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Minutes of the Board of Conejos County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2021, 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 – Chairman – Present
Carlos Garcia - Vice Chair – Present
Joseph Baroz – Vice Chair – Present

Present: Tressesa Martinez – County Administrator, Connie Ricci - HR Director, Nathan Ruybal Clerk and Recorder present.
Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney – Not Present

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

Prayer: Comm. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Clerk Ruybal need to delete approval on minutes from the 8-19-2021 BOCC Meeting on Agenda.

Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve agenda with amendments above.
Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes from July 28th Meeting
Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve minutes as presented from July 28, 2021
Comm. Garcia 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

Approve Minutes from August 2nd Meeting
Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve minutes as presented from August 2, 2021
Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

Approve Minutes from August 5th Meeting
Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve minutes as presented from August 5, 2021
Comm. Garcia 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrators Correspondence

- Draft Audit is complete, complete Audit will be presented on Sept. 16th meeting.
- Ambulance Headquarters, Kristi from DOLA and confirmed the need for a grant to build a HQ for the Ambulance.
- Tress called Connie Martin from the hospital to find out if there is any interest in donating some vacant land near the Conejos County Nursing Service for the Ambulance HQ.

- Comm. Jarvies discusses about Ken Salazar wanting to do something with the Rio Grande National Area, East of Manassa toward the Rio Grande River.
- Goal is to make area a National Conservation area that will hopefully benefit Conejos County.
- Comm. Baroz thinks it is a good idea if we have a hand in the decision making.
- Comm. Garcia would like to have the opportunity for all permit holders to have a chance to discuss options for the area.
- Discussion leads to this having a good potential for area to build area that people can use for recreation and tourism.

Forest Service Report – Andrea Jones and Gabe Romero

Mr. Gabe Romero is new to the Conejos Peak Ranger district and introduces himself, he was raised in Mora New Mexico in beautiful Northern New Mexico. He will be working closely with Andrea Jones here in Conejos.

- Dan is on Fire Assignment, and he won't be back until late fall.
- Forest Service is looking to hire new deputy.
- Huge shoutout to the County Road and Bridge crew for clearing the road to Platoro.
- Campgrounds will be closing by the end of September, some sooner than others.
- HORCA Domestic Grant has been completed.
- All Federal Grants and Agreements are back logged.
- Comm. Jarvies asked about firewood logging?
- Discussion leads to many people still depend on firewood to heat their home; firewood sales have had a decrease but still plenty of people hauling out firewood.
- Discussion is had about a program in Northern New Mexico has regarding logging and clearing trees for fire mitigation, that will allow individuals to manage an area on their own that will allow then to sell firewood as a commercial enterprise or to keep the wood for personal use. Mr. Romero hopes to have this program come to Southern Colorado.

Land Use Report – Linda DeHerrera

Comm. Garcia and Linda discuss Rito Hondo and Robin’s Construction hauling gravel and dirt from the Gravel Pit on County Road D.5 and the dust it creates from the trucks driving back and forth. There had been a citizen calling in to Comm. Garcia complaining about the dust from all the traffic. Distance from the Gravel Pit to Rito Honda is approximately 4 miles, Linda did contact Robin’s and reaffirmed that they need to lay down water on the dirt road if they plan to haul 10 loads or more.

CASE NUMBER 2021-0162

**CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT**

CASE NO: CCLU-2021-0162

REQUEST: Division of Land

APPLICANT: Ronnie & Geri Martinez

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Reynolds Engineering Company

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the Land Use office on June 22, 2021, for a Division of Land (DOL.) The owners are Remigio Jr and Jose L Martinez. The property is 79.012 acres legally described as the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 33 North, Range 8 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County Colorado.

The Division of 79.012 acres will create the following:

Tract 1 containing 75.336 acres \pm lot is Rural - vacant land.

Tract 2 containing 1.00 acres \pm lot is Rural - proposed rural/residential development.

County Road K dedication containing 1.76 acres \pm
County Road 12 dedication containing 0.912 acres \pm

Applicable Codes Used: Article 10 - Division of Land

Purpose of Division: The applicants requested a division of land to create one acre for residential development. The applicants are moving here from Colorado Springs. Remigio and Jose are his cousins and agreed to sell them an acre. The applicants will apply for all permits to place a manufactured home on this property. The Division of Water Resources will determine the type of well permit allowed of which I believe to be household use only wells.

LU Administrator approval: 09/02/2021 **County Surveyor review/approval:** N/A

Motion to approve Division of Land as presented
Comm. Baroz 1st Motion
Comm. Garcia 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT

CASE NO: CCLU-2021-0144

REQUEST: Boundary Line Adjustment

APPLICANT: Tony Valdez and Steven Garcia & Samantha Armenta

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Reynolds Engineering

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the Land Use office on June 27, 2021, for a boundary line adjustment (BLA.) The property is legally described as Tracts 1 & 2 of the Wayne Garcia Division of Land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 34 North, Range 9 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Conejos County Colorado.

Applicable Codes Used:

CCLUC - Article 10 - Division 10.7 Subdivision Exemptions, A. 2. -
Boundary Line Adjustment and Lot Line Revision, Correction. This item refers to the adjustment of boundary lines between contiguous legal lots that do not result in any additional lots.

Purpose of Adjustment: Tony purchased the larger lot, Tract 1. The Quonset building was built across tracts 1 and 2. Tony, Steven and Samantha are adjusting the boundary lines to have the building all on Tract 2 and will include a little additional land.

Land Use Administrator review/approval: 09/02/2021

County Surveyor review/approval: n/a

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 09/02/2021

Motion to approve Boundary Line Adjustment as presented.
Comm. Garcia 1st Motion
Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT

CASE NO: CCLU-0135

REQUEST: Lot Consolidation

APPLICANT/OWNERS: Robin & Nancy McDaniel and Clare Sowards

ZONING: Rural

SURVEY BY: Reynolds Engineering Co.

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the land use office on May 28, 2021, for a Lot Consolidation. The property is legally described as two parcels located in a Fraction of the East Half of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 7 East, NMPM, Conejos County, Colorado.

The Consolidation will create the following:

A parcel containing .40 acre \pm

The applicants propose to consolidate the two lots to make one larger lot. The owners propose new construction of a cabin. The lots are still less than one acre but are larger than the two (one fifth of an acre) parcels.

Land Use Administrator review/approval: 09/02/2021

Surveyor Review: n/a

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 09/02/2021

Motion to approve lot consolidation as presented.

Comm. Baroz 1st Motion

Comm. Garcia 2nd Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT

CASE NO: CCLU-2021-0238

REQUEST: Lot Consolidation

APPLICANT: Jeff & Krista Litchfield

ZONING: Residential

SURVEY BY: Russell Surveyors & Associates-Dan

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the land use office on 08/16/2021 for Lot Consolidation. The property is legally described as Bear Creek Subdivision Amended Phase 1 Lots 53 & 54 located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 6 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Physical Address 281 Deer Park, Bear Creek Subdivision, Antonito CO 81120.

The Consolidation will create the following:

Tract 53C – Containing 2.00 acres ±

Access is existing from Deer Park, Bear Creek Subdivision Road. The 2.00-acre parcel is vacant with proposed residential development. The applicants propose to consolidate the two lots to make one larger lot. Water will be provided by the Bear Creek community water supply. They will install a County/State approved OWTS. The HOA reviewed and approved the lot consolidation.

Land Use Administrator review/approval: 09/02/2021

Surveyor Review: 08/25/2021

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 09/02/2021

Comm. Jarvies for the record mentions that he does spray bugs for them.
Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve Litchfield Lot Consolidation
Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

CONEJOS COUNTY LAND USE
CASE SUMMARY- REPORT

CASE NO: CCLU-2016-0265

REQUEST: Lot Consolidation

APPLICANT: Frederick Koster

ZONING: Platoro – Community Townsite

SURVEY BY: Russell Surveyors & Associates

BACKGROUND: An application was filed with the land use office on August 8, 2016, for Lot Consolidation. The property is legally described as Platoro Block 13 Lots 15 ½, 16, & 16 ½, Conejos County Colorado.

The Consolidation will create the following:

Lot 16A containing 10,500 Square Feet = (.24 acres ±)

Access is existing from Conejos Avenue. The physical address is 213 Conejos Avenue, Platoro/Antonito CO. Water is provided through the existing individual well. The OWTS/Septic System is an individual sealed vaulted system. The Lot contains the seasonal home and outbuildings. A variance to the lot size being less than one acre and the setbacks was approved on October 26, 2016. The survey reflects the existing structures. The final mylar was misplaced and never submitted to the Land Use Office, therefore was never completed.

Land Use Administrator review/approval: 08/19/2021

Surveyor Review: 11/15/2016

Board of County Commissioners review/approval: 09/02/2021

Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Koster Lot Consolidation
Comm. Garcia 2nd Motion
Motion Carries 3-0

Board of Health – Denise Jiron and Dr. Vaughn Jackson

Comm. Jarvis starts off by saying there is of confusion regarding the direction from the board of health regarding Covid-19 protocol for the county, the school districts, and the board of health.

Comm. Jarvis mentions this discussion should have been done back in August. But it is important that we find a common ground that will work for all and keep kids in school.

Denise starts off first and discusses that she had met with the school nurses for all School Districts end of July, because of the rise of the Delta Variant and the time it takes to get the variant test back it was agreed that we will all adopt the 14-day quarantine.

Denise says that in July 84% and in August 100% of the cases in Conejos were the Delta Variant, which was confirmed in September.

All School Districts had options to take precautions such as serial testing and masks to avoid the 14-day quarantine, none of which took those actions. Since the county has a low vaccination rate and high positivity rate were main determinates for the 14-day quarantine.

Discussion is had about finding ways to find a common ground with School Districts, the Board of Health so that we can keep everyone safe and to keep the kids in the school.

Dr. Jackson discusses that only one of the Vaccine manufacturers have applied for FDA approval for the booster shot and is unsure if there are any side effects from the vaccine on children ages 12 and up..." This vaccine has only been out 1 year, and we do not know what is in it, we do not know the ramifications, so my concern is adults can handle the vaccine. Kids they build immunity."

Discussion continues about testing, vaccinations, and quarantine time, ultimately a date of September 7th at 6:00pm to discuss with all schools and the board of health, so that we can hopefully come up with Covid protocol to handle the remainder of the school year.

Ambulance Report – Ernest Abeyta

Ernest asks the BOCC if they can enter Executive Session regarding the Ambulance program in a general.

Comm. Garcia makes motion to enter Executive Session.

Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

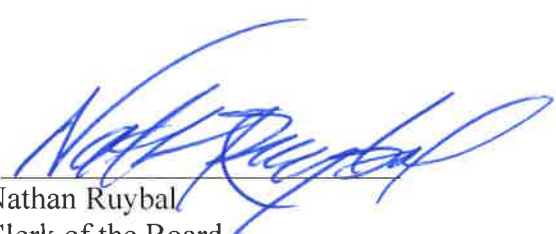
11:50 am back from Executive Session

Discussion Topics

- EMS has year to date made \$46,575.00 in revenue.
- Emergency Grant is still in the works.
- Over 800 calls in 2021.

Comm. Jarvies meeting adjourn.

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC