
Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting held on
January 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM in the Conejos County Board Room, 6683
County RD 13, Conejos, CO. 81129

Chrmn. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Roll Call

Mitchell Jarvies- Chrmn.-Present
Steve McCarroll-Vice Chair-Present
Carlos Garcia-Vice Chair-Absent
Tressesa Martinez- Admn.-Present

Also present was AnnaBelle Gomez, Deputy Clerk.

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

Prayer: Chrmn. Jarvies gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a discussion of the fire paging repeater on San Antonio Mountain: Comm. McCarroll, second: Chrmn. Jarvies

2-0 Motion carried.

Administrators Correspondence

CCI Proxy-Michael Yohn-CCI Meetings Thursday January 23rd and Friday January 24th, 2020

Comm. McCarroll stated that Darius Allen from Alamosa called and talked to him and asked if they could support him in the public lands he is running for Vice-Chair. He is concerned because there is a person that is against PILT that is also running. He talked to him about the other legislative committees and he said that they can get a proxy to vote for you on all those and he suggested Michael Yohn. That is what they are doing here today.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that he felt it was good, we need the representation for our rural areas and especially somebody that will defend PILT; people don't understand the burden that it is to not have

those tax dollars within our county; without PILT that would really be tough.

Motion to give our proxy vote to Michael Yohn Alamosa County Commissioner to the CCI Committee for him to be able to represent Conejos County on Thursday January 23rd and Friday January 24th, 2020: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Chrmn. Jarvies, all in favor.

2-0 Motion carried.

Tressesa, County Admn. stated that she has already made the phone call so she will send that out today.

Fire Paging Repeater

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that Pauli Duran called him about the repeater up at the mountain. The pager wasn't working, they couldn't page fires. He thought that they were going to have to spend \$15,000 to get it fixed and they didn't have the money. He called him back and said it was a small part, they were going to be able to fix it, they got it fixed but it is down again.

Cameron Decker called him and wanted him to get back to him but he couldn't get ahold of him. Austin Valdez called him, the same thing is happening and the repeater is just old and wore out, they need to replace it. They can replace it for around 5000. The reason he wanted to bring it up here is because they want to ask the 911 Board for monies which is okay with him. That is what that money is for if they designate the counties each year. Austin's concern was that for some reason Antonito Fire holds the license on that repeater and he was concerned that if they hold it sometimes people start getting a little possessive with things. He told him what they had done with their Emergency Management equipment. They did a memorandum between the counties, maybe they could do something like that between their fire districts that the repeater belongs to all the fire districts and at the same time they could all be responsible for the upkeep and financial side of it as well. He would like to talk to Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney to see if he would be willing to do that memorandum if they agree to allow him.

Comm. McCarroll said he was okay with that. Austin called him also and he suggested that he call Chrmn. Jarvies because he sits on that board.


Chrmn. Jarvies stated that it is okay to allow our county attorney to draft that MOU.


Tressesa, County Admn. will go ahead and let Nick Sarmiento know and if he has any questions he can call Chrmn. Jarvies.

Tressesa said that she would like this on record. Mack Crowther-County Treasurer just got a phone call from Curt Wilson. It looks like the Centauri School is willing to donate \$2,500 towards the railroad cost. She will be putting an invoice for them and sending it out today.

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. OF THE BOARD

Minutes of the County Commissioners Special Meeting held on January 30, 2020 at 1:30 PM in the Conejos County Board Room, 6683 County Rd 13, Conejos, CO. 81129

Call the meeting to order.

Chrmn. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Mitchell Jarvies- Chrmn. Present
Steve McCarroll- Vice Chair-Present
Carlos Garcia- Vice Chair- Present
Tressesa Martinez-Admn.- Present

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

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

Prayer: Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing the La Jara Reservoir and State Land Board: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garci, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

La Jara Reservoir/State Land Board

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that Brian Bechaver contacted him and said that it hasn't been public but the State Land Board wants to sell La Jara Reservoir which consists of 55,000 acres. Right now they are trying to sell to the big players-private individuals; that is who they are marketing to. They are very concerned that if that were to happen someone would close the La Jara Reservoir or become privatized and basically lock the gate and that would be it. He wanted to bring it before the board. The same thing happened on the small piece that was

state land by the Rio Grande it went up for sale and the CPW doesn't have money and they can't own land but they found money to purchase that and Costilla County took ownership with an MOU that the CPW would run it. He is looking to if it would work and if it comes to that and they can find the money that maybe as a county we could look at taking the ownership and same type of MOU that CPW would manage it and take care of it. That would protect our grazing rights up there, fishing and hunting and wood hauling which are the things that local people do. That would become a 55,000 acre grant which is tax base for us but many people use that. He is just bringing it up for thought and discussion because someone would have to take ownership of it. He wanted to bring it up just in case people start calling about it.

Comm. McCarroll stated that the road would have to stay open because it is the only access to the Forest Service.

Tressesa, County Admn. asked if anyone could purchase it.

Chrmn. Jarvies said yes it seems like that is what they are marketing to.

County Attorney Nick Sarmiento will check into it.

Tressesa, County Admn. stated that there would probably be money through GOCO- open space.

There was a short discussion on water rights.

Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney will e-mail the State Land Board to see what is going on.

Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session as per 24-6-402 (b) legal counsel concerning pending and upcoming applications before the Planning Commission Meeting: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

The board came out of executive session conference with an attorney at 2:38 PM and no decisions were made.

Nick Sarmiento: It is the opinion of the county attorney that the discussion held constituted an attorney/client privilege therefore no record was kept.

Fire-Districts-Discussion

Chrmn. Jarvies asked Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney if they had asked him about the fire districts; the repeater went out in the mountain. Austin Valdez and Cameron Decker called him, they want to apply through the 911 Board to get a system to help pay for a new one. It services all the fire districts in the county. South Conejos has the license on it right now.

Connie-HR Director stated that South Conejos does have the license right now. They got a quote which is around \$8800 to replace it.

Chrmn. Jarvies thought Nick could do an MOU between the fire departments where all of them are responsible for it and all of them have ownership and then they can come to us and we can go to the 911 Board.

Connie stated that right now South Conejos is paying for those costs. They have gotten a verbal from the other districts that they will share the costs.

Motion to allow Nick Sarmiento, County Attorney to help the fire districts create a MOU to take care of the repeater at the San Antone Mountain: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

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

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