COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado  
County of Rio Grande  

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, July 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Glover at 3:00 PM.

Present were Commissioner Gene Glover (via Zoom), Commissioner John Noffsiker, Commissioner Scott Deacon (via phone), County Administrator Craig Barraclough, and County Attorney Nancy Lake (via Zoom).

Commissioner Glover read Resolution 20-22 Installing a Water Well on County Owned Property at Summitville aloud to the Board. Commissioner Deacon moved to approve Resolution 20-22 Installing a Water Well on County Owned Property at Summitville. Commissioner Noffsiker voiced concern about paragraph three, but would not give a reason why he was concerned with paragraph three. Commissioner Noffsiker abstained from the vote. Commissioner Glover seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2022-39

A RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTALLATION OF A WATER WELL ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AT SUMMITVILLE

WHEREAS, Mary Boardman, Superfund and Site Assessment Unit Leader with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) sent an email with an attached technical report from Tetra Tech to the County Administrator on June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, said email expressed CDPHE’s consideration of drilling and installing a water monitoring well, which could potentially be converted to a water supply well for the water treatment plant, on County-owned property near the Visitor’s Area at Summitville mine; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners with Mary Boardman and others held at the Summitville Water Treatment Plant on June 30, concerns of potential problems or needs the County may face in the future with said well installation were allayed by Mary Boardman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Grande County hereby approve of said water well drilling and installation on County property as described and illustrated on the attached email and technical report.

THE FOREGOING Resolution was offered by Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Noffsiker and passed by the following votes by the Board of County Commissioners at a special meeting of said Board on the 1st day of July 2022.

VOTES:

Commissioner Deacon: Yes   No
Commissioner Glover: Yes   No
Commissioner Noffsiker: Yes   No

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board  BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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(Clerk’s Note: for Technical Memo see Resolution 2022-39, recorded as Book 609, Page 119.)
At 3:07 PM Commissioner Noffsker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover
Chairman of the Board

Aubrey Pargin
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

State of Colorado
County of Rio Grande

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Glover at 10:00 AM. A prayer was led by Commissioner John Noffsker and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner John Noffsker, Commissioner Scott Deacon, County Administrator Craig Barraclough, County Attorney Nancy Lake, and Clerk of the Board Aubrey Pargin.

Agenda Approval

At 10:01 AM Commissioner Noffsker moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Public Comment

At 10:01 AM Commissioner Glover asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes of past meetings: April 27, 2022 BOCC
- Approval of Accounts Payable
- DSS Accounts Payable

At 10:01 AM Commissioner Deacon moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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Actions as the Board of Health

At 10:01 AM the Board moved into the Board of Health.

The Board considered signing the Regional Health Connector ISP for the fiscal year 2023 Scope of Work and Professional Service Agreement. Kolawole Bankole, Public Health Director, stated that this is through the University of Colorado and it is renewed each year. Rio Grande County is the fiscal agent for this grant. Dr. Bankole reported that this regional health connector covers the whole San Luis Valley region and is critical for achieving successful interventions of health through partnerships with primary care, medical practices, public health and other health care providers and community health organizations. This position helps connect all these entities together. This person reports directly to Dr. Bankole and the University of Colorado. Commissioner Noffsker moved to sign the Regional Health Connector ISP for the fiscal year.
2023 Scope of Work and Professional Service Agreement. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board considered signing the SLV HCC All Clear EM, Inc., Sub-recipient agreement for the fiscal year 2023. Dr. Bankole reported that there is an All-Clear Coordinator for this grant. This person would be a readiness and response coordinator. Commissioner Noffsker moved to approve the SLV HCC All Clear EM, Inc., Sub-recipient agreement for the fiscal year 2023. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Noffsker asked about COVID-19 updates. Dr. Bankole reported that there are two new subvariants of the omicron variant. The variants are b.4 and b.5 and are highly transmissible even if you have been vaccinated or previously had COVID-19. Dr. Bankole recommended COVID-19 booster shots. He also reported that Moderna and Pfizer are recommending pediatric vaccines for infants six months and older.

At 10:13 AM the Board moved out of the Board of Health and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

County Official and Department Head Reports

At 10:13 AM Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, was present to give his monthly report. The base work on County Road 33 was completed and crushing and final grading has started; they should be done tomorrow. The first round of roadside mowing was started. Mr. Sullivan reported that they got oil in today and have completed final repairs to the hot plant. Large willow trees were trimmed along County Road 4 East near Highway 160. A crew started cleanup in the Monte Vista yard removing debris and scrap iron that was burned during the April 20, 2022 fire. Darryl Miles assisted Alamosa County with their stripper. Bleachers were moved for the Alamosa Round-Up, and have been moved again since then. The Cat 966M Loader was purchased from Wagner Equipment. Proposed work is to complete the construction on County Road 33 including crushing and final shaping. Mr. Sullivan reported that grading will continue with limited personnel covering as much ground as possible (because of the moisture and rain that has reduced chance of a fire/spark). Bleachers will continue to be moved to several events this month. Several employees are working on reducing their vacation time and should be done by December. Commissioner Deacon asked if Mr. Sullivan has been looking for a dozer. Mr. Sullivan reported that he has not had a chance to look for one yet.

At 10:19 AM Randy Kern, Building Department, presented his monthly report. Mr. Kern reported that the quarterly On-site Waste Water Treatment System (OWTS) surcharge report was completed for the second quarter of 2022. For the second quarter, ten OWTS permits were issued and $200 will be transmitted to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) ($20 per permit). For the first half of 2022, 106 permits and 17 building permit extensions were issued for a total of $56,868.89 in building permit revenues. Seventeen building permits were issued for the construction of new single-family dwellings. There was discussion on affordable housing and housing options for people moving into the area. Commissioner Glover asked about the plan at the old saw mill location in South Fork. Mr. Kern reported that he has not had a chance to look for one yet.

At 10:25 AM Dixie Diltz, Land Use, was present and submitted her monthly report. She asked if the Board had any questions. Ms. Lake reported that two cases were filed Friday. Commissioner Noffsker asked about the issue on Lariat Road. Ms. Diltz said that most violations filed lately have been blight issues and campers on private property. Ms. Diltz reported that most people clean up their property once they are contacted by the county. Andrew Atchley is going to get information on vacation rentals and the Planning Commission is going to get more information on RV parks. Commissioner Noffsker asked about drafted moratoriums on these issues. Ms. Lake said she has information from three to four county attorneys on this topic. She recommended the Board discuss this in a work session. It was decided that the following week they would discuss this in a work session.

At 10:31 AM Mr. Barraclough handed out Lieutenant Tyler Dean’s leave status report for the Sheriff’s Department, which is an update on how the Sheriff’s Office is doing on accrued vacation time. Mr. Dean was not present at this time.

At 10:35 AM Earl Robinson, Airport Manager, was present to give his monthly report. Mr. Robinson reported that he met with Kaitlyn Westendorf, CDOT Aeronautics Officer, and she told him there could be three operate grants available for the Airport. The first grant design is due the first week of August. Engineer rates are $175-$200 an hour so Mr. Robinson reported that this could get expensive. There was also discussion on a possible two-inch overlay/sealant for the runway with an experimental new material. There were discussions on the effectiveness of
the new sealant. Mr. Robinson said he needs to discuss this further with Todd Greene. Ms. Westendorf reported to Mr. Robinson that there is a potential of 5-7 years of extending the life of the asphalt with this new sealant. Commissioner Glover asked about a possible postponement of the jet A fuel tank because of the breakdown in the supply chain. Mr. Robinson reported that he got a bid from another company (a local trenching company) and a bid for three transformers and the bid is $110,000-$114,000. Commissioner Deacon said that he would work with Mr. Robinson and look at the existing transformers that are already there. There was discussion on trying to recapture the electrical cost for the new potential leases. Mr. Barraclough reported that at the July 27, 2022 BOCC meeting they are scheduled to go over the Airport hangar lease lot agreements. Commissioner Novoskier voiced concerns on not being in the loop and informed on what is going on.

General Business

At 11:11 AM Ryan Haynie, Del Norte Fire Department, was present to discuss the potential Emergency Operation Center (EOC) at the Tiger Field House. Mr. Haynie reported that three times in the last six months an EOC could have been utilized at the Tiger Field House. Mr. Haynie requested that the Board approve American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding for the EOC. The application submitted for funding was for $199,000. Mr. Haynie said that he met with Mineral County Commissioners and they offered a letter of support in favor of this. Commissioner Novoskier agreed that there is a need for an EOC. Commissioner Deacon asked if Mr. Haynie has contacted other fire chiefs. Mr. Haynie said that they will work with other fire departments on this. Commissioner Glover said that they need to look at what money is available in ARPA funds. Mr. Haynie also said that they will be looking at funding from other counties. He invited the Board to come by and walk through the Tiger Field House. He said that the demolition inside is done.

At 11:28 AM Lieutenant Dean, Sheriff’s Department, was present to go over his annual leave accrued chart for the Sheriff’s Department (out of order on the agenda). Lieutenant Dean said that they are looking at a total of seventeen employees that might still be over on their accrued time off at the end of this year. Mr. Dean reported that he will be sitting down with the new Sheriff (Sheriff Robinson), to make a plan going forward to avoid this. He also reported that there are two new hires at the Sheriff’s Department.

At 11:42 AM the Board considered bids for the surveillance monitoring system at the museum. Lyndsie Ferrell, Museum Director, reported that Valley Lock and Key’s bid is for just over $2,000 and WSB is for $6,000. Commissioner Novoskier moved to accept the bid from Valley Lock and Key. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:49 AM the Board considered engaging as a cooperator with the Bureau of Land Management on the Sage Grouse Plan. Mr. Barraclough reported that they are wanting to know if the county will be a part of this plan. Commissioner Novoskier recommended that Mr. Barraclough talk to other entities (example the Farm Bureau) and see where they stand on this, and report back to the Board.

At 11:55 AM the Board considered engaging as a cooperator with the BLM on the Resource Management Plan (oil and gas). Mr. Barraclough reported that they are wanting to know if the county wants to be a part of this. The BLM is wanting an MOU (this letter was received July 5, and they want an answer by July 10). Ms. Lake reported that on this particular issue the Board needs to get a whole lot more information. She said that the Board needs to find out what they are up to.

At 12:01 PM the Board considered replacing a member on the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. Barraclough reported that Bailee Velasquez resigned from the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Deacon moved to appoint Bill Dunn to the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Novoskier seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
At 12:03 PM Commissioner Noffsaker moved that the Board go into a lunch break with the executive session immediately following the public hearing. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the Board recessed.

At 1:00 PM the Board went into a work session to review the Travel Reimbursement Guidelines.

At 1:21 PM the Board reconvened. Commissioner Noffsaker moved to approve .625 cents per mile on mileage and $5 on incidentals for the new Travel Reimbursement Guidelines. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
Commissioners and Administrator Updates

At 1:22 PM Commissioner Deacon said he will meet with the SLV Housing Coalition on Thursday.

Commissioner Noffsker gave an update on the Railroad. He reported that there are people interested in buying the Railroad that are not wanting to scrap it.

Commissioner Glover reported that he visited with the City of Monte Vista in regard to the McMullen Building. It was decided that the building would stay with Rio Grande County. There were ideas mentioned on what should be done with the building and there was agreement on both sides.

Mr. Barraclough reported that Valley Publishing reached out to the Board in regard to the 100th Ski Hi Stampede celebration. Commissioner Deacon moved to purchase a quarter page advertisement, congratulating the Ski Hi Stampede for 100 years. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Barraclough also reported that the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development (URGED) hired Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo as the new Director. At 1:32 PM the Board moved into the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing
At 1:32 PM Ms. Diltz, Land Use, reported that Verlyn Boese applied for a minor subdivision of 35.05 acres that is currently zoned agriculture. Mr. Diltz said that the Planning Commission met July 13, 2022 and reviewed the minor subdivision application submitted by Mr. Boese, and after hearing the application and testimony of the applicant, and opening the public hearing for any public comment of which there were none, voted unanimously to recommend approval of the minor subdivision with the following conditions: 1) The applicant makes all prospective purchasers aware of the limitation of the in-house use only wells allowed on the parcels. 2) The three 3.29 acres parcels be re-zoned to Rural Residential (RR) as condition of this approval.

There were no members of the public present for this public hearing. Mr. Boese and Ms. Diltz were present.

At 1:42 PM the Board moved back into the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Noffsiker recommended approval of the Verlyn Boese minor subdivision with two conditions met: 1) The applicant makes all prospective purchasers aware of the limitation of the in-house use only wells allowed on the parcels. 2) The three 3.29 acres parcels be re-zoned to Rural Residential (RR). Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
At 1:47 PM Commissioner Deacon moved to go into executive session. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the Board moved into executive session.

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session for a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

At 3:11 PM the Board exited the executive session; no decisions were announced. Commissioner Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover
Chairman of the Board

Aubrey Pargin
Clerk of the Board

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Present were Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner John Noffsker, Commissioner Scott Deacon, County Administrator Craig Barraclough, County Attorney Nancy Lake, and Clerk of the Board Aubrey Pargin.

Agenda Approval

At 10:01 AM Commissioner Noffsker moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
Public Comment

At 10:01 AM Commissioner Glover asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes of Past Meetings: May 4, 2022 BOCC
- Approval of Accounts Payable
- Signing of Resolution for Boese Minor Subdivision, approved July 13
- Signing of Resolution Approving Travel Reimbursement Guidelines
- Signing of Resolution Appointing Anne Robinson to the Position of Sheriff of Rio Grande County

At 10:02 AM the Board considered approving the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Noffsker asked about the language use of “emergency” sheriff on item E. Ms. Lake said that it was an emergency to appoint Anne Robinson as Sheriff. Commissioner Noffsker said that he was uncomfortable with the language “emergency”. Sheriff Anne Robinson said the language could read “due to vacancy in the seat a sheriff was appointed until the November election” or “designated sheriff” until a certain time. Commissioner Deacon told Commissioner Noffsker it was an emergency. Approving item “E – Signing of Resolution Appointing Anne Robinson to the Position of Sheriff of Rio Grande County” was tabled until the next meeting. Ms. Lake said she would re-word that paragraph in the resolution. Commissioner Noffsker moved to approve the Consent Agenda without item E. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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(Clerk’s Note: see BOCC minutes, July 13, 2022, for Resolution 2022-42, Boese Minor Subdivision, and Resolution 2022-41, Travel Reimbursement Guidelines.)

**General Business**
At 10:07 AM the Board considered approving the contract for Jean Borrego. Ms. Borrego was present via Zoom to answer any questions the Board had. Ms. Borrego reported that this contract is essentially the same agreement as before. Commissioner Noffsker asked who hires her and who she reports to. She said that Rio Grande County is who she reports to. Commissioner Deacon moved to approve the contract for Jean Borrego. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Commissioners, Administrator, and Attorney Updates

At 10:09 AM Ms. Lake reported she was talking to Sheriff Robinson in regard to an MOU so Rio Grande County can accept inmates from Saguache County. Sheriff Robinson reported that Saguache County’s facility is closed so this would be a contractual agreement. Ms. Lake recommended documenting a verbal agreement. Sheriff Robinson reported that because of the potential monies paid to Rio Grande County, they would also be transporting these inmates.

Mr. Barraclough reported that he received three bids for the dent on the back of the Weed and Pest District truck. He asked the Board if they have a local entity preference. The bids in front of the Board just had the bottom-line quote, not an itemized list of parts and labor. Commissioner Glover said he wanted to make sure they have the proper parts are on the bid, and not after-market parts. There was discussion on local businesses and if they should preference local bids. The Commissioners agreed that the bids should be very specific and that the work on the truck needed to get done as soon as possible.

At 10:24 AM Commissioner Deacon reported that he had a meeting with the SLV Housing Coalition. He said they have the blue prints complete for the new housing project at the old school in Alamosa. Commissioner Deacon asked about South Fork and the potential tiny homes that might go in at the old saw mill. It was reported that the plan is to move forward with 300 tiny homes because they are receiving funding for this for “affordable housing”. Dixie Diltz, Land Use, reported that county’s typically do not get involved in municipals. Ms. Diltz asked if CDOT approved railroad access for this.

Commissioner Glover reported that Leonard Brown has been hired as the new landfill manager. He also reported that Southwest Seniors is looking at purchasing property in Alamosa to build a new facility for their administration offices.

At 10:32 AM Commissioner Noffsker reported that he is distressed over the Railroad situation. He said there is misinformation out there and no coordination between parties. Commissioner Noffsker reported that Anne Jones and Sarah Stoeber were hired for the Council of Governments (COG), and the Development Resources Group (DRG) is in the position to do a 1041 on water issues.

Mr. Barraclough reminded the Board that there is a SLV Commissioner meeting this Monday, July 25, 2022. He also told the Board that he heard that Alamosa County gave all their employees a two dollar an hour raise. Mr. Barraclough said that the Town of Del Norte gave the museum (Lyndsie Ferrell) authority to take over the Barlow and Sanderson historical cabin. It was decided that they need a bill of sale with this agreement. Mr. Barraclough also reported that he got an email from Christy Doon and she will be leaving DOLA and will be working for the City of Salida.

There was discussion on the 501C3 vs. the museum. Commissioner Noffsker voiced concern about this and moving the historical cabin.

Ms. Lake reported that she has been working with Sheriff Robinson in regard to the jail. It was reported that the jail is short staffed because of a COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Lake said they can look at “COVID-19” grant funding to help out the jail. Ms. Lake reported that she set up a 501C3 for insurance coverage for canines at the Sheriff’s Department. There was discussion concerning whether the Administration Office or Human Resources Department is working on insurance issues for the county.

At 10:46 AM Commissioner Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

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County of Rio Grande )

The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Glover at 10:00 AM. A prayer was led by Commissioner John Noffsiker and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were Commissioner Gene Glover, Commissioner John Noffsiker, Commissioner Scott Deacon, County Administrator Craig Barraclough, County Attorney Nancy Lake, and Clerk of the Board Aubrey Pargin.

Agenda Approval

At 10:01 AM Mr. Barraclough said there would be a change under General Business. Item “C – consideration of pay grade change” would be tabled until August 3, 2022. Commissioner Deacon moved to approve the amended Agenda. Commissioner Noffsiker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Public Comment

At 10:02 AM Commissioner Glover asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes of past meetings: May 11, 2022 – BOCC, May 18, 2022 – BOCC, and May 25, 2022 – BOCC
- Approval of Accounts Payable
- Approval of Payroll Report
- Approval of Financials
- Signing of Resolution Appointing Anne Robinson to the Position of Sheriff of Rio Grande County

At 10:02 AM Commissioner Noffsiker moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Vendor                                           Amount
ALAMOSA COUNTY                                      315.00
ALL CLEAR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC             136.80
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES                                789.53
AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY                              149.90
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LEASING, INC                        60.10
CENTURYLINK                                            517.21
CO DEPT OF LABOR & EMPLOY                              70.00
CO.BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIO                               105.00
CONEJOS COUNTY                                         328.00
CONEJOS COUNTY NURSING                                 3,301.97
COSTILLA COUNTY PUBLIC                                 2,021.56
DEANNA BARNARD                                         10.00
MEADOW GOLD DAIRY - ENGLEWOOD - DFA DAIRY BRANDS      471.50
FIRST BANKCARD                                         8,468.75
GOBINS, INC                                             49.96
HAYNIE’S INC.                                            532.48
IHS PHARMACY                                            12.66
JEAN BORREGO                                           6,604.09
KIMRAD TRANSPORT LP                                     6,814.41
LOWE'S PAY AND SAVE, INC 32.44
McKESSON MEDICAL- 96.18
RONDA LOBATO 563.16
S & S DISTRIBUTION, INC 60.00
SAGUACHE CO PUBLIC HEALTH 7,165.53
SHAMROCK FOODS COMPANY 1,450.31
SAN LUIS VALLEY MIGRANT/SEASONAL FARMWORKER COALITION 200.00
SLV REC 103.00
STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT 223.80
STEFFENS QUALITY PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 2,217.39
THE MASTER'S TOUCH, LLC 171.41
TOWN OF DEL NORTE 286.43
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC 600.00
UNITED REPROGRAPHIC 133.82
VALERO CAPITAL CORPORATION 47,083.61
VALLEY COURIER 236.25
VALLEY LOCK AND SECURITY, INC 8.43
VALLEY PUBLISHING 320.00
VENDOLA PLUMBING, INC 309.50
WILLSCHAU SERVICES 200.00
WSB COMPUTER SERVICES 8,020.00

100,240.18

July 2022 Payroll
COUNTY GENERAL FUND $397,631.16
ROAD AND BRIDGE $101,845.83
SOCIAL SERVICES $158,103.19
WEED DISTRICT $23,087.40
AIRPORT FUND $1,734.82
PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY FUND $56,211.85
TOTAL: $738,614.25

Actions as the Board of Social Services
At 10:03 AM the Board moved into the Board of Social Services.
Ms. Kern said she was busy with the state auditors, so she did not have a written report. She asked if the Board had any questions for her, there were no questions.

At 10:03 AM the Board exited the Board of Social Services and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

County Official and Department Head Reports
At 10:03 AM Armando Ross, Weed and Pest District, was present to give his monthly report. Mr. Ross said he visited with Commissioner Deacon and Amanda Klapperich, Finance Manager, about possibly purchasing the building that is the Weed and Pest District Shop. Ms. Klapperich said she would like to see a vehicle improvement plan first. Commissioner Deacon was concerned with putting repairs and improvements in to a building that the Pest District leases. Mr. Ross reported that although they lost 40% of their grants, they have improved logistics as a work around for doing more with less.  For example, they got iPad’s working and they allow Mr. Ross to see where everyone is and track the progress on each job. These iPads were donated by Jody Kern (Department of Social Services). Residents have learned from the Monte Vista fire and are wanting a fire prevention spraying. The Weed and Pest District is booked up until the middle of September. It has been raining every afternoon so it has been harder to spray all day. Mr. Ross stated that because of the rain the weeds are growing, which is job security! People are also asking for property evaluations and to see if their property is a fire risk. Mr. Ross reported that the City of Monte Vista is the worst for noxious weeds (due to a lack of an ordinance officer). Mr. Ross said he was frustrated with the way the Skeff Nature Trail looked so he emailed Gigi Dennis, City of Monte Vista Manager, and told her the Pest District would spray it for free. Fifty complimentary gallons were sprayed across the whole
property. Mr. Ross reported that they are planning to spray the Ski Hi Complex once the SLV Fair is over. Commissioner Noffsiker moved to approve Mr. Ross taking the Weed and Pest District out to lunch to celebrate the end of the spraying season. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Ross is planning to continue work with the Monte Vista Schools. He just finished up helping out Sargent Schools with spraying. He was working with Matt Smart on this project. They are planning to spray at Del Norte Schools today. Patrick Sullivan, Road and Bridge Department, asked the Weed and Pest District to spray on county road right-of-ways. This will only be on roads where there is a problem. Mr. Ross reported that they are over budget approximately $8,000. This is due to increasing chemical costs and bigger spraying contracts. Mr. Ross said he has been in contact with Amanda Klapperich, Finance Manager.

Acknowledgement of Employee Retirement

At 10:26 AM Commissioner Glover recognized and thanked Matilda Quintana (County Clerk’s Office) for 35 years of service, and congratulated her on her retirement.

County Official and Department Head Reports (continued)

At 10:27 AM Art Wittner, Emergency Manager, was present to give his monthly report. He reported that the hazard mitigation plan is on schedule. The surveys have been sent out and they have gotten a fifty percent response in Rio Grande County. They are hoping to have this done by August 13th. Mr. Wittner encouraged the commissioners to attend the conference in Alamosa County August 29-31 on tier one facilities. He said there are concerns about chemical storage facilities in this area. Costilla County procured radios at no cost. There was discussion on radios. Commissioner Noffsiker said there is money available through All Hazards. Mr. Wittner reported that there is money available in his department to get the radios programmed, and this will include training on how to work them. The Incident Command System (ICS) training is almost complete, and when it is done Mr. Wittner will be able to sign up and get IC classes (crisis management courses) through the State for school emergencies. There has been a large response from schools and hospitals for these courses. When Mr. Wittner has more information about this, he will get it to the Board. The forecast for the next five to seven days is one to two inches of rain on the valley floor. There is a risk of mud slides with the rain (especially in the San Luis area). Mr. Wittner also reported that there is a small fire in Costilla County, so the fire danger is coming down, but it is still there.

General Business

At 10:42 AM Jessica Bogner, Wall, Smith, and Bateman, was present to discuss the 2021 audit she performed. Ms. Bogner reported that she followed the audits standards and she laid out what the auditor’s responsibilities are. She reported that they found a high level of assurance but said there possibly could still be fraud. There are internal controls in place so that information is recorded correctly. Because the County exceeded $750,000 in grant funds these funds were required to be audited. Ms. Bogner went over the comparison from last year to this year in grant funding. There were a couple of additions and clean-ups. Ms. Bogner went over the balance sheet for government funds, an income statement, new debt accrued last year (which was pretty small), a schedule of federal monies that came in and went out, and a summary of auditor’s reports that was unmodified. Ms. Bogner reported that if a material weakness is found it makes everyone at higher risk. She had to audit four programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Energy Assistance Programs (LEAP), FRF, and CDPG grants. She found no compliance issues and her finding was that there was turnover in the Finance Department. There were six audit adjustments (general funds vs. posting with public health), the supplemental budget for the Tourism Board was approved and taken care of. Ms. Bogner recommended the County strengthen their control to review supplemental budgets in a timely manner. She also recommended an internal control over payroll deficiency. Ms. Bogner sampled twenty employees and in eight employees found material weaknesses. Commissioner Noffsiker asked what are the internal controls. Ms. Bogner said that the internal controls are the employees. If several employees say their paycheck is wrong that is the indication that there are material weaknesses. Ms. Bogner said that these audit findings do go to the state and federal government. Ms. Bogner recommended that they double check payroll and what is input; and also, double check with the finance department. Ms. Bogner reported that Amanda Klapperich, Finance Manager, should be very aware of what to be looking for. Commissioner Deacon moved to accept the auditor’s report. Commissioner Noffsiker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:27 AM the Board considered the purchase of a canine vehicle for the Sheriff’s Office (not listed on the Agenda. Ms. Lake said it is okay to discuss and make a decision). Anne Robinson, Sheriff, reported that the proposed canine vehicle can be paid for with the funds from the
contract with Saguache County (housing inmates from Saguache County). Heath Hart, Undersheriff, received three quotes. The quote for the GM is $55,000. Sheriff Robinson said that if they were to purchase a used vehicle, they run into warranty issues. She is also looking at other ways for funding, because she would like the jail to be self-sufficient. Sheriff Robinson is looking at other funding sources through grants. This vehicle quote is good for 125 days. The Rio Grande County contract is $20,800 with Saguache County, which can go towards the purchase of this canine vehicle. This contract with Saguache County is a five-year contract. Sheriff Robinson is working on building a positive relationship with Saguache County because of a future potential dual county facility. Commissioner Noffsker moved to approve the purchase of the GM canine vehicle ($55,000). Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:36 AM the Board considered signing the Intergovernmental Agreement between Rio Grande County and Saguache County regarding acceptance of inmates to the Rio Grande County Jail (out of order on the Agenda). Commissioner Deacon moved to approve the IGA between Rio Grande County and Saguache County regarding acceptance of inmates to the Rio Grande County Jail. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Sheriff Robinson reported that the new canine coming in is Waylon and he is coming in as a Sergeant. He is narcotics, article searches, tracking, and apprehension certified. She also reported that during the Ski Hi Stampede there were a couple of fire arm issues and four fights the first night.

At 11:41 AM Deborah Entz, Human Resources, was present to give an update to the Board (out of order on the Agenda). Ms. Entz reported that seventeen people were hired last quarter, and four people retired with a total of 113 years of service to the County. The total amount of liability in the overtime accrued is $36,655.35 as of the end of June. Ms. Lake reiterated that the Departments have worked really hard to get their accrued time reduced. Ms. Klapperich and Ms. Entz went to a Tyler Technologies workshop. Ms. Klapperich reported that the payroll problems that the County has had was because of the way the Tyler software system was initially set up. Ms. Klapperich also reported that she has been in contact with Tyler Technologies almost daily to try to resolve these issues.

At 11:52 AM the Board considered signing a letter of support for the Cliff Lake property acquisition by the United States Forest Service. Mr. Barraclough talked to Cathy Garcia, Lauren Boebert’s Office, and they are in support of this. Commissioner Noffsker moved to sign the letter of support for the Cliff Lake property acquisition by the USFS. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:53 AM the Board considered signing a letter of support for H.R. 4302 – Active Forest Management, Wildfire Prevention and Community Protection Act. This bill is sponsored by Lauren Boebert. Commissioner Deacon moved to approve signing the letter of support for the H.R. 4302 – Active Forest Management, Wildfire Prevention and Community Protection Act. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:54 AM Jack Rudder, Veteran’s Service Officer, was present via Zoom to check in with the Board. He submitted his monthly report and reported that he is waiting for an updated form from the State.

Commissioners, Administrator, and Attorney Updates

At 11:55 AM Commissioner Deacon reported that the firefighters met with SLV Hazmat. Commissioner Deacon also had a meeting with the 911 Board, and they are re-wiring the main dispatch center and are updating it to Ciello. This should be done the middle of next month. Commissioner Deacon said he talked to the Director of SLV Housing. He told her their concerns in regard to the potential tiny houses in South Fork. She said that she would talk to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) about this issue.

Commissioner Glover reported that he met with the Colorado Health Pool and Anthem is going to have a 55% increase for 2023.

Commissioner Noffsker reported that the Railroad bankruptcy final bid deadline is this Friday at 5 PM. He reported that there is only one bidder that is consistent with Rio Grande County’s goals and objectives. Commissioner Noffsker said that there is another potential bidder starting to surface.

Commissioner Glover handed out a “budget process for counties and commitments” sheet to the Board.
Ms. Lake said that she would be meeting with Sheriff Robinson at 2 PM today to start a DOJ grant for the Sheriff’s Department. This grant is due August 3, 2022. Ms. Lake said that she would be meeting with the Board on the ninth for a legal advisory meeting to further discuss this. Ms. Lake also said that she has been involved in Rural Leaders Collaborative with the Boettcher Foundation; this group helps counties and municipalities in rural areas.

Commissioner Deacon moved to accept the bid from Absolute Shine for the Weed/Pest truck repair for $4,458.50. Commissioner Noffsker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Barraclough reported that Emma Reiser, Rio Grande River Portal project, told him that they cannot accept CTF funds. Commissioner Noffsker said that he wants it in writing on why they cannot receive these CTF funds.

At 12:15 PM Commissioner Noffsker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Gene Glover
Chairman of the Board

Aubrey Pargin
Clerk of the Board