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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on March 16th, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129

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

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

**Opening Prayer:** Comm. Jarvies gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Comm. Garcia First Motion

Comm. Baroz Second Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

**Approval of Minutes:**

- 03/02/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve minutes as presented.

- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.

- Motion Carries 3-0

**Public Comment:**

- Sharleen Farmer discussed Museum and asked for update on the repairs to the building and asks for an estimated time for possible opening.
- Sharleen has completed two of the four classes that she and the BOCC had agreed that she would take.
- Sharleen wants to make sure that the Museum tells the story of the County that the citizens of Conejos wants to tell.
- Sharleen does not want to duplicate displays what other local Museums may already have up.
- Tress has been working with Director of Road and Bridge Donnie and Julie Director of Sangre de Cristo Heritage Area to complete the work and repairs to the building.

### **Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:**

- Lighting for District Three Garage – Comm, Baroz leads discussion.
  - Valley Electric has issued the County a bid to replace lights to LED.
  - Valley Electric bid is for \$13,603.90 rebates included.
  - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to accept bid from Valley Electric to replace lights are District Three garage.
  - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Lobato's Bridge Grant Application
  - Barbara Dardin and Tress have been discussing Grant Money for project.
  - Project is for creating educational and heritage area around the Bridge.
    - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve Conejos County to be the applicant for the Outdoor GoCo project at the Lobato's Bridge.
    - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
    - Motion Carries 3-0
- Court Security
  - Combined Courts and Probation are needing a place for probation officer to meet in a safe location at the Courthouse.
  - Combined Courts have discussed adding a door in the hallway that would lead into the Court vault.
    - Other possible locations would be Law Office Library, Donnie's Office.
    - Donnie would need to be relocated to utilize his office for probation.
    - No decisions were made.
- Garcia House
  - Barbara Anjoli will apply for Grant to purchase house from the Garcia's but may have to wait for next Grant Cycle.
  - Discussion continues about the Garcia House and Grant Applications.
  - Garcia's want to make sure no further degradation to the home and there are no safety concerns.
    - More discussion will be held at the Work Session after the BOCC Meeting.
    - No decisions were made.
- Courthouse Telephone Upgrade
  - WSB will be taking over phone systems as the County moves away from Valley Lock and Security.
    - No decisions were made.
- WSB Audit Engagement Letter
  - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve WSB Audit Engagement Letter for 2023.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Roof Repair
  - Circle G roof repair company out of Pagosa Springs did visit the Courthouse and did provide a bid to repair the leaky roof over DSS.
  - Company did also provide a bid for roof over Courthouse as well.
  - Tress will issue an RFP based off the bid provided by roofing company.
  - No decisions were made.

**County Attorney – Nick Sarmiento:**

- 2023 Opioid settlement
  - Comm. Garcia makes motion to allow Attorney Sarmiento to enter opioid settlement as presented.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Rito Hondo discussion regarding water resources and the wells at the Rito Hondo Subdivision.
  - Water Resources is stating that the subdivision is creating more wells than they are allowed.
  - Division of Water Resources and Att. Sarmiento have been discussing Land Use Subdivision regulations.
  - No decisions were made.

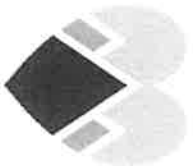
**DSS Report – Nick Barela:**

- Requesting approval of monthly expenditures of \$591,122.96
  - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve expenditures as presented.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Requesting approval for Accounts Payable for \$67,719.86
  - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve A/P of \$67,719.86 as presented.
  - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Nick Barela presents and discusses March Case Load Report.
- Discussion regarding MOU with Tu Casa.
- Nick discusses two job openings at DSS.

**Public Health – Denise Jiron:**

- Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control

All public health agencies are required to track the incidence and distribution of disease in the population and prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases, zoonotic, vector, air-borne, water-borne, and food-borne illnesses, and other diseases that are transmitted person-to-person.
- Immunization Program continuing with Adult and Childhood vaccines.
- PCP in person training has resumed.
- OPHP-Public Health Workforce. \$322,363.00 (2024-2027)
- CDC Workforce funds for FY2023- request submitted to extend to 6/2024 instead of 6/30/2023.
- CDPHE is working on proposed reallocation of unused ELC 2 funds (COVID monies). New fund will be ELC 2.2. However, SOW limited to COVID activities only (has not been finalized).



**365 Health**

CCPH along with 365 Health (formerly 9 health) will host a Health Fair on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Centauri Junior High Gym. This will be a health and resources fair. For 43 Years, 365 Health has provided critical health screenings through thousands of health fairs. Now we're moving beyond annual health fairs to provide online services, tools, and resources that help you stay healthy 365 days a year.

**What's a health fair?**

Get access to affordable, high-quality health screenings of your choice. You will also have access to free preventive health screenings (Varies by location), free vaccinations, a chance to talk to a medical professional one-on-one, and an opportunity to get more information on a range of health topics.

More information and community flyers to come!

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**Conejos County information on COVID-19 as of 2/15/23:**

- 3 active cases

**Respiratory Illnesses continue to be prevalent, especially in children.**

- Please take precautions for adults and children
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough
- Be considerate of others
- Stay home if sick; don't go to school or work
- Seek medical care
- Pick up free COVID test kits to rule out illness
- Ask your medical profession about what OTC medications to have at home

**Forest Service Report – Andrea Jones:**

- Draft A Schedule A discussion.
- HORCA agreement discussion.
- Rio Chama CFL RP – Long Term Project discussion.
- Fuel Harvest Project.
- Trailhead improvement and Campground upgrades.
- Noxious weeds and County gravel pit spray
- FDR 250 – Road and Bridge Grading.

**County Road H Discussion – Erwin Romero:**

- County Road H Traffic from Robin’s Construction is getting worse.
- Mr. Romero believes that the Road is becoming a Mining Road.
- Dust is the biggest issue.
- Wash Board developing on both sides of the road.
- BOCC will discuss road issues with Road and Bridge.
- No decisions were made.

**Council of Governments (COG) – Sarah Stober:**

- Craig Bearclaw is present in place of Sarah Stober from the SLV Council of Governments.
- Discussion regarding federal grants that help the SLV and COG.
- Sarah sends her gratitude that Conejos County is now a part of the COG.
- COF is looking for funding for Grant Writer that can be shared with each SLV County.

**Rodney King – OEM Report:**

- 2022 – 23 EMPG-LEMS Grant Activities
- Rodney presented and asked for BOCC to adopt the SLV Mitigation Plan
  - Comm. Garcia makes motion to adopt 2023-2028 SLV Mitigation Plan as presented.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Platoro Dam Tabletop was held in person and virtually on August 10th.
- Bear Creek HOA has requested a Tabletop Exercise this spring.
- Donnie and Rodney are working on programming radios that Conejos County have received.
- Comm. Jarvies mentions that there is funding through the E911 Board for radio programming.
- AWR 148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents – Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems
- Rodney and WSB discussed Cyber Security.
- Colorado Flood After Fire Webinar Series (part II) Recovery and Mitigation
- Attended the Colorado Whole Community Inclusion Workshop Roadshow – Access and Functional Needs
- Rodney hosted the SLV Emergency Managers (3 new EMs) Conejos EOC Visit and Familiarization March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Rodney participated in the Monte Vista Co-Op, Center Fertilizer Plant’s Annual First Responder Training at their plant in Center on March 8.
- Participated in the SLV Wildfire Council Meeting at the DHSEM/DFPC training center in Alamosa.

**Town of Manassa – Paving Project – Jeremy McDaniels:**

- BOCC supports the paving project.
  - Road and Bridge and Manassa need to lock down time and scope of the project.
  - Manassa working on other projects and will need to complete before they can start paving.
  - Time frame could be June or July.
  - Donnie and Jeremy discuss project.
- Jeremy briefly discusses Manassa adopting a Building Code.

**Road and Bride Report – Donnie Martinez:**

- Crushing material at Romeo Gravel Pit.
- Looking into Culverts that need to be installed on County Roads.
- Bridge County Road AA.5 is almost complete.
- Work Session Topics – paving, bridges, grading, Schedule A Forest Service Contract.
- Road and Bridges purchasing equipment.
- Sewer project with the Jail and the Town of Antonito update.
- Circle G Roofing from Pagosa Springs discussion.

**Fox Creek Liquor License Renewal – Nathan Ruybal:**

- Steve Dominguez operator of Fox Creek Store needs to renew his Liquor Sales License.
- Fox Creek Store is in good standing and has posted renewal hearing at store location.
  - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve Fox Creek Store renewal.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0

Motion to enter Executive Session 24-6-402 Sub Section B Conference with an Attorney to Discuss Legal Counsel regarding treat of lawsuit.

Comm. Baroz first motion

Comm. Garcia second motion

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Comm. Jarvies - Let the record reflect that we are coming out of Executive Session conference with an Attorney, no decisions were made, and it is 12:30 pm.

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.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 am

ATTEST:



Nathan Ruybal  
Clerk of the Board



Mitchell Jarvies  
Chair of BOCC