the qualifications for Coroner would be posted on the County website.

At 11:05 a.m., the Board inspected the contents of the Coroner's van. Contents included:

- 1 cot
- 13 boxes of disaster pouches (T20-7L)
- Built-in radio
- Garage door opener
- Mileage book

At 11:18 a.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 Shriver, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in a special session on Monday, March 27, 2017. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring. County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill, Public Information Officer Emily Brown, Human Resources Officer Kristy Dennis, County Attorney Bill Dunn, Office Assistant Bobbie Hatton, and Stephen Hunzeker were also present.

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order. Ms. Wisdom gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda with the additions of tabling the approval of the minutes, a discussion with County Attorney Bill Dunn, and a discussion with Emily Brown, Department of Public Health. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

At 8:32 a.m., Chairman Shriver reported that the Board of County Commissioners interviewed three applicants for the County Coroner position on March 24, 2017. The Board concluded that Stephen Hunzeker would be appointed to the position. Judge Patrick Hayes was present and swore in Mr. Hunzeker as Rio Grande County Coroner.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Hunzeker thanked the Board for appointing him and for the opportunity to serve the County. Mr. Hunzeker introduced his wife, Melinda. He concluded his remarks by saying he will bring integrity to the office of County Coroner.

At 8:36 a.m., County Attorney Bill Dunn was present. Chairman Shriver reported that former Coroner Rusty Strohmayer had returned the Coroner's van, a cot, and body bags. Ms. Wisdom reported that Mr. Strohmayer also returned the hand-held radio, without its new battery, on Friday, March 24, 2017. Chairman Shriver noted that other equipment and files in Mr. Strohmayer's possession belong to the County. It was noted that Mr. Strohmayer returned drugs to Captain Black in the Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Wisdom reported speaking with Mr. Strohmayer who stated that the County was not entitled to the records in his possession and that he would wipe the computer clean. He also stated that he would not return either the files or the computer until he is paid. Mr. Strohmayer said he needs to be paid for transportation to Colorado Springs, and \$750.00 per month for January, February, and March 2017. Ms. Wisdom told Mr. Strohmayer to not wipe the computer and that he must return the files, based on her conversation with the Colorado Coroners Association. Ms. Wisdom reported that Mr. Strohmayer said that there are no current investigations. However, Chairman Shriver reported that Alamosa County Coroner Kevin Rogers has requested vital statistics for a 2016 case; Mr. Strohmayer has these records.

Mr. Dunn said he would speak to Mr. Strohmayer's attorney, Ben Gibbons, to enlist his help in persuading Mr. Strohmayer to return the equipment and files. Chairman Shriver asked if an injunction could be filed to force Mr. Strohmayer to return the equipment and files. Mr. Dunn said an injunction could be filed, but it would have to be done as part of a law suit. An injunction cannot be filed separately from a law suit. He suggested that he speak to Mr. Gibbons before deciding to file a law suit.

Chairman Shriver distributed invoices from Mr. Strohmayer that have been paid to date. Mr. Dunn asked what is owed to Mr. Strohmayer. Commissioner Glover said that nothing is owed to Mr. Strohmayer. Ms. Wisdom reported that Mr. Strohmayer was paid his salary through March 17, 2017; he was paid mileage (\$0.45 per mile) for transportation to Colorado Springs; and two cooler fees in the total amount of \$300.00. She said the sticking point is the request for payment of \$750.00 per month for January, February, and March. Chairman Shriver noted that Mr. Strohmayer is holding the County hostage for the equipment and files. Mr. Dunn reiterated that speaking to Mr. Gibbons is the easiest course of action. He said if this does not work, a law suit and an injunction can be discussed. Ms. Wisdom reported that Brenda Bock, Colorado Coroners Association, spoke to Mr. Strohmayer to try to convince him to return the equipment and files.

Chairman Shriver asked Mr. Dunn to make it clear to Mr. Gibbons that Mr. Strohmayer may no longer refer to himself as the County Coroner. Commissioner Bothell expressed concern about how the records could be recreated. Mr. Dunn said that WSB Computer Services could likely recover the data from the computer's hard drive. Ms. Wisdom noted that Mr. Strohmayer was confused about where County records should be kept, whether in the Coroner's office, or personally by the Coroner.

At 8:47 a.m., Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present. She presented bids from WSB Computer Services to purchase IT equipment for the Annex. The original bid, in the amount of \$15,955.00, included two 60-inch smart televisions. The second bid, in the amount of \$18,815.00, did not include televisions, but did include support for televisions and a smart board in the future. Ms. Brown has a budget of \$12,000.00, and will clarify other items in the bids. She requested the approval of the Board to purchase new equipment by March 31, 2017. Ms. Brown told the Board she would work with WSB to provide the updated equipment within her budget. Commissioner Glover agreed that the update should be within the budget, and suggested that electrical work be done so that future updates can be accommodated without having to rebuild. Ms. Wisdom asked that a locking podium where remotes and other equipment can be stored be included in the quote. Chairman Shriver asked for an updated bid for review at the March 29, 2017, meeting.

At 8:55 a.m., Rio Grande County Museum Director Louise Colville was present. Cindy Hill, in her capacity as Museum Board member was also present. Ms. Colville said that the Museum Board is focused on capital improvements and fund raising. She said she could help this effort by focusing on exhibits.

Ms. Colville presented two job descriptions for her position. One job description is the original and the other was presented at her yearly evaluation. Chairman Shriver suggested that the Board review the job descriptions.

Ms. Colville reported that there have been issues with the Museum Board. However, with the involvement of the BOCC, these issues have improved. Ms. Colville requested that the Museum bookkeeping be done in the Museum office, rather than out of the Museum by an individual. Commissioner Glover agreed that this should be the case and Commissioner Bothell said it is not good to have the Museum's books on a personal computer. Ms. Colville said that the Treasurer's and Administrator's jobs need to be clarified regarding Museum bills. She said that the membership issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Glover said the Museum Board needs to be structured in order to make progress and grow. Ms. Colville said that growth has been slow, and exhibits have helped. She noted that the Museum is out of space for exhibits and storage.

Chairman Shriver distributed a matrix of Museum Board's and Director's responsibilities. She said she would add the job description and distribute the matrix again.

Ms. Colville said she had tried to arrange a Museum Board retreat in the past, and thanked the BOCC for its help in arranging the upcoming retreat. Ms. Colville said a goal of the retreat should include Board training. Ms. Hill noted that when she was recruiting new Museum Board members, it was unclear as to what the Museum Board does. Chairman Shriver said that board training is being planned for various groups in the near future, and the Museum Board could join this training. Ms. Colville said she does not want the Museum Board members just to volunteer.

Commissioner Glover said the Museum Board meetings need to be simplified, especially with regard to the Museum's accounting. Ms. Colville said the Treasurer will be able to do other things such as exhibits with the new definition of his job. Commissioner Glover said that all jobs need to be clarified. Ms. Hill offered to trade jobs with the Treasurer.

Ms. Colville said she needs training on creating a budget. She said she wants to determine what items are needed that the funds in the Museum's certificates of deposit can be used to purchase. Chairman Shriver suggested creating a list of short- and long-term goals. Ms. Colville said she has goals and that the Museum board needs to create a list of its own goals. Ms. Colville noted that the board that ran the Museum in 2004 was eliminated. The Museum Board that manages the Museum as a 501(c)3 organization now is a good board but needs direction. Ms. Hill said the Museum Board needs to understand the Museum's goals. Chairman Shriver suggested that the Museum bylaws be reviewed at the upcoming retreat. Ms. Colville said she would find the most current version of the bylaws and set up notebooks for the retreat. Ms. Hill suggested emailing the bylaws for review before the retreat.

Commissioner Bothell suggested adding the purpose of the Museum Board on every invitation to a meeting. Ms. Colville said the purpose of the Museum is to preserve the history of Rio Grande County. She also said that the Museum needs to demonstrate how the membership funds are being spent.

Ms. Wisdom asked how the Museum is using its Enterprise Zone status for fundraising. She pointed out that the regulations governing an Enterprise Zone are becoming more project specific, and said the Museum would not want to lose this designation. Ms. Colville said the Museum needs to use the designation more.

Commissioner Glover suggested that the Museum Board needs to establish its goals and the costs of those goals. He said it is one board and needs to go in one direction. He encouraged the job trade suggested by Ms. Hill, if it can be done gently. Commissioner Glover also said that the Museum is an asset to the County and can grow. Ms. Colville said that the addition of an assistant at the Museum will help take the Museum forward. The assistant's job description needs to be updated. Ms. Colville said that the assistant has good ideas that will create personal contacts with the public and the Museum. Ms. Colville noted that managing the gift shop is not the only function of the Museum Board.

Chairman Shriver thanked Ms. Colville for bringing these issues to the BOCC's attention. It was noted that if the Treasurer does not attend the retreat, the position would still be discussed and responsibilities would be defined.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the Museum is using QuickBooks. Ms. Colville said it is not; there are some other things to do right now. Commissioner Bothell said that the Museum could use the same program that was purchased by the Weed District. Commissioner Glover suggested installing QuickBooks on the Museum's laptop, so the laptop can be used for other things. Ms. Colville said that one issue QuickBooks could address is when memberships are due.

Ms. Wisdom reminded the Board about its meeting with the Town of Del Norte on March 28, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. Chairman Shriver said the Board needs to discuss the drains in the DSS parking lot that ice up.

Two emergency manager interviews will take place on March 28, 2017, at 1:00.

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At 9:37 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Karla Shriver, Chairman  
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Clerk of the Board

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

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The Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Members present were Chairman Karla Shriver, Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell, County Administrator Roni Wisdom, and Clerk of the Board Mona Syring.

At 8:30 a.m., an employee recognition ceremony was held. Years of service awards were presented to:

- Patrick Sullivan                   30 years
- Mary "Matilda" Quintana       30 years
- Tim Black                           35 years
- Helen Martinez                   50 years

Chairman Shriver noted that an organization is only as good as its employees and said that Rio Grande County has great employees. It was also noted that the combined years of service of these four employees was 145 years.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Shriver called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bothell gave the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bothell 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 March 15, 2017, meeting, with changes, and pending a clarification of one detail. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017, meeting with changes. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Glover reported that the concrete should have been poured on Monday, March 27, 2017, to repair the sidewalk leading to the Courthouse. The concrete was not poured due to weather. Mr. Glover noted that the concrete has still not been poured.

At 9:12 a.m., Porfie Medina was present to update the Board. He reported that the concrete would be poured today on the sidewalk leading to the Courthouse.

Mr. Medina reported that there was an explosion in the boiler room this morning. He called a plumber, who discovered and repaired two natural gas leaks. He said these repairs should remedy all the problems there have been recently with the boiler. Chairman Shriver asked how old the boiler is. Mr. Medina said it is not very old, possibly 10 or 15 years old. Commissioner Glover suggested having the plumber come back periodically to do preventive checks.

Mr. Medina reported that the lawn would be fertilized March 29 or March 30, 2017. He also said that signs for the parking lot have been ordered. Mr. Medina said a check could be released to pay Aardvark Plumbing and Heating for recent repairs.

At 9:20 a.m., Brian David was present to request his re-appointment to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. He gave the Board a letter of interest and said he would like to serve another three-year term. He has served on the Board for 15 years. He explained that there are some changes happening on the Board and he wants to make sure there is some consistency, especially in light of the six subdistricts being formed. Chairman Shriver thanked him for his interest.

At 9:22 a.m., the Board adjourned to the Board of the Department of Social Services.

At 10:41 a.m., the regular meeting resumed. Emily Brown, Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board.

Ms. Brown reported that 270 people attended the Del Norte Health Fair on March 25, 2017. She also reported that hanta virus information will be available at the Home and Garden Show in Monte Vista, April 1 and 2, 2017. Chairman Shriver reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Ms. Brown reported that there will be a Harm Reduction training on Friday, March 31, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. The training will be hosted by the Neonatal Substance Exposure Taskforce. Plans for needle exchange will be discussed.

Ms. Brown requested a signature on a contract for a regional data coordinator for the Communities that Care program. The contract will be in force through June 2017, after which it will be reviewed and drafted again. The regional data coordinator will gather data from the six Valley counties. The coordinator could make as much as \$26,000.00 per year, but because the contract will not be in force for a year, initially, Chairman Shriver asked that this be clarified. Ms. Brown explained that the coordinator will be paid at an hourly rate. Ms. Wisdom also suggested adding wording that states that all the data collected are property of the County. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the contract with the changes in wording. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Brown reported that public housing funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development must now be smoke-free. Work is being done to clarify which facilities fall into this category; HUD does not have a clear list of facilities in the Valley. Ms. Brown said that the Denver Department of Public Health is providing assistance on how to implement rules and how to explain the rules to residents of these facilities. There will be a training on the new rules on May 4, 2017, from 11:00 a.m., to 3:00 p.m., at the Hampton Inn, in Alamosa. Ms. Brown noted that the smoke-free designation will include marijuana smoke, and may possibly include e-cigarettes. She said that enforcement of the rules can be difficult.

Ms. Brown reported that post-natal follow-up forms are being revised. Follow-ups with new mothers are done by the Department of Public Health, rather than by the Department of Social Services. The forms are being revised in order to make them more accessible and to help new mothers find resources. Ms. Brown said that the hospital also calls new mothers, and the San Luis Valley Breast Feeding Coalition is an additional back-up.

Ms. Brown reported that on Friday, March 31, 2017, Reg Garcia facilitated an It MATTRS boot camp to promote the prescribing of Suboxone by local health care providers. At this time, there is only one doctor in the Valley who is allowed to prescribe Suboxone. Ms. Brown said the It MATTRS program is working with providers to gauge their interest, and to communicate what Suboxone is and how it works.

Ms. Brown presented a revised bid from WSB Computer Services to update the IT technology in the Annex. The bid is in the amount of \$11,815.00 and includes a VGA matrix switcher with support for two televisions and a smart board in the future. Commissioner Bothell asked how long the new technology is expected to last. Commissioner Glover said the technology would be

around for a while and that adapters would be available for any future upgrades. Ms. Brown said that the \$11,815.00 can be covered by the Department of Public Health's budget, plus the cost for Billings Electric to do the wiring, which would be \$1,000.00. Commissioner Glover recommended that when the wiring is completed that it be done with future needs in mind. It was noted that a podium and white boards are also needed. Ms. Wisdom and Ms. Brown will work together so these items can be included.

Commissioner Bothell asked if the projector could be used by the public. Ms. Brown said it could and that she will develop a policy on how it can be used. Chairman Shriver recommended that the Board be more stringent on Annex rents, and Ms. Wisdom suggested that a damage deposit be paid in addition to the rent. The consensus of the Board was to accept the bid from WSB to purchase IT equipment.

Ms. Brown reported that she is planning the layout for the emergency exercise scheduled for June 17, 2017. She will work with the Sheriff, the police, and the Road and Bridge Department on security issues. She said the BOCC needs to be set up for the practice, as well.

Ms. Brown reported that Hinsdale and Mineral Counties may merge the environmental health positions into one position.

Ms. Brown reported that she is assisting with the hiring of the director for the Colorado Association of Public Health Officials. She also requested the scheduling of a future discussion with the Board regarding her role as Public Information Office and the process for getting approval on communications.

Chairman Shriver reported that four interviews have been conducted for the emergency manager position and three more are scheduled for today. She asked Ms. Brown if she would interview the three top candidates with Jody Kern next week. Ms. Brown agreed. The interviews were scheduled for April 6, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

At 11:10 a.m., Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill was present. She stated that resolutions are needed when there are appointments to the Weed District Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Hill presented a liquor license renewal for Mrs. Rios Inc. (dba) Dos Rios Restaurant. She said there are no problems with the application. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the liquor license renewal. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chairman Shriver will sign the license when it is received from the State.

Ms. Hill and the Board discussed the contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. and the County to lease election equipment. Some specific wording changes were noted, and Ms. Hill said that Dominion needs to provide a timeframe under which it will perform. Ms. Hill said the Clerk's Office is in the queue to receive the equipment, but that dates need to be specified before the contract can be signed. Commissioner Glover moved to approve the contract, contingent on receiving dates from Dominion. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Hill reported speaking to County Coroner Stephen Hunzeker regarding providing the vault in the Clerk's Office as a secure place for him to store files. It was noted that these files should include all the files from previous County coroners. Chairman Shriver reported that Ms. Hill has offered emergency space in the Clerk's Office for the Town of South Fork to use, if needed.

At 11:30 a.m., District Ranger Andrea Jones, Andrew Johnson, Lands, and Tom Malecek, United States Forest Service, were present to discuss parcels of land in Summitville. Mr. Malecek reported that a letter dated October 28, 2015, was sent to the State of Colorado regarding an exchange or sale of these parcels. There are 40 acres involved, which are larger than what are considered small tracts. There are 32 fractions that amount to 70 acres. Mr. Malecek said these parcels need to move to County ownership so that the Environmental Protection Agency will understand how the land works. Mr. Malecek explained that the fractions are federal parcels and may be less than one acre in size.

Chairman Shriver said the Board understands the Forest Service's position, and asked what land could be traded for these parcels. Mr. Malecek explained that the land to be traded to the County would be appraised for its highest and best use. If the land were to be sold, it could cost as much as \$250,000.00. If the land is exchanged, the State would pay for any necessary cleanup; this is undisturbed land. Mr. Malecek said there will be a meeting with the State and the EPA in April.

It was agreed that the process for the land exchange needs to be started. Field work can be completed in the summer. The process will include public input and there will be an agreement with the State clarifying who will pay for a variety of costs. The traded parcel of land will remain undisturbed. The County agreed to this process two years ago through a letter of support. The County's vision for the property is to make it more user friendly through the building of trails, allowing hunting, and to make the covenants more clear.

Mr. Malecek stated that he would like to complete the exchange within a year. He said there will be public input after an article is written for the newspaper, and there is no need for a public hearing because the County, State, and the US Forest Service all agree.

Chairman Shriver stated that dates are being arranged for tours of the water treatment plant. Mr. Malecek said he will visit the area this summer for reporting needs. There will be no archeological study. He said the parcels to be exchanged need to be identified and requested a map of the area from the County. Commissioner Bothell asked if the acreage to be traded should be equal in size or value. Mr. Malecek said the acreage should be equal in size, and close to equal value.

Chairman Shriver said the covenants will be specific to the parcel and this will untie some land from the covenants, which are very strict. Mr. Malecek said that an agreement to initiate the project will identify the specific parcel. Chairman Shriver suggested discussing the project with Mark Rudolph on April 12, 2017. Ms. Wisdom recommended working with the Assessor's Office and SLV GIS to identify the parcels. Commissioner Glover said that he is in favor of moving forward.

Mr. Malecek reported that the forest revision plan is contentious. A draft of the plan will be submitted and then representatives from each county will be re-engaged. The plan will be presented again in May 2017. The maps are finished. Chairman Shriver expressed the County's concern about cell tower sites in the forest. Once they are approved no more can be added; the concern is that there will be enough cell towers. Mr. Malecek said that the forest revision plan is keeping technology in mind, and noted that rather than cell towers, there would likely be poles.

Commissioner Bothell said that the new law, First Net, requires that GPS information be available for every inch of the country. Mr. Malecek said that it would be too costly to provide this information for some sites, particularly those that are used seasonally. He said GPS information will help on major corridors, but there are swaths of the forest where it is not cost effective.

Ms. Wisdom asked if the appraiser would appraise both parcels of land to be exchanged. Mr. Malecek said the appraiser would appraise both. The appraiser will be either an in-house appraiser or a contracted appraiser. Tate Curtis, from the Western Slope, is the Forest Service's regional appraiser.

Chairman Shriver invited the Forest Service team to the reception for the Summitville exhibit at the Rio Grande County Museum on April 22, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; there will be a storytelling session from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At 12:07 p.m., Ms. Wisdom presented a letter of support from the San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority to the Colorado Department of Public Health regarding the use of a special topcoat for 30 days. Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

At 1:31 p.m., Tammy Valentine, Valentine Center for Family Therapy, and DSS Director Jody Kern were present. Before Ms. Valentine's presentation, Ms. Kern reported that the heater in the DSS building was repaired with duct tape and bailing twine.

Ms. Valentine requested a letter of support from the Board to the Colorado Health Partnership Board for Ms. Valentine to become a Medicaid behavioral health provider in the San Luis Valley.

Ms. Valentine is a licensed marriage and family counselor and works with children, addictions counseling, families, and couples. She reported that 41 to 42 percent of Valley residents are on Medicaid. Ms. Valentine has been approved by Medicaid to be a behavioral health provider, and needs approval from the State in order to bill Medicaid for her services. She stressed that clients need options to receive care.

Chairman Shriver asked if San Luis Valley Behavioral Health is aware of Ms. Valentine's practice. Ms. Valentine said it is aware and has offered her a position there as a family counselor. Ms. Kern stated that Behavioral Health can contract with Medicaid for funding for services it does not provide. She also noted that the number of people on Medicaid has increased.

Chairman Shriver asked where Ms. Valentine practices. Ms. Valentine said she started providing therapy in people's homes, then opened her own practice. She also does school counseling. Chairman Shriver asked if Ms. Valentine works with children and adults. Ms. Valentine said she works with both, but more with children. She works toward reunification with children who are placed out of their homes and their parents.

Ms. Valentine requested the letter of support by April 14, 2017. Chairman Shriver said the Board would discuss the letter and make a decision.

At 1:47 p.m., Commissioner Glover moved to go into executive session. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Bothell moved to provide a letter of support for Medicaid to pay for behavioral health services in the San Luis Valley, without supporting a specific business. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 2:02 p.m., Justin Underwood and Monroe Johnson, Cielo, were present, along with Richelle Jaramillo and Jody Kern, DSS. Mr. Johnson presented a bid to become the County's telephone and internet provider.

Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Underwood has reviewed the County's telephone and internet bills line by line. Mr. Underwood also met with WSB Computer Services and said that it was difficult to compare current CenturyLink telephone and internet bills to similar services that Cielo could provide. Mr. Johnson asked that the Cielo comparison be compared to what the County pays to make sure Cielo's assessment is accurate.

Mr. Johnson explained the benefits of using Cielo for telephone and internet services. Cielo speeds are symmetrical (100 mbps up and down), which affects video conferences and uploading and downloading large files. Cielo does not reduce speed based on data usage. Cielo equipment will be compatible with future technology. Mr. Johnson explained that Cielo has three routes out of the Valley and uses two different fibers. He also said that Cielo is dividing its office network from its customer network to provide redundancy.

Ms. Wisdom asked how long Cielo internet services have ever been down. Mr. Johnson said that there was a day-long outage during a planned outage in Colorado Springs where no notice was given to tenants. Other outages have been shorter. He said that sometimes outages are out of Cielo's control.

Mr. Johnson said that Cielo has a railroad easement that runs from South Fork to Walsenburg and there are plans to install fiber along this route. There are also plans to use fiber in Kit Carson (internet service to the south), south of Garcia, which will provide service to Costilla County.

It was noted that Cielo currently provides service to the Rio Grande County Museum, and Director Louise Colville is very happy with the service.

Mr. Underwood presented comparisons between CenturyLink and Cielo for various County departments. He said that some rates were not consistent on the CenturyLink bills. The County is tax exempt, yet some taxes have been charged.

Cielo is at least 60 days from building at the airport. There are two CenturyLink bills: one for the fuel station and one for the weather station. It was suggested that a phone line could be eliminated for use with the credit card reader. The weather station only receives calls, so a basic telephone plan is likely the best. Cielo has provided internet service for credit card transactions at both Leach and Creede airports. Mr. Johnson suggested putting in Wi-Fi at the airport. He noted that the County shop is probably too far away to be able to use this Wi-Fi connection.

The three buildings of the Sheriff's Office currently share internet service; no Ciello internet quote was provided for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has nine active telephone lines, including two fax lines. Mr. Johnson suggested installing one shared internet line at 100 mbps.

The Administration office and the Annex now have a 21-channel system and eight analog lines. Mr. Johnson suggested a 100 mbps line for both and leaving the analog lines unlimited.

DSS is no longer receiving a 20 percent discount from CenturyLink. DSS needs only one static IP address. There are six analog lines in the DSS building. Ms. Kern said that a new contract was recently negotiated with CenturyLink. She explained that some of the confusion in comparing costs might be because Single Entry Point is paid for by DSS, but its lines are in the Courthouse. Ms. Wisdom asked if the analog lines need to be unlimited. Ms. Kern said that DSS analog lines need to be unlimited, but other lines do not. Mr. Underwood said that Ciello service could be customized.

Commissioner Bothell asked if Ciello services could be upgraded. Mr. Johnson said they could, and they can also be downgraded, as needed.

Mr. Underwood said that except for the airport, Ciello is ready to provide telephone and internet service to the various County departments. He said it would be best to upgrade the telephone service in the courthouse after the internet is installed. Mr. Underwood said that the existing telephones will work with the new internet system.

Ms. Kern said that changing the DSS service would not change the State service. Mr. Underwood said that Ciello is a State vendor and needs to finish paperwork in order to provide bids on State services.

At 2:55 p.m., Marshall Boyd was present. Mr. Boyd reported that he has applied for County positions, and has been turned down, with the assurance that his resume would be kept on file. He applied for the emergency manager position last year, and expressed concern that his applications have disappeared and that positions are being given to relatives of County employees. He requested that the Board form an oversight and auditing committee and asked that County jobs be given to the most qualified individuals. He said he has not been called with regard to the emergency manager position and is interested in the position, as well as the airport manager position. He asked the Board to not ignore people who give to the community.

Commissioner Glover stated that filling the airport manager position is on the back burner because emergency training could interfere with work at the airport. Chairman Shriver explained that an ad was placed in the paper last year for the emergency manager position, but because of other issues in front of the Board, it did not become a priority. She said the Board takes responsibility for not filling the position last year. She also said the Board is working to fill the position at this time and is doing so in a transparent manner. She thanked Mr. Boyd for his comments, and said the Board's first priority is hiring an emergency manager and then an airport manager, and noted that there cannot be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Boyd stated that his applications might be a civil rights issue and asked that his applications not be lost again. Chairman Shriver stated that the Board knows he applied and assured Mr. Boyd that his application will not be lost. Mr. Boyd then protested earmarked federal funds and said everyone should get their fair share.

At 3:10 p.m., March 2017 payroll and end-of-the month vouchers were presented. Commissioner Glover moved to approve payroll and vouchers. Commissioner Bothell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### March 2017 Mid-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
4 Rivers Equipment, LLC.	Inv Con't 234523 232845 232125 Acct# 8248/Transmission Repair A-9 Grader	\$21,364.45
8200 Mountain Sports	2017 AAA & Denver ISE Sport Show	\$500.00
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	Pack N Plays Safe Sleep Sets	\$668.91
Bank Midwest	Abate on Schedule - Tax Year 2013/2014/Resolution #2017-007	\$1,257.60
Brown Industries, Inc.	Years of Service Awards	\$136.77
Brown's Septic Svc Inc.	Septic Service W/Winterizing Additive	\$80.00
Burriss And Sons Bucking Bulls	South Fork Rocks the Rio	\$1,000.00
CenturyLink	Acct# 72809885	\$67.72

CenturyLink	K7196570048014	\$365.45
CenturyLink	7196579017478	\$147.53
CenturyLink	7196573325233	\$57.60
CenturyLink	7198524781 380	\$435.08
CenturyLink	7196572744943	\$851.56
CenturyLink	7196572003015	\$17.63
Charter Communications	Account#8313 10 060 0090636	\$36.27
Chematox Laboratory, Inc.	Acct RGSO	\$84.70
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000703800	\$72.04
Ciello Powered by SLVREC	7000708800	\$93.92
	HAVA Training - Cindy/ Megan/Spring Conference	\$40.00
Colo. Secretary of State		
Colorado Coroners Assoc.	2017 Yearly Dues	\$780.00
Colorado Dept. of Revenue	Fuel Sales Tax	\$86.00
Covered Wagon Days	2017 Sponsorship Event	\$3,500.00
Craig Daily Press	2017 Outfitter Guide 1/4 Page Ad	\$33.00
	Oil Filter and Oil Filter Cap for Maintenance Truck	\$13.58
Del Norte Auto Supply		
Del Norte Auto Supply	Inv Cont - 33979 33910 33805 Acct#7048	\$338.82
Direct TV	Acct 045235405	\$168.98
District Attorney Office	3rd Portion of the 2017 Budget	\$15,000.00
Dixie Diltz	Miles Landfill Meeting/Blight	\$51.75
	March 2017 Monthly Pymt Per Scope of Services	\$2,265.00
Early Childhood Council		
Elevation Outdoors, LLC	Jan/Feb Display Ad Summit Publishing	\$770.00
Force America Dist.	1101333/1108607 Parts	\$2,151.16
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 13756 Copier Lease	\$174.22
Gobins, Inc.	Acct# 21609 Copier Lease	\$34.69
Government Finance Office	Member # 300019039	\$190.00
Great America Financial	Agreement# 016-0939369-000	\$136.17
Gunbarrel Station, Inc.	Tire Repair	\$217.40
Harris Publishing, Inc.	January and February 2017 Web Banner	\$503.70
Industrial & Farm Supply	Hose and Fittings	\$37.62
International Sportsman's Expo	2018 ISE Denver Early Bird Special Booth Rate	\$300.00
Jack's Market	Bleach and Paper Towels	\$72.88
	Inv Cont - 128072 154286 154292 154979 155730 129616 157440 157897 92737 158154 158192 131077 159013 131208 131431 160476	\$295.37
Jack's Market		
Jade Communications, LLC	Acct# 2938	\$96.92
	Postage Reimburse - Sent Brochures To Denver Sport Shows	\$53.84
Josephine Pierce		
	Miles To Firestone (Bond & Election) and CCI Denver	\$472.68
Karla Shriver		
Kenneth Vanlwarden	Mileage for Inspections	\$31.50
Ken's Service Center	Inv Cont - 45257 45063 Acct RGSO	\$1,755.30
Kimberly Bryant	SIM Grant February 2017	\$2,054.25
Kleen Machine Hood Cleaning	Acct RGSO/Kitchen Hood Cleaning Per State	\$400.00
Kristi Hillis	Monthly Pay February 2017	\$1,000.00
Lake County Health Dept.	February 2017	\$725.00
Lenco West, Inc.	Bolts and Washers	\$26.61
	Acct# 00-2215182/Hang Time Toilet Cleaner/Judgement Day Weed Killer	\$175.15
Marc Mid-America Chemical		
	Remove and Replace Sidewalk With Heated Sidewalk in Front of Courthouse	\$1,225.00
Mark Haas		
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.		\$248.75
	Inv Cont - 81022504 81022760 81022587 81022426 Acct# 1052229	\$997.45
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.		
Mobile Record Shredders, LLC	Shredding	\$65.00
Mona Syring	Minutes 2/1/2017 - 2/23/2017	\$579.60
Monte Vista Cooperative	Acct 4532229	\$35.99
Moonlight Customs LLC.	Acct RGSO New Transport Van Install Radio	\$183.00
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Motorola Inc.	Acct RGSO Radio for New Van	\$3,141.74
Myers Brothers Truck And Tractor, Inc.	Po A-22	\$17.82
O & V Printing, Inc.	CTC Packets	\$329.50
Park County Jail	Feb Holding	\$1,080.00
Plainsman Printing	Printed Cover for Reception Book	\$278.68
Psychological Resources	Psych Test for New Hire	\$135.00
Pts of America, LLC	Acct #1652 Prisoner Transport	\$598.40
Pueblo Co Information Sys	Computer Services for the Year	\$58,380.00
	Inv Cont - 4976 4977 4978 4979 4986 4988 4989 4990 4992 4994 4997 4998 5001 5002 5003 5005	
Rio Grande Pharmacy, LLC		\$1,798.41
	Acct RGSO/15 Memberships at Law Enforcement Discount	\$250.00
Rio Grande Sportsman Club		
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water	\$8.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	Water Delivery	\$45.00
S & S Distribution, Inc.	March	\$24.00
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	Yellow Fever Vaccine/Tubersol	\$748.67
	Inv Cont - 10501724 1057149 1052765 10523801	
Shamrock Foods Company		\$9,685.70
Skyline Steel	Galvanized	\$5,420.62
SLV REC	Sf 4699010705/DN 759843705	\$400.00
South Fork Music	2017 Event Sponsorship	\$7,500.00
South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.	Acct# 11763/Propane for Maintenance Shop	\$272.25
South Fork Propane, Ltd. Co.	Propane	\$570.00
Southern Colorado	Lunch - Spring Conference	\$24.00
State of Colorado	March Renewals 2017	\$446.87
Strohmayer's Funeral Home, LLC	Office and Office Supplies ( Internet& Phone)	\$385.11
Strohmayer's Funeral Home, LLC	Cooler Rent	\$300.00
Summit Market	Inv Cont - 3116 2123 6629/Acct #4000	\$127.16
Suntrust Equipment, Corp	Customer #405344 Contract#443-4008845-001	\$10,547.00
The Master's Touch, LLC	Estimated Postage for Nov's	\$4,100.00
	Acct 5660 Clean out Trap Front of Bull Pen and Snake Line	\$498.75
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC		
Total Office Solutions	Organizer File, Marker, Binder Clips	\$29.05
Total Office Solutions	Markers, Tray, Paper	\$64.47
Total Office Solutions	Acct# 21609-0	\$98.64
Town of Del Norte	1512.01 74.82/1892.01 83.62/1822.01 76.36	\$234.80
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Seal	\$53.56
Ultramax	Acct# Ri115	\$315.00
United Reprographic	Maintenance Agreement Acct#6573334	\$97.98
Upper Rio Grande EDC	2017 Membership Fee/URGED Annual Dinner	\$15,136.00
Upper Rio Grande EDC	Membership Dues	\$7,500.00
Valley Courier	Ad Package	\$699.00
Valley Publishing	LS- Help Wanted	\$148.50
Valley Publishing	Acct# 968/MVJ Legal Dueck, Cu	\$48.00
Valley Wide Welding	Motor	\$372.73
Valley-Wide Health System	Acct #56345	\$81.00
Valuwest, Inc.	Commercial Reappraisal Pmt	\$3,000.00
Vaxcare, Inc.	Vaccines	\$479.00
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00002	\$101.50
Verizon Wireless	Acct #765509857-00004	\$1,257.93
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00005	\$143.86
Verizon Wireless	Acct# 765509857-00006	\$226.17
Waste Management	Acct# 65-0003178-2521-4	\$205.62
Waste Management	0967633-2521-2 /DN/MV	\$248.94
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-821424-9	\$3,567.42
Wex Bank	Acct#0406-00-819102-5	\$1,617.76
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-819100-9	\$128.38
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees	\$956.25
WSB Computer Services	Battery Backup/Admin/HR Office	\$229.00
WSB Computer Services	Dell H5K44 Toner/Kristy's	\$115.00
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1083310-0	\$2,362.95
Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1143312-0	\$2,026.85

Xcel Energy	Acct# 53-1084871-0	\$3,979.20
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Track Search	\$25.00
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Customer #287631	\$1,220.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$218,157.50</b>

### March 2017 End-of-Month Vouchers

VENDOR	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Aardvark Plumbing & Heat.	Added New Heating System on Courthouse North Sidewalk	\$2,500.00
Airgas USA, LLC	Acct# 2414544	\$273.78
Alamosa Co Nursing Svc	December 2016	\$809.43
Alamosa County	Rent	\$300.00
All Truck and Trailer	Striker Assembly and Service Kit	\$89.11
Alta Fuels, LLC	Inv Cont - 132104, 133416, 133003, 13286, 133002, 132299, 132251, 290532, 290534 - Acct#1935	\$7,150.10
Big R of Monte Vista, LLC	Lights/Headlamps	\$167.90
Bryan Christensen	Board Miles and Stipend	\$60.35
Business Solutions Leasing, Inc.	Agreement #101-0818002-000	\$54.73
CenturyLink	Acct# 72809885	\$59.16
CenturyLink	Acct# 7196579167 029/Fuel Card Reader	\$63.28
CenturyLink	7196572847008	\$52.90
CenturyLink	7196573454	\$58.35
CenturyLink	7198735588	\$51.81
CenturyLink	7196574000294	\$634.61
CenturyLink	7196570646508	\$159.84
Chavez Plumbing & Heating, LLC	Checked Sidewalk Heating at Courthouse	\$156.00
Co. Bureau of Investigation	Acct Co0530Ccw	\$630.00
Conejos County Nursing	December 2016	\$969.77
Costilla County Public	February/March 2017	\$4,280.00
Costilla County Public	December 2016	\$1,046.46
County Sheriffs of Colo.	CHP Cards	\$500.00
Creede Arts Council	Silverthread Studio Tour	\$650.00
Del Norte Auto Supply	Toilet Connection and Teflon For Museum	\$5.68
Del Norte Auto Supply	Wintr Defense	\$26.52
Dianne Koshak	February/March Miles	\$74.70
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Acct#429/Check and Troubleshoot Mirra 2 Recorder	\$305.40
Digitcom Electronics, Inc.	Battery	\$749.00
Direct TV	Acct# 045235405	\$173.23
Division of Reclamation	Pit Permit	\$791.00
Doug Cooper	Miles and Stipend	\$102.07
Drive Train Industries, Inc.	B-41/A-51	\$179.11
Dwight Freeman	Miles and Meeting	\$63.50
El Paso County Coroner	Cust#451135	\$1,400.00
Emily Brown	February/March Miles	\$354.75
First Bankcard	Plan Proj1 Line2/Plan & Supp Line 3/M&A Line2/Plan Line1	\$8,492.99
First Bankcard	Renewal Listing Yellow Pages	\$36.00
Four Corners Cooling	A-9/A-8	\$1,075.00
Gobins, Inc.	Acct#21611Can	\$33.08
Gobins, Inc.	Acct#13756	\$174.22
Gobins, Inc.	Acct#13756	\$79.61
Great America Financial	Agreement# 025-1070947-0000	\$349.13
Great America Financial	Agreement# 015-0875950-000	\$452.00
Grover Hathorn	Miles and Meeting	\$65.30
Haynie's Inc.	Acct#7066	\$1,381.62
Husmann Plumbing	Backflow Test	\$85.00
Id Edge	Acct# Riogrande2	\$155.00
Ida Salazar	February/March 2017 Miles	\$186.30
Internet Honey	Marketing	\$381.76
James Clare	Miles and Stipend	\$102.25
Jean Borrego	Proj 1 Plan/M&A Supp & Matver 2015	\$609.09
Jean Borrego	Coord Salary	\$5,000.00
Kaleigh Benavides	March Miles	\$57.60
Karla Shriver	CCI Miles/Ink For Printer/Postage	\$271.37

Kenneth Vanlwarden	Miles and Meeting	\$63.50
Labsource, Inc.	Acct RGSO	\$335.00
Lenco West, Inc.	Grinding Wheel, Gasket and Bolt	\$50.65
Leonard Brown	Miles and Meeting	\$50.00
Leroy A Romero	March Cleaning	\$150.00
Macdonald Equipment Co	Cust# 77249	\$285.90
Mackey Construction Co.	Pipe and Band	\$277.51
Mark Mueller	Miles and Stipend	\$106.30
Master Print & Web Design, Inc.	Upper Rio Guide/SEO Website	\$799.00
Matco Tools	1/2 Inch Wobble Drive	\$42.95
Meadow Gold Dairies, Inc.	Inv Cont 81022844, 81022985/Acct# 1052229	\$565.50
MHC Kenworth	Inv #T00325600438839	\$68.76
Mike Schaefer	Miles and Stipend	\$106.30
Mona Syring	Managers Meetings 1/07- 03/21/2017	\$136.00
Monte Vista Chamber	2017 Home and Garden Show	\$1,000.00
Monte Vista Cooperative	Inv Cont 11823, 40591/Acct# 4531231	\$160.00
Monte Vista Machine Tool	Resurface Flywheel and Made Washer	\$65.00
Myers Brothers Truck and Tractor, Inc.	B1 A22 A60	\$379.73
Nancy Molina	February/March Miles	\$83.75
O & V Printing, Inc.	Envelopes Treasurer	\$378.28
O & V Printing, Inc.	Letterhead	\$306.80
Peggy J Kern	Mileage	\$9.00
Pen Craft Design Company	February/March/Mileage/AAA Attend Denver	\$1,915.30
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Acct#0016457644	\$295.50
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	Acct# 0016457644	\$105.00
Psychological Resources	Acct RGSO	\$135.00
Rio Grande County Clerk	Vehicle Registration	\$21.96
Rocky Mountain Home	First Aid Supplies	\$86.60
Rusty Strohmayer	Mileage To Springs For Autopsy Transport	\$176.40
Saguache Co Public Health	November/December 2016	\$1,252.23
Shamrock Foods Company	Inv Cont 10529410, 10535031/Acct#86268	\$4,785.07
Shane S Burris	Sponsorship	\$3,000.00
Skyline Steel	Galvanized Annular Csp and Band	\$2,799.30
SLV Behavioral Health Group	January 2017	\$4,346.06
SLV REC	Acct# 1337000605	\$2,050.00
SLV REC	Sf-4699010705/Dn-759843705	\$21.00
South Fork Visitor's	Co Outdoor Expo	\$1,200.00
Staples Business	Ink, Card Stock, Etc	\$1,036.97
Strohmayer's Funeral Home, LLC	Cooler Storage Rent	\$300.00
Susan Cullen	February/March 2017	\$218.25
Tom Haefeli	Miles and Stipend	\$66.20
Torres Plumbing & Heating, LLC	Acct 5660/Rtu In Kitchen Rooftop Unit/Replace Metcraft	\$3,811.75
Total Office Solutions	Ribbon	\$15.96
Total Office Solutions	Phone Cords and Mouse	\$74.22
Town and Country	Cap	\$32.74
U.S. Tractor, Inc.	Acct# Riogr007/A-9	\$193.90
Valley Courier	Acct RGSO	\$175.50
Valley Electric, Inc.	Acct RGSO	\$352.45
Vaxcare, Inc.	Vaccines	\$630.00
Vernon Keith	Transport Exp	\$7.20
Veterans Services	2017 Vet Transportation Funding	\$500.00
Wagner Equipment	Inv Cont - Po3C0439198, So3W0830139, So3W0830043, Po3R0143274, Pooc1951965, Po3R0143289, So3W0829815, Po3C0438073, Po3C0438913, Pooc1953437, Po3C0439340, Po3C0438002	\$4,986.54
Waxie Sanitary Supply	Cust# 32319/Hand Soap, Buffing Pads, Deodorizer	\$1,131.54
Wesley O'Rourke	Miles and Meeting	\$63.50
Wex Bank	Acct#0406-00-819102-5	\$463.86
Wex Bank	Acct# 0406-00-821424-9	\$2,506.43
William F. Dunn	Legal Fees/State & Nat Dues	\$881.25
WSB Computer Services	Computers Monitors Printer	\$5,334.00
WSB Computer Services	Monitor	\$281.50
WSB Computer Services	Kingston Digital Data Traveler	\$17.00
WSB Computer Services	Acct RGSO/Computer	\$847.00

WSB Computer Services	Maintenance	\$1,815.00
Xerox Business Services, LLC	February and March Comp Services	\$5,249.92
Xerox Business Services, LLC	Track Search Cust# 287830	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$102,556.89</b>

### March 2017 Payroll

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
County General	\$196,012.12
Road and Bridge	\$71,843.91
DSS	\$107,770.33
Weed District	\$3,570.67
Public Health	\$18,858.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$398,055.26</b>

Chairman Shriver suggested that the Board review over-time in the Sheriff's Office in April.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Rusty Strohmayer was paid \$0.45 per mile for transport to Colorado Springs, his salary through March 17, 2017, and for two storage fees, as outlined in the Coroner's 2017 budget. She reported that County Attorney Bill Dunn delivered the Coroner's files from 2007 to the present to the Clerk and Recorder's Office. He will ask Rio Grande Hospital if other Coroner files during Dr. Haug's term have been stored there. The gas credit card, the light bar, and the computer have also been returned. Coroner Stephen Hunzeker will review the files on the computer.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Marvin Reynolds, CSU Extension Service, has invited the BOCC to a lunch-and-learn session to discuss what the Extension Service does. The possible dates of the session are April 11, 12, or 17, 2017. The Board's preferred date is April 11, 2017.

Commissioner Bothell moved to approve the appointment of Brian David to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Davis Engineering is measuring ground water levels for use by Subdistrict No. 1. Davis Engineering has requested permission to access County-owned agricultural property. Chairman Shriver said the County has wells at the hot plant, the school and the airport. Commissioner Bothell explained that Vernon Mann owns half the well at the school and the County owns the other half.

Ms. Wisdom reported that First Southwest Bank is guaranteeing a USDA loan to Fun Valley LLC. She asked the Board if it had any comments. Ms. Wisdom stated that Fun Valley has been working with the Land Use Department.

Ms. Wisdom asked the Board if it would like to purchase new chairs for the Commissioners' Chambers. The consensus of the Board was to approve the purchase.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Homeland Security will be on the premises on March 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., for all-day monitoring.

Ms. Wisdom reported that emergency manager interviews will be held on March 31, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. A road and dike tour with the Road and Bridge Department is scheduled for April 3, 2017. The tour will include a review of the sidewalk and bike path in Center. Commissioner Glover suggested that a 36-inch sidewalk could be built. Commissioner Bothell expressed concern about how close to the road the sidewalk would be and how it would be affected by plowed snow. Commissioner Glover said the Board needs to show support for Center. He said the sidewalk may not fit, but should be tried. Ms. Wisdom reported that Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, has concerns about this sidewalk, and will present some ideas to the Board. Ms. Wisdom noted that Center is building an industrial center south of town.

Ms. Wisdom reported that Jake Capron, Proximity Malt, LLC, is working with Robert Vance, City of Monte Vista, regarding winterizing the waste water treatment plant near Homelake. The plant needs a great deal of work and this work may cost \$1 million. An engineering study is needed. Ms. Wisdom asked if the County, Monte Vista, and Proximity Malt could partner on the costs of the engineering study (the cost of the study is not known at this time). She said this study will help other industries that might come to the area. Ms. Wisdom said this study should have been completed earlier, but was not. She reported that there is funding available for sewer projects and she is researching resources. Chairman Shriver said funding might be available from

Economic Development Administration, which is looking for projects. She suggested contacting Steve Vandiver, Water Authority Board, who might have some ideas. Repairing the plant will take a year.

The pipeline has been installed at Proximity Malt. The City of Monte Vista paid for the pipeline and Proximity Malt is repaying the city.

There will be a Brownfields workshop on April 7, 2017, from 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m.

There will be a telephone conference on March 30, 2017, with the Rio Grande County Sheriff, Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen, and Saguache County Commissioner Jason Anderson.

There will be an acupuncture study on April 7, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Twenty volunteers are needed and there have been only five responses.

Chairman Shriver reported that there was a fact-finding meeting on March 28, 2017, at Adams State University with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Kevin Wilkins, Dr. Carmen Simone, Trinidad State Junior College, and Dr. Beverlee McClure, Adams State University were present. The discussion centered on the Valley becoming more regional. Chairman Shriver said the code of ethics from URGED will be very important. Commissioner Bothell asked if the County would sign the code of ethics and Chairman Shriver said it would probably have to. Commissioner Glover stated that a business recently wanted to start in Del Norte, but two Del Norte Town Council members sent the business to Alamosa instead.

There will be a HIPPA training for all County employees on either June 12, 2017 (the preferred date) or June 14, 2017. The training will include three sessions; the times of the sessions will be determined.

At 3:52 p.m., Commissioner Bothell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Karla Shriver, Chairman  
Chairman of the Board

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Mona Syring  
Clerk of the Board