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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on September 21st, 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 – Present

Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

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

Not Present: NONE

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

Opening Prayer: Comm. Garcia gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Comm. Garcia asks Tressesa why agenda on the website and agenda presented at the meeting are different.
- Discussion regarding statutes we need to follow for posting of agenda prior to the day of the meeting and the day of the meeting.
- Attorney Sarmiento will research into the laws and regulations regarding posted and presented agendas.
- Comm. Garcia thinks there should not be any changes to the agenda after the 24-hour notice of agenda.
- Discussion between Attorney Sarmiento and BOCC regarding agenda changes and amendments.
 - Request to remove Ernest Abeyta from the agenda.
 - Add OHV discussion under Admin. Correspondence.
 - Add legislative committee Commissioner designation appoint under Admin. Correspondence.
 - Add letter of support for South San Juan Trail organization under Admin. Correspondence.
 - Motion to approve agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Baroz makes first motion.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- No Minutes to approve.

Public Comment:

- Sharlene Farmer discusses that the BOCC needs to leave the requirement for insurance for OHV use in Conejos County. If the BOCC does not pass OHV resolution, we need to empower the Sheriff and deputies to begin ticketing violators.

Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- Legislative committee Commissioner designation appoint for 2023.
 - Motion made to keep Comm. Jarvies as committee member.
 - Comm. Baroz makes first motion.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - BOCC agrees not to designate an alternate member.
- Letter of support for South San Juan Trails, Tress asks BOCC to sign the letter required for organization to seek grant funding.
- Letter of support for Guadalupe Water District, Tress asks BOCC to sign the letter required for organization to seek grant funding.
- Ambulance base and Architectural/Engineering discussion.
 - Comm. Baroz is in favor of choosing Reynolds Ash & Assoc. for the project.
 - Comm. Garcia discusses cost of both submitted quotes.
 - Comm. Baroz moves that BOCC hire Reynolds Ash & Assoc. for the Ambulance Base project.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Tress had made an executive decision regarding the Sheriff's office asking to apply for \$1000,000 grant to replace front doors into Courthouse. The doors are very heavy and the hydraulic door closer on exit door is not working and door slams closed very hard.
 - BOCC approves of the decision for the grant application.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

- Program and Administrative Cost Approval
 - Mr. Barela asks BOCC to approve in the amount of \$435,848.47.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Accounts Payable Approval
 - Mr. Barela asks the BOCC for A/P approval.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

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
APS		9		9			9	10	5	
Child Care	40	40	40	41	41	44	42	42	42	
Child Support	412	413	414	408	402	393	389	387	388	
Child Welfare		7		6			6	7	8	
Adult Financial	103	106	108	110	104	104	101	100	100	
Colorado Works	34	37	39	39	36	37	39	39	37	
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	847	853	873	878	873	854	881	850	849	
Medical Assistance	1983	1986	1991	2004	1990	1949	1901	1833	1776	

- Transition to Tyler, Acknowledgments of work completed to this point. (General Ledger,A,P, Bank Reconciliation, Fixed Assets) Next step Payroll.
- Discussion continues on upcoming payroll changes for all Conejos County.

Road and Bridge Report – Donnie Martinez:

- County Road 28 bridge replacement underway.
- County Road 28 CenturyLink ran lines directly under the bridge, this will cause a delay until they are able to remove the lines.
- County Road 11 bridge will be taller and wider, construction is underway and will be complete in a few weeks.
- Grating roads work has continued after completion of paving, crews are also working shoulders on the County Roads they are grating.
- Pothole truck will be sent out to repair potholes on all County Roads.
- Crack and Seal material purchased with existing budget money to repair cracks on County Roads.
- Jail Sewer Pump System work completed; system was not working correctly however Donnie did fix issues.
- Donnie explains the specifics regarding the pump system in the jail sewer system.
- Roof repair complete – rain did wash away some of the roof sealing agent, Donnie did bring this to contractors’ attention during final walk through. Contractor was able to go over and reapply sealant to those parts of the roof that were discovered.
- Donnie also explains that he had roof repair contractor along with two other bids to install gutters and heat tape, with only two bids coming in, work on the gutters will start soon.
- County Road H Donnie discusses using mag chloride usage to keep dust down, application wise is only good for 100 to 200 days with a cost of \$200,000 annually.
- No decision was made.

Public Health Report – Denise Jiron:

B. Assessment Planning and Communication

1. Conejos County Specific Goal

Work with community partners on existing and emerging local projects to influence health behaviors and conditions and advocate for family support systems that strengthen protective factors and reduce risk factors for children and families.

C. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation and Control

All public health agencies are required to track the incidence and distribution of disease in the population and prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases, zoonotic, vector, air-borne, water-borne, and food-borne illnesses, and other diseases that are transmitted person-to-person.

Immunization Program

- a. Continuing with Adult and Childhood vaccines

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

E. Environmental Health

All public health agencies are required to participate in the protection and improvement of air, water, land, and food quality by identifying, investigating, and responding to community environmental health concerns, reducing current and emerging environmental health risks, preventing communicable diseases, and sustaining the environment. These activities should be consistent with applicable laws and regulations, and coordinated with local, state, and federal agencies, industry, and the public.

1. Regional Health Inspector / Environmental Health Program in 2023
- 2 FT, 1 PT regional staff

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.

- Will begin distributing Narcan and Kloxxado in October

G. Vital Records and Statistics

All agencies are required to record and report vital events (e.g., births and deaths) in compliance with Colorado Statutes, Board of Health Regulations, and Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics policies. Public Health Directors shall act as the local registrar of vital statistics or contract out the responsibility of registrar in the area over which the agency has jurisdiction.

1. Most small counties use other entities for this service, with public health to be notified/monitor for any significantly abnormal trends

H. Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program

1 August 2023

- a. Clients: 55
- b. Hour worked: 7,637.00
- c. Employing 28 Providers
- d. We have not had any client incidents for this reporting period.
- e. Home Care License was approved and renewed on August 26, 2023 for 1 year.

I. Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Participation during the month of August 2023:

1. 410 Individuals total participation
2. Home deliveries to the homebound 2 days monthly: 48 people
3. 275 Households (including TFAP)
4. Curbside delivery continues 2 (T/Th) days weekly
5. Requested a decrease in caseload as our participation has dropped and unable to maintain higher numbers for CSFP (Commodities)

J. Fiscal Updates- Snapshot

Grants for FY23/24 were implemented 7/1/23.

- Denise notes that she needs to have the Air Conditioner repaired at the Public Health Office, she is also needing the parking lot to be re-stripped.

Board of Health Report – Denise Jiron:

New Nurse!

Veronica Fringer has accepted a position as out PT Nurse. She is slated to begin employment on October 5, 2023.

Flu Shots!

We are negotiating a contract with Vivienne Gallegos, RN to assist us in kicking off our Flu shots as well as train our New Nurse. We will be sending out information on Flu Clinics for staff and the community We will also be working with the schools.

Hantavirus Contracted in Conejos County

A Rio Grande resident contracted hantavirus from a site located in Conejos County. Hantavirus cases are investigated in 2 parts. First, the communicable disease investigation is conducted by the county the person resides in. Secondly, Environmental Health (EH) which is a regional position housed in Alamosa County PH, investigates the site/location of exposure. Because this is a regional position, the EH person is able to work in any of the counties listed on the IGA.

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS)

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease in humans caused by infection with hantaviruses. Anyone who comes into contact with rodents that carry hantaviruses is at risk of HPS. Rodent infestation in and around the home remains the primary risk for hantavirus exposure. Even healthy individuals are at risk for HPS infection if exposed to the virus.

Due to the small number of HPS cases, the "incubation time" is not positively known. However, on the basis of limited information, it appears that symptoms may develop between 1 and 8 weeks after exposure to fresh urine, droppings, or saliva of infected rodents.

Early Symptoms Early symptoms include fatigue, fever and muscle aches, especially in the large muscle groups—thighs, hips, back, and sometimes shoulders. These symptoms are universal.

There may also be headaches, dizziness, chills, and abdominal problems, such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. About half of all HPS patients experience these symptoms.

Late Symptoms Four to 10 days after the initial phase of illness, the late symptoms of HPS appear. These include coughing and shortness of breath, with the sensation of, as one survivor put it, a "...tight band around my chest and a pillow over my face" as the lungs fill with fluid.

Is the Disease Fatal? Yes. HPS can be fatal. It has a mortality rate of 38%.

Clean up rodent urine and droppings

Step 1: Put on rubber or plastic gloves.

Step 2: Spray urine and droppings with bleach solution or an EPA-registered disinfectant until very wet. Let it soak for 5 minutes or according to instructions on the disinfectant label.

Step 3: Use paper towels to wipe up the urine or droppings and cleaning product.

Step 4: Throw the paper towels in a covered garbage can that is regularly emptied.

Step 5: Mop or sponge the area with a disinfectant.

- Clean all hard surfaces including floors, countertops, cabinets, and drawers.
- Follow instructions below to clean and disinfect other types of surfaces.

Step 6: Wash gloved hands with soap and water or a disinfectant before removing gloves.

Step 7: Wash hands with soap and warm water after removing gloves or use a waterless alcohol-based hand rub when soap is not available and hands are not visibly soiled.


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OHV Meetings

Public notice regarding Public Hearings set for Oct. 11th at 6pm and Oct. 24th at 6pm
November 2nd BOCC Regular Meeting set for decision on OHV.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC