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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on December 7th, 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

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

Opening Prayer: Comm. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Add Executive Session with Attorney Sarmiento at end of meeting regarding prosecution of possible Public Health Violations.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve agenda as amended.
 - Comm. Baroz seconded that motion.
 - Motion carried 3-0

Approval of Minutes:

- Oct. 19th Regular Meeting
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion carries 3-0
- Oct. 24th Special Meeting
 - Comm. Garcia makes a motion to approve as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0

Public Comment:

- NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- Approval of 2024 Holiday Schedule
 - BOCC discusses that some dates are not correct.
 - BOCC decides to table until the next meeting on 12/21 to confirm dates are correct.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to table Holiday Schedule until the next meeting.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Christmas Bonus Discussion
 - Comm. Baroz asks if the BOCC can give a \$500 bonus for full-time and \$250 bonus for part-time employees.
 - BOCC agree to give Christmas bonus as discussed.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to give Christmas Bonus.
 - Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Insurance County Share Discussion
 - BOCC briefly discusses how much the County will pay for county employees health insurance for 2024.
 - BOCC approves paying \$845 rather than the \$746 that they initially agreed upon.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve the County paying \$845 of each county employees health insurance cost as discussed.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion carries 3-0
- Budget Hearing will be held on January 2nd or 3rd 2024 at 6:30pm.

District Attorney Presentation – Anne Kelly:

- Sheriff Crowther and District Attorney Anne Kelly present Award of Excellence to Deputy Melinda Salazar for the amazing job she did dealing with a special case. DA Kelly specified that without Deputy Salazar, the Sheriff and the DA could not have made an arrest for the case.
- Sheriff Crowther takes time to recognize Deputy Moreno with a Life Saving Award when he responded to a Search and Rescue call for a hunter lost in the high country. Deputy Moreno responded to the call, found the hunter, performed life saving procedures and orchestrated removal off the mountain. The BOCC and the County are grateful to have such great deputies like Deputies Salazar and Moreno working for Conejos County.

Sheriff's Report – Garth Crowther:

- \$100,000 Grant awarded for Courthouse Security, will be used for upgrading the entry doors and making the front ADA compliant.
- Deputy hit a deer with their patrol unit, truck will be sent to repair the damages.
- Workload has been hard to handle, deputies have been working hard to keep up with all the calls and cases.
- Sheriff mentions to the BOCC that CBI will add three agents to the SLV field office to help with cases throughout the valley.
- Black and Gray Grant application is in its early stages, Undersheriff Crowther will proceed with submitting grant.

Linda DeHerrera – Land Use:

- Linda discusses with BOCC, landowner Marcie Schulz daughter of Leroy Martinez owners of the parcel that Conejos County wants to purchase for the Ambulance Headquarters regarding the replat of the property in question.
 - Discussion entails questions regarding if both parties are willing to replat the parcels.
 - BOCC and the Martinez family both agree to replat the parcels as discussed.
 - Where the County access to the property will be located.
 - Land Use and the Martínez family will move forward to replat the parcel in question.

- Ernest Sanchez DOL

CASE NO: CCLU-2023-0206

REQUEST: Division of Land

APPLICANT: Orlando Gallardo

ZONING: Rural SURVEY BY: Southern Colorado Surveying - Billy Vigil

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the Land Use office on September 9, 2023, for a Division of Land (DOL.) The owner is Ernest Sanchez. The property is approximately 113.144 acres± situated in a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 9 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County Colorado. The commonly known area is the Ernest Sanchez property west side of County Road 13, 5183 County Rd 13, Antonito CO 81120.

The proposed survey reflects a division of 13.144 ac± to create the following:

Tract A contains 107.056 acres ± rural/agricultural land.
Tract B contains 2.000 acres ± rural/proposed to sell for residential development.
Exception Parcel contains 2.518 acres ± new legal description and can be conveyed.
County Rd 13 ROW containing 1.57 acres ±

Applicable Land Use Codes: Article 10 - Subdivision, Division 10.7 Subdivision
Exemptions: Section 10.7 (1.) Division of Land

Purpose of Division: The landowner is requesting a division of land to separate Tract B to convey to Orlando Gallardo for proposed residential development. The exception parcel was separated many years ago but never had a legal description. This process will create the legal description. (Previously discussed with Martin Reynolds and County Assessor - both supported this process.)

LU Administrator approval: 12/07/2023

County Surveyor review/approval: 11/15/2023 - Reviewed & approved by Dan Russell.

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 12/07/2023

- Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve Ernest Sanchez Division of Land as presented.
- Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
- Motion Carries 3-0
- Resolution #42

- Ronald and Tammy Romero DOL

CASE NO: CCLU-2023-0047

REQUEST: Division of Land

APPLICANT: Ronald J. Romero

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Southern Colorado Surveying - Billy Vigil

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the Land Use office on March 29, 2023, for a Division of Land (DOL.) The owners are Ronald J. & Tammy M. Romero. The property is approximately 28.6783 acres± located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18 Township 33 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County Colorado. The commonly known area is La Isla, across the road from the Medwardo, Celina and Mitch Romero property.

The proposed survey reflects a division of 28.683 ac± to create the following:

Tract 1 contains 5.000 acres ± rural proposal to convey to a family member.

Tract 2 contains 23.683 acres ± rural - agricultural use.

County Rd J ROW containing .649 acres ± Please note that County Road 18 that runs north and south is located on the property on the west side - Alvin Romero.

Applicable Land Use Codes: Article 10 - Subdivision, Division 10.7 Subdivision Exemptions, Section 10.7 (1.) Division of Land

Purpose of Division: The applicant is requesting a division of land to separate the 5.000 acres to convey to a family member.

LU Administrator approval: 12/07/2023

County Surveyor review/approval: 11/09/2023 - Reviewed and approved by Dan Russell.

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 12/07/2023

- Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Ronald and Tammy Romero's Division of land as presented.
- Comm. Garcia seconds that motion.
- Motion carries 3-0
- Resolution #43

Denise Jiron – SLFRF Grant and Public Health Report:

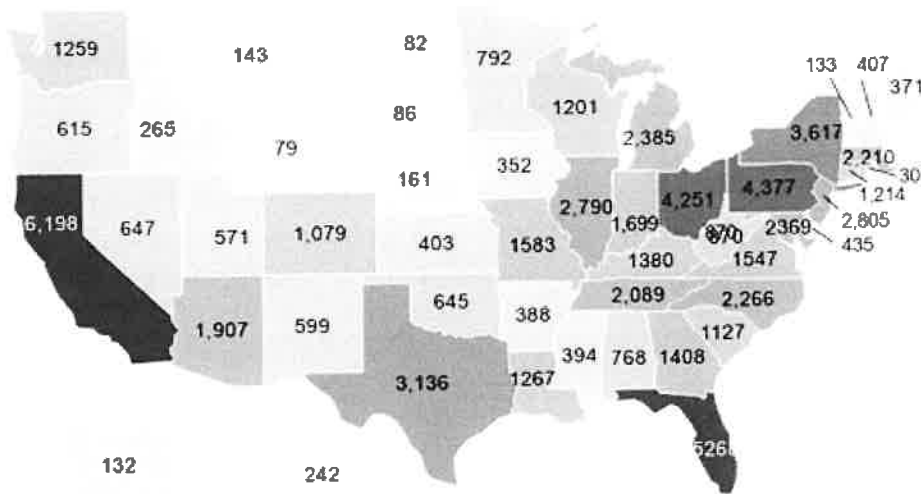
- Denise discusses the SLFRF grant with the BOCC.
 - The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program is a part of the American Rescue Plan. SLFRF funds are given to eligible education providers to enhance the presence of school health professionals in both elementary and secondary schools. School Health Professionals are School Nurses, School Psychologists, School Social Workers, and School Counselors.
- Environmental Health
 - Working with Regional EH team to investigate open burning compliant in Capulin area.
- Prevention and Population Health
 - Working with local agencies/ programs to distribute Narcan.

- Personal Care Provider (PCP) Program
 - November 2023
 - Clients: 54
 - Hour worked: 1729.00.
 - Employing 28 Providers
 - Continue to have a vacancy for Assistant Supervisor.
 - There have not been any client incidents this reporting period; all program reporting requirements are to update.

Board of Health

- Denise reports of a possible public health violation at the old Antonito High School, more to come by the next BOCC meeting.

Total Annual Overdose Deaths by State



More than four (4) times as many people died from drug overdose (OD) than from homicide in the first month of 2021.

Colorado

- 1,079 overdose deaths per year.
- 2.80% of all deaths are from drug overdose.
- OD deaths increased at an annual rate of 2.85% over the last 3 years.
- The death rate is 18.0 deaths out of every 100,000 residents.
- This is 13.04% below the national average death rate.
- 1.58% of nationwide OD deaths occur in Colorado.

More recent data suggests that Opioid deaths have stated to Plateau (September 2023) in part due to Naloxone.

Natural opioids include morphine and codeine.

Semi-synthetic opioids include oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and oxymorphone.

Methadone is a synthetic opioid that is usually categorized on its own in official data.

Synthetic opioids other than methadone include tramadol and fentanyl.

Heroin is an illegally manufactured synthetic opioid made from morphine.

COVID 19 Status: 4 cases as of 12/6/23


- Austin Chavez addresses the BOCC with a Narcan presentation regarding preventing Opioid overdoses with the use of the Narcan nasal sprayer, which are available at the courthouse and public health for free.

