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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on March 7th, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129

Comm. Jarvies called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Mitchell Jarvies – Chairperson – Present
Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present
Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

Present: Tressesa Martinez-County Administrator --- Nathan Ruybal-Clerk and Recorder – Connie Ricci – HR Manager – Nick Sarmiento – County Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance: Comm. Jarvies led everyone on the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer: Comm. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Tressesa asks to remove Linda and Land Use from the agenda.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:

- No Minutes

Public Comment:

- Conejos County Chamber of Commerce
 - Tegan Rainik-Welsh and Michelle Ditto present the BOCC with a flyer and notice that they have reorganized the Conejos Chamber of Commerce and will seek membership, they can be reached at (719) 580-9661 or at conejoschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Assessor Abatements – Naomi Martinez-Keys:

Section IV: Decision of the County Commissioners
 (Must be completed if Section III does not apply)

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Conejos County, State of Colorado, at a duly and lawfully called regular meeting held on / / , at which meeting there were present the following members:
Month Day Year

with notice of such meeting and an opportunity to be present having been given to the Petitioner and the Assessor of said County and Assessor Naomi Martinez-Keys (~~being present~~ **not present**) and
Name
 Petitioner Chad & Aubrey Bagwell (~~being present~~ **not present**), and WHEREAS, the said
Name
 County Commissioners have carefully considered the within petition, and are fully advised in relation thereto,
 NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board (~~agrees~~ **does not agree**) with the recommendation of the Assessor,
 and that the petition be (~~approved~~ **approved in part** ~~denied~~) with an abatement/refund as follows:

Year	Assessed Value	Taxes Abate/Refund
2023	26,347	1,673.36


Carlos Garcia
Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners' Signature

I, Nathan Ruybal County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the aforementioned county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing order is truly copied from the record of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 7th day of March, 2024.
Month Year

Nathan Ruybal
County Clerk's or Deputy County Clerk's Signature

Note: Abatements greater than \$10,000 per schedule, per year, must be submitted in duplicate to the Property Tax Administrator for review.



Section II: Assessor's Recommendation
 (For Assessor's Use Only)

Tax Year 2023

	Actual	Assessed	Tax
Original	132,500	36,968	2,357.78
Corrected	38,462	10,731	684.42
Abate/Refund	94,038	26,237	1,673.36

Assessor recommends approval as outlined above.

If the request for abatement is based upon the grounds of overvaluation, no abatement or refund of taxes shall be made if an objection or protest to such valuation has been filed and a Notice of Determination has been mailed to the taxpayer. § 39-10-114(1)(a)(i)(K), C.R.S.

Tax year: 2023 Protest? No Yes (If a protest was filed, please attach a copy of the NOD.)

Assessor recommends denial for the following reason(s):

Naomi Martinez-Keys
Assessor's or Deputy Assessor's Signature

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- Comm. Jarvies recuses himself due to relation to Chad and Aubrey Bagwell.
- Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve abatement as presented.
- Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 2-0

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with notice of such meeting and an opportunity to be present having been given to the Petitioner and the Assessor of said County and Assessor: Naomi Martinez-Keys (being present--not present) and
 Name
 Petitioner Juan & Marie Garza (being present--not present), and WHEREAS, the said County Commissioners have carefully considered the within petition, and are fully advised in relation thereto, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board (agrees--does not agree) with the recommendation of the Assessor, and that the petition be (approved--approved in part--denied) with an abatement/refund as follows:

Year	Assessed Value	Taxes Abate/Refund
2023	7,812	498.24

Mitchell Garcia
 Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners' Signature

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Note: Abate/Refunds greater than \$10,000 per schedule, per year, must be submitted in duplicate to the Property Tax Administrator for review.

Section II: Assessor's Recommendation
 (For Assessor's Use Only)

	Tax Year <u>2023</u>		
	Actual	Assessed	Tax
Original	80,000	22,320	1,423.56
Corrected	52,000	14,508	925.32
Abate/Refund	28,000	7,812	498.24

Assessor recommends approval as outlined above.

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Tax year: 2023 Protest? No Yes (If a protest was filed, please attach a copy of the NOD.)

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- Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve Abatement as presented.
- Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0

Probation Officer Office Space Discussion – Bill Gurule – Chief Probation Officer for the 12th Judicial District:

- Mr. Gurule explains that it's been a year since they asked the BOCC to create an office space for the probation officer somewhere in the main Courthouse for obvious safety reasons.
- The current office is in another building and safety is a problem for the probation officer.
- Discussion moves onto a resolution to house a safe location for the probation officer.
- BOCC and Mr. Gurule discuss the option of using either the Library or the Combined Court Vault. Both options have high costs to accommodate a new office for probation.
- Comm. Garcia comments on the costs of the vault remodel and the library.
- BOCC questions the cost of the estimate provided for the vault work, Comm. Baroz doesn't see how the \$50,000 bid can be so high for that work.
- BOCC and Probation decided to review the costs of the vault transition as well as keep an open mind to other options.

1041 Water Regulation – Attorney Sarmiento:

- Attorney Sarmiento states that the BOCC has a deadline in May to adopt regulations.
- Next public hearing is set for May 9th at 6pm.
- The hearing date and time will be published on or before April 9th, 2024.
- Attorney Sarmiento mentions that the Public Health order needs to be rescinded now that the required cleaning has been complete and verified by the Public Health Director.

Motion to enter Executive Session 24-6-402 Sub Section B Conference with an Attorney to Discuss Legal Counsel regarding Tyler Tech. contracts.

Comm. Baroz first motion

Comm. Garcia second motion

Motion Carries 3-0


Comm. Jarvies - Let the record reflect that we are coming out of an Executive Session conference with an Attorney, no decisions were made, and it is 11:04 am.

Attorney Sarmiento – It is the opinion of the County Attorney that the discussion had an Executive Session constitute Attorney and Client privilege and therefore no record was kept.

HR Director Connie Ricci announces that April 24th and 25th the County will be having a mandatory sexual harassment training.

Meeting Adjourned 11:12 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC