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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2022, 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: Nathan Ruybal-Clerk and Recorder-present via Zoom, Nick Sarmiento-County Attorney, Connie Ricci-HR Director, Tressesa Martinez-County Administrator

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

Prayer: Comm. Baroz gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

- Add Blake Crowther to Sheriff's Report

Motion to approve agenda as amended

Comm. Garcia 1st Motion

Comm. Baroz 2nd Motion

Motion Carries 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrative Correspondence – Tressesa Martinez:

- AIA Agreement Discussion
 - Ambulance Headquarters building proposal.
 - Baroz discusses contract and option with other Construction and Engineering companies.
 - DOLA money option to pay for engineering and construction costs.
 - Will need to issue a RFP if we do not go with AIA Contract.
 - Baroz has discussed plans with Alcon.
 - Attorney Sarmiento has been given authority to work with AIA and other contractors.
 - Cost and expenses that will be associated with the Ambulance base.

County Attorney – Nick Sarmiento:

- Extension of Over Night Rental Moratorium.
- Planning Commission does not have a consensus on allowing Over Night Rentals anywhere in Conejos.
- Attorney Sarmiento reads first reading of the extension of the Moratorium of Over Night Rentals.
- 6-month extension on the moratorium

Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve Res. C-02-21 to extend Moratorium of Over Night Rentals.

Comm. Garcia seconds the motion.

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Sheriff's Report – Blake Crowther (Under Sheriff):

- Fleet or Purchase New Vehicles?
- Attorney Sarmiento needs to see all contracts before the Sheriff can move forward.

DSS Report – Nick Barela:

- Seeking approval for Admin Expenses for \$514,560.06
 - Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve DSS monthly expenditures as presented.
 - Comm. Baroz makes second motion
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- Seeking approval for A/P DSS monthly expenditures for \$21,868.50.
 - Comm. Baroz makes motion to approve DSS Accounts Payable as presented.
 - Comm. Garcia makes second motion.
 - Motion Carries 3-0
- DSS Monthly Case Load Numbers shown below

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ONGOING WORKLOAD SUMMARY REPORT

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
APS	0											
Child Care	76											
Child Support	407											
Child Welfare	3											
Adult Financial	103											
Colorado Works	40											
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	791											
Medical Assistance	1822											

	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
APS	4	4	3	5	5	5		3	2	2	3	3
Child Care	30	31	34	34	35	35	35	32	32	34	35	35
Child Support	303	307	303	310	308	303	303	304	305	302	301	306
Child Welfare	13	12	12	13	15	15		17	17	17	16	10
Adult Financial	125	127	122	120	123	117	119	115	114	109	98	103
Colorado Works	42	46	44	37	34	34	32	33	30	29	32	36
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	720	752	761	717	767	740	739	753	729	730	734	754
Medical Assistance	1736	1750	1761	1733	1730	1801	1803	1807	1819	1824	1826	1831

	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Child Support	396	397	400	398	393	395	394	393	396	391	401	
Child Welfare	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	14	14	13	13	12
Adult Financial	128	126	122	124	123	124	124	122	123	123	131	128
Colorado Works	51	52	50	51	49	54	56	53	51	49	47	46
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	721	757	735	724	812	826	835	823	775	750	756	728
Medical Assistance	1377	1361	1340	1307	1344	1353	1361	1374	1398	1416	1431	1426

	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
Child Support	403	403	404	407	404	404	406	405	401	394	394	399
Child Welfare		18	17	14	13	13	13		10	13	13	11
Adult Financial	142	140	142	141	141	141	142	144	138	138	136	130
Colorado Works	50	60	54	57	52	51	54	53	53	53	50	48
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	777	793	793	787	776	773	751	732	716	710	708	721
Medical Assistance	1600	1615	1628	1634	1641	1631	1628	1618	1630	1613	1623	1601

	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
Adult Financial	131	134	130	142	145	141	139	139	139	140	140	141
Colorado Works	47	48	43	48	41	46	47	47	48	53	54	50
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	747	750	752	731	743	726	719	723	709	703	703	708
Medical Assistance	1637	1640	1611	1612	1624	1610	1615	1613	1625	1606	1616	1630

	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17
Adult Financial	146	143	147	144	147	145	139	147	142	149	139	144
Colorado Works	43	44	45	40	46	36	45	41	36	38	36	29
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	782	793	804	775	736	769	734	737	744	724	724	731
Medical Assistance	1793	1815	1802	1811	1787	18	1796	1770	1745	1723	1729	1744

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Adult Financial	164	161	166	160	160	144	143	146	148	145	150	146
Colorado Works	51	48	42	44	47	46	45	49	47	40	44	49
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	816	815	798	782	756	775	773	793	797	789	757	781
Medical Assistance	1829	1845	1830	1818	1793	1856	1815	1799	1793	1805	1809	1794

	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
Adult Financial	157	154	155	151	152	147	146	151	149	152	152	151
Colorado Works	50	48	47	45	45	47	45	49	48	51	51	52
Food Stamps/Food Assistance	842	830	825	836	803	808	804	757	755	760	766	792
Medical Assistance	1801	1721	1718	1729	1864	1824	1789	1736	1737	1767	1838	1821

Requesting approval for Contract with RMSER to operate STEP Plan for 2022 with a cost of \$135,080.00.

Comm. Garcia makes motion to approve contract as presented.

Comm. Baroz makes second motion.

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Road and Bridge Report – Donnie and Jeff:

- Several culverts need to be replaced within districts 1 and 3.
- Jeff discusses that there 12 total culverts.
- Estimated cost is \$23,000.
- Donnie discusses taking inventory of shops from all three districts.
- Looking at Junk, Scrap Metal, Vehicles and Machinery that we can auction off.
- Discussion regarding bridge construction and Robin's Construction.
- Need to hire a full-time mechanic.
- Would like to hire three road crew members.

Public Health Report – Denise Jiron:

- Public Health Office is closed to the Public, pending health screen at front door.
- Covid cases in the County and Valley overall are very high.
- Discussion among the BOCC regarding allowing more paid sick time.



Conejos County Public Health Commissioners Report 1/20/2022



Public Health-Core Public Health Services

A. Administration and Governance

All public health agencies are required to establish and maintain programs, personnel, facilities, information technology and other resources necessary to deliver core public health services in the agency's jurisdiction.

1. Personnel-current
 - a. 1 public health director
 - b. 1 public health nurse- .25 PT
 - c. 1 prevention coordinator-part time-VACANT
 - d. 1 Public Health Generalist/ Nurse
 - e. 1 office manager-
 - f. 1 commodities manager
 - g. 2 PCP supervisory employees
 - h. COVID Response

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.

1. Communicable Diseases
 - a. Coronavirus COVID 19- Pandemic is not over. PH continues to be busy with Pandemic planning and response
 - i. See BOH report
2. Immunization Program
 - a. Continuing with Covid 19, Flu, Hep A 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.

1. PH Director and Office Manager continue EPR training; Joleen is backup

E. Environmental Health

Public Health Report continued...

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 environmental health program manager Carol Keith and Gary Bruder

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.

1. Tobacco Grant
 - a. Vaping- statewide push to develop policy
 - b. Grant was renewed for next FY
2. Child fatality
 - a. No new cases for review for Conejos this quarter
3. Baby and Me tobacco Free
4. RCORP / HRSA

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

f. December 2021

- a. Clients: 61
- b. Hour worked in November 2021: 4,117.0
- c. Employing 26 Providers

I. Commodity Supplemental Food Program

1. 488 Individuals total participation for December 2021
2. Curbside delivery continues 2 (T/Th) days weekly
3. Home deliveries to the homebound 2 days monthly: 55 people
4. Total served: 318 Households (including TFAP)

J. CCPH COVID Vaccine Policy

1. 35 employees;
 - a. 30 fully vaccinated
 - b. 3 approved exemptions
 - c. 2 pending Vax status (including new hires and those recovering from COVID)
 - d. 4 resignations to date

Board of Health Report – Denise Jiron:

CONEJOS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 1/20/22

SLV Regional information on COVID-19 as of 1/20/22:

There are currently 589 known active cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley.

- Alamosa County - 232
- Conejos County - 90
- Costilla County - 80
- Mineral County - 20
- Rio Grande County - 115
- Saguache County - 52

Conejos County as of 1/19/21:

- 90 active cases
- 1,319 positives confirmed to date
- 120 hospitalized to date
- 12 Outbreaks
- Current positivity rate for Conejos County is 22.05% (from 1/9-1/15/22)
Up from 7.8% at this time last month (12/5-12/11/21) 14.45% increase
Goal is to stay under 5%

Deaths

- 49 Deaths among cases- to date
- 18 deaths Due to COVID – to date
- December 2021 = 4 deaths
- As of January 20, 2022, = 2 Deaths for 2022

Conejos County Outbreaks

- Sanford Schools
- Antonito Schools
- Rio Grande inn NF

Testing

CCPH has aligned with Affinity / Eurofins to provide Free COVID weekly in our County

- Antonito Town Hall – Every Thursday 9:00am – 11:00am- Town hall
- La Jara Town Hall - Every Thursday. 12:00pm – 4:00pm- Town hall
- Affinity has paired with VWHS and provides free Testing Sunday-Saturday (everyday) at Convenient Care in Alamosa, 8:30am-3:30pm

Vaccination Updates:

CCPH currently offers vaccines for those 5 years old and up. COVID vaccinations are by appointment only on Tuesdays.

Vaccine Interest form/ sign up form can be found at: Conejos County public Health Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/conejoscountypublichealth>

or

The Conejos County Government website <https://www.conejoscounty.org/>



COVID Vaccines, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Doses and/or Boosters

Below is a brief snapshot of some recent changes pertaining to the COVID-19 response:

Pfizer:

- COMIRNATY is the brand name for the Pfizer COVID 19 Vaccine-offered to those 16 years and over
- CCPH is able to administer both 3rd doses and Boosters
- CCPH can administer to those 12 years of age and up
- CCPH began administering to children ages 5-11 on 11/18/2021

Moderna:

- CCPH is able to administer to adults 18 years and older, including 3rd doses and Boosters
- No information on approval for children 17 and under

J&J:

- CCPH does not administer J&J. However, FDA approved Moderna as the booster for J&J recipients.

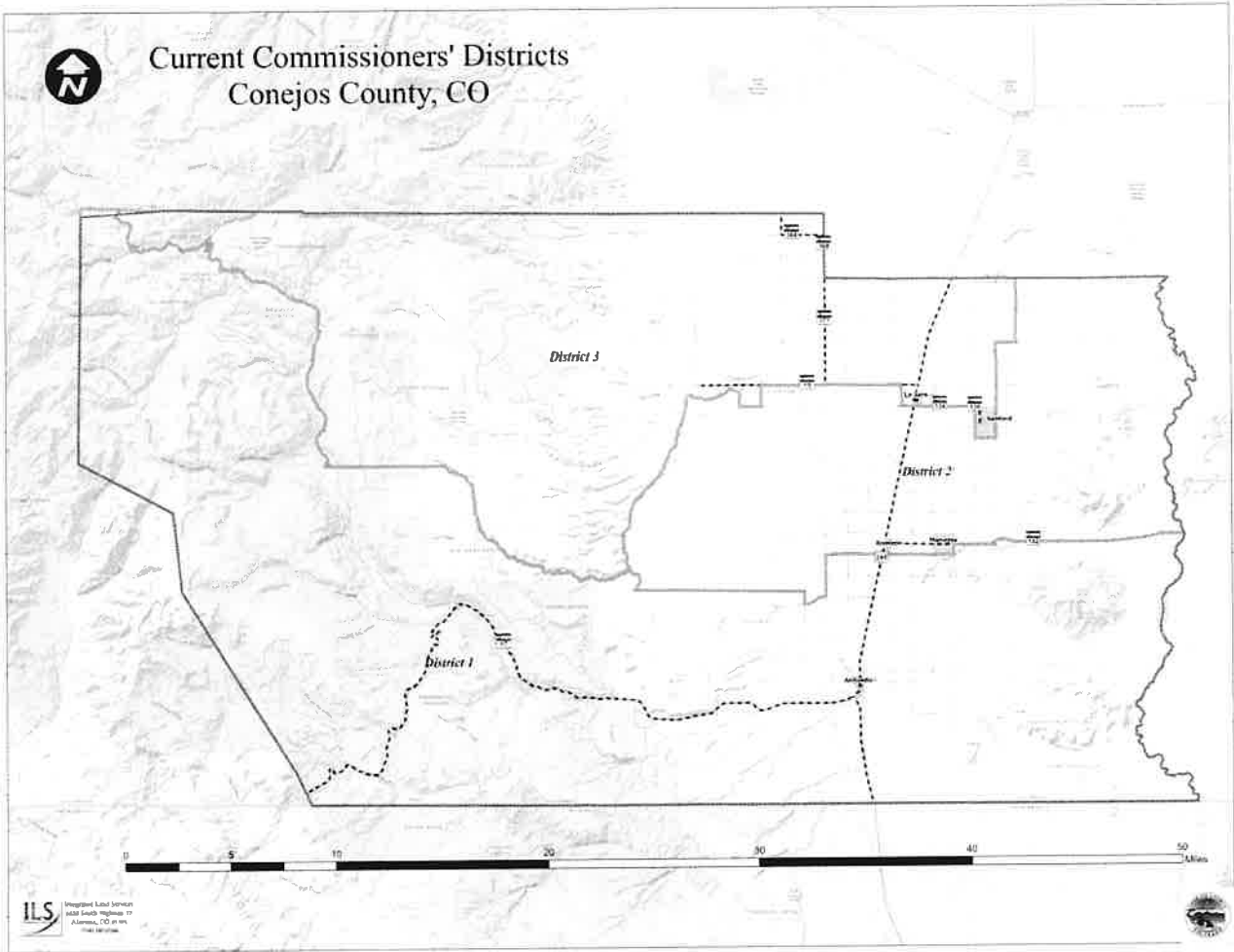


Redistricting Commissioner's Districts – GIS Pete Magee:

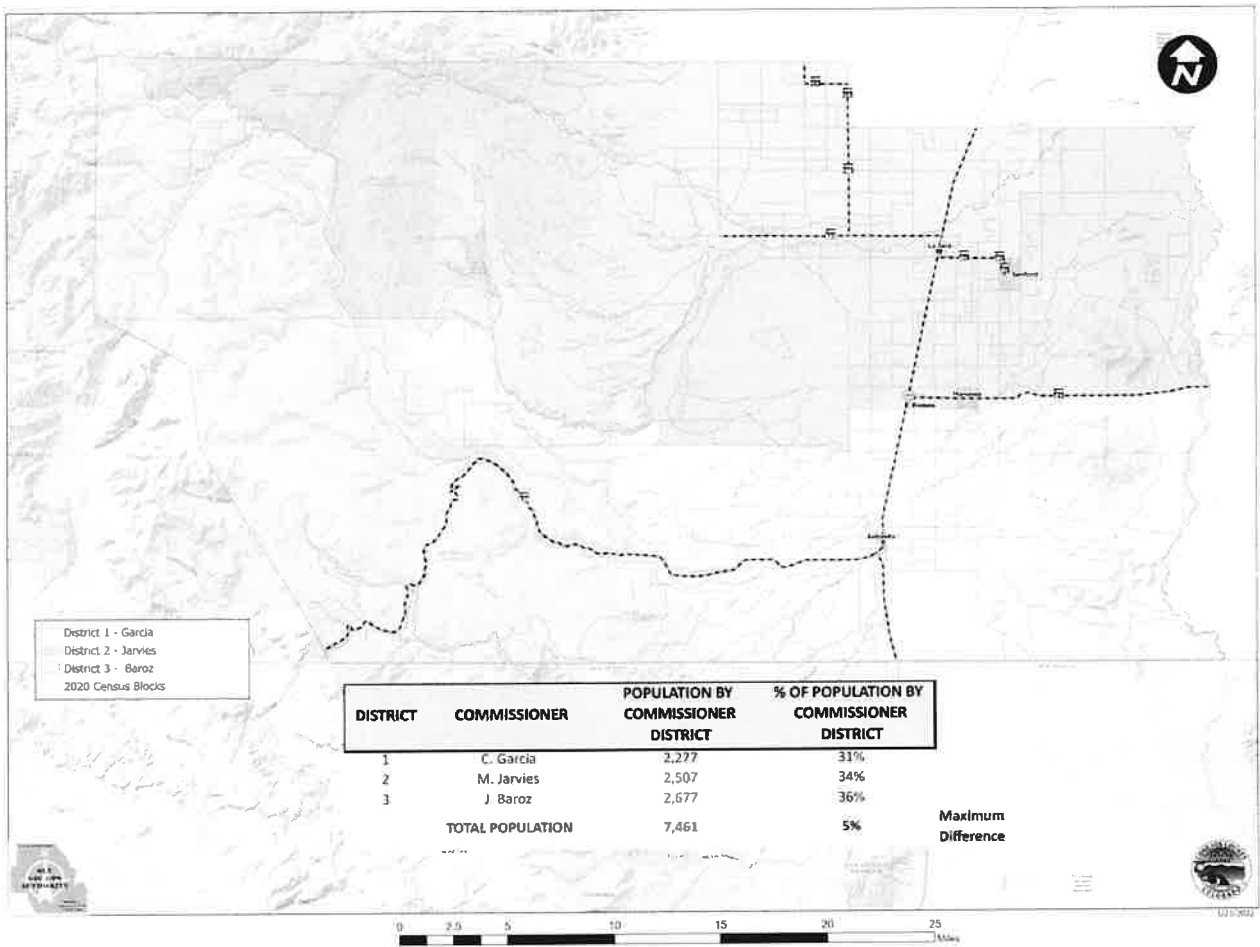
- Presentation of 2010 and 2020 Census data for Conejos County.
- Attorney Sarmiento to inform public hearing.
- Need to assign a commission to address redistricting.
- Decision made that the districts are more than the allowed 5% difference, County will have to redistrict.

PRECINCT	2010	2020	CHANGE
1	797	628	-169
2	827	807	-20
3	573	544	-29
4	736	592	-144
5	932	743	-189
6	1,210	1,185	-25
7	449	360	-89
8	1,151	1,195	44
9	698	677	-21
10	883	730	-153
	8,256	7,461	-795

*2020 Census Data per Precinct



*Current Map




**Proposed new map for 2020*

- Executive Session to discuss County Road Y litigation.
Comm. Baroz makes motion to enter Executive Session.
Comm. Garcia makes second motion.
Motion Carries 3-0

Back from Executive Session at 11:06am

Adjourn Meeting at 11:07am

ATTEST:


Nathan Ruybal
Clerk of the Board


Mitchell Jarvies
Chair of BOCC