NARCAN[®] (naloxone HCl) NASAL SPRAY **QUICK START GUIDE**
Opioid Overdose Response Instructions

Use NARCAN Nasal Spray (naloxone hydrochloride) for known or suspected opioid overdose in adults and children.
Important: For use in the nose only.
Do not remove or test the NARCAN Nasal Spray until ready to use.

1 Identify Opioid Overdose and Check for Response

Ask person if he or she is okay and shout name.
Shake shoulders and firmly rub the middle of their chest.
Check for signs of opioid overdose:
• Will not wake up or respond to your voice or touch
• Breathing is very slow, irregular, or has stopped
• Center part of their eye is very small, sometimes called "pinpoint pupils"
Lay the person on their back to receive a dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.








2 Give NARCAN Nasal Spray

Remove NARCAN Nasal Spray from the box.
Peel back the tab with the circle to open the NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Hold the NARCAN nasal spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.

Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into either nostril.
• Tilt the person's head back and provide support under the neck with your hand. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into **one nostril**, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose.

Press the plunger firmly to give the dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.
• Remove the NARCAN Nasal Spray from the nostril after giving the dose.



Get emergency medical help right away.


3 Call for emergency medical help, Evaluate, and Support

Move the person on their side (recovery position) after giving NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Watch the person closely.

If the person does not respond by waking up, to voice or touch, or breathing normally another dose may be given. NARCAN Nasal Spray may be dosed every 2 to 3 minutes, if available.

Repeat **Step 2** using a new NARCAN Nasal Spray to give another dose in the other nostril. If additional NARCAN Nasal Sprays are available, repeat step 2 every 2 to 3 minutes until the person responds or emergency medical help is received.



For more information about NARCAN Nasal Spray, go to www.narcannasalspray.com, or call 1-844-8NARCAN (1-844-462-7226).

AD&T

Attorney Sarmiento – OHV Discussion:

- OHV Discussion
 - Comm. Garcia discusses possible revenue this resolution might bring in if passed. Garcia wonders if this resolution will allow campers and travelers from up the Canyon to drive the OHV into the municipalities of Conejos County.
 - Conejos County is approving this resolution however none of the municipalities have approved any resolution to allow OHV inside their municipal jurisdictions.
 - Motion to adopt OHV resolution as presented with the clause to review after one year, BOCC to consider details on road conditions from Road and Bridge as well as consideration from the Sheriff on traffic violations and OHV accidents.
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion.
 - Comm. Baroz seconds that motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
 - Resolution #44

4H Extension Office Presentation – Larry Brown:

- Janae Naranjo gives presentation of Juntos Program, attached is a flyer outlining the program.



SAN LUIS VALLEY AREA
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

CONEJOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT
Carol Gurule, SLV Area Extension Juntos 4-H Specialist

7 December 2023

*Juntos – Justice and Heritage Academy Graduation May 16, 2023 – see article.

Perfectly Imperfect - June 13-14

*12 students in attendance both days.
-Partnered w/Conejos Clean Water

Garden & Nutrition Center

*recruited community members to plant a garden

Apricot Picking

*10 participants and 8 children attended.

Basic Canning Safety

*Apricot jam/jelly 4 community members.

Carol Gurule, 4-H Juntos Youth Development Extension Specialist and Janae Naranjo, Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent coordinated an event with CCA at the Antonito Nutrition Center where we enjoyed demonstrating basic canning safety. Several individuals came together to learn how to clean and pack apricot jam. We had 20 jars of jam at the end of the day.

Antonito Library

*Read stories to youth.

Carol continues to meet with the youth on a one-on-one basis or with the family to support and mentor monthly or as services are needed.

In the Works....

The Ripple Effect - Mental Health Education

*Justice & Heritage Academy – December 2023

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES/FAMILIA'S FUERTES 10-14

*North Conejos School District 15-Jan 2024

*South Conejos School District January 2024

Juntos

*South Conejos School District - Spring 2024

*North Conejos School District - Spring 2024

*Justice & Heritage Academy – Ongoing.

In closing I would like to express my gratitude for the continuous support of this incredible team and the opportunity to work collaboratively toward our shared goals. Sincerely, Carol Gurule

- Cody Groff gives brief presentation and discussion regarding the status of the 4H Program for 2023 and an outlook for 2024.
- Larry and Janae both discuss the future of the 4H extension office for 2024, Larry asks the BOCC to have a work session to continue discussion regarding funding the 4H office.

Motion to enter Executive Session 24-6-402 Sub Section B Conference with an Attorney to Discuss Legal Counsel regarding the Public Health Violation at the old High School Building in Antonito.

Comm. Baroz first motion

Comm. Garcia second motion

Motion Carries 3-0

Comm. Jarvies - Let the record reflect that we are coming out of Executive Session conference with an Attorney, no decisions were made, and it is 11:30 am.

Attorney Sarmiento – It is the opinion of the County Attorney that the discussion had an Executive Session constitute Attorney and Client privilege and therefore no record was kept.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC