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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on June 20th, 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: Nathan Ruybal-Clerk and Recorder – Connie Ricci – HR Manager – Nick Sarmiento – County Attorney **Absent** - Tressesa Martinez-County Administrator

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

Opening Prayer: Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Remove Denise Jiron with Public Health/Board of Health from Agenda.
- Add Executive Session to discuss Land Use penalty assessments.
 - Comm. Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion Carried 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- May 16th regular meeting minutes needing approval.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- May 9th Special Meeting minutes needing approval.
 - Comm. Garcia made a motion to approve minutes as presented,
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment.

Administrators Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- Resolution C-10-24 regarding Secure Rural Schools. Tress reads the resolution to the BOCC with no discussion.
 - Comm. Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- Approve expenditure for two CAT road graders for a total of \$666,069.45 from WAGNER equipment.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve the expenditure as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- Discussion and approval for dollars used for purchase of the graders, Tress discussed adopting a resolution to borrow from us to utilize the dollars from ARPA. Tress also discussed adding the revenue made from the equipment auction directly to the Road and Bridge account so she could use that money to pay for the CAT road graders. Comm. Baroz asked Clerk Ruybal to bring up his question about placing funds directly into a specific account rather than the General Fund. Clerk Ruybal used the example of receiving reimbursement after an Election, those funds are placed back into the General Fund and are not placed into the Clerk and Records account. The BOCC and Tress discuss having Mack Crowther the Treasurer place the funds once received into the General Fund and not into any specific departments account.
- EOA Community Change Grant discussion, Tress will type a letter of support and have the BOCC sign and issue the letter of support.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

- Nick requests approval of Program Expenditures and Accounts Payable.
 - Program expenditures of \$368,045.48 requesting approval.
 - Comm. Garcia made a motion to approve program expenditures as presented,
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
 - Accounts Payable of \$29,044.24 requesting approval.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve A/P as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- Case Load Report

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ONGOING WORKLOAD SUMMARY REPORT

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
APS			4									
Child Care	39	39	38	30	30	29						
Child Support	378	376	375	366	362	357						
Child Welfare			8									
Adult Financial	89	84	91	96	96	90						
Colorado Works	38	38	35	38	35	37						
SNAP	883	896	895	909	905	917						
Medical Assistance	1643	1602	1583	1573	1576	1576						

- HCPF FY 24/25 Incentive Extension
 - Extension of HCPF Incentives for FY 24/25. Total amount \$22,055.55. I am participating in a workgroup to develop this year's incentives. Will likely be around: Performance, Accuracy, and Customer Experience.
- Work Number Contract
 - Total Contract amount \$3,342 w/ the Work Number paid through County Admin. Allows Eligibility staff the ability to verify employment for participating employees.
- Final TANF transfer letter.
 - Final TANF transfer to Teller County in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for county MOE.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve MOE as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- TANF transfer letter
 - This letter allows the State to move TANF funds to either Child Welfare or Child Care if a county is overspent. Conejos County will not be overspent in any of those areas this year.
- Letter of Support for Lobatos Bridge Project.
- SIPA Grant Application
 - Quote from Allyant for PDF conversion.
 - Application for Conejos County SIPA Grant application. Total request \$10,000.
 - Quote from Allyant to convert all documents on website to ADA compliant PDF's -total \$13,662.22.
- Agreement for Legal Services
 - Renewal of contract w/ CCDSS county attorney Ryan Dunn.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve MOE as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0

SLV Water quality report – Annalee Vargas and Katherine Jones:

- Heavy metals and Ground water quality in the San Luis Valley, Annalee presents a study that tested well water samples from across the valley over a period. The study found that many wells in Conejos County and the Valley were high in Arsenic, Copper and Uranium. Annalee also mentioned that drought impacts heavy metals because the more a aquifer declines the higher the traces of heavy metals. Annalee suggests getting your water tested so that you can be aware of the condition of your well water.

Alpine Lumber – Building Code Discussion – Will Burton:

- Alpine Lumber owner Will Burton, Linda and the BOCC discuss the 2018 building code, Mr. Barton would like to have an open channel of communication with Land Use to better keep up with building regulations concerning the log cabins they build and the R-Value of the logs that they use and the building code they must build to.

Ambulance Report - Ernest Abeyta:

- The financial report YTD is \$179,030.60.
- The financial report for May 2024 is \$40,696.40.
- RETAK funds of \$5000 have been received, first half was received in January and the second half was just received.
- YTD runs are 534 primary and 29 secondary calls.
- May primary calls total 97 and 3 secondary calls.

- Ernest is applying for an extension for the Ambulance Grant.
- Ernest plans to have a summertime event with education and networking possibilities.
- Ernest is asking for approval from the BOCC to ask the E911 Board for matching funds to replace radios.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve Ernest requesting matching funds to replace radios from the E911 Board as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0
- Retak Board is asking for representatives from Conejos County.
 - Comm. Garcia made a motion to nominate Ernest Abeyta to sit in the Retak board.
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0

Cumbres and Toltec Liquor License Renewal – Nathan Ruybal:

- Optional premises liquor license renewal at Osier Station, Clerk Ruybal presents to the BOCC and requests for approval.
 - Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve liquor license renewal as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0

Land Use Report – Linda DeHerrera:

**CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT**

CASE NO: CCLU-2023-0168

REQUEST: Division of Land

APPLICANT: William D. Werner

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Luchetti Surveying

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the Land Use office on August 23, 2023, for a Division of Land (DOL.) The owner is the Werner Family Revocable Trust. The property is approximately 48.581 acres± located in Tract 1 of the Failla Edgar Division of Land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 35 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County Colorado. County Parcel #572322300102.

The proposed survey reflects a division of 48.581 acres ± to create the following:

Tract 1 contains 44.60 acres ± rural with agricultural use.

Tract 2 contains 4.00 acres ± rural - convey to a family member. agricultural use.
County Road ROW dedication - None, no county road to dedicate.

Applicable Land Use Codes: Article 10 - Subdivision, Division 10.7 Subdivision Exemptions, Section 10.7 (1.) Division of Land

Purpose of Division: The applicant is requesting a division of land to separate the 4.000 acres to convey to a family member.

LU Administrator approval: 06/20/2024

County Surveyor review/approval: 06/17/2024 - Reviewed and approved by both Toby Crowther and Dan Russell.

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 12/20/2024

- Comm. Garcia made a motion to approve Division of Land as presented,
- Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
- Motion carried 3-0

Frost Vacation of Roadway – Resolution C-12-24 - Discussion

- No action was taken, waiting from Landowner on conditions to replat or consolidate parcels.
- BOCC will approve vacation of roadway once landowner gets the replat submitted to Land Use.

4 Day Work Week Discussion.

- Clerk Ruybal weighed in on approving a 4-day work week.
- BOCC commits that they will make a decision by the next BOCC meeting on August 1st.

Motion to enter Executive Session 24-6-402 Sub Section B Conference with an Attorney to Discuss Legal Counsel regarding land use penalty assessment for permit violators.

Comm. Garcia first motion

Comm. Baroz second motion


Motion Carries 3-0

Comm. Jarvies - Let the record reflect that we are coming out of the Executive Session conference with an Attorney, no decisions were made, and it is 11:51 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.

Meeting Adjourned 12:16 pm

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC