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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Conejos County Board Room, 6683 County Rd 13, Conejos, CO 81129

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### **Call the meeting to order**

Chrmn. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Roll Call: Mitchell Jarvies – Chrmn. – Present via zoom  
Carlos Garcia – Vice Chair – Present  
Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair - Present  
Tressesa Martinez – County Admin – Present

Also present were: Connie Ricci – HR and Cathy Flores, Deputy Treasurer.

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

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

3 – 0 motion carried.

Public comment: None

### **County Administrator**

Tressesa, County Admn. presented the salaries to the Commissioners for approval. The only changes from last year was an increase of 5% for DSS employees, Deputies in the Sheriff's office and PCP employees were increased to the new minimum wage.

Motion to approve the 2021 salaries as presented: Comm. Baroz/Second Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3 -0 motion carried.

Tressesa, County Admin. presented the CARES funding accounts payable. Comm. Garcia stated that he is happy to do this for our businesses. Tressesa stated that the funding is for revenues lost. She is checking to ensure that none of the businesses being funded are double dipping,

Motion to approve the CARES funding accounts payable as presented: Comm. Garcia/Second Comm. Baroz, all in favor.

3 – 0 motion carried.

### **Re-organization of the Board**

Budget officer \_ Tressesa Martinez  
Newspaper – Valley Courier  
Attorney – Nick Sarmiento  
Bank – Community Bank of the Rockies

Motion to approve the budget officer, newspaper, attorney and bank as presented: Comm. Baroz/Second Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3 – 0 motion carried.

Motion to nominate Comm. Jarvies as Chairman: Comm. Baroz/Second Comm. Garcia, all in favor.

3 – 0 motion carried.

Tressesa, County Admin. presented the various boards and their members from the County. There was a discussion about inquiring if the La Jara Cemetery board needs any additional board members.

Motion to approve the boards as amended: Comm. Garcia/Second Comm. Baroz, all in favor.

3 – 0 motion carried.

Comm. Garcia reported that CTSI has suggested taking the Board of Health away from the County Commissioner during a zoom meeting last week. Comm. Garcia stated that he went on record during the meeting with his opposition to this.

Comm. Garcia stated that he thought the meetings should be made available via zoom where the public could at least listen to the meetings. Tressesa stated that if people want to participate in the meetings via zoom, they should call the County first so that they know who wants to comment. Chairman Jarvies stated that maybe something could be set up where the public could watch the meetings, but not comment. Tressesa stated she and Connie Ricci would look into this issue.

There was a discussion concerning doing the new district for EMS and/or the sales tax. The board was in agreement that the sales tax should be done first since it quite a process to set up a new taxing district.

Comm. Jarvies adjourned the meeting at 12:18 PM since there was no further business to be conducted.

Attest:

  
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Nathan Ruybal, Clerk & Recorder

  
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Mitchell Jarvies, Chairman