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**Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting held on June 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm
in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129**

Comm. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
Mitchell Jarvies – Chairperson – Present
Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present
Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

Present: Nathan Ruybal -Clerk and Recorder, Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney, Tressesa Martinez-County Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Comm. Jarvies.

Prayer: Comm. Opening Prayer by Comm. Garcia

Approval of Agenda:

- Comm. Baroz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
- Motion carried 3-0

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Attorney Sarmiento advises the public on our current position in the process and what we will be covering for tonight’s hearing. Mr. Sarmiento begins reading a portion of 1041 regarding property protections of the County and the citizens written in the 1041 regulations. Discussion continues concerning language in the regulations relating to utilizing the current easements, language is asking if it is reasonable for the utility company to

Mrs. Randa McCarroll
County Road CC
La Jara, CO

Randa asks if public utility company provides three routes, who makes the decision of which route is chosen? Comm. Jarvies explains that it’s part of the application process and after the public hearings with public input will the BOCC make the decision based on the 1041 regulations and citizen input.

Jace Booth
County Road AA.5
La Jara, CO

Asking questions regarding forcing a utility company to use existing easements and why the utility company needs a 75-foot easement, Attorney Sarmiento explained that the County cannot force the utility company to do anything, the reason we are creating the 1041 regulations is to create fair and reasonable regulations for the utility company can operate while the County can protect the land and citizens the best way they can. Attorney Sarmiento went on to explain that the 1041 regulations do not spell out on any agreement the utility company and the private landowner may have, the easement size would be an agreement between the landowner and the utility company, the County would not be involved in those negotiations.

Attorney Sarmiento discusses that the County needs to outline in the 1041 regulations what a complete application would look like, the BOCC discusses the need to specify that if a utility company comes with one purposed route then the utility company needs to have all deeds and easements in hand to allow application to continue to next step or if the utility company comes with three purposed routes then the utility company does not need to show deeds or easements to make the application complete.

Lyn Shawcroft
17045 County Road W.5
La Jara, CO

For the record Lyn is for keeping the existing easement for utility power lines and they would like no more than a 75-foot easement.

Sharleen Farmer
County Road 18
Antonito, CO

Posing the question, is it wise to have the BOCC be the decision maker for the proposed transmission lines?

Gail Gallegos
11395 Hwy 285
Romeo, CO

Gail states that she has been approached by Excel to sell property or the interest of her property for an easement and they have been very unfair and abusive to her while dealing with them.

Martille Faatz
21775 County Rd 19
La Jara, CO

Would like to see public utility companies provide as much information and studies of at least three proposed routes, with specific and detailed information of each proposed route.

Future Meetings and Work Sessions

1. July 15th and 29th at 6pm – work session
2. August 14th - last public hearing at 6pm.
3. August 15th Final Adoption at 9am Regular Scheduled BOCC Meeting.


Comm. Baroz makes a motion to continue the meeting on August 14th, 2024.

Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.


Motion Carries 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm

ATTEST:



Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board



Mitchell Jarvis
Chair of BOCC