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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on April 4th, 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. Garcia led everyone on the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer: Comm. Jarvies gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Clerk Ruybal asks to remove March 7th minutes to approve from agenda.
 - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve as amended.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of regular meeting minutes for 2/15/2024.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve minutes are presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment.

Administrators Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- RFP for Courthouse front entry doors has been published, new doors need to be ADA compliant.
- Alcon and Robins Construction will submit bid to fix front sidewalk to also be ADA complaint.
- Assessor Martinez-Keys presents to the BOCC a salary adjustment for Thomas Brinkley for consideration and approval.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve a salary adjustment to \$51,000 effective March 1, 2024.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Grant Specialists update – three candidates have been interviewed, Kim Mortensen, Stacey Turner and Celina Espinoza. BOCC unanimously agree that Celina Espinoza is the best fit for the position.
- Discussion continues regarding pay rate and to officially offer the position to Mrs. Espinoza.
 - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to offer position to Mrs. Espinoza at the high end of the pay rate published.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Abatement Presentation – Assessors Office:

- Marie and Ruby Archuleta Abatement


Section II:		Assessor's Recommendation (For Assessor's Use Only)		
		Tax Year <u>2023</u>		
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Original	<u>769,426</u>	<u>51,551</u>	<u>3,901.12</u>	
Corrected	<u>14,925</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>75.68</u>	
Abate/Refund	<u>754,501</u>	<u>50,551</u>	<u>3,825.44</u>	

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)(D), 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):


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 Concepcion 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 Marie & Rudy Archuleta (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 Abated/Refund
2023	50,551	3,825.44

Mitchell 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 4th day of April 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

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

- Travis Depriest Abatement

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

	Tax Year <u>2022</u>			Tax Year <u>2023</u>		
	Actual	Assessed	Tax	Actual	Assessed	Tax
Original:	97,071	6,747	585.04	54,993	3,684	327.24
Corrected:	85,071	5,912	512.64	42,993	2,881	255.92
Abate/Refund:	12,000	835	72.40	12,000	803	71.32

Assessor recommends approval as outlined above.

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

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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, as a duty and lawfully called regular meeting held on _____ at which meeting there were present the following members _____

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 Nadmi Madroal-Reyes (being present--not present) and Petitioner Travis Depreist (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:

2022	835	72.40	2023	803	71.32
Year	Assessed value	Taxes Abate/Refund	Year	Assessed value	Taxes Abate/Refund

Mitchell Jarrett
 Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners' Signature

I, Nathan Ruvalcaba 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 Fourth day of April 2024 Year

Nathan Ruvalcaba
 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 3-0

Sheriff's Report – Blake Crowther:

- Undersheriff Crowther discussed the donated trailer that will be used for Search and Rescue purposes, along with the trailer came equipment that the Sheriff's office can use for search and rescue purposes.
- The Sheriff's Office has two internes working for the department, they are riding along with other deputies, Blake hopes that once they graduate from the academy, they come work for the County full time.
- CSOC grant is available to assist the County pay wages and deputy retention of their deputies, they hope that with these funds they can add another School Resource Officer.

CTSI 5 Year Loss Analysis and Pool Update – Marylin Wagner:

- Ms. Wagner presents the five-year loss analysis and pool update for Conejos County.
- CAPP Loss Ratio
- Workman's Comp.
- Slips and Falls

1041 Regulations Discussion – Nick Sarmiento:

- Attorney Sarmiento reminds BOCC of the May 9th Public Hearing at 6:00pm to discuss the 1041 Regulations for Conejos County with the public.
- Public hearing will be regarding Public Utilities regulations for Conejos County.
- Comm. Garcia asks about possible adoption of the regulations at the next regular BOCC meeting.
- Attorney Sarmiento states that it depends on how the public hearing goes, there may be corrections to the regulations made by the citizens at the public hearing.

PT Report – Mack Crowther:



Conejos County Treasurer & Public Trustee

MACK M. CROWTHER

**PUBLIC TRUSTEE QUARTERLY REPORT OF REVENUE
PER CRS 38-37-104(3) 1ST QUARTER OF 2024**

<u>RELEASES</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>CURRENT QUARTER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
JAN.	15	\$225	
FEB.	15	\$225	
MAR.	14	<u>\$210</u>	
		\$ 660	\$660
<u>FORECLOSURES (STARTED & RESTARTED)</u>			
JAN.-MAR.		\$300	\$300
<u>CERTIFICATES OF REDEMPTION</u>			
JAN.-MAR.			
<u>CURING FEES</u>			
JAN.-MAR.			
<u>PUBLIC TRUSTEE'S DEEDS</u>			
JAN.-MAR.		\$ _____	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL		\$960	\$ 960
PUBLIC TRUSTEE NET INCOME		\$960	\$960

I, MACK M. CROWTHER, CONEJOS COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC TRUSTEE NET INCOME TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY IS TRUE AND CORRECT AS IT APPEARS FROM THE RECORDS IN MY OFFICE AS OF MARCH 31, 2024. IN WITNESS, I HEREBY PLACE MY HAND & OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

Mack M. Crowther

MACK M. CROWTHER
CONEJOS COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE

- Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve the PT Report as presented.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0

PT Report – Mack Crowther: continued

- Comm. Jarvies asks Treasurer Crowther how everything is going.
- Mack briefly explains that the Tyler Transition has improved, the Tax Roll is accurate and there have been no major issues found with liens and County owned liens.
- Tyler is helping figure out any issues that may come up, transition is getting better.
- Last month Treasurer Crowther distributed funds to all entities in Conejos County.
- Mack states that he did have to withhold funds to at least 5 entities because they had not completed their budgets.
- Investments and interest rates are good.
- Mack comments that closing at 4pm has helped his office complete the daily reports and deposit, which allows him to get to the bank on time.

Proclamations – Nadia Flores:

- Nadia presents the BOCC with two proclamations for Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention.
- Presented below are the two proclamations.

Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Throughout Conejos County, Colorado, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) we call attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in every community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention.

This year's SAAM campaign theme, *Building Connected Communities*, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. We believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, every community member is affected. We must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence. We believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

WHEREAS, over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime (Chen, et al., 2023).

WHEREAS, most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew (Chen, et al., 2023).

As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence.

The *Building Connected Communities* campaign is an opportunity for our community to join with others around the world in committing to prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

I encourage our community to take action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Conejos Board of County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim **April 2024** as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Conejos County.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2024

Carlos Garcia
Commissioner Carlos Garcia

Michelle Jarvies
Commissioner Michelle Jarvies

Joseph Baroz
Commissioner Joseph Baroz

- Comm. Garcia makes a motion to proclaim April Sexual Assault Awareness month in Conejos.
- Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2022, nearly 3.1 million children received either an investigation response or alternative response; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the County of Conejos; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Conejos Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the County of Conejos and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2024


Commissioner Carlos Garcia


Commissioner Mitchell Jurvels


Commissioner Joseph Baroz

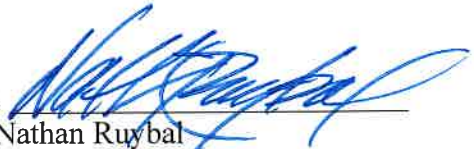
- Comm. Baroz makes a motion to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Conejos.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0

Rescind Public Health Order – Attorney Sarmiento:

- Comm. Jarvies opens a Board of Health Meeting at 10:33am to discuss Public Health Order.
- Attorney Sarmiento discusses that the Board of Health needs to rescind the Public Health Order, placed on the Old School Building in Antonito issued 02/01/2024 Resolution Number 2024-PH1, the property has been cleaned up as per their request. So based off the evidence provided to Attorney Sarmiento and compliance with resolution 2024-PH1 that the Board of Health Rescind the Public Health Order.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion that the Board of Health to rescind the Public Health Order as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Meeting Adjourned 10:40 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC