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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on March 21st, 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 – Not Present

Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present

Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

In the absence of Commission Jarvies, Commissioner Garcia chaired the meeting.

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

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

Opening Prayer: Comm. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Attorney Sarmiento asks to add Board of Health discussion to rescind Board of Health Nuisance order for old Antonito High School.
- Tressesa asks to add Assessors abatement to the agenda.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 2-0.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of regular meeting minutes for 2/01/2024.
 - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve minutes are presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment.

Assessors Abatements – Naomi Martinez-Keys:

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

	Tax Year <u>2022</u>			Tax Year <u>2023</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Original	105,922	30,717	1,920.70	207,845	57,989	3,698.48
Corrected	85,907	24,913	1,557.78	167,815	46,820	2,986.14
Abate/Refund	20,015	5,804	362.92	40,030	11,169	712.34

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)(e)(i)(D), C.R.S.

Tax year: 2022 Protest? No Yes (If a protest was filed, please attach a copy of the NOD.)

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):

[Signature]
Assessor's or Deputy Assessor's Signature

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 Petitioner Gerald Joseph Fondren (*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 the petition be (*approved—approved in part—denied*) with an abatement/refund as follows:

<u>2022</u>	<u>5,804</u>	<u>362.92</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>11,169</u>	<u>712.34</u>
Year	Assessed Value	Taxes Abate/Refund	Year	Assessed Value	Taxes Abate/Refund

[Signature]
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 21st day of March, 2024.
Month Year

[Signature]
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

- Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve abatement as presented.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion carries 2-0.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

- Nick asks for approval of Program and Administrative Expenses of \$390,114.90
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve expenses as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- Nick asks for approval of Accounts Payable for \$71,908.22.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve A/P as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- March Case Load Report

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ONGOING WORKLOAD SUMMARY REPORT

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
APS			4									
Child Care	39	39	38									
Child Support	378	376	375									
Child Welfare			8									
Adult Financial	89	84	91									
Colorado Works	38	38	35									
SNAP	883	896	895									
Medical Assistance	1643	1602	1583									

- Medicaid incentive program
 - FY24/25 Incentive Goals HCPF – Signed and approved.
- E-EBT Program
 - Proposed E-EBT Program (Energy Assistance Program) to SNAP eligible HH who were not eligible for LEAP. Once a year payment of around \$20. This change however will allow HCUA deduction to SNAP HH’s who were not previously eligible for this deduction therefore increasing SNAP allotment. Potential update to county budget because of this change.
- BCA Proposed Increase.
 - Proposed Increase to BCA due to COLA increase to CO WORKS HH’s (Conejos \$15,819).

Public Health Report – 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
 - Providing vaccines by appointment on Thursdays.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- All public health agencies are required to prepare and respond to emergencies with a public health or environmental health implication in coordination with local, state and federal agencies and public and private sector partners.
- Completed SNS Tabletop exercise in March.

Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program – February 2024

- Clients: 54
- Hour worked: 1556.25.
- Employing 28 Providers
- Continue to have a vacancy for Assistant Supervisor.
- Conducting interviews in April
- There have not been any client incidents this reporting period; all program reporting requirements are to update.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- Participation during the month of February 2024:
- 345 Individuals total participation
- Home deliveries to the homebound 2 days monthly; 38 people
- 228 Households (including TFAP)
- Curbside delivery continues 2 (T/Th) days weekly.
- Participation decreased in February.

Comm. Garcia recesses the BOCC regular meeting and enters the Board of Health.

CONEJOS COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT
3/21/2024



Colorado's first rural comprehensive harm reduction program.

In collaboration with SLC AHEC, The SHARP Program launched softly on March 14, 2024. The location has changed and it will be held every Thursday from 9:00am – 11:00am at Conejos County Public Health. Participants can enter through the west door.

Flyers to come soon!

Celebrate Conejos County Public Health!



Protecting, Connecting and Thriving:
We Are All Public Health
APRIL 1-7, 2024



NPHW 2024 DAILY THEMES

Civic Engagement (Monday)
Healthy Neighborhoods (Tuesday)
Climate Change (Wednesday)
New Tools and Innovations (Thursday)
Reproductive and Sexual Health (Friday)
Emergency Preparedness (Saturday)
Future of Public Health (Sunday)

*Watch our Facebook page for free and nutritious
goodies on April 1st- April 4th !*

- The Board of Health discussed briefly the need to rescind the Board of Health violation on the Old Antonito High School.
- No decisions were made at this time.

Comm. Garcia exits the Board of Health meeting is re-enters the BOCC regular meeting.

Land Use – Public Hearing – Linda DeHerrera:

**CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE STAFF REPORT
SPECIAL USE REVIEW**

Case No. CCLU 2024-0002

APPLICANT: Ironman Hitch LLC – Eldon & Sarai Rizzi

BACKGROUND: An application for a Special Use Permit was filed with the Land Use Office on February 5, 2024. The property is owned by Eldon & Sarai Rizzi. It is zoned Rural and is legally described as: 21 + Acres located in a fraction of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 34 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. The common description of the property is 14995 County Road R – west side of US Hwy 285 north of Romeo. Parcel/Schedule #586710300278.

REQUEST: The applicants are requesting a Special Use Permit for the truck bed hitch & welding business, farm & ranch supplies retail sales, trailer sales and proposed storage facility. The first Special Use Permit was approved on November 15, 2007, for a Home Occupation for welding and hitch business.

ADJACENT ZONING: North, South, East and West are all Rural.

APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCE: - Article 4 Zoning, Division 4.2 Zone District Regulations AND Article 5 Permits, Division 5.4 Special Use Review.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Notice requirements were met by sending notice to the surrounding landowners within 500' on 02/20/2024; notices to referral agencies on 02/20/2024; notice was published in VALLEY COURIER on 02/20/2024 & 03/05/2024; and Onsite posting was posted by Inspector, Pres Romero on 02/20/2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:15 PM.

BOARD OF CONEJOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – The application will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

- Access to the storage units will be located off County Road R and not from Highway 285.
- Storage will be covered and can accommodate RV's, Camper Trailers, UTV/ATV's Snowbiles.
- Ironman Hitch will have specific requirements to ensure that they do not have renters bring old and dilapidated vehicles.
- Renters will sign an agreement to abide by Ironman Hitch rules and regulations.
 - Comm. Garcia opens the hearing to any public comment either for or against.
 - No Public Comment.

● Public Referral Comments

Thanks, Linda. Based on the fact that storage units have fairly low traffic volume, I don't see this proposal creating a 20% or more traffic volume increase at the intersection of US 285 and CR R; therefore, nothing further is required from CDOT's perspective.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Randee Reider

Region 5 Permits Program Manager



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Department of Transportation

Region 5

Canty - DNR, Kip <kip.canty@state.co.us>
To: Linda DeHerrera <linda@co.conejos.co.us>
Cc: Kevin Boyle - DNR <kevin.boyle@state.co.us>

Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 5:08 PM

Linda,

I don't see an issue as long as the existing well is not hydraulically connected with the business, ie., no use by the business, employees and customers.

I've copied Kevin and will let him comment if he sees anything amiss.

Kip

Linda,

CPW has received your request for comments on the Ironman Enterprises LLC Storage Unit Project (Permit #CCLU-2024-0002). After consideration we have determined the following:

The property in question is in an area already utilized for commercial use, and is directly adjacent to State Highway 285. It is property that previously has been used for irrigated crop production, but such use has since been abandoned. No significant wildlife activity has been documented on the property, No significant wildlife impacts are anticipated.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

—

Brian Bechaver

District Wildlife Manager

(719)588-9150

Hello Eldon and Sarai Rizzi,

Thank you for your inquiry with CSFS on whether you need a wildfire mitigation plan for your Conejos County Special Use Permit. I visually inspected the property via aerial imagery, and I am also familiar with the general area. Your area is surrounded by agricultural land and shrubs that are well spaced and shouldn't need much mitigation work.

You should consider a few safety precautions for your business.

1. Ensure any new landscaping conforms with our publication *The Home Ignition Zone, A guide to preparing your home for wildfire and creating defensible space.*
2. Control vegetation surrounding the proposed storage structures. Keeping a no vegetation zone within 5' of the structures.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Sam Scavo, CF

Forester – Alamosa Field Office

Colorado State Forest Service
101 South Craft Drive, Suite B

Alamosa, CO 81101

719-587-0915



- Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve the Special Use Permit as presented.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 2-0
- Resolution #25

Fox Creek Store Liquor License Renewal – Nathan Ruybal:

- Adequate public notice was met by posting the hearing poster at the store location off highway 17 in the Fox Creek area.
- Fox Creek Store is in good standing with no violations.
- No public comment was issued to the Clerk and Records office.
- Clerk Ruybal asks for approval of Fox Creeks Store 2024 liquor license.
 - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia second that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

OEM Report – Rodney King:

Conejos County Office of Emergency Management

CC BOCC Report for March 21, 2024

1. San Luis Valley Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

SLV LEPC meeting (zoom) on January 22 was held and 2024 schedule was adopted & Officers elected.

2024 - LEPC Schedule

	Regular meeting	On Site Visit
1 st Quarter	January 22, 2024 - 15:00 ZOOM meeting	March - None scheduled?
2 nd Quarter	May 20 th , 2024, - 1500 – ZOOM meeting	June – None Scheduled?
3 rd Quarter	July 22 nd , 2024, at 15:00 – ZOOM mtg.	August - TBA
4 th Quarter	November 25 th , 2024, at 15:00 – TBA	October - TBA

2. Crisis Track account is Operational for Conejos County

Crisis Track is Disaster Management Software that The State of Colorado has adopted for all the Counties and Tribes in Colorado.

2a. Conejos County - CRISIS TRACK Training was held on November 8th.

Assessment Types

- Survey – Broad Information Requirements, Subjective Measures of Damage and Impact, Rapid Collection Across Broad Geographic Areas
- Assessment – Defined Information Requirements, Objective Measures of Damage and Impact, Time Sensitive Collection in Areas of Impact

- FEMA'S PDA Pocket Guide:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_2021-pda-pocket-guide.pdf
- Estimation – Detailed Information Requirements, Objective Measurements of Damage, Impact, and Cost to Repair, Time Sensitive Collection at Damage Locations

2. Crisis Track Knowledge Base: https://docs.juvarre.com/crisis_track/landing.htm includes "how-to's" with step by step instructions, as well as tutorials

3. Special Project Grant from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Regional Grant from funds at the DHSEM – Emergency Management Planning Grant. We were awarded a little over \$10,000. We will provide a 50% match from our SLV R EOC funds. \$10,255.83 (reimbursement - \$5,127.93). Everything was submitted and reimbursement has been made.

4. State Migrant Support Update: EMs have finished draft for Regional Plan – Will present next month.

5. SLV EOC Class – EOC Manger @ DHSEM (Alamosa)

Monday, April 15th 09:00am – 11:30am


6. Cyber Information – see news article

Ambulance Report – Ernest Abeyta:

- Financials for February 2024 - \$33,030.07
- YTD financials received - \$65,310.14.
- Nearly 300 runs per month for the past several months.
- 911 calls and transfer calls have all increased over last year.
- One of the Ambulance is in the shop and requires significant repair, because of the oil pan and vacuum pump leaking.
- Ernest states that they cannot do any out of Valley transfers because they are down to one Ambulance, while the other one is in the shop.
- Ernest states that the repairs might be over \$5000.
- A new Ambulance is a one year wait time.
- EMT grant will be submitted for life saving equipment.
 - Automatic CPR compression machine.
 - New Ambulance
 - Radios
- Conejos County EMT's are hosting EMT students for ride along.

Meeting Adjourned 11:33 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Carlos Garcia
Vice Chair of BOCC