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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on June 15th, 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 – Not 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. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Add Granicus bid discussion.

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Comm. Baroz First Motion

Comm. Jarvies Second Motion

Motion Carries 2-0

Approval of Minutes:

- May 18th Regular Meeting Minutes

Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve May 18th minutes are presented.

Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.

Motion Carries 2-0

Approval of Minutes:

No Public Comment

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF
CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. C-20-23

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SECURE RURAL
SCHOOLS MONEY TO VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Conejos County Finance Officer has asserted to the Members of the Board of Commissioners that 25% or **\$70,265.00** of the total **\$281,060.60** Secure Rural Schools Money received in 2023 will be left in the Road and Bridge Fund; and

WHEREAS, of the remaining \$210,795.60 allocations will be as follows; and

WHEREAS, .41% or \$864.27 will be allocated to Alamosa RE-11J; and

WHEREAS, 62.65 or \$132,063.44 will be allocated to North Conejos RE-1J; and

WHEREAS, 25.65 or \$54,069.07 will be allocated to Sanford 6J; and

WHEREAS, 11.29 or \$23,798.82 will be allocated to South Conejos RE-10; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitations, **BE IT RESOLVED** that Mack Crowther, the duly elected Conejos County Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed and authorized to forthwith transfer the amounts as requested in this resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED AND ADOPTED THE 15th OF JUNE 2023, AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD.

Secure Rural Schools – Resolution C-20-23

Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Resolution C-20-23 as presented.

Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.

Motion Carries 2-0

Garcia House Update

- Two-year timetable to get appropriations and grant money to purchase the house.
- BOCC discusses that the Garcia family may not want to wait that long to buy the house.
- Tress will call and discuss the timetable with Castellar Garcia.
- Roof repair bids have come in and Donnie will discuss during his time slot.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

Nick presents program/administration costs and Accounts Payable and asks for BOCC of approval.

- Program and Administration Costs of \$359,403.90
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Program costs as presented.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- Accounts Payable of \$51,199.96
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve A/P as presented.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- Case Load Report

**CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ONGOING WORKLOAD SUMMARY REPORT**

| | Jan-23 | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| APS | | 9 | | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Child Care | 40 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 41 | 44 | | | | | | |
| Child Support | 412 | 413 | 414 | 408 | 402 | 393 | | | | | | |
| Child Welfare | | 7 | | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Financial | 103 | 106 | 108 | 110 | 104 | 104 | | | | | | |
| Colorado Works | 34 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 36 | 37 | | | | | | |
| Food Stamps/Food Assistance | 847 | 863 | 873 | 878 | 873 | 854 | | | | | | |
| Medical Assistance | 1983 | 1986 | 1991 | 2004 | 1990 | 1949 | | | | | | |

- TANF preference letter discussion
 - This preference letter indicates CCDSS option that TANF funds should be redirected to Child Welfare or Child Care should they be overspent.
- HCPF/Homeland Security Site Visit Recommendations
 - HCPF/Homeland Security did a site visit to CCDSS as part of a pilot project for their upcoming Physical Security site assessment/ ARPA funding. The link shows recommendations made per that site visit. This is supplemented by the Competitive Grant process IM 23-017 which makes ARPA funds available to county departments to help w/ the costs of implementing their suggested changes.
- State AND Navigator Contract Renewal
 - Renewal Contract w/ RMSER for \$75,666. CCDSS acts as Fiscal Agent for all SLV counties. Navigator services help clients in applying and securing their application for SSI as part of their application for STATE AND. Request for Approval.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to allow DSS to enter in a contract with Navigator as presented.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

- Community Solar Project DSS - Solar Project Additional Agreement
 - Conejos County has been participating in Solar Project and as part of their participation receives Xcel credits. It is necessary for CCDSS to enter into a separate agreement so that we are invoiced separately and receive future credits. It was advised that we hold off onto entering this contract at this time due to the prolonged length of the contract terms (20 years). I will continue to work w/ this agency to see if they will entertain a shorter contract term otherwise, we will not participate.
- Rocky Mountain Counseling Amendment Contract Rocky Mountain Counseling FY 23 24 Contract
 - Amended Contract for FY 22 23 with Rocky Mountain Counseling to \$80,000 as client demand has necessitated higher use.
 - Contract for FY 23 24 with Rocky Mountain Counseling for \$80,000. Both contracts paid primarily out of CORE funding (\$75,000) TANF (\$5,000). RMC provides Nurturing Parenting classes to our Child Welfare visits and has also assisted this year with client visitation that were out of the county.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve amended contract as presented.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- Contract Renewal CCDSS Attorney
 - Contract Renewal with CCDSS Attorney Ryan Dunn. \$100,000 paid primarily from Child Welfare. with costs attributed to County Admin, TANF, Child Support as needed. Requesting Approval.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve contract extension for CCDSS Attorney Ryan Dunn.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0
- TANF Transfer
 - CCDSS will be transferring \$50,000 TANF funds to Jefferson County in exchange for their payment of corresponding MOE. Request for formal approval.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve TANF transfer as presented.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

Clerk and Recorder's Report – Nathan Ruybal:

- Special Event Liquor Permit for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in regard to the Summer 2023 Parish Fiesta.
- Adequate public notice was met by posting Public Hearing poster at the Parish Hall.

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Min Fee: \$0.00 RS: \$0.00

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONEJOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO C-21-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENTS
LIQUOR PERMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 48 OF TITLE 12 OF THE
COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ELECTION TO NOT NOTIFY THE
STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Conejos County, State of Colorado acting in its capacity as the "local licensing authority" is authorized to issue Special Events Permits to organizations, whether or not presently licensed under articles 46 and 47 of title 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes when said organizations have been incorporated under the laws of this state for purposes of a social, fraternal, patriotic, political, or athletic nature, and not for pecuniary gain, and;

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish" for a special entertainment event to be held at 6633 County Road 13, Conejos Colorado 81129 on July 14, 2023 from 6:00 p.m., until 12:00 a.m., July 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and July 16, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and;

WHEREAS, the applicant is an organization qualified for the issuance of a Special Events Permit for the location hereinabove identified, and;

WHEREAS, all application fees have been paid (or waived), public notice of the application and hearing on the application have been posted and published, and;

WHEREAS, a hearing was convened on the 15th day of June, 2023 to hear evidence concerning the need and desire of the area residents for the issuance of a Special Events Permit for the event scheduled for the 14th-16th day of July, 2023, at the location herein identified, and the Board, not having heard any statements in opposition to the issuance of the Permit and having heard sufficient support for the event and for the issuance of the Special Events Permit, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant section 12-48-107, C.R.S., "A local licensing authority may elect not to notify the state licensing authority to obtain the state licensing authority's approval or disapproval of an application for a special event permit." And, the Board is electing not to notify the state licensing authority on this particular Special Events Permit.

- Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Resolution granting a Special Event Liquor Permit to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish as presented.
- Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 2-0

Clerk Ruybal asks the BOCC if they Permit fee can be waived.

- Comm, Baroz makes motion to waive the Special Event Permit as requested.
- Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 2-0

Granicus discussion

- Clerk Ruybal presents a bid from Granicus, a company that helps entities with minute taking and board meeting video and audio recordings.
- Clerk Ruybal and BOCC believe that this service sounds great, but the cost is not justifiable.
- Bid from Granicus is not approved.

CTSI Five Year Loss Analysis and Pool Update – Marilyn :

- Auto Claims
- Workers compensation claims

Town of La Jara Issue – Larry Zaragoza:

- Mr. Zaragoza discusses several issues that the Town is having with their water system and details the solutions that the Town has been discussing.
- Above ground water tank has not been working properly for many years.
- Water issues are elevated when the Town has power outages, backup generator to power the system is also not working. When power goes out the Hospital and Nursing Home are without water.
- Mr. Zaragoza and the Town are looking to secure grant funding for the repairs and upgrades to water system.
- Mr. Zaragoza asks for a letter of support from the BOCC to help their case when seeking grants.

Road and Bridge Update – Donnie Martinez:

- Flooded roads have been worked on by and are in much better shape, many are open but there are a few that are still closed due to damage.
- Tailwaters are still an issue and causing damage to County Roads.
- Paving and pothole work on County Road D.5 and Dahlia Street currently in progress.
- Pothole truck from Golden will be pick up soon.
- Resident road issues on Richfield and County Road 9.
- Bridge repair will be postponed until water subsides.
- Donnie provides an update on the jail sewer system.
- Roof bid discussion continues with Donnie recommending Circle G to the BOCC.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to accept the bid for roof repair from Circle G for \$125,810 for the Courthouse and \$36,125 for the DSS building.
 - Comm. Jarvies seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 2-0

Public Health Update – Denise Jirón:

- Currently Public Health does not have a in house nurse since Natalie left the County.

D. 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.

- Linda Smith has been appointed as the Lead EPR Liaison for CDPHE. She will oversee the SLV and Hinsdale counties.

F. Prevention and Population Health

All public health agencies are required to develop, implement and evaluate strategies (policies and programs) to enhance and promote healthy living, quality of life and wellbeing while reducing the incidence of preventable (chronic and communicable) diseases, injuries, disabilities and other poor health outcomes across the lifespan.

- CCPH has placed an order with CDPHE for Fentanyl test kits and Narcan/ Kloxxido supply

H. Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program

1 May 2023

- a Clients: 63
- b Hour worked: 7,538.0
- c Employing 33 Providers
- d We have not had any client incidents for this reporting period

Director meets with PCP supervisor Quarterly to review client charts and update on client issues. No changes at this time.

CONEJOS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 6/15/2023

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ended the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 on May 11, 2023

Vaccines for Children (VFC) compliance site visit

CCPH completed the Vaccines for Children (VFC) compliance site visit on Wednesday June 14, 2023. Annarae Smith maintains the VFC compliance in regard to storage temperatures, monitoring logs and vaccine compliance issues. Our Auditor verbally stated we fared well and only had one follow up action which he will provide to us.

Currently we are not providing vaccines as we do not have a nurse. However, we are collaborating with Alamosa County Public Health in the interim and referring clients to them. Interest in vaccines has seriously dropped off and we hope they will resume with the start of the new Year.

Will COVID-19 vaccines still be free in Colorado?


- Yes. The ending of the public health emergency does not directly impact the cost or availability of COVID-19 vaccines. As COVID-19 vaccines become available through the commercial market later in 2023, they will remain available at no cost to Coloradans with or without health insurance. Vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices are considered preventive health care and, as such, are covered by both public and private insurance without copays — this will also apply to COVID-19 vaccines upon commercialization. The COVID-19 vaccinations will continue to be covered under Medicare Part B without cost sharing, and through Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+).
- For people without insurance, free COVID-19 vaccines will remain available at local pharmacies through the Department of Health and Human Services' Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments.


Protect yourself from West Nile Virus

West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of mosquito borne disease in the continental United States. It is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Cases of WNV occur during mosquito season, which starts in the summer and continues through fall. There are no vaccines to prevent or medications to treat WNV in people. Fortunately, most people infected with WNV do not feel sick. About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. About 1 out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness. You can reduce your risk of WNV by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants to prevent mosquito bites.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC