

WHEREAS, members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County commissioners without term limitation, and officers will be selected by the Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Rio Grande County hereby appoint the following people to the Rio Grande County Airport Advisory Board:

- Dale Berkgigler
- Tom Haefeli
- Dusty Hicks
- Bob Johnson
- Jay Sarason
- Bailee Velasquez
- Chez Yund

THE FOREGOING Resolution was offered by Commissioner Noffske, seconded by Commissioner Deacon, and passed by the following votes by the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting of said Board on the 13th day of April 2022.

VOTES:

Commissioner Deacon:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Glover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Noffske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATTEST:

Aubrey Pargier
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gene Glover
Gene Glover, Chair

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Actions as the Board of Health

At 10:04 AM the Board moved in to the Board of Health.

The Board looked at Center for Disease Control (CDC) supplemental workforce funding scope of work. Dr. Kolawole Bankole, Public Health Director, stated that COVID-19 impacted the workforce, the minorities, and the elderly. The CDC has started coming out with funding to help in these areas. Through the first round of funding the County received around \$41,000, but there was not enough funding so there is going to be a second wave of funding. This amount of funding will be \$141,473. Dr. Bankole reiterated that the County has to develop a budget capacity to manage these grants and this requires a lot of accounting. Dr. Bankole is looking at hiring an accountant that would focus on Public Health. Dr. Bankole will be offering a full-time position in accounting, and the funding for this will be coming out of this CDC grant. This person would be working through the Administration office and would focus on Public Health funds, grants and financial reporting on these grants. There was discussion on the grant budget for this CDC grant. Dr. Bankole explained where funding would go; including indirect funding (around \$13,000), ways to improve staff morale (exercise equipment), different people that would be hired including a Patient Navigator who would be bi-lingual to help the County population who speak Spanish, a plan to reach out to the Amish Community, and incentive bonuses for his staff to improve morale. Commissioner Noffske asked Dr. Bankole if he thought he would be able to fill the accountant position. Dr. Bankole is confident he will be able to. Commissioner Glover stated that he talked to Amanda Klapperich, Finance Manager, about the proposed position. This person will report to Ms. Klapperich and Ms. Klapperich will report to the BOCC. Mr. Barraclough asked what Dr. Bankole was thinking for bonuses for his department. Dr. Bankole stated that he was thinking of \$3,000 (including taxes) bonuses for the Public Health Department employees paid for by this CDC grant. Dr. Bankole said he was going to have Ms. Klapperich and Deborah Entz, Human Resources, do the hiring for this position (person would be starting July 1, 2022) and the funding would come from Public Health. Commissioner Noffske stated that he thought it should be Ms. Klapperich and Mr. Barraclough hiring this person. Commissioner Glover said that this position will be under Dr. Bankole but will answer to Ms. Klapperich. Commissioner Noffske stated that there needs to be a detailed job description for this position. Mr. Barraclough asked where this person's office space would be. Commissioner Noffske moved to approve the Public Health Department proposal for this CDC grant (supplemental workforce funding scope of work). Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 10:44 AM the Board of Health exited, and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

DIANNE KOSHAK	45.24
GOBINS, INC	59.06
GOOGLE, LLC	6.00
GUNBARREL STATION, INC	358.00
HAYNIE'S INC.	517.19
HELEN LESTER	1,019.43
IDA WHITE	60.00
INDUSTRIAL & FARM SUPPLY	131.78
JANET SANCHEZ	1,920.00
JEAN BORREGO	864.63
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE	200.00
JENNIFER VALADEZ-MOLINA	228.15
LAWSON PRODUCT INC	362.83
LENCO WEST, INC	70.07
LEROY A ROMERO	150.00
LOWE'S PAY AND SAVE, INC	35.23
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY	7,382.70
MILES PARTNERSHIP, LLLP	7,471.50
MONTE VISTA COOPERATIVE	134.34
MONTE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	500.00
MYERS BROTHERS TRUCK AND TRACTOR, INC	622.70
O & V PRINTING, INC	254.70
RELIANCE STEEL CO. #12	505.00
ROBINS CONSTRUCTION, LLLP	39,996.00
S & S DISTRIBUTION, INC	24.00
SCHRADER'S GLASS SHOP	175.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS INC	296.75
SOUTH FORK PROPANE, LTD. CO.	750.00
STAPLES BUSINESS	889.99
TOP VALUE	76.20
TOWN OF DEL NORTE	588.37
TRACKER SOFTWARE CORP.INC	495.00
TRANSWEST TRUCK, INC	215.90
TRI COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN	3,000.00
U.S. TRACTOR, INC	217.00
ULINE	2,236.95
VALLEY COURIER	366.75
VALLEY LOCK AND SECURITY, INC	553.19
VALLEY LUMBER AND SUPPLY, INC	52.52
VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR	396.66
VISUAL LABS, INC	25,440.00
WEX BANK	1,738.14
WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC	27,173.79
WSB COMPUTER SERVICES	550.00
XCEL ENERGY	2,249.49
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	156,120.51

Actions as the Board of Health

At 10:05 AM the Board moved into the Board of Health.

At 10:06 AM the Board considered approving the Rio Grande County Child Fatality Prevention System FY23 Budget and SOW. Dr. Bankole reported that there are a lot of renewals of grants and contracts right now, and this is one of them. He reported that in 2020 there were four child fatality cases that were received and reviewed. In 2021, there were five cases reviewed. This grant involves educating young mothers on not sleeping in close proximity with infants to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Commissioner Noffske moved to approve the RGC Child Fatality Prevention System FY23 budget and SOW. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 10:16 AM the Board considered approving a Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Y23 SOW and budget (7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023). Dr. Bankole reported that there is a reduction in this grant to \$19,822, and the scope of work focuses on training and planning for emergencies. Commissioner Noffske asked if he had any contact with the All Hazards Advisory Council (AHAC) region. Dr. Bankole said that everybody participated in this. Commissioner Noffske asked Dr. Bankole to have a conversation about roles that the AHAC region has. Dr. Bankole said that it is his understanding that all these agencies work together and are integrated together. Commissioner Noffske voiced concerns about agencies duplicating their efforts, and he would like to see clarity on who is taking the lead in this. Commissioner Noffske said that there are inter-agency conflicts at the State level. Commissioner Noffske reported that they are trying to re-establish the contact and relationship with the hospitals, health agencies, and the Health Care Coalition. Dr. Bankole said that he was aware of the changes at the State level. Commissioner Noffske moved to approve the Public Health Preparedness and Response Y23 SOW and budget (7/1/2022-6/30/2023). Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 10:26 AM the Board of Health reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

County Official and Department Head Reports

At 10:26 AM Amanda Klapperich, Finance Manager, was present to give her quarterly financial report. She handed out the report to the Commissioners. Ms. Klapperich reported that a fiscal health analysis was performed by the State Office of the Auditor. She said there are seven ratios that go into the analysis and only six apply to Rio Grande County. There was a three-year comparison on cash to liabilities ratio. Commissioner Noffske voiced concern on the operating margin ratio. Ms. Klapperich said that the County's liabilities are going down, and the cash to liabilities are going up. Commissioner Noffske asked if the COVID-19 money showed up in the report. Ms. Klapperich said that only some of it was figured in, because most of the funding has not come in yet. Ms. Klapperich said that on page 24 of the report it shows budget amounts remaining for the rest of the year. She noted that there is lag time because of taxes (property taxes) not starting to be collected until the end of March. Ms. Klapperich did say she had some concerns with the Airport budget, and that there won't be an increase in fuel purchases until the weather gets warmer. There was discussion on selling Jet A fuel in the future. Ms. Klapperich reported that she had a Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) training and she learned a lot. They recommended that the County can be doing this on our own.

At 10:41 AM Courtney Arthur, Victim's Advocate, gave an update to the Board (this was out of order on the Agenda). Ms. Arthur explained that she applied for a victim's advocate grant (\$163,000). She reported that there are 383 victims and they can be potentially providing services for these victims in the next two years. This funding will go towards services for these victims; food, clothing, training, office supplies, mileage, equipment, relocation, and emergency shelter. Ms. Arthur said she does not know how much she will receive yet. She reported that right now, when a victim goes to a hotel for emergency shelter, there is no funding for this. She also explained that Rio Grande County Victim Advocate funding used to go through Alamosa County for all funding (they were the fiscal agent for this). Now Rio Grande County is applying for their own funding for victims. There was discussion on why Alamosa County stopped funding for Rio Grande County VA. Ms. Arthur reported that she and the Sheriff's office both believe that the victim is number one. She said she became very involved in court dates and informing victims; and in doing this she saw victims become more involved and start to take back their power. Ms. Lake reported that many cases are in the Attorney General's office being investigated. Ms. Arthur said that 119 of her cases (out of 175) cases were also sent to the AG's office. Ms. Arthur reported to the Board that there is an MOU with Conejos and Saguache County, and they cover for Ms. Arthur when she is out of town.

At 11:10 AM Sheriff McDonald gave an update on the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff McDonald reported that weekend court is going well. He hired two court clerks and right now they are in civil process training for the next two days. He is pleased it is going well. The LiveScan hardware equipment is backordered so the assembly is delayed. This did qualify for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding so everything is good to go. Sheriff McDonald updated the Board on the "HB22-1067 Municipal Court Hearing" bill. He said that this will affect municipalities, and they will be required to provide a hearing within forty-eight hours. This will affect the Sheriff's office because they have an MOU with municipalities. Sheriff McDonald also gave an update on the "HB21-1280 Bond Process" bill. He said there are deadlines for this and this is an unfunded mandate. Sheriff McDonald was proud to announce that the Sheriff's Office received a Certificate of Compliance for the Sheriff's Office bond process. He reported that this was a big job and everyone had a hand in getting this certification. Ms. Lake reported that a lot

the county for her department. There was discussion on \$10,000 cost a month to place children in child welfare and also discussion on collective bargaining.

At 10:33 AM the Board exited the Board of Social Services and moved into the Board of Health.

Actions as the Board of Health

At 10:33 AM Dr. Kolawole Bankole (present via Zoom) asked the Board to renew the Task Order Contract with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for Core Public Health Services and Maternal and Child Health Services. Dr. Bankole stated that there will be more funds in this grant than last year. Dr. Bankole said that he sympathizes with Ms. Kern's concerns with staff shortages; there is a lot of effort to retain staff. Commissioner Noffske moved to approve the renewal of the Task Order Contract with the CDPHE for Core Public Health Services and Maternal and Child Health Services. Commissioner Deacon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 10:39 AM the Board exited the Board of Health and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

County Official and Department Head Reports

At 10:39 AM Commissioner Glover reported that Armando Ross, Weed and Pest District was not feeling well so he was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Barraclough handed Mr. Ross's report to the Board. Commissioner Glover stated that South Fork is on board with the weed spraying, and Mr. Ross will be meeting with the Town of Del Norte next week.

At 10:40 AM Art Wittner, Emergency Management, was present to give his monthly update. Mr. Wittner reported that he attended an Access to Functional Needs conference; he said he got a lot out of the conference and many things they discussed were issues faced in the Monte Vista fire. Mr. Wittner noted that there were no sign language interpreters at the press conference for the MV fire. The weather service update is warm and dry winds for the next 14 days. The snow pack is now 78% in the region, and the Rio Grande water basin is down to 60% snowpack now. Today in Rio Grande County there are red flag warnings; Mr. Wittner reported that it is not a matter of if a fire is going to happen, but when a fire is going to happen. Dr. Bankole stated that Public Health can support with funding for a sign language interpreter. This would be under health equity for Public Health; if Dr. Bankole knows the amount of funding needed he can put it in his budget.

There was discussion on the MV fire and the response to it. Mr. Wittner reported that this was one of the biggest fires they had seen in a long time. He said he talked to Chief Dingfelder, Monte Vista Police Department, and reached out to all Emergency Managers in the Valley when the fire started; he activated the Mutual Aids Channels so all EM's could communicate in evacuating people. He reported that the Public Information Officer was amazing and put out messaging for evacuation zones, and updated the SLV website. Mr. Wittner also noted that no Rio Grande County money has been invested yet, besides paid overtime. He also praised the Assessor's Office, Clerk's office and DSS for their amazing response and support. Mr. Wittner felt like this was a huge success for Monte Vista and Rio Grande County; the fire could have been much worse. He reported that the Monte Vista Estates Nursing Home said they could evacuate all residents in twenty minutes, so they were keeping a close eye on that. There were seven drops of water from helicopters, and the Emergency Operations Plan was updated online so the State could be quickly updated and informed. Commissioner Deacon gave praise to Excel Energy and the Red Cross. Commissioner Noffske voiced concern over PIO vs. Victim's Advocate roles. Mr. Wittner stated that if the County EM is involved then Courtney Arthur is the PIO in an emergency. Mr. Wittner also said that he requested credentialing "salamander" cards for fire victims. Commissioner Noffske voiced concerns that they are not a government entity. Mr. Wittner said that they were there, and that our County does not help to fund them.

General Business

At 11:10 AM Adam Moore, Supervisory Forester Colorado State Forest Service, and Sam Scavo, Colorado State Forest Service Forester, were present to give their annual report. Beginning in January 2022 they have had a new United States Forest Service Director, Matt McCombs. Mr. Moore reported that the forest has 23% of normal snowpack in Colorado watersheds. In one day, last week, 7% of the snow pack was lost due to high winds and drought conditions. These drought conditions set the stage for Spruce Beetle killing more trees because the trees in the forest are stressed. In 2015-2016 the Spruce Beetle kill peaked and is currently going down in the Rio Grande National Forest. These areas of trees that have been