
Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Payroll Meeting held on May 15, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Board Room, 6683 County Rd 13, Conejos, CO. 81129

Call the meeting to order.

Chrmn. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call: Mitchell Jarvies- Chairman- Present
Steve McCarroll-Vice Chair-Present
Carlos Garcia- Vice Chair- Present
Tressesa Martinez-County Admn.

Also present were Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney, Connie Ricci-HR, and AnnaBelle Gomez Deputy Clerk and Recorder.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chrmn. Jarvies led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer: Comm. Carlos Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Rodney King who is attending a meeting in Denver; they will move Donnie to 10:45 and Rio De La Vista at 11:00 AM: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with the correction on Page 2 under library to show the word footing instead of putting and on Page 3 the very last line "will be asking" instead of " will asking be"; words were transposed: Comm. Garcia, second: Comm. McCarroll; all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payables

Motion to approval payroll and accounts payables: Comm. McCarroll, Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mike Roque 217 River St- Antonito, CO. 81120

Mr. Roque stated that he is a homeowner and business man, he is here on behalf of the Community Foundation of SLV, they may have heard him talk at the Town Council meeting, they recently received a grant to build a 50,000 to 60,000 dollar playground at the Mansion through a KaBOOM grant which is a national organization, they partnership with Conejos Clean Water, with the town, and the Antonito resident team; the cool thing about the project is the kids get to design the playground so it's a design build, KaBOOM has several kinds of units that the kids decide what they want, they plan to build in August and have it ready for the Labor Day Festival, they welcome the county to support us, they will have a technical build so they will have to put footers would like to get employees for that, they will need some skilled folks for that, the next week they will have residents put the pieces together; they will need to have some heavy equipment.

Chrmn. Jarvies mentioned they did a similar thing in Manassa and it was a good thing to get the community involved.

Mr. Roque stated that with the Conejos Clean Water and the trail system it is possible of putting some elements such as pull up bar, also around town so folks can be walking; also some step up thing- something to get active.

Comm. Garcia asked if they are going to be doing newspaper announcements.

Mr. Roque said yes, they have a conference call with KABOOM today, they will lay out an 8 week time line in terms of when they will be doing everything; he will keep them posted.

Comm. McCarroll asked if they need a letter of support.

Mr. Roque said that would be great; he can give them a template.

Tressesa Martinez- Correspondence

County Admn. Tressesa stated that she would like to give an update on the library, she spoke to Maria told her that the commissioners are interested in selling the library building; they are interested in purchasing it; they need to think of what they will be asking for the building and negotiate at some point; will have to go through Land Use

for a division of land, would like to get it moving so they may apply for their grant; will have Nick-County Attorney look into it.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated they have to make sure they are disposing it right; Comm. Garcia brought up a concern last time we don't want to hurt anyone we want to be fair but want to help them out.

Up Date on the Audit

Tressesa mentioned that they are working on the audit; they have gotten mostly everything to them.

Nick Barela-DSS Report

Nick stated that the amount for program expenditures for this month were \$293,121.64 and accounts payables in the amount of \$16,354.93.

Motion to approve EBT expenditures and accounts payables as presented: Comm. McCarroll/Second Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Nick presented his report as follows:

- Child Support-403 cases
 - Child Welfare-15 cases
 - Adult Financial-141 cases
 - Colo Works-52 cases
 - Food Assistance-770 cases
 - Medical Assistance- 1,641 cases
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- Memorandum of Understanding between Conejos County DSS and Colorado State University Extension of SLV- they are doing educational classes to clients on how to make smart purchases with their food assistance and also nutritional courses, it is a no cost between Conejos County and Colorado State University, they use our facility to provide these classes; there is no signature required on the MOU.
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- MOU for the next fiscal year- July 2019 between Guadalupe Parish Credit Union and Conejos County DSS, this is for financial literacy classes, Guadalupe Parish CU is providing courses for the Summer Youth To Work Program, Robert will be coordinating

with Family Foundations to determine the schedule, there is a cost associated which is basically to cover the cost of supplies used during that time frame for the fiscal year; the MOU amount is \$1,200- no signature required from the board.

- Nick stated that in February he had submitted the child support annual plan; they did get the letter.
- LEAP Numbers for this season were: 559 cases approved, 122 denied, 12 cases pending for a total of 693.
- Update of the Summer Youth Program with the Southwest Conservation Corp- they received a total of 7 applications, he has been provided with a list, once that is done they want to be put on one of the board's meetings to do a presentation of how the course went through the summer.
- Regional contract between SLV DSS and SIGNAL Behavioral Health Network which is a substance abuse treatment service for this upcoming fiscal year- total amount of the contract is 124,141, Alamosa is the fiscal agent- no signature required, just his approval.
- TANF-Ending the fiscal year they have some TANF allocations that they were able to sell, sold a total of 90,000, split it up between two counties which were Jefferson and Prowers County that are within our region, they did get approval from Prowers County, will probably get approval from Jefferson as well; explained that they are the unexpended funds that they don't use for their Colorado Works, last year he did retain some because they were over spent on Child Welfare this year he does not anticipate to be over on any of the programs, he did purchase some last minute stuff through their TANF allocation, he purchased 25 lap tops that will be given away next year when they do school supplies and 200 gas cards to TANF Clients during the course of the next fiscal year, there is a MOE obligation that they have to pay Conejos County to get the TANF allocation, it reduces our MOE obligation for 90,000, it is roughly 10% which would be 9000 savings for the county.
- Conejos County is required to do a Parent Fee Hardship Policy for our Childcare Program, the parental fee is the client's portion of what they have to pay to their provider, they are based off their income, what this policy is allowing us to do is knock down

that parental fee to a minimum of \$5.00 if they express that they have a particular hardship such as excess medical bills or change in household circumstances, the client needs to make the request; that would be up to six months.

Motion to approve the hardship waiver policy for parental fees through DSS Department: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 motion carried.

- Nick stated that DSS does scholarships to graduating seniors; 2 students applied this year, both of them were from the Sanford School District, he is going to approve both of them, they are in the amount of \$1000 each, they make a check to the parents of the minors, he does have the letters if the board is interested in reading them.

Comm. Garcia asked how many total scholarships would he have had if more would have applied; asked why the other school districts didn't come on board.

- Nick stated that they do six every year, two to each school district, they didn't get the responses that they got last year; he doesn't know why they didn't respond- he informs them in January and the school counselor does outreach to them; one school they were encouraging them to apply they just didn't; what he asks from the students is a letter stating they are TANF eligible and the government's role in helping those in poverty.
- SNAP compliance letter- There were two findings from food assistance, both of them were rebutted from by myself, both were over turned by the rebuttal, the first one was in regards to medical reduction they had the documentation on file, it was something that they missed, the second was a complaint log, the finding for that was Conejos average was less than the state's average, his response was: that is silly what is it that they are expecting, that was also over turned; the letter includes the findings and the rebuttals.
- La Plata County/Durango- They have had a pretty big turn over on staff cases and they did a reach out to see if anybody will be willing to help them process re-certifications for food assistance and Medicaid, he and two other workers are willing to

help them, they want to do it via-intergovernmental agreement which we pay our workers overtime then they reimburse them, he is asking for approval from the board to do outside employment with La Plata.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that as long as it doesn't start hurting their work here.

Nick stated that it will be after the 40 hours that they put in, they might come in on Saturday or the one that does 10-4's will come in on Friday, they can also do work from home, this could last up to six months at the most, they are a couple of months behind, the girls will get paid overtime and he will get paid what the techs get paid.

Motion to allow Conejos County DSS to help La Plata County, we will be reimbursed for costs: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

- Nick Barela stated that he wanted to bring Nick Sablon who is the Colorado Works STEP Coordinator and Jane Rodriguez who is the Colorado Works Case Worker, the STEP program was really successful, Jane screens the clients then turns it over to Nick who starts working to place them in a subsidized employment, he turned the time over to Nick Sablon.

Comm. Garcia commended Nick for having those two appeals overturned.

Nick Sarmiento asked Nick Barela if it was the Signal Contract, asked if he is happy with the services; this is concerning the substance treatment.

Nick Barela stated that the problem he struggles with is the lack of other recourses and other options for him to look for additional entities that offer these services, they had it out with SIGNAL because they were charging them a flat fee and they changed it for a fee of service, as a result that reduces the cost we have quite a bit of balance on CORE Funds that weren't used, feels things could always be improved in services; he is always open to other entities that are willing to provide services to them.

Nick Gablon gave his presentation as follows:

- Marketing tools-trying to get engagements with business owners and get their feedback on what they could use.

- CWSTEP-Governor Hickenlooper was interested in addressing a few issues which were needs with businesses and people finding work.
- Wages are 5000 which 1000 is for training, have partnered with Trinidad State, they don't help buy vehicles they help them repair them and prepare them to be successful, whole purpose of the program is to get people working.
- Audience- Is pretty spread out, the State of Colorado is a big part and 54 other counties are looking at what they have done, trying to address what works for them, they partner with the Work Force Center; it does work with rural communities.
- Other local counties that didn't participate are taking interest to what we are doing; we want to avoid poverty and would like them to fend for themselves, we are remotely working with Jefferson, Larimer and El Paso; we are trying to raise the bar so when they walk in they know we have the intention of getting them to work.
- They are trying to focus on change so that we can keep the cycle going, working on model engagement, building an idea on what the income looks like, we don't want them to feel comfortable and get benefits every month; we are trying to establish self-sufficiency, trying to build trust; trying to connect with small businesses.
- They have monetary incentive bonuses of \$50.00 for those that do satisfying or above work performance at their job; when they see problems they can address them immediately through Jane and him.
- Hosted a luncheon event to help businesses create jobs within their agencies; they had to develop a plan on how this works for them.
- One thing they are working on is whether they should be drug testing them; they only do so when employers ask them.
- Results: Have had the highest rate of attention in employment, our strengths are really worthwhile, we had 10 people placed and have 4 more to place, we were under expenditures; 50 % ended up retaining jobs.

Nick Barela-DSS Director mentioned that from the 52 clients from Colorado Works 50% are grandparents; they can engage with about 25 clients.

Tressesa-County Admn. thanked them, they got two internships through them one didn't work out, but it's been a great asset.

Mike Roque stated that he has a coffee shop in Antonito, he is desperate for a barista, he pays \$15.00 an hour, he could hire three

people; they are planning on doing a summer program with students so they may train them.

Jane Rodriguez stated she didn't have anything to say; Nick Gablon covered it all.

Samantha- Public Health/Board of Health Report

(OLTC Contract- Renewals EPR Contract-Immunization Renewal Contract, Core Service Contract)

Samantha presented the following:

A. Administration and Governance

1. Personnel -current

- a. 1 public health nurse vacant
- b. 1 prevention coordinator part time vacant
- c. Are staffed, always hiring PCP's
- d. Advertising for an OLTC manager

2. Facilities/Technology

- a. Working on getting the blinds,
- b. Outlet connect to generator for additional unit- completed

B. Assessment Planning and Communication

- 1. Continued work on objectives and goals
- 2. Task Order Contract -OPPI \$33,835.00
- 3. Public Health Transformation-All Public Health Departments have been coming together to see what it would cost to implement Core Services, how much we are spending right now versus how much we need to implement, they have been asked to do a cost assessment this month, will be getting together with Gary for numbers, will probably take 16 to 53 hours to complete it, they will submit the best they can.

Motion to approve the Task Order Contract-OPPI in the amount of \$33,850.00: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

C. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control

- a. Communicable Diseases
- b. Preparing to see an increase in animal bites.
- c. Hepatitis A outbreak-See Board Of Health
- d. Measles preparation-see Board Of Health

- e. Immunization- Contract Amendment FY 20 \$22,166.00
- f. Site visit on April 9th-VFC approved, additional funds to order new unit, will install this week, they cannot accept CHC Plus
- g. Hepatitis A Vaccine-offered at low/no cost to county patrol, jail and ambulance staff (didn't have too many people take them up on it)
- h. Measles response training (May 8th and 9th)- good refresher

Motion to enter into the contract with Colorado Public Health and Environment for Immunization CORE Services in the amount of \$22,166.00: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

D. Emergency Preparedness and Response

- a. Task Order Contract FY 20-\$19,533.00

Motion to approve Order Contract FY 20 with Colorado Public Health and Environment in the amount of \$19,533.00: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

- b. Completed the 3 day EOC training on April 30th -2nd (Marietta also attended).
- c. Completing final plan review
- d. Notification of additions funds
- e. Bomb cyclone event May 15th

E. Environmental Health

- a. Possibility of Waste Tire Event- looks like the state is not going to have funding until maybe after June

F. Prevention and Population Health

- a. Working on tobacco grant county policy
- b. Office of Behavioral Health Grant- Prevention Coalition- Hosted Trust Adults Training on April 15th
- c. Coalition meeting held on April 24th
- d. Parents who host the most outreach planned for week of May 20th
- e. Regional Summit- June 18th
- f. OBH site visit on May 13th

CDOT Grant

- a. 3 youth ambassadors currently with 1 potential part time ambassador
- b. IGDL competition
- c. Shared risk and protective factors conference in May (Generalist and 2 students)
- d. Offered to sponsor member of local Sheriff's Office to attend.

Child Fatality

- a. Supplemental funding for CDOT YAPP program to pay youth stipends- will be purchasing gift cards for year this month.

Baby and Me Tobacco Free

- a. Support smoking cessation for prenatal and postpartum mothers
- b. Continued recruitment of participants
- c. Possible MOU extension expected this month

G. Vital Records and Statistics

- a. Most small counties use other entities for this service, with public health to be notified/monitor for any significantly abnormal trends.
- b. Was able to locate copy of Current MOU with Alamosa.

H. Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program

- a. April 2695 field hours worked
- b. Currently hiring providers
- c. Close to referrals effective April 9th

I. Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- a. 339 total participation
- b. Commodities-Cooking Matters Class starting May 23rd

J. Options for Long Term Care Program

- a. 342 April- 189 Conejos
- b. New Contract
- c. Re-structure and staff transition (losing their supervisor)
- d. Next Regional Meeting- July 15TH
- e. List of 5 for regional program(Chrnm. Jarvies asked Samantha to come up with a list and they prioritize, she is the one that understands that)

f. Samantha stated that her goal is that clients wouldn't know the difference; she can put that on the list.

Samantha asked Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney if he had any comments on the OLTC master contract that is up for re-signing; it is pretty in depth and concerning.

Nick stated that there is a 2-month unilateral extension which is better than the last contract.

Samantha stated that they did add some language of how we would do that; they changed some language about sub-contracting which puts a lot more responsibility on us; looking at how we manage our contract with Costilla County.

Nick wanted to know where they would squeeze that, it's not a money making thing, it's a reimbursement.

Samantha stated that we would have to do more monitoring, we do have to be careful because it says we can't sub-contract more than 40% of the work out; Costilla wants more funding from us.

Motion to approve the contract with Colorado Department Health Care Policy and Financing for OLTC, maximum amount being \$688,510.00: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

K. Upcoming Travel

- a. IZC/Epi training- May 9th
- b. Shared risk and protective factors May 29
- c. Public Health in the Rockies- August

Public Health-Hepatitis A Outbreak Date

Colorado is experiencing an outbreak of Hepatitis A affecting people experiencing homelessness, people with substance use issues, and people who are incarcerated in city and county jails; showed a graph which shows it is closer to us than it normally is, some of those cases were in jail.

Nationwide Measles Outbreak- From January 1 to May 10, 2019 there have been 839 individual cases of measles confirmed in 23 states. This is an increase of 75 cases from the previous week.

Things to consider are: Quarantine and isolation orders, issuing and enforcement, taking care of people in isolation/quarantine, and

workload for Public Health Agency; would have to go to the judge for the order.

Chrmn. Jarvies mentioned that they might look at contracts with EMS that he would have to put into place in case of an emergency and have those already drawn up and ready to implement.

Samantha stated that she did ask the state to send them some of their templates, mentioned that in some states people aren't wanting to comply, how would we handle that at the county, we would have to tell them to stay at home with their children for 21 days, other issues would be such as lost wages, we would have to make sure they get food and how are we going to deliver the food, it's a pretty complex situation.

There was a short discussion of what they would do if someone doesn't want to quarantine, they would have to be arrested, they could not be put in jail because they don't have a negative air pressure room and the hospitals only have two in Alamosa.

Samantha explained how someone can be exposed; they are contagious before they get the rash; children should have 2 vaccines; if they had just one case that would do her office in; explained the dates that the vaccine was not effective; she has a press release that she can share.

Connie-HR asked Samantha if she could share the flyer with the jail staff.

Samantha stated that yes she can, also talked about the insurances that she will not be able to accept.

Linda- Land Use/Rueben Gingerich

Linda stated that Mr. Gingerich thought the hearing was scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 AM instead of today; he will be coming in so we may continue.

Nick Sarmiento opened up the public hearing for any comments for or against and also to inform the public that the hearing is being moved forward, asked if there was anyone from the public that showed up for the hearing; no one from the public had any comments for or against.

Mike Trujillo- Antonito Trails Presentation

Mike Trujillo stated that he is representing Conejos Clean Water, he has included a packet, the Google map shows the town library, they are proposing a cross walk which will be a 10 foot wide concrete path

which will be marked for a bike path and walking trail, that will extend all the way to what they believe is county property, they want to get permission to either build between what are federal easements or railroad easements, the town has approved their part, there will be a path by the car wash and the clinic, explained which will require state regulations for city or state highways, Linda has been part of the comprehensive plans which the county is involved in, the Town of Antonito is the fiscal agent, explained the funding resources which allows them to encourage recreation and Alternative Energy Concepts, CDOT and the railroad have been contacted, GOCO has given them the funding to develop this, they would build a nutrition center and do a greenhouse, there will be a library built downtown or at the old school which will be to utilize mountain bikes, talked about TAP-transportation alternative program, they need the county and town's blessing to go forward, the town is putting the money and getting reimbursed, they have 66,000 for trails but won't get the park built, showed the different types of paths they can do, they want to go to the trailer park and tie up with Veteran's Boulevard.

Tressesa County Admn. stated that they are going to apply for a GOCO Grant for Veterans Boulevard and also do a walking path, her and Donnie have looked at a parking area also.

Mike pointed out on the smart board the yellow which represents the mansion and the church and the murals downtown area, purple where they are going to get towards the end, green indicates the expensive part, that is why they are here that ties to the county, from the well we are not sure where the boundary ends, they were told it could be a combination of federal or railroad easements we are hoping that it belongs to the county, that is about 1/3 of a mile.

Comm. McCarroll asked Mike to point out the museum, mentioned that they tried to get CDOT to trade them property at the gravel pit across from the museum to Antonito and they wouldn't to it.

Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney stated that he and Linda and Naomi met and looked at some plats doesn't think they own any property there.

Mike stated that they can do an alternative, they wanted to avoid going across 285, Cumbres and Toltec might go for it across that portion of land, pointed out what Iowa Pacifica owns; they have to think if the county owns any property.

The county will do a letter of support for the TAP application.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is in favor of a letter of support.

Mike will stay in contact and work with Linda; after they get the survey done they will be able to tell if the property belongs to Iowa Pacifica or the Federal Government.

Ernest Abeyta-Ambulance

Ernest presented his report as follows:

- Financial Report-Finances have significantly increased for the month of April.
- Overtime has gone down almost 50%.
- In April they had 103 runs- crew is picking up extra calls- 6 secondary and 3rd calls out this month, things are picking up.
- A&B Mars- January 2019 they are at 293,000 that needs to be collected, April they were down to 213,136.65- most of that has to do with the self-pay patients.
- Hospital- update from last month, the hospital wants them to be contracting with them, we were unable to get a contract due to the fact that the insurance would not cover them in hospital facilities, they are only covered door to door, the hospital has proposed to SLV Health that they take them on as part time employees but it is still in the works, the doctors and nurses want them at the hospital, the doctor's appointments that we take for them we have billed the hospital directly, the insurances will not pay because it is considered in facility.

Tressesa County Admn. stated that she has been thinking about that because they would be taking you as an employee at the hospital, we are going to do the wear and tear on our ambulance and staff.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they will get another meeting going and have Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney attend so he may address some of those concerns.

- Ernest stated that they are at about 410 runs this year.
- Had a meeting with the billing agency concerning the issues he mentioned before; spoke to Chad who is one of the managers from A&B Mars, stated that everything that was brought to him is an easy fix.
- They are doing a fund raiser-selling t-shirts, made all the money they had spent on buying the t-shirts.
- Need to ask to review the 5 year contract for equipment services, as part of their obligation in receiving grant money from the state is that we maintain our equipment; we have nothing in place to maintain any of it; they have one monitor that does not

function the way it should be, he contacted bio-med at the Alamosa Hospital because they have helped them before with their gurneys but they must have changed to a service themselves, they are probably not able to work on our equipment because we are not part of the hospital right now, monitors are 36,000 and 17,000 with the grant, they have three that have not been maintained for the last 3-5 years; there is other equipment that has to be serviced, wants to know what they should do with the extra monitors, do they get them serviced and then sell them, sell as is or do we keep them as a backup.

Chrmn. Jarvies asked Ernest how soon does he need the contract.

Ernest stated that by the end of the month would be fine.

Ernest mentioned that the cost is annual cost; to fix the one monitor they wanted \$3500.00

Nick Sarmiento- County Attorney stated that he reviewed it but it doesn't have the language to work as a government entity; it's a real quick fix, this contract is a 5 year contract but the only way we get out of this contract is for cause but there is a wind down period because they have all our information; we need the multi waiver in there.

Chrmn. Jarvies asked Ernest to get together with Nick to work on the contract.

Rio De La Vista

Rio De La Vista stated she is with the Salazar Rio Grande Del Norte Center at Adams State University, handed out a map and some other handouts which will go in hand with the trails that Mike was talking about, she talked about the Rio Grande Natural Area that was designated by Congress around 2006, they came up with a management plan which included recreation, conservation, interpretation creating ways for people to enjoy, overtime they get some funding through the Sangre De Cristo National Heritage Area to do signs where the 142 crosses the river, they are working with the BLM, there are places where there are empty signs in so that seems like the logical place, they are looking at putting a map at the 142 which is South of Los Sauces, that would be a two panel sign at Los Sauces, she will be setting one up at Alamosa Depot and the visitors center in San Luis; was hoping she could place one at the museum.

Tressesa, County Administrator stated that she thought of framing them and putting them on the courthouse halls for now.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that she could probably check at the Antonito Town Hall.

Rio stated that there is a potential with the Town of Manassa going for a TOP Grant; they are working with BLM so they can put those ideas on their review, she might put Mike Trujillo in contact with Kelly Ortiz maybe they can roll it into one big grant, would like to have a few picnic tables and a few structures, she is trying to engage Adams State and get students involved in designing the picnic tables and shade structures; the whole west side of the corridor is designated critical habitat.

Rio talked about the brochure concerning Colorado's most endangered places; they got contacted by descendants of Albert McIntire who was the governor of Colorado in 1895 and they built that mansion, they got nominated and it got selected to Colorado's most endangered places, a video was done on it, so it's been a notice to BLM, would like to preserve what we have; they are going to do an assessment grant and tell them what's possible with that place.

Rio stated that they are doing a tour this Saturday, they are trying to offer some flights, they will leave at 10:00 have lunch and then go on to the Lobatos Bridge; it will go on until 3:00 PM.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is thinking strongly of going on the tour.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that it looks like a great project, they want to promote that area and get people to use it to see what's out there; they will keep working with her; would like to help by moving some big rocks.

Rio stated that she had a very good meeting with the Heritage Area and San Luis Valley Great Outdoors; they are working that partnership together.

Rio talked about the issue of where the boundary is; Dan Russell gathered some information about it, Costilla is more impacted by it the east high water makes it the boundary over the entire corridor, Erin Minks would like Dan Russell to brief her to see if Costilla County will do a letter, would like to have representatives from both counties so they make more use of his time so if one of the commissioners or Nick would like to come; it would be nice to get it resolved.

Chrmn. Jarvies asked Rio to let them know so they have time to plan.

There was a short discussion concerning boundary issues; such as when surveys are incorrect.

Linda-Land Use

Linda stated that Mr. Gingerich didn't show up so would like to request to continue the matter until the next Commissioner's Meeting.

Nick Sarmiento stated that they will have to re-open the public hearing at that time.

Linda stated that they were scheduled to make a decision on the William and Shirley Knox Special Use Permit for overnight lodging, there is a problem she did not post a notice on the property, they started this in the winter, they couldn't get up there, now the landowners are there and they are up in arms so she has had what she would call verbal threats that they would take legal action against us if we didn't allow some of the phone calls and the other comments that came in and she told them she wouldn't accept those; she is requesting that we do not make a decision, that she be allowed to re-schedule and open public comments again to allow all the folks up there; Mrs. Knox is out of the country, she is communicating by e-mail, she is not happy she does not feel that anybody that's within 500 ft. or beyond 500 feet has any right to comment, she told her that everybody has a right to comment.

Linda mentioned that a couple of other issues that the landowners have said that they don't think it was also proper that she should have noticed all of Rocky Mountain Estates because then they wouldn't be going through posting notice, it still would have been an issue because they are one community and for only some of them to get noticed- they are pretty upset, Mrs. Knox told her that she might just go ahead and rent it for 30 days; planning commission did not feel that it is very effective by letting her skype.

Linda stated that if it's something that is not accessible in the winter then they just won't do it.

Chrmn. Jarvies asked if they have anywhere in their Land Use Code whether they can appear by phone or allow them to skype; wanted to know if that cannot be allowed.

Linda said no that's not in the land use code.

Nick Sarmiento stated that it is up to their discretion, they have had other times where it has not been controversial and they have done it by phone.

Linda stated that if she does decide to go with the Special Use she will publish everything and let her know that she is required to be here.

Linda stated that she was contacted by Chris Kanali with the SLV Eco System Conejos Clean Water, they are working on that grant for the transfer station's recycling facility, she scheduled a tour and she wants Linda to go; would like to see if anyone else would like to go.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is in more than in support of having Linda go on the tour.

Donnie- Road and Bridge update

Donnie gave an update on the following:

- Can almost get started with Antonito- depends on the route they want to go, talked to Rossi they have some pretty nice equipment, they want to use a black poly type pipe, we might do the trench and Robins can do the piping, or if they want to contract and get it all done, they will be doing paving for them later.
- Sheriff Crowther is getting all the e-mails he is getting so he should be up to speed on it.
- They do need to dig up the lines that go from the jail to the septic tanks.
- Will get their new furnace, it is in Pueblo will be set up for about \$17,000.
- Got some handicap door openers- will be wired pretty soon.
- Iggy wants a water truck, he ran the hours on the water trucks, they are using the water truck 46.7 hours a year; they can send that water truck wherever they need to.
- Wants to cross train, wants every person from every department to know every vehicle, they should have competent employees and work together.
- Let the people know that they are going to do walk arounds on the vehicles, want people to be responsible, wants the vehicles clean without the beds full of junk.
- Tressesa would like to have check out sheets on the water trucks.
- Would like to see if they can get a diesel truck to haul equipment.
- Need an asphalt elevator, will be getting a cookie cutter.
- Talked about checking roads, maintenance, etc. would like reports to show what the guys are doing.
- Would like the guys to know all three districts, he is talking to the supervisors about swapping people; that will be a discussion at their next supervisor's meeting.
- Looking at bridges will be a priority.

- There will be a meeting tomorrow, is training for sanitary surveys, they go through all their water systems, this way he will have a heads up on what he needs to look for beforehand.
- Would like to get the asphalt paving as early as they can which will be in June, next year the paving project will be a priority.
- When they go to the auctions they inspect everything.
- Bought a 2016 trailer for \$22,000-that concluded Donnie's report.


Railroad Issue

Nick Sarmiento stated that concerning the railroad they can try to sue them but cannot encumber their property, they can get a judgment, if they breach the contract then the deal is off, if they pay what they owe then they can forgive the interest, everyone else has cut deals with them and they have defaulted in the payments.

Nick mentioned that there was a potential litigation concerning the mosquito sprayer, he would like a demand letter; they will go into executive session if they have to.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chrmn. Jarvies declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


NATHAN RUYBAL
CLERK OF THE BOARD


MITCHELL JARVIES
CHRMN. BD OF COUNTY COMM.