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**Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on September 19th, 2024,
at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129**

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call reflected the attendance of Comm. Mitchell Jarvies – Chairperson - present, Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – absent and Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – present, Nathan Ruybal - Clerk and Recorder, Connie Ricci – HR Manager, Tressesa Martinez, County Administrator - Nick Sarmiento – County Attorney - present

2) CALL TO ORDER

September 19th, 2024, a regular monthly meeting of the Conejos County Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 am beginning with the pledge of allegiance led by Comm. Jarvies and a prayer led by Comm. Jarvies.

3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL

The agenda was reviewed, Tressesa would like to add SMP discussion. A motion was made by Comm. Garcia to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Comm. Baroz, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes to Approve.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

6) ADMINISTRATORS' CORRESPONDENCE

Spending authority for the County Administrator was discussed, procurement policy states that anything under \$25,000 Tressesa can make a decision without getting bids. Anything over \$50,000 County must get bids from three different companies before a decision is made. Next Tressesa discusses the land purchase for the ambulance base. The BOCC states that 2.9 acres purchase of land from the Martinez family. Minor detailed adjustments regarding the fact that the library does not belong to the County. The purchase price is briefly discussed, no decisions were made at this time and the BOCC will continue working with the Martinez family.

S and P discussion regarding a transfer station in Conejos County at their location on Highway 285 just north of La Jara. The BOCC and Tress mention having October assigned as Clean Up Conejos Month. No further discussion or decisions were made.

7) DSS REPORT – NICK BARELA

Nick introduces Southwest conservation who will have a presentation regarding the 2024 youth crew for Conejos County area. The presentation highlights the past year's projects and improvements, and the presentation ends with no decision or discussion. Nick is asking for approval of administrative expenses of \$480,741.54, A motion was made by Comm. Garcia to approve DSS administrative expenses as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Nick is also asking for approval of A/P of \$14,580.58, A motion was made by Comm. Garcia to approve A/P as presented, seconded by Comm. Jarvies, the MOTION CARRIED 2-0. Nick next presents DSS Case Load Report to the BOCC, Nick also discusses the school supply program that DSS had, and more than 130 families were assisted with school supplies, all the students were from Conejos County schools.

8) LAND USE REPORT – LINDA DeHERRERA

COUNTY CASE NO: CCLU-2023-0271

REQUEST: Division of Land – One parcel creating two parcels

APPLICANT: Cody & Jennifer Smith

OWNERS: Cody & Jennifer Smith

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Tony Martin- Russell Surveyors & Associates

APPLICATION DATE: December 12, 2023

LAND DESCRIPTION: The property is legally described as 42.44 acres + located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 35 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County, Colorado.

COUNTY PARCEL/SCHEDULE NUMBER: 572130300145

DESCRIPTION OF DIVISION: The proposal is to divide the 42.44 acres located in the Northwest Quarter into two parcels. Tract 1 contains approximately 35.15 acres + and Tract 2 contains approximately 7.29 acres +.

COUNTY ROAD & PRIVATE ROAD DESCRIPTION: There is no dedication as the property is accessed through a historically used road to the west side. See the survey plat for details. It is not considered a county road and is not part of the land being divided.

PURPOSE OF DIVISION: The applicants are dividing the property to sell Tract 2, which contains a home. Separating it from agricultural land.

APPLICABLE LAND USE CODES: Article 10 – Subdivision, Division 10.7 Subdivision Exemptions, Section 10.7 (1.) Division of Land

LU ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL: September 2, 2024

COUNTY SURVEYOR REVIEW/APPROVAL: September 2, 2024

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REVIEW/APPROVAL: September 19, 2024

Linda presents and asks the BOCC to review and approve the Smith Division of Land as presented, A motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the Smith Division of Land as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Resolution C-16-24

COUNTY CASE NO: CCLU-2024-0028

REQUEST: Division of Land – One parcel creating two parcels

APPLICANT: Bob Peterson

OWNERS: Bob W. Peterson & Jody L Peterson

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Reynolds Engineering

APPLICATION DATE: February 26, 2024

LAND DESCRIPTION: The property is legally described as 179 acres + located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16 and the East 20 acres of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 35 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County, Colorado.

COUNTY PARCEL/SCHEDULE NUMBER: 572116300065

DESCRIPTION OF DIVISION: The proposal is to divide the home and garage from the agricultural land. This is 183.797 acres to create Tract 1 containing approximately 180.956 acres + and Tract 2 containing 1.00 acres +.

COUNTY ROAD & PRIVATE ROAD DESCRIPTION: County Road W ROW Dedication will be 1.841 acres +. There are two private access roads from County Road W, one on the east and west sides of the house to access the home and garage and agricultural land.

PURPOSE OF DIVISION: The applicant is dividing the home and garage from the agricultural land for financial purposes.

APPLICABLE LAND USE CODES: Article 10 – Subdivision, Division 10.7 Subdivision Exemptions, Section 10.7 (1.) Division of Land

LU ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL: September 19, 2024

COUNTY SURVEYOR REVIEW/APPROVAL: September 2, 2024

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Linda presents and asks the BOCC to review and approve the Peterson Division of Land as presented, A motion was made by Comm. Garcia to approve the Smith Division of Land as presented, seconded by Comm. Baroz, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Resolution C-17-24

Linda discusses Excel Right of Way at the Quinlan Solar Farm, Linda asks the BOCC to review and approve easement as presented. A motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the Excel/Quinlan as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

9) ANDREA JONES – FOREST SERVICE REPORT

Andrea reports that the Forest Service is working with Western Rivers to purchase land at Cliff Lake to make the area public again, the area has been closed to the public because of being private property. Andrea is also asking for a letter of support for Blue Goose/Cliff Lake, a motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the Excel/Quinlan as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

10) PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – DENISE JIRON

Denise presents to the BOCC the Public Health Report, which highlights a small case of Whooping Cough at one household in Conejos County. Denise states that 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 and her and staff are currently completing the PHEP/EPR Action Plan. Denise next reports on the PCP program, currently there are fifty-nine clients, with over fifteen hundred hours worked this month, twenty-eight PCP providers presently employed.

Comm. Jarvies now opens the Board of Health meeting, Denise presents that vaccines for Covid and RSV are available at the Public Health Offices. Communicable disease updates, Pertussis is on the rise (whooping cough), COVID cases are surging- free test available at our office, new campaign to encourage vaccines and education regarding respiratory illnesses; RSV, FLU, COVID, etc. Vaccine Clinics- Gearing up for Flu Season. Vaccines are available by appointment on Thursdays at Public Health. Sexually Transmitted Infections, while CCPH does not test or treat STIs in house; we do provide referrals and self-administered testing kits which are sent directly to CDPHE. The provider then works directly with the patient.

11) OEM REPORT – RODNEY KING

CEPA (Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment) Assessment is complete, Rodney has received the Draft Report to look over and return with any corrections. David Osborn and Rodney have reviewed, David pointed out several additions and corrections which Rodney sent to Morgan Haskett (Strategy, Assessment, and Plans Specialist at CEPA / DHSEM.) When Margan makes the changes requested, the Final Plan will be sent to Rodney. Kent Smith, Fuels Planner for the Rio Grande National Forest Service, Has Retired. Rodney was introduced to his replacement at the SLV Wildfire Committee meeting at the BLM Office in east of Monte Vista this past Monday. This mitigation burn activity is planned for next year, still has not happened because of the weather, the area is too wet. They will try next year. The Coalitions and Collaboratives (COCO) Community Catalyst Fund as part of the Community Navigator Program. Conejos County agreed to be the fiscal agent for this one-year grant, Conejos County EOM was awarded \$49,999.40 not the \$96,000, Rodney is completing the contract, Rodney attended the G-0318 Local Mitigation Planning Course 09/11/24 – 09/12/24 at the DHSEM located at 1301 West Avenue in Alamosa. Participants from as far away as Montrose, Denver and Montana attended this once-a-year class. All of Saguache County Commissioners, Public Health, and Land Use attended and had good discussions with the presenters. Rodney will travel to Montrose in November to complete a full day of training for the Midwest Card program, which includes the Salamander Credentialing, Rapid Tag, Inventory apps along with the new apps available.


12) APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE TAX WRITE OFFS – MACK CROWTHER


Mack presented the BOCC a resolution cancelling uncollectable real estate taxes for those taxes six years or older per CRS 39-10-114(2)(b) on County held certificates. Resolution C-18-2024 was assigned to this resolution, a motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the Excel/Quinlan as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

A motion was made to amend the agenda, Tressesa needs to add Audit update and Ratification of Lobatos Bridge resolution. Tressesa gives a brief update to the BOCC regarding the 2023 Audit, which needs to be completed and sent to the State by September 30th, 2024, next Tressesa discusses that the BOCC needs to ratify the Resolution regarding the Lobatos Bridge. A motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the ratification to the Lobatos Bridge Resolution as presented, seconded by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 12:15 pm

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC