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**Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Payroll Meeting held on  
April 16, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Conejos County Board Room, 6683  
County Rd 13, Conejos, CO. 81129**

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**Call the meeting to order:**

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

Also present were Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney and AnnaBelle Gomez,  
Deputy Clerk & Recorder. Connie -HR was present by tele-conference.

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

**Prayer:** Comm. McCarroll gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda with an amendment of a final decision on  
the Robins Construction -112 Mining Permit-Large Rock Quarry action  
item to a discussion item: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all  
in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 02, 2020: Comm.  
McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

The Board recessed for a few minutes.

Board came out of recess.

**Administrators Correspondence**

**Morgan Drain District- Board Member Appointment**

Tressesa stated that they have the appointment for the 3 members to the Morgan Drain District and turned the time over to Chrmn. Jarvies.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they had interviews yesterday to appoint new board of directors to the Morgan Drain District. They had 13 original applications. When Tressesa called for interviews only 5 people showed interest. They did interviews over the phone and has really qualified good candidates and turned the time over to the other Commissioners to speak.

Comm. Garcia stated that he will echo what Chrmn. Jarvies stated, they had very good applicants, interviews went well and they are ready to appoint 3 applicants.

Comm. McCarroll stated that he feels the same way. They felt good about all five.

Motion to appoint Margie DeHerrera, Jason Coombs, and Virgil Valdez as board members to the Morgan Drain District: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Tressesa, County Admn. Will go ahead and get ahold of them to let them know that they chose them to serve on that board.

Steve Atencio-tele conference- asked if all the commissioners had a chance to review the complaint.

Nick Sarmiento stated that there is no discussion about the complaint, this is just for the appointment.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they did ask all the candidates at the interviews whether there was a conflict of interest with them in making decisions if they were chosen. Mr. and Mrs. DeHerrera as well as Jason Coombs and Dominic Chavez all brought up the discussions on the legalities that were being discussed within the Morgan Drainage District. They did take that into consideration and they felt that was a good board that would be able to go forward and run the drainage district. The legalities part of it is not up to us to decide one way or the other.

Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney asked that they discuss in open session why their decision and explain why each individual candidate is the best and we can make another motion.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that as they went through the interview process with each individual they looked at their ability to work with others, their vision of what the drainage needs to be and which direction it needs to go. He felt that Mrs. DeHerrera with her history as a school teacher and the things that she has done and been on she sounded very open and willing to work for the good of the drainage district as a whole even though there are some issues and conflicts she would be able to serve and have good open discussions with other members of the board. As they discussed and interviewed he felt like Mr. Coombs' knowledge of the district overall and what has been done in the past history of the district that he had a lot to offer and bring to the table as a board member he could help move that forward and his concern was making sure that by-laws were put into place and things done correctly and everybody be fair and move forward. Mr. Valdez did express that he is a little busy but he feels that the busiest people are the ones that get things done; he felt really good about him. Nothing contrary to Mr. DeHerrera or Dominic; but felt those 3 could really work together.

Comm. McCarroll stated that they had 5 good interviews, each one brought things to the table that would help. He felt strongly about Margie she said she had the time and effort to set up by laws. Virgil has been in a lot of boards so he knows a lot about ditch boards and Jason has a lot of knowledge about the Morgan Drainage which he thought that was also a plus.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is very confident with Margie DeHerrera, Jason Coombs, and Virgil Valdez. He feels the other 2 applicants could have done a good job. He is very confident that they can get the Morgan Drainage back on its feet and running.

Nick Sarmiento asked how many applicants did they receive.

Tressesa, County Admn. stated that they received 13, some weren't even in the district, and some just said they didn't want to serve so they declined and they landed up with 5 which are the ones the commissioners interviewed.

Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney asked if there was anything that they would like to reconsider, any new information, everyone else asked the

same questions, and were the interviews sufficient for them to make a determination.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that he felt the interviews were good and clear and they asked the same questions he doesn't need any more information to decide.

Comm. McCarroll stated that he feels the same. They asked the same questions and they all answered very well.

Comm. Garcia stated that they don't need any more information towards his recommendation.

Motion to ratify the decision that they made to appoint Margie DeHerrera, Jason Coombs and Virgil Valdez as Board of Directors for the Morgan Drainage District: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, motion carried.

3-0 Motion carried.

Steve Atencio has no questions.

### **SLV Fair-Discussion**

Tressesa, County Admn. stated that Comm. Garcia wanted her to put this on the agenda.

Comm. Garcia proceeded to read the letter from Jason Tillman SLV Fair Board president which states that he is writing this on behalf of the SLV Fair for the history books. They are planning to hold a fair in August. They would like to reach out to all the County Commissioners to get their input on how to handle moving forward. The SLV fair basis a lot of their fair rules and regulations on what the state fair does. They have been in contact with the State Fair and they are not going to make a decision on cancelling or having the state fair until late June. With the approval from your County Commissioners from the SLV Fair Board we would like to hold off on our decision until early July, this would give the kids hope that we are going to get back to somewhat of normality and we are in their corner. If you are planning on having a commissioners meeting and would like one of us to attend and discuss he would be more than happy to do so. He greatly appreciates all they do for the SLV Fair and look forward to their partnership for many years to come.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is okay with the re-considering of when they want to hold that in early July.

The board all felt fine that they hold off a little bit. Chrmn. Jarvies felt it is wise for them to hold off and see how things are going before they make any decisions; they will have Tressesa-County Administrator respond to his letter stating that it was discussed and that they agree with Mr. Tillman.

**Resolution C-13-20 Fire Ban**

Tressesa-County Admn. stated that she put the resolution together with the Sheriff's recommendations.

Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney stated that was the sheriff's decision to make so under the new fire ban ordinance that would be appropriate for him to make those declarations which are the first stages of the fire ban-red flag. Right now the rules have been suspended by Governor Polis in terms of fire bans.

Motion to approve Resolution C-13-20 A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A FIRE BAN IN CONEJOS COUNTY: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor, motion carried.

3-0 Motion carried.

**First Reading of the Ordinance for the fire ban**

Nick Sarmiento stated that this is the first reading of the Fire Ban Ordinance pursuant to statute, the statute which is actually suspended right now due to Covid.

Nick proceeded to read Ordinance Conejos County 2020-1 Re: Ordinance Restricting Open Fires and Open Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of Conejos County, Colorado.

Motion to accept the first reading of the fire ban ordinance in Conejos County as presented: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Nick Sarmiento stated that they will publish the first reading this week and also publish the public notice and will have a public hearing on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Liquor License Renewal-Wagon Wheel Saloon LLC**

AnnaBelle Gomez, Deputy Clerk & Recorder presented the liquor license renewal for the Wagon Wheel Saloon LLC for Max DeHerrera. The poster was posted on the premises on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There have not been violations; didn't receive any comments from anyone.

Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for the Wagon Wheel Saloon, LLC as presented: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

**Nick Barela- DSS Report**

Nick stated that he wants to give a quick update on the Conejos County numbers for the census; they are at about 18.1-18.2 which is pretty low. He did reach out to the municipalities and different towns to try and encourage their citizens and also see how they could reach to the senior population but the Covid19 has impeded the progress; it will probably be extended to the end of August.

Nick presented his report as follows:

Program Admin. costs in the amount of \$381,437.37 and Accounts Payables in the amount of 13,550.84.

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

3-0 Motion carried.

Case Load report:

Child Support-400 Cases	Adult Financial- 124 Cases
Colorado Works-51 Cases	Food Stamp- 774 Cases
Medical Assistance-1,557 Cases	

Nick Barela stated why some of those numbers have increased; also mentioned that they have an emergency diversion which is posted on the county website that it is available; they have not advertised it.

Nick stated that they received a letter of compliance regarding two separate cases. There were findings in regards to timeliness of data entry into their trail system and documentation into the state system.

Their state liaison is going to be meeting with their child welfare team every two weeks to get that situation remedied; Nick stated that they were short staffed and the case worker is no longer with their agency.

Nick stated that they did enter into an agreement with Thompson Reuters in the amount of \$394.14 which is a monthly charge for a minimum term of 36 months; that is split between DSS and the county.

Nick gave a quick Covid19 update. Some of the key points that he wanted to point out was SNAP households have received the maximum allotment for the months of March and April. For a household of one it is \$194.00 which is good for the elderly population; mentioned that Triple A are helping the elderly population get their medications and do some of their grocery shopping along with the providers under Denise' program. Next month's costs might double.

**Medicaid**-They have also extended continuance coverage and also for any individual that is denied for Medicaid might still be eligible for a Covid19 waiver.

**Child Care Program**- The parental fees have been waived for parents. They have increased the absences to providers. They have been able to pay up to 30 days absences for some of their providers. The state has offered free child care to some of the essential workers up to 2 weeks.

**Child Support**-Hot topic is the stimulus money.

**LEAP**- Ends now in April which will be extended into August or until the funds run out.

Nick stated that he sat on review committee for Colorado Blueprint For Hunger. They reviewed a bunch of applications for some funding. They had a lot of the school districts apply; pretty much all of them got something.

**Ashley Valdez-Xcel Area Manager- Mitigation Presentation-Tele-Conference**

The board proceeded to call Ashley, Kirk and Adam.

Ashley stated that she is the area manager of community and local government for Xcel Energy in Southern Colorado and Kirk is the

customer relation department with Xcel Energy, he is the manager of policy and outreach.

They have a presentation in light of the spring fire with dry conditions they felt it was pretty important to reach out to the County Commissioners to discuss what they are doing in regards to fire mitigation. They have done a similar presentation in the San Luis Valley; they have had the pleasure of working with Rodney King.

Ashley stated that they will take a look at what they accomplished in 2019 and then look forward to their priorities and planning for this year and discuss how you and your community can be involved by providing feedback.

Kirk explained the Wildfire Mitigation Plan which started back in 2018. He talked about the System Hardening, Operations and Communications, also mentioned the amount of electric transmission, electric distribution and gas transmission pipelines.

Kirk talked about the program goals and key components which included: minimize risks of equipment-caused ignitions and causing a wildfire. He talked about their 2019 accomplishments. They determined how to benchmark with other utilities, expand inspection, improve operational flexibility needs and extend outreach efforts. He talked about inspections and system hardening which is used to identify and evaluate assets in Wildfire Risk Zones. Kirk talked about the New Wildfire Standards, Red Flag Warning Notifications, Wildfire Mitigation Training and Process Modifications; and Community & Stakeholder Engagement.

Kirk stated that their 2020 plans are: to continue work underway, further develop and incorporate emerging technologies, enhance industry and community partnership and advance initiatives; would like to partnership as they move forward with the plan.

Comm. Garcia thanked Kirk for everything they are trying to do to mitigate any potential wildfires and we are experiencing drought like conditions here in the SLV.

Comm. McCarroll thanked Kirk for the presentation.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they appreciate what is being done and they work closely with Adam Moore who does a lot of the fire wise up the canyon; and appreciate them working with their emergency manager.



Ashley stated that she is happy to work with the commissioners and with Rodney; she looks forward to meeting face to face and provide more updates in person.

**Denise Public Health/Board of Director**

Denise stated that she e-mailed her report to the Commissioners, Tressesa and Connie.

Denise gave her report as follows: Public Health Commissioners Report

- She has limited staff - they have 5 in the office including commodities.
- OLTC-Costilla County- Denise stated that right now HCPF have not found a successor to take on the program and they have not approached them, doesn't know if they will but if they do she will certainly let them know. Jerrica Crowther is working on the transition. She has been working with the representative from the state. They are at eleven weeks to closure and are complying with what they need to do.
- Denise moved on to the Board of Health Report at this time. As of today they do not have any COVID confirmed cases in Conejos County. Denise reported on the amount of cases in Colorado, number of those who were hospitalized, number of counties, people tested, number of deaths and number of outbreaks at residential and non-hospital health care facilities; talked about the number confirmed cases in the San Luis Valley, and numbers of tests completed in Conejos County. Denise felt we should be wearing masks; people are getting too complacent; we should be practicing social distancing
- Standing Public Health Order: 3-17-2020 limited groups to 30 people of less. 3-26-2020-limited groups to 10 people; expiring midnight on 4/15/2020, 4/15/2020- groups of 10 or less with open ended expiration dated- filed and recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder.
- Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they will go into recess and re-open as Board of Health.

Comm. Garcia stated that he is okay with revising this or continue the standing health order if that is Denise's recommendation to be reviewed that their next meeting in May.

Denise stated that we have a population that is not following that. She does not want to provide a loop hole for gatherings and have to enforce that because it would be a waste of our resources.

Comm. McCarroll stated that he is fine extending it to the next meeting.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that it is there through the state but if people don't see that we have it in place it might be an excuse to say they don't have to.

Nick Sarmiento, County Attorney stated that the Public Health Director issues an order which is separate from their resolution continuing the declaration of an emergency.

Denise stated that is prepared and will be recorded today.

Motion to approve Resolution C-14-2020 EXTENDING DECLARING A DISASTER IN AND FOR CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO and for people to follow the guidelines as described by the government and the state: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

Denise stated that the EOC meets twice a week Mondays and Thursday at 7:30 if the commissioners would like to participate and Rodney has the information for the regional meeting.

Denise mentioned that because they haven't seen any confirmed cases we still need to continue social distancing and mask wearing because our resources are thinning.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that Sheriff Crowther has a comment.

Sheriff Crowther stated that he thought Denise asked for assistance from his department.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that she didn't want to put an added burden on them for enforcement if they ignore the governor's order.

The board recessed from the Board of Health Meeting and went back to the regular commissioners meeting.

#### **Rodney King-Emergency Preparedness Report**

Rodney stated that he sent them his report which included: SLV Covid incident Action Plan, SLV incident Command & General Staff Chart, Critical needs, MOU draft letter of authority from individual counties or the SLV County Commissioners Association.

Rodney also talked about the CC OEM hours.

Rodney mentioned that Lisa from Alamosa Public Health who does the financial stated that as of yesterday they have spent 78,622 dollars, a lot of that are people that are already hooked into an entity but once in a while they have to get somebody in like Pete McGee is not affiliated with someone; they would have to try and pick up some of his expenses. It seems like it is around \$1300 per county.

Rodney talked about FEMA 75%-25% split- Mineral County is the fiscal agent. He thinks the state will pick up the 25%.

Rodney stated that he putting in a lot of overtime, do they want him to stop working or use some comp time.

Tressesa County Admn. stated that she is working with all the departments and is trying to get their time sheets in. She would like to get Rodney's and present to the commissioners.

Chrmn. Jarvies asked what else does he do besides monitor because it is being monitored through public health quite a bit; would like to have him cut wherever he can.

Rodney stated that he is trying to stay on top of what is going on. They are looking at how they can respond if all of a sudden they get 20,30, or 40 people showing up at the hospital with Covid how do they take care of that. Public Health is concerned with all that but they are trying to do the big picture. It is taking a lot of hours of how they use the information; there are a lot of discussions going on and planning.

Comm. McCarroll stated that he agrees he doesn't feel they should have that much overtime. We have what we have so if we just monitor it, if we get in a bind then that's when we need the overtime.

Comm. Garcia stated that he tends to agree that let's see what happens within the next 10 days and see if there is a surge or not.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated to try to keep it a minimum if we can.

Rodney stated that they have talked about shutting the regional one down and letting Public Health take over but they have enough on their plate right now. They are trying to cut down to 3 days a week, they might cut down to 2 days. If they don't have a surge then they can go to individual counties.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they appreciate what he is doing they understand that there are a lot of things that have to be organized.

Rodney stated that they would like them to look at that MOU. They have very limited tests in the whole valley.

**Naomi Keys-County Assessor/Abatement-Tele-Conference**

Naomi presented one abatement for approval under the name of John Miller Schedule #556116300050 for 2019. They had the characteristics incorrect. They are going to abate \$441.16 in taxes.

Motion to approve the abatement as presented: Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried unanimously.

**Robins Construction -112 Mining Report- Large Rock Quarry**

Chrmn. Jarvies called Mr. Montgomery-Attorney for Robins Construction; mentioned all those present at said meeting. He stated that Nick Sarmiento, County Attorney has asked to give him a call and explain where they are at and he can comment.

Nick Sarmiento stated that today there were set to bring forward an agreement or a stipulation as to the Special Use Permit regarding the expansion of the Robins Construction/Gravel Pit. We have been in discussion with the attorney and Mr. Robins; we are still working on it. This quarantine has prevented them from having a sit down. They are making progress in terms of the stipulation for the Special Use Permit. They are going to ask for an extension of time before they can submit any stipulations because they still don't have them. They did make a commitment to the public that they would also receive those stipulations so in order to affect that we will probably have to publish the stipulation on the website; that is just a thought. They are still set for determination of this on May 7th, 2020.

Mr. Montgomery stated that is correct.

Nick stated that it is difficult to have negotiations over the phone. He turned it over to Mr. Montgomery for discussion.

Mr. Montgomery counsel for Robins Construction stated that as Mr. Sarmiento indicated that they had at least 3 phone conferences with his clients, with Land Use, Road and Bridge and Mr. Sarmiento's Office. I think we have the outline of a mitigation plan. What we need is a little bit of addition information from Mr. Martinez's office and also his client. I hope to have a draft resolution to Mr. Sarmiento by close of business tomorrow the latest; would likely may have to revise or amend their proposal but they should have something by next week. He didn't know what the commissioner's time line is as far as getting

an agreed draft to the commissioner for their review in advance to actually have a meeting but from their perspective I think we should be able to have something to submit to you within the next week.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that is fine with them they are willing to work with them on a timeline; they don't want to hold anything up.

Mr. Montgomery stated that if all possible they don't know if they missed their timeline but Public Health Emergency has affected all of us but if we can hold on that May 7<sup>th</sup> day would be ideal for us and it may not occur we are aware of that and asked if there a deadline for us to request an extension if we miss that May 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Mr. Sarmiento stated that the benefit of the extension is for you and your client is the one that agreed to the extension. If we can't come up with a concrete estimate just ask for an extension and they can ask the commissioners for an extension on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Montgomery stated that he will work with Mr. Sarmiento; that sounded fine.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they will work with him too.

**Linda-Land Use- Robins Construction/112 Mining Permit-Large Rock Quarry**

Linda stated that she did get a phone call and e-mail from Mike Sisneros wanting to know what the status was and what she let him know is that it looked like we would be meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I think that he would be interested in seeing the agreement or attending the meeting.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they can probably put it on the website but we will make sure that everybody that wants to see it gets a chance.

Comm. Garcia asked Linda if she can call those citizens that testified and let them know that it is on the website.

Linda said that she could do that.

Nick Sarmiento stated that the proposed agreement will have independent parts, that way they can agree on what they want and also disagree.

Comm. McCarroll stated they just want to make sure that they are in agreement and think it is fair for both sides.

Comm. Garcia stated that they can ask the county and Mr. Robins to negotiate on something that is a point of contention.

Nick stated that would be done on the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; the board can ask for more time to review.

Linda gave an update of how the office has been running, mentioned the number of phone calls they receive daily, stated that Chris has been working on septic systems but not in contact with anyone. Linda stated that the Land Use truck is ready to be picked up as soon as they get a check.

### **Mack Crowther-Public Trustee's Report**

Mack Crowther-PT sent the board a copy of the Public Trustee's Report.

Chrmn. Jarvies presented he Public Trustee's Report which included number of releases, foreclosures, fees, Public Trustee's Deeds, and amount of fees.

Motion to approve the Public Trustee's Report as presented: Comm. Garcia/Second: Comm. McCarroll, all in favor.

3-0 Motion carried.

### **Donnie-Road and Bridge Report**

Donnie state that they have been visiting through e-mail but one of the things that he would like to mention is that the Town of Manassa wants to rent one or two of our road graders. If they decide to do anything he would feel better if we send a couple of our guys. They do provide tankers with water but that is all that we would get from them.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that he would not want to put other people on their equipment; he would rather work with a cost share agreement through Nick like they have done with others.

Comm. Garcia stated that they should be consistent.

Comm. MCarroll stated that he doesn't mind helping but would not want somebody else on our equipment.

Comm. Garcia stated that the Town of Manassa helped us out.

Donnie stated that the Town of Manassa did help us clean one of the culverts, in the past they have loaned equipment like rollers and odds and ends.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that it needs to be fair both ways. Talked about what happened with Alamosa because they didn't really keep track, also stated that Manassa cannot sell their water.

Donnie talked about the situation with the culvert and he did contact him to let him know what they did and what they came up with.

Donnie will visit with Paul and Anthony/Manassa and let them know that they cannot lease but maybe they can come up with some kind of agreement.

Donnie talked about the Jail Sewer Project. He stated that just having the materials dropped has been hard. They are getting things a little bit at a time. Rossi-Town of Antonito is getting ready; things are working as it is and they don't have too many inmates.

Donnie visited with Leon from BLM on a county road issue, he visited it with Nick a little bit; he will send them an email for the board to review.

Arena- He had a call from Ernest about installing a washer and dryer that they already have in the building where they are at and they also want a shower. He threw together some cost estimates which he can do if they want him to, if not they can contract someone to do that.

Road and Bridge- Donnie sent an email out to see if they will go full time with their Road and Bridge crew. They are social distancing but falling behind on some things. In discussion with their supervisors they have been doing phone conferences instead of meetings, they are all willing to go back to work and get things done but he does not want them to get complacent and start hanging out in the lunch room again. He would like the board's blessing on what they want them to do and don't want them to do.

Donnie stated that the supervisors are out evaluating the roads, mentioned what roads had been graded and amount time spent, installed a couple of culverts; they are pretty busy.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that if the roads get really bad then there is no recovery and won't get them back in all summer; they can stagger their schedules.

Comm. McCarroll stated that they can work it out so they get all of the guys back; asked if they could go 4- 10's.

Donnie said yes they could go back to 5 days and have people stagger until this is lifted.

Comm. Garcia stated he is a little hesitant because Denise-Public Health Director mentioned earlier that she sees a surge coming. Maybe they could have 7 to 5 and then someone else comes in 8 to 6; for the

next two weeks try to stagger them but don't put everybody back at the same time.

Donnie will do a conference call with the supervisors and tell them that if they let people group it's on them, will ask for a time schedule and relay that to the board.

Comm. McCarroll asked Donnie if they can check on the culverts that were installed on County Rd AA, they seem to be a little bit narrow; it is a one lane.

Donnie stated that they can extend them and build some rock to hold that material in place.

Connie HR- stated that she came in to the office and one of the guys was outside and not wearing a mask, they should be wearing those masks.

Donnie stated that they did provide masks for them; he will follow up on that.

Donnie talked about the water at the arena, stated that last year it didn't flow but this year it did.

Comm. Garcia stated that back to the ambulance he would like to get them a shower because of their 12 hour shifts along of things happen; at one time the hospital was going to house them.

Tressesa, County Admn. stated that the hospital was looking at housing them but not now.

Donnie asked them to let him know what they want to do and he can look into it.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated to get an estimate.

Comm. Garcia stated that he would like to get a cost estimate from a contractor.

Donnie stated that the plumbing isn't an issue but the drains are not on the floor so they have to build a floor.

#### **Connie-HR Director- Proposed Leave of Absence**

Connie stated that the feds have passed an extension family leave policy. They need to get a policy in place. She has a draft policy; she mentioned that they need to talk about their internal policy when they are working from home or not working from home.



Nick stated that we have been paying all our employees, this is just how we go forward.

Comm. McCarroll felt that we can keep going the way we are; we are doing fine. He mentioned that some counties had cut down on their employees.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they will let Connie and Nick work on that policy.

Connie-HR stated that herself as PIO she is swamped, she has been working with Rodney-EMS and there is a lot for them to do. They are continuing to get all those messages out, letters, list of who they could contact such as local leaders, mayors, and superintendents. They will put a list together for the state so they feel they are communicating with them from Conejos County.

Connie will get together with Donnie to do interviews which will be done either through ZOOM or conference call; they do have 6 applications.

Connie mentioned that the ambulance service does need the washer and dryer soon and then they can decide on the shower.

Chrmn. Jarvies stated that they did approve that already.

**Executive Session**

Motion to go into executive session conference with an attorney as per 24-6-402 (b): Comm. McCarroll/Second: Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

The board came out of executive session at 12:56 PM and no decisions were made.

Nick Sarmiento: It is the opinion of the County Attorney that the discussion had an executive session constituted an attorney/client privilege therefore no record was kept.

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.