

Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on November 12th, 2024, at 1:30 pm 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

November 12th, 2024, a regular monthly meeting of the Conejos County Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:30 pm 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, Clerk Ruybal asked the BOCC to add discussion regarding election update, a motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes to Approve.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

6) ADMINISTRATORS' CORRESPONDENCE

Tressesa discusses 741 trail maintenance project, letter of approval was drafted and approved by the BOCC, a motion was made by Comm. Garcia to approve letter of support. Second by Comm. Baroz, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Tressesa next presents the 2025 Holiday schedule and the BOCC briefly discusses, a motion was made by Comm. Baroz to approve the 2025 holiday schedule as presented. Second by Comm. Garcia, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Tressesa followed that discussion with a conversation regarding the front Courthouse doors replacement, the grant that the County had lined up to replace the doors was pulled to be incorporated with grants from the 12th Judicial District to focus money on a judicial center to be built next to the Jail. BOCC decided to hold on door replacement project. The final discussion is regarding lease purchase for new CAT road grader, Conejos County reached out to SLV Federal Bank and Alamosa State Bank. SLV Federal will lend 100% of the amount at 4.25% rate for 10 years. Alamosa State Bank will lend only 80% of the amount at 4.75% rate for 15 years. A motion was made by Comm. Garcia to use SLV Federal to lease the road grader. Second by Comm. Baroz, the MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

7) SHERIFFS REPORT – GARTH CROWTHER

Sheriff Crowther informs the BOCC that the October calls were 732 for the County and 44 for the Town of Antonito, the Sheriff has 296 open cases for October. From July to October the Sheriff's office received 3886 calls for the County and 122 for the Town of Antonito, and 1069 cases. There are two homicide cases, one attempted homicide case, seven open sexual assault cases. The Sheriff states that the School Resource Officer has been very busy at the schools with the students. There is one open patrol deputy position open, the Sheriff is thankful that our wages are better in Conejos which are able to keep our deputies from leaving the County for higher pay. The 12th Judicial District is paying overtime for Court security. Sheriff Crowther states that with extra court security shifts and normal shifts he fears that his deputies could be burning out, he suggests to the BOCC that he may need to add a deputy just for court security. Sheriff Crowther next updates the BOCC of all the Search and Rescue for the year, he also mentions that vehicles are once again a problem. Two of the trucks require a new engine, one of the trucks is having transfer case problems. All three are down at this time and will be repaired soon, the Sheriff closes his report with nothing else to report.

8) 1041 REGULARIONS MEETING UPDATES

Attorney Sarmiento updates the BOCC on the required meetings for the 1041 Regulation meetings, December 18 will be the Public Hearing @ 6pm and the 1041 Regulation approval will be held at the Regular BOCC meeting on December 19th, 2024.

9) PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION - TRESSESA MARTINEZ

Tress hands out the 2025 Preliminary Budget for 2025 to the BOCC, public hearing will be held on December 5th, 2024, at 6pm. No decisions or motions were made, BOCC will approve the budget at a future Special Meeting to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned 2:46 pm

ATTEST: Nathan Ruybal Clerk of the Board

Mitchell Jarvies

Chair of BOCC