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**Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on April 18th, 2024, 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:** 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. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Clerk Ruybal asks to add website and ADA compliance to agenda.
- Clerk Ruybal will also add a Clerk and Recorder’s office update.
- Attorney Sarmiento would like to add an update on the Old School Building under County Attorney.
  - 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 3/07/2024.
  - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve minutes are presented.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0
- Approval of regular meeting minutes for 3/21/2024.
  - Comm. Baroz makes a motion to approve minutes are presented.
  - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 2-0
    - Jarvies was absent from this meeting.
- Approval of regular meeting minutes for 4/04/2024.
  - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve minutes are presented.
  - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
  - Motion Carries 3-0

- Conejos County PHE Staffing Plan.
  - Conejos County updated PHE Staffing Plan that will allow us to use PHE HCPF dollars to hire a PT employee to assist with the processing of Medicaid cases.
- EBT Issuance Policy
  - Conejos County EBT Issuance policy needed for SNAP program that will help us ensure new C-Stat measure regarding EBT Card in Hand requirement.
- Contract with Conservation Legacy
  - Conejos County contract w/ Conservation Legacy for Summer Youth Program. Total amount \$37,500 paid via TANF funds. The contract will be for services this FY.
    - Motion made by Comm. Garcia to approve expenditures as presented.
    - The second motion was made by Comm. Baroz.
    - Motion carries 3-0.
- Conejos County Approval Letter Differential Response
  - Conejos County approval letter from CDHS pertaining to Child Welfare shift to Differential Response. Community Forum was held on 2/14/24 w/ LE, schools, Child Welfare from all SLV counties, Judicial.
- FY 2023-24 County Incentives Program - Semi-Annual Progress Report: Reporting Period 1 discussion.

**Ambulance Report – Ernest Abeyta:**

- Ambulance calls year to date – 350, with 20 secondary runs.
- Financial reports for March \$35,549.40
- Year to date financial reports of \$100,859.40
- Med 31 Ambulance is now out of the shop from maintenance repairs, the Valve pump and oil pan seal both replaced.
- Med 38 currently in shop for oil pan seal replaced.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for County to opt in or opt out for new Colorado Regulations, discussion continues with decision pending.
- Ernest will be applying for a grant to replace up to 20 radios.
- Comm. Jarvies explains that through e911 there is a \$6000 grant for radios.
- Employee resigning from Conejos County Ambulance, employee us also the representative to the RTEC for Conejos County.
- BOCC will appoint Ernest as interim member of RTEC until after publishing board member in the paper.
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**Public Health Report – Denise Jiron:**

- Denise reports that she did hire a Assistant Supervisor for the PCP program, Jeniffer Smith has accepted the position and will start soon.
- Denise is sad to announce that Austin Chavez is leaving Public Health, vacancy will need to be published in the paper.
- Vaccinations are available on Thursdays at the Public Health Office in La Jara. COVID vaccinations have dropped off almost completely.
- Currently completing new SNS Distribution and POD Plan.
- Need Chairman signature on Regional EH IGA.

Special Project Grant from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management\*\* Finished and Closed Out by DHSEM\*\*\*

Everything was submitted and reimbursement has been made.

State Migrant Support Update: EMs have finished draft for Regional Plan –

SLV EOC Class – EOC Manger @ DHSEM (Alamosa)

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 09:00am – 11:30am Postponed – Instructor is sick and will reschedule later.

Cyber Information – TEST Yesterday by CIAC (Colorado Information Analysis Center) on our system. I have not received a Report and what is anything was discovered. I will keep you posted when this information is received. A Tabletop should be conducted later. “60 minutes report last Sunday”

CEPA (Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment)

### **Road and Bridge Report – Donnie Martinez:**

- R&B crews are crushing rock at the Romeo Gravel Pit, with great packing material coming out.
- Paving locations for 2024 season will be North County Road 13, County Road D.5 and entrance and road to the County Arena.

### **CSFC Report – Adam Moore:**

- Mr. Moore presents the BOCC with the 2023 report of the health of Colorado’s forests.
  - Mr. Moore states that the forest health issues such as insects, diseases and wildfires do not recognize boundaries, The Colorado State Forest Service brings together partners to manage forests across federal, state, tribal and private lands to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk to residents and communities.



## **SOUTHWEST COLORADO**

Ongoing drought, overly dense stands and defoliation from western spruce budworm continue to spur activity among deadly bark beetles in southwest Colorado.

### **Top Forest Health Issues and Most Impacted Counties**

- Western Spruce Budworm – widespread
- Douglas-fir Beetle – Dolores, Gunnison, La Plata, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache
- Mountain Pine Beetle – Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose
- Roundheaded Pine Beetle Complex – Dolores, La Plata, Montrose, San Miguel
- Spruce Beetle – Chaffee, Costilla, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, San Juan

[csfs.colostate.edu/southwest/](https://csfs.colostate.edu/southwest/)

## Gillis – Platoro Lot Consolidation

### CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE CASE SUMMARY- REPORT

CASE NO: CCLU-2023-0130

APPLICANT: John & Candace Gillis on behalf of the Gillis Family Revokable Trust

REQUEST: Lot Consolidation      ZONING: Residential

SURVEY BY: Tony Martin – Russell Surveyors & Associates

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the land use office on June 22, 2023, for Lot Consolidation. The property is legally described as Platoro Block 7, Lots 2-4 1/2, Conejos County, Colorado. Physical Address 427 Conejos Avenue, Platoro CO

The Consolidation will create the following:

Tract 2C – Containing 1.03 acres ±

The applicants propose to consolidate the 6 lots to make one single lot.

Access exists from the existing Conejos Avenue Road. The consolidation will not change access.

There is a home with all utilities on the property. No issues were found with this property.

Land Use Administrator review/approval: 04/18/2024.

Surveyor Review: 04/9/2024

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 04/18/2024


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- Motion carries 3-0.
- Resolution #6

**County Attorney Report – Nicolas Sarmiento:**

- Discussion regarding loads of gravel for Gail Gallegos, ambiguity of the five loads per year or five total loads?
- BOCC agrees that the terms were five loads of gravel per year.
- Five Dump Truck loads, not belly dump loads.
- No accrual of loads will exist.
- The school building now belongs back to South Conejos School District after a judge awarded the property back to the School District from Wayne Garcia LLC's. The School District has been made aware that they now owe Conejos \$21K in property tax.
- Planning Commission meeting with Excel regarding Public Utility 1041 regulations.

Meeting Adjourned 11:50 am

ATTEST:

  
Nathan Ruybal  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mitchell Jarvies  
Chair of BOCC