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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on June 6th, 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 – Absent
Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present
Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

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

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

Opening Prayer: Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Remove May 16th Minutes for approval on agenda.
- Add report on auction items under Administrative Correspondence.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

Approval of Minutes:

No Minutes to Approve.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment.

Administrators Correspondence – Connie Ricci:

- Connie discusses that she received a letter of interest from Felix Gallegos to serve in the Los Conejos/Los Cerritos Cemetery district.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to appoint Felix Gallegos to the Los Conejos/Los Cerritos Cemetery district as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- Connie briefly discusses the Conejos County Auction made \$200,910.99, all auction and bids were done through Public Surplus website.

- Discussion on whether the money collected goes back to the Department funds or to the General Fund.
- Comm. Baroz asks how often we can have a auction, Connie replies we can have as many as we like, although it takes some time to organize the benefit it worth the time invested.
- The Public Surplus website is very easy to use and with better organizational skills we would have no problems having an auction more often.

Sheriff's Report – Garth Crowther:

- Calls for May are 725 for the County and 21 for Antonito.
- 1113 Cases filed year to date.
- 5 Search and Rescue in May.
- The patrol of campgrounds has started with an agreement with the Forest Service.
- The Sheriff has received Grant to purchase a new side by side for search and rescue purposes.
- The School Resource Officer has been doing a great job for the County, Schools and Students.
- Several busts have taken many drugs off the school, open investigations have removed dealers and drugs from off the streets.
 - 5880 Fentanyl pills.
 - 201 grams of meth.
 - 14.5 grams of powdered fentanyl.
 - 4 grams of cocaine.
 - 2 grams of heroin.
 - 5 guns, 3 suppressors and 1000's of rounds ammunition.
- The Under-Sheriff is working on a JAG grant to purchase a trailer for mobile investigations where they need power and lighting.
- The Sheriff is ready for the Psychedelic Event happening in Costilla County right over the Lobatos Bride, Costilla Sheriff's Department, BLM, Conejos Ambulance are all working together to better deal with an Emergencies that could come from the people attending.
- Sheriff Crowther introduces their mew recruit Deputy E. Reyes.

Council Of Governments Update – Sara Stober and Aliyah:

- 1041 Regulations for Water and Public Utilities.
- Broadband expansion for SLV communities.
- Prop. 123.
- South Central Seniors has encountered a lack of funding for their home delivery meals program that helps keep seniors in their home. Next 50 is an agency that may help with funding for home delivery meals programs.
- Comm. Garcia states that he works with Sara with the COG and mentions that Sara keeps the COG running great and has moved the COG forward in a good manner.
- Comm. Garcia also mentions that he is happy to be working with the COG as a Conejos County Commissioner.
- Connie Ricci introduces our new Grant Specialist Staci Turner to Sara Stober.


Abatements – Assessor’s Office:

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:


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 Gloria Rivera (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 Abate/Refund
2023	6,975	444.86


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 06 day of June, 2024.


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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Special Event Liquor License – Nathan Ruybal:

- Clerk Ruybal presents application to approve the Special Event Liquor License for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Proper public notice was established by placing hearing notice posters in the front doors to the Parish Hall. Resolution C-9-24 was presented to the BOCC and asked to approve and waive the \$50 fee.
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve the Special Event and to waive the license fee as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz makes second motion to approve.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
 - Res. #9

SLV Ecosystems Waste Diversion Report – Chris Canaly and Annalee Vargas:

- Chris and Annalee discuss the project that could bring a waste diversion and recycling center to Conejos County.
- The team is working on a Grant that could bring 20 million to fund the project.
- Back in 2010 a survey was completed and from this survey the main areas of concern for the local environment were Air and Water Quality and illegal dumping.
- Over the next ten years the main concern was to clean up the illegal dumping sites.
- Now that we are in 2024 the opportunity with the EPA Community Change Grant to get funding to develop diversion drop off sites.
- BOCC would like to have a work session with the Ecosystems team to discuss this in detail.

- Point of clarification there is a difference between a Waste Diversion Center and a Transfer Station.
- Citizen Cindy Medina asks questions about has the SLV Ecosystems Council had community meetings, because Mrs. Medina has not heard of or attended any of those meetings.
- Mrs. Canaly replied that the meetings had begun back in 2010 and had involved all the communities in Conejos County.
- Comm. Garcia mentions that he is aware of the problem with illegal dump sites.
- Mrs. Canaly and Mrs. Vargas along with the BOCC discuss the amount and process of the grants discussed with this program.
- No decisions were made and the Ecosystems group and the BOCC will continue working out details for Conejos County.
- Comm. Baroz would like to table the discussion and approval letter until the following BOCC meeting on July 3rd, 2024.

DRG – CDBG Grants – Dan Scinto:

- Business Funding Grant presentation.
- BOCC did not receive the presentation package from Mr. Scinto, however Attorney Sarmiento received and reviewed the package.
- BOCC is asking for the project to be resent, approval will have to be delayed until after a special meeting is made and approval of program is discussed and approved.

Discussion on Arena – Shannon Hoyt:

- Shannon would like the BOCC to approve a summer concert at the Arena, the BOCC will defer discussion until after they have a work session with all parties before determining if, they want to proceed with a concert at the County Arena Complex
- Discussion about the Wash Rack for 4H students at the Arena, the bid for concrete slab is old and a new estimate will need to be obtained.
- Shannon will erect a temporary and mobile wash station, Shannon and the BOCC to figure out costs for adding a permanent wash station inside the Arena.

Road and Bridge Report – Donnie Martinez:

- New purchase of the CAT road graders.
- R&B crews will work on paving County Roads for the next several weeks.
- Crews will also repair potholes.
- Auction with Public Surplus was a learning process, the county needs to be better organized to better run an auction in the future.

National Opioid Settlement – Kroger Co. – Attorney Sarmiento:

- Conejos County BOCC decided to Opt-In to the Kroger settlement.

Land Purchase for Ambulance HQ Discussion:

Comm. Garcia and Baroz decide to table land purchase discussion until June 20th, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 pm

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Joseph Baroz
Chair of BOCC