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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on May 18th, 2023, 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: 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. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Add roof repair bid discussion.

• Add April 25th special meeting minutes to approve. Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Comm. Baroz First Motion

Comm. Garcia Second Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- April 25th, 2023, Special Meeting
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve minutes as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- May 4th, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve minutes as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Public Comment:

- Sharleene Farmer addressed the BOCC and discussed that she has completed another online museum class regarding item inventory. Sharlene would like the BOCC to provide a timeline for repairs and upgrades, discussion continues regarding repairs and scheduling upgrades to have Museum open soon. Sharleen would like to give appreciation to Road and Bridge on the work they have done with the flooded county roads. Sharleen also gives appreciation to Rodney King for keeping everyone in Conejos safe during the early summer flooding.

Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- Colorado Health Families Workplace Act, Connie presents Act to BOCC that ask them to consider approving the Act here in Conejos which will allow employees to stay home when they get sick and use 40 to 80 hours of sick time that is aside from their regular sick or vacation time. No decision was made but BOCC will revisit in the next BOCC meeting on June 1, 2023.
- Tress presents BOCC that we have received two bids for roof repair, bids are lower than the amount that the insurance has given to Conejos County. Donnie will review bids and will present to BOCC later.

County Attorney – Nick Sarmiento:

- Attorney Sarmiento notates that he will publish notice in the Valley Courier of 1041 regulations, after public notice the BOCC can have a public hearing then sign IGA if they decide that is the direction they choose to go.
- Postpone reading the first reading of OHV ordinance at 10:40 am in today's meeting.
- Motion to amend agenda to add MOU for Museum and Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area.
 - Comm. Garcia makes first motion.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Discussion regarding MOU between Conejos County and Sangre de Cristo NHA.
 - Motion to approve MOU as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz makes first motion.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Veteran Recognition – BOCC:

- Comm. Jarvies takes a minute to discuss nomination for the Veteran Recognition program, BOCC has decided to recognize Steve Salazar.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

- Request approval of Program and Administration expenditures of \$454,144.26.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve expenditures as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Request to approve Accounts Payable of \$27,349.25.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Accounts Payable as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Nick proceeds to present to the BOCC the departments case load report.
- Nick presents Core Service Report.
- Two graduates from Conejos County Schools have received \$1000 grant.

Liquor License Renewals – Nathan Ruybal:

- Wagon Wheel Saloon license renewal, proper public notice was established.
- Wagon Wheel is in good standing and Clerk Ruybal asks the BOCC to approve their renewal.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve renewal as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz makes second motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad license renewal, proper public notice was established.
- Cumbres and Toltec is in good standing and Clerk Ruybal asks the BOCC to approve their renewal.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve renewal as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia makes second motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Road and Bridge Report – Donnie Martinez:

- Flooding is an issue on several County Roads, roads are being washed out and nothing can be done until the rivers subside.
- Donnie is getting many calls from concerned citizens, but again not much can be done until waters subside.
- Flooding from irrigation tailwater has become an issue as well, Donnie will meet with Nathan Coombs to discuss issues.
- Road and Bridge crews will be working paving and potholes, working from south to north.
- City of Golden is still in line to sell Conejos R&B the Pothole truck, Donnie will send a few crew members to Golden to work the machine before purchase.
- County Road 28 Bridge update, Robins Construction will wait until water subsidies before starting project.
- Sewer project for the jail is moving forward little by little, Town of Antonito and Donnie will continue working together on the project.
- Equipment update:
 - Freightliner semitruck engine has failed, will need to replace truck.
 - Asphalt machines are ready to begin work.
 - Annual inspections for all trucks need to be completed.
 - New streetsweeper has arrived just in time for paving projects.
 - Flagger training for all crew members has been completed.
- Overtime Pay discussion, BOCC and Tress approve with OT pay.
- Radios, CNCC will program new radios and will create a channel to communicate with all departments.
- Rod from Parks and Wildlife along with R&B will work on repairs to targets at the Shooting Range.
- Sheep Creek residence are interested in creating a group that will help maintain shooting range.

Morgan Drainage District – Stanley Price:

- Mr. Price asks the BOCC if they have funds to help the district with their current legal battle.
- BOCC suggest looking for a pro bono attorney that will be willing to help.
- Comm. Jarvies explains to Mr. Price that the County cannot help with any legal fees.

Emergency Management Report

May 18, 2023

1. **2022 – 23 EMPG-LEMS Grant Activities — is as follows:**
Special Projects Grant -?
2. **Conejos Canyon “Ice & Fire” meeting May 12th**
Water – possible flooding – Nathan Coombs
Fire – Prescribed Burns / Forest Conditions – Andrea Jones
Conejos County Report
Oxygen use survey
3. **Bear Creek HOA has requested a Tabletop Exercise this spring; I am working on the same.**
TTX – Exercise – Pre - Evacuation Drill* – Rodney King
4. **Cyber Attacks information from WSB – (Connie)**
cybersecurity grant program opportunity. Due May 31st.
5. **I hosted the SLV Emergency Managers (3 new EMS) Conejos EOC Visit and Familiarization March 1st, Costilla was next (SLV EMS will each host the same in their county EOC.)**
Salamander Cards – Conejos EMS, Central Conejos Fire Protection District
Rapid Tag and Rapid Evac. Programs updated.
6. **Next SLV Wildfire Council Meeting June 15th from 1300 – 1500 at the Conejos EOC**

7. 2023 Flooding – Pictures



OHV Ordinance – Attorney Sarmiento:

- Attorney Sarmiento reads the first reading of the OHV ordinance out loud to the BOCC and public in attendance.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to adopt first reading of OHV ordinance.
 - Comm. Garcia 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 UCC filed against Conejos County.

Comm. Garcia first motion

Comm. Baroz second motion

Motion Carries 3-0

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 11:10 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.

- Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Attorney Sarmiento to consult outside legal counsel for the UCC filed against Conejos County.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC