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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting held on October 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Board Room, 6693 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129

Comm. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Citizens Present: Felix Gallegos.

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

Prayer: Comm. Jarvies gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Comm. Garcia First Motion

Comm. Baroz Second Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Comm. Jarvies opens the meeting by explaining that the BOCC is meeting regarding the Recreational OHV use on County Roads. The BOCC is reconvening from the September 20th meeting and from that meeting the citizens in attendance were against the requirement of having insurance on the OHV. Comm. Jarvies explains that he has talked to his insurance agent, and he was told that for a OHV under \$10,000 liability coverage would cost roughly \$100 a year and for more expensive OHV's full coverage would cost \$500 to \$700 a year.

Mr. Feliz Gallegos voices to the BOCC that he is against the requirement of insurance for OHV's.

Comm. Jarvies discusses concerns from last meeting which were the objections to insurance coverage for OHV and underage drivers required to have a licensed person in the OHV while underage person is operating the OHV.

Sheriff Crowther discusses insurance and under age drivers, Sheriff states that him and his deputies will not be actively pulling over OHV drivers looking to see if they carry insurance, and for underage OHV drivers, the Sheriff agrees that drivers under 16 should have a chaperone with a valid Drivers License.

Attorney Sarmiento discusses OHV provisions as outlined in the Recreational Use OHV Resolution.

BOCC closes the meeting by stating that the purpose of this Resolution is to hopefully create revenue from tourism and not from penalties and fines. By designating Conejos County as OHV friendly the BOCC wants to have campers and visitors drive their OHV from up the canyon to the municipalities to create revenue at our stores and restaurants.

Comm. Baroz makes motion to reconvene discussion at the next public hearing on 11/24/2023.

Comm. Garcia seconded that motion.

Motion Carries 3-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC