

SANTA FE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 29, 2022

1. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:45 p.m. by Chair Anna Hamilton in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A. Roll Call

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Evonne Gantz and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Anna Hamilton, Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia, Vice Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen
Commissioner Hank Hughes
Commissioner Henry Roybal

Members Excused:

None

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. State Pledge

D. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Hamilton and the Moment of Reflection by Captain Daniel Meyer of the Public Safety Department.

Commissioner Hansen requested a moment of silence and prayer for peace for the Ukrainian people.

1. E. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HAMILTON: Manager Miller, are there any changes we need to note?

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Madam Chair. So the original agenda was posted seven days prior to this meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 4:57 pm. And then the amendments that I'll mention as follows were posted to the amended agenda on Friday, March 25th at 4:56 pm. Those amendments are that item 3. A, Consideration of Proclamations, Resolutions and/or Recognitions, the request for

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approval of a proclamation, that item was added and the documents were added to BoardDocs. Miscellaneous Action Items, item 6. D, request authorization to publish title and general summary of an ordinance, that has been requested to be tabled until April 12th for consideration by the Board.

Then also Miscellaneous Action Items, item 6.E, a resolution amending another resolution relative to polling places, that item was added to the agenda and documents were loaded into BoardDocs. Also under legislative updates, Matters from the County Manager, item 9. C, that caption was updated to include a presentation by Hvtce Miller on final actions taken by the Governor, and the special session coming up. Also, Matters from the County Manager, item 9. D, strategic planning process, draft update, by Cindy McKee from the Manager's Office; that item was added and any documents were loaded into BoardDocs.

Then Matters from the County Attorney, item 11. A, items 2 and 3 were added to the agenda. And those are all of the amendments that were made to the agenda last Friday.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much, Manager Miller. So with those amendments, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a motion and a second. If there's no discussion on this item.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

1. F. Employee Recognition – Years of Service and New Employees

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. As you know, we created a program quite a few years back, but just a program to acknowledge and recognize employees who have spent at least five years of service, and then subsequent five year increments of service to Santa Fe County, all consecutive. We made a point or recognizing these employees because we consider employee retention valuable and important, and we express appreciation to those employees by sending them a notice of thank you and gratitude and a service pen for their continued service at the County.

The four individuals that hit one of those milestones in March, this month of March, are Adriana Vigil in Finance, on March 6th she had her fifth year anniversary. In Corrections, in the adult facility, Miles Martinez on March 20th hit five years of service. Matthew Duran in Corrections but in Medical Services hit his ten-year anniversary on March 12th, and on March 19th, Rachel O'Connor hit her tenth year anniversary as Community Services Department Director.

So I just want to congratulate them once again and publicly thank them for their committed service to Santa Fe County.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's excellent. Thank you. Are there any comments or thoughts? Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. Those employees that have worked here five, ten years, for an employee

that actually grew up on this ship, as I call it, that worked for the County for almost 30 years. Santa Fe County is an excellent place to work. It is, and I think that every day. When I talk to people I say, they want to go here; want to go there. Slow down and figure it out, but congratulations to the individuals that have – the four individuals here. Congratulations. Thank you, Manager Miller. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. And we definitely are very proud of our people who we can be thanking for years of service. So back to you, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair. So also we'd like to recognize those new hires from the previous month. We had quite a few in the month of February, which is a good sign, because as you know, we've been really focusing on recruitment throughout the County, trying to bring employees back after the hiring freeze at the County and the economics of COVID-19. So we've been doing some pretty significant recruiting efforts and those are paying off. You can see we have quite a list of individuals who came on board in February and I'll just go through them very quickly.

Shalisha Bishop in Finance, Accounts Payable Supervisor, Amilia Chavez, also in Finance and the Accounting and Finance Reporting Manager. In IT, Steven Anaya is a Desktop Specialist III. In the Clerk's Office as an Election Administration Specialist, William Korber. Melanie Honzell in the Treasurer's Office is a Tax Cashier, and in Corrections we had four new Detention Officers: Monica Loretto, Poekwin Garcia, Arnoldo Loya, and David Gomez Blanco.

Then we had several new cadets in Fire: Bronson Eskridge, James Law, Brandon Lujan, James Portillo, Vincent Reese-Gonzalez, Julian Rivas-Nava, Joshua Kram, and Eric Wong. And then in the RECC we have a new Department Administrator, Jennifer Horta, and an Emergency Communications Specialist Trainee, Yuvild Lozoya Grado. And Brandon Ortiz in Public Works/Roads, a Heavy Equipment Operator, and Tony Gonzalez Mendoza in the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Deputy Cadet.

So we're very excited to have all those new employees at Santa Fe County. We welcome them and hope that in five years we're recognizing them for years of service.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's excellent. We definitely are hoping the same and are grateful to have them join what is a fabulous team. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. As the HR Department, Sonya and her team has done an excellent job with the new hires here. That's actually great to see people coming into the County and getting employed, because like I mentioned earlier, these people are hired in February, but welcome aboard. Welcome to Santa Fe County. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm likewise glad to see all these new people coming to work for the County and welcome aboard.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Fabulous. Thank you. And Manager Miller, do we have somebody else we want to introduce?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. Although he did not start in February. He started yesterday and I did not get an opportunity due to technical difficulties to introduce Leandro Cordova. Leandro is new to the team as of yesterday as a Deputy County Manager serving alongside Elias in helping implement all the initiatives that the Board of

County Commissioners and other elected officials throughout the County want to see happen. So here's Leandro and we welcome him.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Welcome aboard. We hope to make your stay here as productive and likewise amusing as we possibly can.

MANAGER MILLER: And I like to make sure that the deputies have names are hard for everybody to remember, so you may call him Alejandro, Leandro, Elias, Alias. Just keeping everybody on their toes.

CHAIR HAMILTON: We're grateful to have you. Welcome aboard.
Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair. Thank you, Leandro, for coming to Santa Fe County, as an individual that actually ran Taos County. I've known him for a while since he used to run Taos County and he did an excellent job up there, as well as working for New Mexico Counties, and he worked for Steve Kopelman as well as a Deputy Director of New Mexico Counties. But welcome aboard. We're glad to have you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I just wanted to echo the sentiments from my fellow Commissioners. It's an honor to be here today to recognize our new hires and our employees that have served many years for Santa Fe County. So I just want to thank all of you for your service. I've also worked with Leandro so it's going to be a pleasure to have him here. He did a great job with the New Mexico Association of Counties so I guess their loss is our gain.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's exactly right.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Request Approval of the February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I'm going to move to approve with changes.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. CONSIDERATION PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND/OR RECOGNITIONS

A. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming March 29, 2002, as "Norma Jean Valdez Day"

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to say I'm very honored to be here today to recognize Ms. Norma Jean Valdez for this achievement in recognition that she has been awarded and achieved from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and Ray Picard Award. Thank you for

your dedication. I'm both honored and humbled to recognize you today. I'm sure your family and friends and your community are very proud.

She is actually one of my constituents and so I know that the community is very proud of this achievement. I just want to say congratulations on behalf of Santa Fe County and I'd like for the Commission to approve this proclamation. I want to read it into the record.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Please.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Santa Fe County Proclamation proclaiming March 29, 2022 as Norma Jean Valdez Day, introduced by Commissioner Henry Roybal.

Whereas, in 2000 the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, CFAI, established the Ray Picard Award to recognize leadership and outstanding contributions to the CFAI as well as fire and emergency services; and

Whereas, the award namesake, Chief Ray Picard, was one of the earliest champions of the self-assessment and accreditation process that has led to a culture and paradigm shift within the fire service. The award recognizes Chief Picard's vision in pioneering quality improvement; and

Whereas, this award is presented annually to an individual who exemplifies the ability, character and dedication and leadership and visionary attributes Chief Picard established; and

Whereas, the selected individual personifies Chief Picard's contribution in exceptional leadership to the CFAI and the accreditation of the fire service organization; and

Whereas, the recipient of the 2022 Commission of Fire Accreditation International, CFAI Ray Picard is senior management analyst, Norma Jean Valdez, with Los Alamos National New Mexico Fire Department, a CFAI accredited agency; and

Whereas, Ms. Valdez is the first New Mexican Hispanic civilian and female to receive this award. She has been involved with accreditation since the beginning with Los Alamos and was selected as a beta site for their accreditation process; and

Whereas, Ms. Valdez' colleague described her as good to the core, a true role model for how to live your life in service to others and as having vision, dedication, heart, balance, determination and desire for continuous improvement to keep Los Alamos, LACFD accreditation quest alive and striving, always being the one to carry the torch toward success; and

Whereas, Ms. Valdez serves as a champion of the accreditation process both in New Mexico and beyond and exemplifies the spirit of Ray Picard.

Now, therefore be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County do hereby proclaim the 29th of March 2022 as the Norma Jean Valdez Day. And it will be approved, adopted and passed on this 29th day of March 2022.

I'd like to go to Ms. Norma Jean Valdez, if you'd like to make some comments or address the Board the floor is yours.

NORMA JEAN VALDEZ (Via Webex): Thank you so very much, Commissioner Roybal. Chair Hamilton, members of the Commission, I'm deeply honored and humbled at this recognition. I've been a civilian in the fire service for nearly 40 years. I've visited some amazing departments throughout New Mexico and throughout the country. I've had the privilege of working with some great members of the fire

service. We're a family and I have personally received the exceptional – and I need to punctuate – the exceptional services of the Santa Fe Fire Department, more than once.

I just want to share with you the fire service accreditation is a commitment to continuous improvement. It's a promise to address community risk reduction, and to provide the exceptional services that our community expects and deserves. Chief Picard had a vision for fire service excellence and it's a great honor for me to receive an award in his name and to be able to have the opportunity to be part of that vision and practice and share the continuous quality service model. It's not easy and it's not done alone. It takes a lot of participation. It takes a lot of committed fire department members. It takes part of the community. It takes the departments. It takes leaders like you, leadership like you to support such an effort.

There are many people who work together. I draw inspiration from my patron said, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta who says I can do things that you cannot and you can do things that I cannot. And together we can do great things.

So in closing, again, thank you very much for this honor, but I'd like to offer my assistance, if there are any departments within Santa Fe County that would be interested in pursuing accreditation in fire service excellence, myself and my colleagues are happy to reach out and share whatever it is that we've learned. Los Alamos has been accredited for 25 years and so we've kind of done – hit all of the speed bumps and hit all of the potholes. Not all of them; I'm sure there's lots of potholes in the future but lessons learned. And we would love to share that with Santa Fe County. So again, thank you very much for this honor. I appreciate it, and thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner Roybal, thank you for bringing this forward. There's a gentleman that taught me this about 25 years ago, 30 years ago. His name was Ben Lujan. Everyone sitting in this room here actually works in the civil service. We work for the taxpayer. So Ms. Valdez, thank you for what you've done as a civil servant for the state, Los Alamos. Actually I have a little bit of ties to Los Alamos Fire Department. One of my stepdads actually worked for Los Alamos. He got electrocuted and it was interesting. But thank you for what you've done. Thank you, Commissioner Roybal, for bringing this forward. Thank you, Ms. Valdez for your civil service work. Appreciate you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, so much.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: One last thing also is as our Chairman here, she's also a firefighter as well, and thank you for what you do.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Thank you, Ms. Valdez.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Anybody else? I would certainly like to say, Ms. Valdez, I'm so impressed with what you've achieved. I'm always so gratified to see women excelling in the fire service. It's such a tremendous community service and I think beyond all of that, your offer to share that further with neighboring communities and with us, that's really very much appreciated and a great gesture. It would be wonderful if we had the opportunity to work together. Thank you so much, and I wish you the best in everything you continue to do.

MS. VALDEZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Are there any other comments? So I just want to once again thank you and also thank you for offering to work with Santa Fe County. I think that's going to be great venue if we can work with you on any questions. Like you said, you've already tested the waters so you'd be a great resource for Santa Fe County. So thanks again, Norma Jean, for offering that to Santa Fe County. With that, if there's not any other questions or comments I'd like to make a motion for approval.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I'd love to second it if nobody else objects. So we have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? Yes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Madam Chair, I just want to say I will be a very enthusiastic aye for this wonderful person. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. So we have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$4,180 (Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- B. Resolution No. 2022-015, a Resolution Designating the County Manager as the Individual Authorized to Sign IRS Form 8283 for Land Donations Relating to the NE/SE Connector Road Project (Public Works/Scott Kaseman)**
- C. Resolution No. 2022-016, a Resolution Amending the Santa Fe County Road Map and Certifying a Report of the Public Roads in Santa Fe County; Repealing Resolution No. 2022-009 (Public Works Department/Gary Giron)**

CHAIR HAMILTON: So are there any items? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I just want to bring Scott up here because he's worked on the northeast/southeast connector. But just a quick question, Madam Chair. In regards to the northeast/ southeast connector, are all these individuals donating the land? We don't have to purchase no land for the northeast/southeast connector?

SCOTT KASEMAN (Public Works): Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, yes, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you for working on that. Appreciate that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Any other discussion? So I have a

motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

[Deputy Clerk Gantz provided the resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

5. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment of One Member to the Health Policy and Planning Commission

CHAIR HAMILTON: We have Patricia Boies. Welcome.

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Thank you, Madam Chair. The Health Policy and Planning Commission consists of nine members, including one from each of the Commission districts. The previous District 1 member, her term expired and she declined to seek reappointment. The person I'm bringing before you today for approval is Craig Schermerhorn. He has a very extensive background in healthcare, health administration, and also community involvement. He also did attend the most recent HPPC meeting and is very engaged and we would recommend his approval.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much. So do we have questions?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll move for approval, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: And so I have a motion and a second. Is there discussion? Seeing none, I have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

5. B. Reappointment of Two Members to the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee

CHAIR HAMILTON: You don't look a think like Robert Griego.

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN (Land Use Administrator): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. No, Robert is not available today so I'll be taking this. This item is to reappoint two committee members to the COLTPAC Committee. Both terms expired in February of this year and both members have served one term. The COLTPAC committee is made up of nine members, five represent each of the Commission districts, and the other four are at-large members. The members up for reappointment are Jan Cohen for District 5 and Elise Snider for an at-large position. And we recommend the reappointment of both of those members, so Jan Cohen for District 5 and Elise Snider for the at-large position. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much, Penny. So are there any questions or comments? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just have one quick question, which is I wondered if there are term limits on this Commission, because

I do get people inquiring when they could be on it. I think it's a popular committee.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, I believe they can serve two terms, but I will check that. It's in the resolution.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. I think I'll go ahead and make a motion to approve these two appointments.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a motion and a second. Is there further discussion?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: You could just email me the answer.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioners, it is two consecutive terms.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Seeing no further discussion I have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS

A. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2021-0055-FD/MM Between Santa Fe County Fire Department and Waterway of New Mexico, Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$130,950, for a Total Contract Sum of \$261,900, Exclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Mr. Taylor, welcome.

BILL TAYLOR (Procurement Director): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. We entered into agreement with New Mexico Waterways for the testing and they wish to increase the compensation and due to the amount of the total sum it requires BCC approval for the amendment to increase the compensation. With that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Before I go to anybody else, a quick question. Is this for a full year of work? I know there's hose testing and water testing going on now. Is it for the work that's currently ongoing or just for the scope during the whole year?

MR. TAYLOR: It is through the term of the contract for this year, through December of 2022, for this compensation, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Taylor for bringing this forward. So whenever we have hydrants that are actually basically County hydrants on County roads, and so on and so forth, do we actually work with the Assessor's Office in regards to their aerial photography, as into how we can map everything? Because the Assessor's Office has – they can pinpoint every hydrant and where it's at and what's going on. So does this contract work with the Assessor's Office?

MR. TAYLOR: Madam Chair, Commissioner, it's not actually in the contract but I'm sure they're using all County resources, GIS, Assessor, to help locate the hydrants and test them, inspect them and all of that. It's an ongoing effort by the contractor and the Fire Department to locate those hydrants.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Madam Chair. The gentleman sitting out there with the uniform, he might help with this question, but there's a couple of hydrants in the La Cienega area that are – that need to be kind of cleared out, and so I think that's the duty of the Fire Department, correct?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Because of course presumably you have every fire hydrant in the county memorized.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: It's not a part of this contract but some of the questions I have is there's a couple of hydrants in the La Cienega area by the National Guard that are kind of – they need to be dug out and cleaned out.

DAVID MEYER (Fire Department): Yes, and so ultimately, through our Prevention Office, Commissioner, those things are done by the Water Authority specific to those hydrants. So it's not taken care of by us. We can notify them. Absolutely. And if we could get the hydrants that are there I can notify Jaome Blay, our Fire Inspector. And then speaking directly to this Waterways contract, this is only for fire hose and ladder testing specifically. They don't take care of fire hydrants. That's the water authorities that do that. They're responsible for that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. I just learned something. That's good. Thank you for that. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: And I just want to point out that that was my understanding what Waterways did, hose and ladder testing. But it actually says in the Board materials that it's for hydrant inspections and testing. So it was a little confusing. I don't think it's an issue necessarily.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: If there's no other questions I make a motion for approval.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So I have a motion and a second. Is there further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- 6. B. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2020-0128-CSD/MAM with Teambuilders Behavioral Health, Inc., Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$50,000, for a Total Contract Sum of \$312,500.00, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, this is another

amendment that is increasing the compensation to Teambuilders Behavioral Health to provide behavioral health support for youth participants within the Santa Fe Teen Court Program, for a total contract sum of \$312,500. And due to that amount it requires approval by the Board. With that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. And I assume, Commissioners, that Chanelle Delgado is available for questions on line? Are there any questions? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, if Chanelle is on the line, I just wondered if we are pleased with the performance of Teambuilders so far, since we're increasing this contract. Maybe just some idea of how good a job they're doing.

CHANELLE DELGADO (Community Services- via Webex): Commissioner, I am on line. We are pleased. We have an ongoing partnership with Teambuilders in which we check I with them on a monthly basis to assess the needs of our clients and our participants and the services they're receiving through the Teambuilder services. And we are pleased with the contract and it is an ongoing relationship that we've established to support the youth and families that we serve.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. With that I'd be happy to make a motion to approve this.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second. Discussion.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes. So a motion and a second. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you for bringing this forward. Chanelle, you and I met about three or four weeks ago. You're an individual who has passion for your job and everything that you do out there for the teens and everything else. Great job. Appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Is there anything further under discussion?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: The question I'd have is if you could tell us how many constituents that we're currently serving through this program? Do you have an idea?

MS. DELGADO: Offhand I do not, but they are supporting a large portion of our truancy clients and that number has progressively increased through the pandemic and the return of in-school, so we have seen a significant increase in clients and that's why this is being included and this is being amended so that we can expand that reach a little bit more. But I would say as of right now I would estimate we have about 52 clients that are probably receiving services with ongoing referrals coming in and coming out.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Great. Thank you, Ms. Delgado. No more questions from me, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So is there further discussion? If not, we have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

6. C. Resolution No. 2022-017, a Resolution Requesting Budget Adjustments to Various Funds in the Net Amount of \$2,947,171 for Departments Mid-Year Budget Requests

CHAIR HAMILTON: Ms. Herrera.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Good afternoon. The resolution brought before you is to address mid-year budget funding deficiencies as well as the request for a new position and a re-allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Most of the budget adjustments are related to either project deficits or adjustments to revenue, which was related to care of prisoners.

And then the Growth Management Division is requesting a position to fill a gap that resulted from reclassification and transfer of the planning projects manager position to the Community Development Department. And then we are requesting the re-allocation of the ARPA funds designated for the Abajo lift station redirect and collection reuse line in the amount of \$1,085,000 to the northeast/southeast connector utilities and broadband project deficit. And with that, Chair, I believe I've got – I should have a representative of every department for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's great. Thank you so much for that. So are there questions?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair, Ms. Herrera.

Your entire team, as well as our great County Manager there, who actually takes care of the finances for Santa Fe County, and you guys do an excellent job. Katherine, thank you. You've taken care of Santa Fe County for many years and you get that budget tighter than anybody else in the state does. Thank you. And so I just want to – this is actually a great list for the taxpayer. I noticed the capital outlay GRT funds, increase of \$1.4 million. We have additional funds for the Cerrillos/State Highway 14 project, the hold harmless first one-eight increase of \$340,000. Public Works roof replacement, Vista Grande Library stucco repair, El Rancho, Edgewood Senior Center, La Cienega stucco repair, El Rancho – this list is amazing.

And this is awesome that you're bringing it forward, because this is what the taxpayers actually want, and this is what the taxpayers deserve. And whenever we have a great budget and a great bond rating, as you and your team as well as Manager Miller, this is great. And I appreciate the work that you all do. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MS. HERRERA: Chair Hamilton, Commissioner Garcia, Thank you.

Again, it's a whole team effort. It's not just us but County Manager Miller as well as the departments. Hope we can get these things completed, these projects completed and move on to the next group.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Also, Madam Chair, exactly like you just said, to all the departments because everybody has their hands in this list here – Public Works, project managers, everybody. Fire, Sheriff's Department, everything else. But if there's no other questions, I'll move for approval, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a motion and a second. So under further discussion, Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. And somewhat related to this but not totally, because I don't think this affects our general fund all that much. A lot of the money is coming from elsewhere, but I just wondered where we stand at the moment in terms of our reserves and our bond rating. When I looked at the audit it seemed like we were in very good shape. Are we still in good shape that way?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Hamilton, Commissioner Hughes, yes. We just met with S&P this morning on our bond rating call for the 2022 GO bonds. As of the last rating we were AAA, which is the highest that we can get. There is no indication of any potential changes to that rating and none of these adjustments before you will have a significant impact to our reserves.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And where are we with our reserves? If it's easy to put in a couple sentences.

MS. HERRERA: All I can say right now is that the numbers that we had as of the end of fiscal year 21 are still in effect. We don't actually re-evaluate those throughout the year, but now that we're getting closer to year-end we will actually do our annual calculation and make sure that some of that – that we meet the required reserves per the policy.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: I could add to that. So we started our year with our 25 percent required reserves from DFA plus our additional reserves that the BCC put policy in place to have additional reserves for economic downturn, for floods like we had a few years back that wiped out a lot of La Cienega. So for infrastructure. For uninsured claims against the County and for fixed assets and our contingency for the economic downturn. So we set those amounts at the beginning of the year through the budget process with the BCC. We come back within that policy and usually the Board sets that in July. All of those reserves are still in place. There's a range at which we set them. One of the ones we had to move funding over to was our self-insurance for healthcare, and the Board did approve an adjustment to move additional funds there because our claims have been higher than anticipated the last few years and while we were building up our reserves in our self-insurance fund the first three years, the last couple of years – we had one year that was a bad year. It hit our reserves, and then we're working to replenish that and get them to a higher level going forward.

But one of the things that we try to do is as we develop the budget is always make sure that we're setting aside enough in reserves to replenish any of those funds that we may have depleted in the year and that when we put the budget in front of you it's with the knowledge that we'll also be able to hit the reserve amounts within those ranges that the Board passed a resolution for.

So in that regard we're doing well. I'll tell you that as far as revenues go, GRT is doing really well. We would attribute most of that to tourism and possibly the change in

internet, in destination versus source-based GRT, but we don't receive the data to know what is creating our increase. Is it more tourism? Is it more internet sales? We don't receive from – is it construction? We don't have that information. It doesn't come to us out of TRD as to whether the revenues are higher in GRT from one industry or another, or one taxpayer or another. We have no taxpayer information. But GRT is looking good.

Property taxes were down prior to previous years but we estimated that, so our property taxes we estimated to be lower. Also this year is a year that they pay later due to the change in the election cycle. So it's hard for us to know if we're going to it budget on that. Care of prisoners, that is down significantly, as you know, in this budget adjustments because we had to move out inmates for other jurisdictions due to low staffing levels due to the pandemic.

Ambulance billing is another one of our big revenue sources. It's about where it's supposed to be but we had hoped we would have some growth in that because there was an increase at the state level to the tariff and we did change our collection method. And then additionally, interest income is down due to the fact there is no interest on anything.

So if that gives you an overall sense, we have built our reserves over time which is what brought us to get a AAA rating and we've built it across not just the general fund but our other funds that have operations, predominantly personnel and recurring operations out of them. But I anticipate that while we might built up reserves this fiscal year we will need to use some of those in order to deal with the increased costs in all of the projects that we have out there.

It's astounding what we're getting in the way of materials costs, what we're getting in the way of bids on projects. We have things that we have grants for and we're having to go ask for another grant in hopes that we can fill the gap on those. Much of what you saw in that were ones that we thought we had sufficient funds to award a contract for construction, and we don't. And we really need to get some of these projects under contract and lock in a price, because the prices just continue to escalate.

So that is a lot of what is in that budget adjustment for mid-year are those projects that we were really getting close to awarding and then got another quote that was high. We're having difficulty contractors to hold their price to get through our process of getting additional funds and getting the contract through the procurement process and awarded at the Board level before the prices go up again. I don't think there's a project that we did budget adjustments for last year that will come in at what we did the budget adjustments for last year.

So I say all that to put the Board on notice that we're going to have serious challenges with that as we enter this budget process and while Yvonne correctly stated that none of these budget adjustments will have a significant impact on any of our reserves or our financial position, they are a precursor to what we will be seeing as we try to fully fund all the capital projects that we have in the queue that the Board has already allocated funding to or even approved under contract.

So I just want to make sure that the Board is aware of that, that these are ones we wanted to make sure we get going but you'll likely see a few more before the end of the fiscal year and when we do capital – when we start the capital planning process for the next GO bond and the next round of funding, you are going to see a lot of requests to put more money to projects that we already have, and I could name one in every single

district off the top of my head and tell you right off the bat of \$8 to \$10 million of shortfall that we have on ones that all of you have expectations for us to get under way this year.

So we will be coming back to you with proposals of how to fund those and move them forward. And sorry for the long-winded answer, Commissioner Hughes, but it is a real balancing act to watching revenues, watching our recurring expenditures, and then how do we fill in this gap for what's happening with all the prices on everything – every vehicle, every piece of equipment, our fuel, our materials, our road striping paint – you name it. There's not a thing that isn't going up at a higher rate than our revenues.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Manager Miller and Yvonne for these very complete answers and I know that our finances are in very good hands with both of you and I don't ask the question out of worry. I'm just trying to understand more and more as we go along how everything works. So thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you, Commissioner Hughes.
Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Yvonne, for your presentation and thank you, Manager Miller. What I'm wondering is Commissioner Hamilton and I were speaking in the hallway briefly about the infrastructure bill and with the shortages that are coming up, is that a possibility and one of the places where we can start finding some money to fill in some of the gaps that we are facing, especially there's a lot of money in there for water and wastewater. I think everyone knows that I'm a big supporter of sewers and wastewater and providing that basic, basic service to our constituents. And well service and well metering and there's just so many things in the infrastructure bill that I'm hoping we can somehow get some of that money and I know that one of the things we spoke about at the strategic planning and I know we're going to get there is possibly a grant manager because I think that that is one of the ways that we can start finding and getting more of that federal money into our coffers. So thank you for that time. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MANAGER MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, we have – we get emails probably multiple times a day about the infrastructure bill and everybody's got their own webinar. We have had staff in Public Works, particularly in Roads and in Projects attending those as well as in Planning and Community Development. One of the challenges with these programs has been the length of time it takes to hear anything. As you know, we applied for a \$30 million grant on broadband and we still haven't heard anything and we were supposed to hear something last year. That's one problem.

We also had put in and did hear from Congresswoman Leger Fernandez about congressionally directed spending and we did receive confirmation that the funding for our public housing of over a million dollars for improvements to our public housing sites, that that did make it into the bill, but when we followed up, and we have been following up with Senator Lujan and Senator Heinrich's offices, we were told that the ones we put forward to Senator Heinrich's office didn't make it into the bill but nobody can really explain why. And we haven't gotten confirmation where the ones we put into Senator Lujan's office are.

We have been – it is not a lack of having staff to apply for things. That is not the problem because one of the things is making sure whoever is applying for grants or

funding is applying for the right grant and the right funding for the project. One of our difficulties has been we'll have some staff in Planning or whatever, say, hey, let's go out and get a grant for this. We get a grant for it but that wasn't a top project on the ICIP so now we have a grant. Now we need a match, and now the cost of construction is going up and I need to put more money to that grant. And we're not getting additional grants for that project.

So it's making sure that we apply for grants for the right projects and that's the projects that are already partially funded and ready to go if a grant can be awarded timely. That's a real challenge because going and applying for grants for project we're not already working on, by the time we get to construction all we need is more money to get that project going. And that's what we're running into right now with the escalation curve, if you want to call it that, of what's happening. And as Yvonne said, we're talking to Standard & Poors today and they said that this is what they're hearing from all of their entities that they work with, that it's one of the biggest challenges right now is setting that value of a project and a need for a grant and being able to marry what you get with the time of award to being appropriately priced. It is really challenging.

And then what we're getting is where design is taking so much longer. The design firms don't have the staff. During COVID a lot of stuff didn't move, so where you'd think you be at 100 percent design and all your bid documents are ready to go, that's not necessarily the case. They're having all the contractors in, architectural and engineering firms are having difficulty having enough staff to meet the demand. So everything is just taking longer and costing more.

And so being very targeted in our grant application is what we're really trying to do is make sure we apply for grants we know we can spend and that actually assist us in moving projects forward that we're already putting money, either in design or in construction for. And staff is doing that; they're doing a good job looking for them at the state level and at the federal level. So while I don't have an office of grant writers at the County I don't know – I wouldn't say we're not on the lookout for a lot of grants and a lot of grant opportunities to help us get through this time.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you so much. Is that good?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. Thank you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller for an excellent explanation of what's happening out there, and I know staff is actually trying to do their best to get bids in and trying to go out for procurement. I can understand how it works. One of the things that you mentioned earlier in your – is TRD, Taxation and Revenue Department. I always get this question from the people in Madrid. They want to know how much GRT tax they bring in, and I've explained to them, we basically don't know, because Tax and Revenue collects the GRT tax and then they give us a check. So how does Taxation and Revenue Department determine, like this is the Town of Madrid, how do they actually determine how much GRT tax they're bringing in? Do we know?

MANAGER MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, so we receive tax distributions two months after the tax period. So when we're getting a distribution in March it's actually for activity that occurred in January. So we're always

two months behind in knowing what is really going on in the economy relative to our gross receipts tax collection. And as I said, it's just distributed to us by increment, because we put it in place and then a sixteenth or an eighth or a twelfth or a quarter, we get it distributed to us by increment. We do not get a report as to who the payers are.

So to your question on Madrid, any business in Madrid has a tax ID number and when they pay gross receipts tax into the state, the first five – well, now that they've changed it will be less than five percent – goes to the state. Then the increments above that for the next 2.25 percent come to the County. They're not broken out by where. Like I don't know what business. They're broken out by one-eighth goes to the general fund. The next eighth goes to our healthcare assistance fund. The next eighth goes to EMS and healthcare. The next sixteenth goes to the general fund. So that's how they're broken out.

We have to rely that that system at the state is accurate in distribution of those increments to us, from Madrid or Cerrillos or City of Santa Fe, because we do receive taxes that go across incorporated areas as well as just in the unincorporated areas. So we don't know what any individual business' tax liability is based on sales. We're not privy to that information. So we just have to look at what are our predominant industries and somewhat know by some of taxes where are they going up. So for instance, lodgers tax is paid directly to us so we do know that we have had a significant increase in lodgers tax revenue. Well, that tells us our hotels in the county, which we don't have a lot of them, but they're full. And so we're receiving a lot of money in our GRT tax base from tourism because hotels are full and lodgers tax is up. So that would translate to good tourism dollars in the community. But I couldn't tell you specifically where those dollars are being spent by our tax reports that we receive from Tax and Rev.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So in fact I still have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

6. **D. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2022-___, an Ordinance Enacting a Santa Fe County Code of Conduct; Repealing Ordinance Nos. 2010-12 and 2011-9. TABLED UNTIL APRIL 12, 2022)**
- E. Resolution No. 2022-018, a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2021-071 to Designate a New Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center for Consolidated Precincts, 14, 72, 88, 114, 126, and 150 and Reconsolidate Precincts 26, 74, and 109**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Is Clerk Clark on?

MS. GANTZ: Madam Chair, Clerk Clark is on the Webex.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Welcome, Madam Clerk.

KATHARINE CLERK (County Clerk -via Webex): Hello, Madam Chair.

How are you?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, excellent.

CLERK CLARK: So as Manager Miller was explaining earlier, we are seeing some downstream effects of our projects being delayed due to construction costs and one of those, or two of those projects that were delayed were the Los Cerrillos Fire Department and Los Cerrillos Community Center, which we had designated in July as being the potential new location for the Madrid-Cerrillos area. And because those have not broken ground yet what we would like to do is designate an alternative location of the Madrid Volunteer Fire Department, which we used in the regular local election so voters are used to going there, until the time the Los Cerrillos Fire Department or the Community Center has been built so we can use it as a polling location.

And then we also noticed that – many eyes had looked at the resolution. We had accidentally included 11 precincts in some of the polling sites, so it just moved us to the nearest polling sites so we can have the ten. In the future we may need to look at adding additional polling sites but for this cycle we still have adequate amounts of precincts per polling sites, and so the voters won't notice because they're all voting convenience centers so it's just an administrative change on our end, but since we are going forward with amending this resolution we figured we should add just that housekeeping, administrative change as well.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much. So are there any questions on this. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Madam Clerk. So just so I have it in regards to in my area. So Los Cerrillos, we are not going to have a voting site there at the parish hall? We will actually have it at the volunteer fire station in Madrid?

CLERK CLARK: Yes. So the parish hall became unavailable last year and it's now permanently unavailable to us to use as a polling site. And so that's why during the regular local election we needed to amend the 2019 resolution to move the polling site for that location to be in Madrid. So in order to provide the least disruption to voters we wanted to keep it, from the voters' perspective, keep it at the Madrid Volunteer Fire Department so that why when our more permanent structures become available we'll just move it, and that's why we included and "or" statement in the resolution, so that way if they happen to become available before this resolution's time period has expired, we can move it to the more permanent location. But we do want to make sure we're not changing too many things around to confuse voters.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Clerk. So nonetheless, if somebody lives in Madrid or Cerrillos they could actually go to any voting site in Santa Fe County and still vote, correct?

CLERK CLARK: That's correct. So Turquoise Trail is also another popular site for folks who live out there because they tend to come home from work. They pass through on the Turquoise Trail area, they stop there to vote, and then continue on home, so it is actually a place where a lot of people who live in Madrid and Los Cerrillos tend to vote on election day.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Clerk, and could you explain to me a little bit more of what's happening with Nino Otero Community School as well as the Southside Public Library?

CLERK CLARK: Yes, so actually we included the Southside Public Library in our resolution, and we've had a few community inquiries into turning that into a polling place. I've double-checked that that's okay with the City. So while Nino Otero was serving as the polling site during the regular local election and in previous years we did not use the Southside Library for election day, this year we're going to try using the Southside Library so there is more availability on the south side of town, because we're seeing more housing. We're seeing more population moving southward. So we're going to start trying to build that up as a polling place for election day because as you may know, the Rodeo Grounds is very popular and what happens is people are waiting in line. So we're hoping to direct some of that Rodeo Grounds traffic to the Southside Library.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I appreciate that because about 3 ½ years ago at the Nino Otero Community School there was actually a little bit of a lengthy line out there. But adding the Southside Public Library will actually make some sense in that south part of the community. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair, Madam Clerk. So I have just a question. Over the last couple of years we've divided a number of precincts. In my particular district Precinct 34 was divided, but I've also been trying to look on your website and other places to find a map of these precincts and I have not been able to locate it. I'm sorry about that but I would like to be able to see the division of all the precincts that have recently happened in the last couple of years under Geraldine Salazar. So I didn't find it on your website, but I'd be happy for you to share that with me and if you could send it in a link or something.

CLERK CLARK: So Commissioner, it is actually under our elections page. The map that you signed during the July redistricting process, or, I'm sorry, the splitting process, that map has the blue and the yellow showing the precinct splits. That is on our website. It's under maps under the elections sub-menu.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. So are there other questions or discussion on this item? If not what is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll move approval.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So we have a motion and a second. Is there further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Garcia was not present for this action.]

7. **PRESENTATIONS** – None were presented.

8. **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Is there anybody here from the public who wishes to address the Board?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (IT-via Webex): Madam Chair, on Webex we have Marlow Morrison and Caleb Parson.

MARLOW MORRISON (Via Webex): This is Marlow Morrison.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Welcome.

MS. MORRISON: I am calling today because I'm Tiempos Lindos HOA president and I am calling in reference to the South Meadows open space property. I wanted to let you know that our HOA has been extensively involved in community engagement with the sale of this property and we have a petition with 414 signatures opposing its sale. And we've started a Facebook page that's grown to 260 members that's really dedicated to allowing access to the public records and the history of this open space.

Tiempos Lindos also did a 30-minute video presentation to the Planning Commissioners about some of the very serious issues that this area is facing by losing access to this open space by having it developed. And I have sent all of the County Commissioners a video by mail and I will send that again for your convenience and I encourage that you watch that so that you can really see what this property means to this community, the history of it and the passion that many, many members on the Facebook page who don't even live in the surrounding area have for this property.

Today I'm calling because I'm really asking that that sales agreement with the developer not be renewed or extended without any public hearings and that is coming up in the first week of May, that termination of that sales agreement and I think really in order to kind of set things correct, since this has been kind of handled behind closed doors that that sales contract not be resigned without having public hearings so that since it is public land we have some say on really what is going on with it. So thank you for taking all that into consideration and again, I'll be sending you that video and I hope you take a few minutes to be able to watch that. So thank you for your time today.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much, Marlow. Daniel, can you please introduce the next person? I missed their name. I apologize.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Yes, Madam Chair. Before I introduce the person would you like me to impose the three-minute timer?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, please.

MR. FRESQUEZ: The next person is Caleb Parson.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Caleb, welcome.

CALEB PARSON (Via Webex): Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you today. First, I won't need the three minutes, I don't think. I'm fairly brief in what I have to say, and I'd like to say that I in no way pretend to be any kind of a legal eagle or anything like that. It's not something that I have anything that I know about. But I do practice keeping my own word. And I think it's important. I understand this issue has gotten very complicated, probably way beyond what the County Commissioners assumed it might be when they agreed to sell to Homewise.

I live very close to the proposed space and I would just like to – I live at 4750 Morning Street. Actually I think I'm in the house that's closest to the current entrance on the northeast, northwest corner of that space. And I would just urgently ask the Commissioners, as did Ms. Morrison, not to consider any extension whatsoever of the time and agreement with Homewise. I hope that conditions will prevail that will allow the

County to keep its commitment to the residents to maintain that space as an open space. Would love to see it as a park, but we need all 22 acres for that purpose. It's what we were expecting and what we'd really like to have the opportunity to participate with the governing agencies in taking care of. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Parson. Daniel is there anybody else who wished to address –

MR. FRESQUEZ: Yes, Madam Chair. We have Rachel Thompson.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Rachel.

RACHEL THOMPSON (Via Webex): Hi. Thank you. I am also here to address the South Meadows issue and I echo Marlow's request for public hearings if it's possible at this time, because I just have a quick question. I would like to hear what is the procedure if the County entered into a sales agreement which is part of what you do and it's done in executive session, if that agreement is to be extended or renewed. What is the procedure? So that's a question that I have and I also just want to say that I've been working with Tiempos Lindos as a volunteer since September and I live actually in the district over. I live in Commissioner Hughes' area. And I just been so moved and so impressed by the amount of dedication and kind of how people in that neighborhood have hung in on this whole incredibly complicated process. And I think that Marlow uncovered some really, really innovative ideas about parks. One of them is addressed in the video, which is [inaudible]. I think it would attract people from the County, from the City, just from a large area around. I totally believe and admire the capacity and the determination of this neighborhood to bring a 22-acre community park to fruition.

So it's been my real privilege I feel to work with Tiempos Lindos and the other people in the surrounding neighborhood. If it is possible to address the actual procedure if an extension was requested on the sales contract I would appreciate that. That's all I have. Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much for your comments. Daniel, is there anybody else here who wishes to speak to the Board?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do not see any other hands raised within Webex.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much. So I will close public comment and go to Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. So first of all, Ms. Thompson did send a letter and I have a response that has been prepared to send to her. I just have not had an opportunity to send it to her, but I can answer that question for the Board right now and for the individuals who are on from the public.

First of all, the purchase agreement between Santa Fe County and Homewise does not expire. There's a belief that the purchase agreement itself expires. That is not what expires on May 6th but rather in the purchase agreement that was negotiated with Homewise, Homewise's right to terminate the purchase agreement if it's unable to obtain the necessary land use approvals from the City of Santa Fe expires that day. So this is a right given to the purchaser, not a right of the County, but a right to the purchaser that if they, after nine months and three 30-day extensions, if they have not secured the appropriate land use zoning and development rights for the intended use of Homewise, the buyer, then they have a right to terminate the agreement. And it basically says that if

the purchaser is not able to obtain the entitlements necessary to develop the property for the stated uses then the purchaser – that would be Homewise – shall have the right to terminate the agreement, and the earnest money deposit will automatically be refunded in full.

So they have put an earnest money deposit down, Homewise has, with the County, and they had nine months plus three 30-day extensions to get their approvals. That last day is May 6th. They could terminate if they don't have them by May 6th, they could terminate the agreement, we'll give their earnest money back.

If they don't have them the purchase agreement is still in place and they can still move through their process, but if they don't execute it they would lose their earnest deposit with us. But that doesn't have anything to do with the decisions over at the City at that point. That contingency will have expired in the agreement.

So that's one thing I want to make clear. It's not the purchase agreement that expires; it's just that provision for the buyer that expires. Secondly, we haven't had a request to extend that provision in the agreement. However, the Board did, in its resolution, provide me as the Manager the authority to negotiate that purchase agreement as well as any extensions to that agreement or whatever would be necessary. But I have not had a request of that sort. We've only had an inquiry from the public about what happens.

So no formal request has been made to extend the site plan, development plan, due diligence period. This provision that we had in the agreement, and if one was to be made, as I said, under the resolution 2020-55, the Board has given the County and Manager the authority to negotiate and execute amendments under the purchase agreement to extend that period to allow time for the City of Santa Fe land use process to run its course before Homewise has to decide whether to proceed with the purchase.

But given that there is no request to evaluate it, we haven't brought anything forward to the Board. Additionally, if I receive such a request I would inform the Board of that. And the Board could indicate to me whether you want to have public hearings, don't want to have public hearings. I would say that Homewise has spent a year moving forward with this process and they are in the process with the City Planning Commission, and then due to be heard at the City Council meeting on April 27th. So that is their current schedule. Aside from that I couldn't tell you anything else. And I don't have any formal request from Homewise or the purchaser relative to an extension on those provisions within the agreement.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I really appreciate the inputs and I hope our public commenters were able to get good information from that.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER
A. COVID-19 Updates

CHAIR HAMILTON: There are several updates with COVID updates first.

MANAGER MILLER: So that's the South Meadows updates, which I did not have that in my list. As far as the COVID updates, the state posts by county the community transmission rate. DOH provides an average daily case rate and test positivity

rate over the prior two-week period and we're assigned a level of transmission by color. Low transmission being blue, moderate transmission being yellow, substantial transmission orange and high transmission red. Santa Fe is on the level orange based upon – which is still substantial, but that's over two weeks of indicators. It's based on total cases per 100,000 persons per day over that timeframe. And we are at 12.8. In the low transmission category it would be 1.4. In moderate transmission it would be 1.4 to 7.1, and substantial, 7.1 to 14.28. And the 14.29 and greater is considered high transmission. And we're at 12.8. So it's not great.

But percentage of tests that are positive during the past 14 days is five percent. That's another indicator, and then vaccination rates. So that's what they are reviewing now when looking at whether your county is at high risk. I'd just say we have continued to come down but we obviously could do better to get into the low transmission area or moderate transmission.

As far as historical data for the county, about 47 percent of individuals who have tested positive have been male and about 53 percent have been female. And age breakdown, the highest areas in the numbers in the county have been in the ages of 20 to 29 and 30 to 39, followed by 10 to 19 and 40 to 49 being about the same.

B. Miscellaneous Updates

MANAGER MILLER: That's all I have on COVID updates except you should receive a schedule via your liaisons relative to reopening of the senior centers. We'll start reopening them next week, part time. Some of the bigger senior centers are going to Monday-Wednesday-Friday and the smaller ones Tuesday-Thursday. We'll do that through the month of April and then starting in May go back to our schedule prior to COVID if all things go well.

So Ken and Patty, El Rancho, Bennie J., are going to be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Edgewood and Abedon Lopez Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 to 3:00, and Rufina lunch site will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 to 1:30. Individuals will still be required to wear facemasks when they're at the senior centers and all visitors will be required to be screened and signed in as well.

The activity coordinators are going to be the ones working in each senior center to get them reopened. We're having them all sanitized and cleaned and then we'll start that temporary schedule and hopefully by the end of the month everything will go well and we'll be able to open them back to our regular schedules.

Also we will be having the adult detention facility inspection with a Board of County Commissioners. That will be a special meeting this Friday at noon to do the site visit and inspection of our facility. We will do the public meeting, will be held virtually via Webex and the Board will meet here, be called to order. The leadership will provide the presentation on the facility here and through Webex, and then we'll go for the tour. We'll take a 30-minute recess and then go complete the tour. We'll break the tour down into groups where there won't be more than two Commissioners per group because we can't accommodate the public going through the facility, especially now with COVID. So that that will not be a public portion of the meeting but the first part of the meeting will be held here and then we'll move to the facility to make sure that the Commission has an

opportunity to inspect the facility individually per our inspection guidelines.

One last thing. No, not one last thing, a couple last things. As I mentioned earlier today – today is kind of a blur; I’ve talked about budget so many times today. We are proposing to do at least two budget study sessions in April and our thought would be to do them on the same day as our regularly scheduled Board meetings, to start a couple of hours early in order to not interrupt more days of your schedule. But Tuesday, April 12th, from 10:30 to 12:30 and the same on April 26th. They are BCC Tuesdays which will make for somewhat of a long day but we’ll make sure we take a lunch break and have a lunch before we start the regular BCC meeting or the Housing meeting at the end of the month.

And depending on how those go we may need to do another one at the May 10th or an update or a couple of items of direction. And then the last piece is the challenge. The interim budget is due to the state on June 1st but our next BCC meeting is May 31st. That’s incredibly hard to be discussing the budget that evening, get it loaded into the system and sent off to DFA. So depending on where we are in this process when we get to May we may request a special meeting to approve the budget on May 24th. So I just want to put those items – and that’s the Tuesday before the last BCC meeting in May. That just happens – it really hits us at a bad time when the last day of May is the 31st and it’s a Tuesday after a holiday. It makes us very hard for us to get the interim budget approved at that meeting.

Also, I want to say we do have time after we do the interim budget to make adjustments to the final budget before July when that has to be submitted to the state. So I just wanted to put those things on your mind for possible special meeting times for budget study sessions and possibly budget approval.

And then we already introduced Leandro and also we now have an electronic sign-up form for members of the public to pre-register to speak during Matters of Public Concern. That form is available on the event webpage for BCC meetings and special meetings. So it helps us know who would like to speak if the public does sign up for that and fill those out and it also gives us the ability to give that information to the recorder ahead of time.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That sounds great. Thank you very much. Just before I go to Commissioner Hansen, the 24th – I’m facilitating all day EPA workshop, the 24th and 25th, so I won’t be available till late in the afternoon.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay. So I don’t know what other people’s schedules are like. I don’t have that many conflicts but that’s definitely one.

MANAGER MILLER: Plus, isn’t that Commissioner Hansen’s birthday around there? Or is that the 25th?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: My birthday is the 25th of May.

MANAGER MILLER: So we won’t do it on your birthday.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That’s the second day of the workshop, so I’m tied up the 24th and 25th.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So we’re good. Also, Manager Miller, I have an eye doctor’s appointment on the 12th that I’ve had on my books for quite some time. I will try and see if I can change that, but –

MANAGER MILLER: Is it early or is it later?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's at 11:00.

CHAIR HAMILTON: It's a good time. That's why there's all the conflicts.

MANAGER MILLER: Because if we do it on the 12th we could start a little later because we don't have Housing, so we could maybe do 12:00 to 2:00. I just want to make sure that it's not too much.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I will make an effort to see if I can change it but they're usually a little difficult. And they've pushed me off already for four or five months.

MANAGER MILLER: So that's on May 12th?

CHAIR HAMILTON: No. April 12th.

MANAGER MILLER: April. Okay. If we could – the next meeting is May 10th. The one on May 10th we were thinking we would have narrowed down many decision points to something we could do during the regular meeting, so not having another special meeting is our goal. I know how difficult that is try to get into all five Board members' schedules. So I'm trying to limit that. But we'll look at also possibly doing one on April 12th at noon to 2:00 if you're unable to move your appointment.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll work on it immediately after today.

MANAGER MILLER: That's all I have on Miscellaneous Items and then I believe we have two other items listed and that is Legislative Updates. I think Hvtce Miller is here, and then right after that Cindy McKee on the strategic planning process draft update.

9. C. Interim Legislative Update

HVTCE MILLER (County Manager's Office): Good afternoon. Back again. So the Governor announced that there would be a special session coming up next month in April and I'm just here to briefly go over that and make sure that I address any questions that you have going into the special session. In particular – let me just start, on March 18th the Governor announced that there would be a special session taking place on April 5th and the two items that she announced that would be addressed during this special session are one, the funding for the projects and services which were included in the 2022 regular session, Senate Bill 48, which is referred to as the junior bill, and so there was approximately \$50 million left on the table which hadn't been allocated because that bill had been vetoed during the regular session. So that was the first item she was looking to address those items that were contained in the bill and perhaps get a piece of legislation put through that would address those different projects and services that were contained in the regular session, Senate Bill 48.

The second item wanting to be addressed was the rising fuel costs within the state and looking at if there was a possibility of providing some relief to residents within New Mexico due to these rapidly increasing fuel prices. So two items which have been mentioned through the media for addressing the increased fuel prices are one, a temporary suspension of the fuel tax, which is 17 cents a gallon right now, or the possibility of just providing a rebate in some amount. I have heard anywhere between \$200 to \$300 rebates mailed out to New Mexico tax filers within the state.

So those were the two items, the \$50 million and the fuel costs. Lastly, I just wanted to point out that within Senate Bill 48 there were some particular specific projects that were included in that bill that was vetoed and one was in the amount of \$60,000 to the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association for fire hydrants in Galisteo; \$130,000 for domestic violence shelters in Santa Fe County; \$80,000 for the Double-up Food Bucks program in Santa Fe County; \$50,000 for the Double-Up Food Bucks program in Santa Fe, Tarrant, and Valencia counties; and \$60,000 for domestic violence shelter services in Santa Fe County. So with those items, that was a total of \$380,000 specific to Santa Fe County services.

And with that, that's the brief summary of what's going to take place starting April 5th and the items that are going to be addressed within that. Also I wanted to mention there is a meeting this Friday, April 1st at 9:00 am with the New Mexico Food and Agricultural Policy Council. So that's – you're familiar with Pam Roy with Farm to Table, so she's part of this bigger collective which is that, and they're going to be speaking more about their plans to address those food elements which were eliminated in Senate Bill 48, so I think I can give you a better idea of how they look forward to including the food issues within the legislation that's going to be proposed for the special session. Once again, that's taking place Friday, April 1st.

With that, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have regarding the special session or any follow-up questions from the regular session that you might have as well.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. And just real quick, rumor has it they're going to be meeting for one day. That doesn't sound likely from everything you've said but have you heard any further rumors?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, hopefully that is the case. I think they have a lot of the spending which was gone over during the regular session that was included in Senate Bill 48. One of the issues that the Governor stated in her veto was that there was confusion between what was going to be considered recurring and one-time funding. So I think that was the main element that needs to be cleared up regarding all those different projects and services in the bill. So, yes, a lot of the legwork has already been done for all those projects, so hopefully if they can work out that language beforehand it could be addressed rather quickly, maybe in one day.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Miller. So Senate Bill 48 was introduced as a capital outlay bill? Or how was it introduced? And did the entire bill get vetoed?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it's not considered a capital bill. I would say it's – because these projects – all the items within Senate Bill 8 are funneled through state agencies, whereas capital projects, those monies go out to individual and local governments to the form of grants. And so it's more or less a tack-on to the budget. So it's general fund money for the items within Senate Bill 48.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Miller. So these are just the items bill in Senate Bill 48 from Santa Fe County. So there were other items in the bill that were eliminated from other counties throughout the state?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, yes. Upon the veto of Senate Bill 48 from the regular session there was a lot of questions statewide because

every area from north to south was affected by the projects within the Senate Bill 48. And so it's not just Republican or Democratic, north of south issues. It's projects and services statewide. So before the special session was called there were rumblings of an extraordinary session to be called by the legislators themselves to address the issue because there's a lot of communities relying on this funding that's contained in Senate Bill 48, so they're wanting it to be addressed, but eventually the Governor did put out a message asking for the special session to occur. So, the projects are far and wide within the state.

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Miller. So do we anticipate that Senate Bill 48 will be re-enacted and all these projects will be placed back in there, plus the tax exemption for gas? Do we know?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I would expect that most of the projects – I think that some of the projects that were included in Senate Bill 48 were considered by the Governor's Office to not be completable with the amount of funding that was provided in that bill. So those projects that are not considered completable may be excluded. And reconsidered within another legislative session to make sure that they're do-able projects and that they're not just halfway done. That was one of the highlights pointed out in her veto message as well. She was really looking forward to having completable projects included in that piece of legislation.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair, Mr. Miller. So it's for the Galisteo Mutual Water Consumers Association to install essential fire hydrants in Galisteo. So do they actually – well, that's actually a mutual domestic, so they're a quasi-governmental group. They're their own government. But does somebody contact all these people and ask them whether the projects were ready to move? Do you know?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I am not aware of that. As you know, working on capital outlay requests, there's a questionnaire process that comes out from the Department of Finance and Administration, so that vetting goes out to the local entities, local governments, to ask these types of questions about the projects. So it could be that clarification as to what is completable was not conducted for these particular projects in Senate Bill 48, so being that these weren't considered normal capital projects they didn't follow the normal course of action of capital projects. So I don't know but I don't believe that they did receive those questions from the Department of Finance and Administration.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Miller, for keeping an eye on all this stuff that affects the County, there at the Roundhouse during the session. Can you get an email to Brittany that inform on Friday, with the Pam Roy meeting?

MR. MILLER: Yes. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Miller, thank you. Great to see you, Hvtce. So on this list there's two contracts for the provisions of domestic violence shelter service in Santa Fe, and then to support domestic violence

shelter service in Santa Fe County. So I know we have a domestic violence shelter in Santa Fe County, Esperanza, so do you know the difference between these two items and exactly what is trying to be – where the money is going and who it's going to? We did get money for Esperanza to put solar on their building, and that was not part of this bill, but do you have any idea about that?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, offhand I do not know but I will have to research that a little bit further. As I mentioned earlier, the way that the funding for the particular projects and services within this bill is that it goes through a state agency. So I would suspect that – I'm not sure which particular state agency that it would funnel through but I would suspect that it's for a particular program that's already in place at the domestic violence shelters. So I can research that and find out what program in particular, but I think that it would be something that was already in place and that's funneled through one of the state agencies. So it isn't something that would have been going directly to Santa Fe County as I had mentioned, as like a capital request.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Right. Most of these look like they go to a state agency, and I'm just wondering, Madam Chair, Mr. Miller, two contracts for provisions of domestic violence shelter, and then to support. I know it's just a few different words but I thank you for that. Please let us know and keep us informed. Will the session be open to the public?

MR. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I believe it will be following the same rules as the regular session, so people can go in. I think you just need to provide your vaccination status information at the building itself and in addition to that, everything would be available on line for viewing.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you very much always.

MR. MILLER: You're welcome.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Are there any further questions on this presentation? If not, thank you very much, Hvtce. We really appreciate it.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Commissioners, and I will be back with a summary upon the conclusion of the special session.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Appreciate it. Perfect.

MR. MILLER: Thank you.

9. D. Strategic Planning Process Draft Update

CHAIR HAMILTON: We have Cindy McKee here to do an update on the strategic planning process. Welcome. Thanks for being here.

CINDY MCKEE (County Manager's Office): Manager Miller, Madam Chair, Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to give you a quick update on the investment of time that we all made on working on our strategic plan. Since we last saw one another I have reconciled all of the input that we received from the folks who worked together at the summit on our strategic plan. I've compiled a list of our accomplishments, the items that were completed on our strategic plan up until now and created a document that is accessible, easily updated, and very readable and searchable so that you all can see

not only the prioritization that we did as a group but the input from all of the groups so we have a nice, new, searchable spreadsheet.

That document does not house any of the data that we collect on performance on our departments. I've also begun the process of meeting with departments to have them review all of the work that we did so that we have one more set of eyes to make sure that great ideas and input in fact are correct when viewed by subject matter experts.

I am seeking your input on how we can best keep this information in front of you and continue this process of keeping the plan up to date and informative to everyone as we make decisions. And then finally, I have initiated the process of seeking funds to procure an online management system for the plan.

So with that I present myself for any questions you may have on where we go from here in the strategic planning process.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Great. Well, the first obvious question is the updated spreadsheet – where is that?

MS. MCKEE: I have sent a copy of it to Manager Miller and I can send it to all of you. I think what I sent to Katherine was the prioritized items and I can send you all the spreadsheet that has all the information. It is changing kind of continuously kind of I meet with departments but what may make sense is for me to send you a new one every Monday, so that you can continue to see that progress from the departments.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Great. Thank you. Other questions? Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. It's good to meet you, talk to you. I was unable to make the events last week but I was informed as into what was happening throughout both days. One of the things I'd like to see, as the Chairwoman said, is a copy of the actual spreadsheet. And another thing that I'd be interested in is actually in regards to – there was a lot of stuff that was talked about and all the staff that participated in it. I appreciate all the staff participating because it's for the betterment of Santa Fe County; right? And that's where we're going to go.

In regards to a copy of the spreadsheet, I would like to have a timeframe for those different types of events that need to happen, because I know there's a lot of stuff about retention of government employees, assisting some of the employees that are out there working. We all work, but some of those guys that work on snowplows and graders, those guys work. Men and women, they work out there. And we all do. Don't get me wrong. But just a timeframe as into, as Manager Miller said, we're actually going to be crafting the budget here pretty soon, so how is your plan going to actually request for budget from Manager Miller. So I just want to know how that works out.

MS. MCKEE: Yes. Absolutely. So I'll make sure that we get you all a copy of that spreadsheet as it evolves. Can you clarify your question about timeline? I'm sorry. I wasn't sure what you were asking.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So, Madam Chair, we actually did a plan I think two or three years ago and we actually had it at the Eldorado Senior Center.

MS. MCKEE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Everybody did what you all did. And so there's actually – I have a copy of that plan, but I just want to see how those – the different plans that we have, how they get committed and when, the timeframe for that.

MS. MCKEE: Yes. I understand. Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, yes, I understand exactly what you're asking for and I can make sure you have that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Great. And have you seen a copy of the old plan?

MS. MCKEE: Oh, certainly. That's where all the work started. Absolutely. Yes. I was very lucky in not having to start from scratch.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

MS. MCKEE: Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, I really enjoyed the chance to meet with the small group and get to know a great group of County employees that I didn't know very well until that day, and some I did know very well. And it seemed like we had a really good group in all the sessions. A lot of people were really committed to putting some ideas out there and putting it all down on paper, and that was great.

I guess my question is are we planning to have a public hearing on this? Or could we? Because I think it's one thing for us to have a plan internally but the five of us have about 150,000 bosses and they might be interested in what their County government is up to as well.

MS. MCKEE: Yes, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, I appreciate that question so much. I believe that the strategic plan in the end is really a vehicle for communication and we should absolutely be using that to communicate with our community and constituents. I will look to you all for when you would like to do that. We have some opportunities. We could present the plan once we have received all of the feedback from departments and divisions. We can wait a little bit longer until we have a plan that is also on an online platform so that it will be available in that format to the constituents, which I think will be in the fall. So I'll really look to you all and to the Manager for guidance on when you'd like to do that. I think that's exactly what should be driving our work. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you. I think part of it is obviously making it available but also allowing people to comment back to us what they think about it. And probably when it's online that will be easier for people to see, so that might be a thought. I'm not married to either way. Thank you. That's all I had for now.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Roybal

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Really, I just want to say thank you for the coordination. It was a great couple of days we had for us to brainstorm and you do a really great job. I think everybody that participated, all of staff, the Commissioners, they came up with some really great ideas and a path forward. So I just want to thank you for that.

MS. MCKEE: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, thank you so much. The feedback to me personally was very positive and about the event and the work was positive. I think it is an absolute win when every single person thinks their group was the best group. It really could not have gone any better. People were so committed and did such very good work. So thank you so much for that.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, thank you, Cindy. I also appreciated the event. I think all the comments that have been made are really important and what I really want to say that meant the most to me, which I know will sound funny to some people, but if we could do it in this building, in our own County building that we have spent money refurbishing and making it a functional building. And to be able to do the strategic plan in this building, with our staff, and with everyone was really meaningful to me. I am so proud of the work that we have done on this building to restore it to its original glory and to be able to be in this building, doing the strategic plan and not in some high school or some other place was really important to me. And so I just really want to share that with you and with everyone, that that meant really a lot to me. So the whole process meant a lot but being in this building was really important. Thank you.

MS. MCKEE: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I am thrilled to come to this building every day, and so I absolutely share your feelings about that. And not just that we were in this building but that we were in a building together was really a wonderful thing, and I was certainly grateful for that. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's great. Thank you so much. I really do appreciate what a great job you did in taking everything that we wanted to do seriously. But I do want to add the clarification that despite the fact that everybody had a really great group in fact my group was the best. Thank you very much.

MS. MCKEE: Madam Chair, noted.

10. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Cindy, I hope you'll just wait a few minutes because I am actually brining forward a proclamation on National County Government Month, which is in April. I found out about that. It's a nationwide recognition of National County Government Month. It's an annual celebration. This year's these is Counties Thrive, and its focus is on six areas that fortify what we do and allow us to best serve our residents through technology, health, readiness, infrastructure, protecting our vulnerable counties and creating economic opportunities. This is a great opportunity to educate our citizens on the importance of county government and how we touch their lives every day. I am working with the liaison team to draft a proclamation for presentation at our April 12th meeting and I encourage our communication team at the County to also promote through our social media and mainstream media all the good things we are doing in Santa Fe County.

And using the strategic plan as part of what we accomplished in the last few years I think is really important. Since I have been in office, one of my big issues is we need to let our constituents, our residents know all the good, important things that Santa Fe County does. And we're not always that good at that but that is something that I think is

really important, like what Commissioner Hughes said about the strategic plan, having it online and making it accessible to our constituents and residents.

So I wanted you to hear that, Cindy, because I was really inspired after our strategic planning and then I was on a meeting with NACo and it is National County Government Month. So that will be brought forward in April because we didn't quite have enough time to get all of the information together by this meeting so it will be at the next meeting. So thank you very much.

Also I'm working on my spring newsletter update to my constituents with a report on my trip to DC on the NACo legislative conference and other announcements. I hope to have it out in the next few weeks. Anyone who wishes to receive my community updates can sign up on my page on the County website. I also want to let everyone know that the first Monday of every month is the Agua Fria Village Association meeting. It is a lively group and we've been meeting on Zoom since the pandemic. It starts at 5:30 and that is April 4th.

And then I don't know if I've mentioned this but I might have, that the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, which I am the president of got \$500,000 for reauthorization from the omnibus bill and I want to thank Senator Heinrich for his complete dedication to the National Heritage areas. He is a true champion for National Heritage areas throughout the country, and especially our Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, and I am profoundly honored that he worked so hard to get us this money.

And I think that's it. So thank you once again, Senator Heinrich. I am grateful for all of your support always. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things. I was driving down from my Sunday afternoon hike from the Ski Basin when I saw a whole group of sheriff's deputies parked at the Borrego Trail trailhead and I wondered what was going on there. We found out in this morning's paper, as I suspected, they were rescuing a lost hiker and I just wanted to commend our Sheriff's Department for getting out there. They got there before the State Police were able to initiate a search which would have been the normal course of events but because of their quick action the hiker was found as the temperature was dropping and she was very cold but otherwise not injured. So that was great to see.

Also, people in my district are very happy that the senior centers are opening next week, so thanks to the staff for making that happen. And just one more thank you to all the staff who participated in the strategic planning. I think it was time well spent and much appreciated.

And then finally I just wanted to mention that we're having a special townhall Hour with Hank on Tuesday, April 5th. I've moved mine from Thursdays to Tuesdays so that I can go to the BDD meeting, and it will feature Jose Larrañaga talking about land use and all the developments happening in District 5. I'm getting a lot of questions about why are we building all these houses around the Community College District and I think it will help people a lot to see that this is a plan that we've put in place for a long time and it's part of the SLDC. So we're glad to welcome Jose and I'm sure it will be a lively discussion. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. Just quickly back to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, quickly. I apologize. I forgot one item. I also am bringing forward a proclamation on April 12th for Earth Day, which I know that everyone is excited about, so that will also be on the agenda for April 12th.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to recognize that we have Earth Day coming up so I know that's going to be really nice event. We had a great event last year so I'm looking forward to this event this year. We're going to be having our event actually in Española so it's going to be nice to be able to be in that community as well. So I appreciate that.

And also I have a lot of excited constituents as well that we're going to be opening our senior centers, and so I'm really happy to see that. It's been a while and I think that a lot of times for the seniors to have this type of engagement is really important and this is probably one of the only, for some of them, this is a highlight of their week. So I'm really excited that we're opening that back up for all of our constituents out there that utilize this service.

I just want to take a moment to recognize our veterans as a whole but also to highlight our Vietnam veterans. The reason being is that today is the National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The National Vietnam War Veterans Day is on March 29th and it honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in the United States history. On March 29, 1973, combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given up their return involving actually five US presidents and crossing nearly two decades. We had 500,000 US military personnel that were involved in this conflict. And so I just wanted to take the time to recognize our Vietnam veterans and just make everybody aware that today is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. If you know any Vietnam War veterans please take the time to thank them for their service.

That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thanks so much for that. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just kind of speaking about what my colleagues have said already. Senior centers opening, Earth Day, Veterans Day for Vietnam but thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to my colleagues.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. And I don't have anything additional to add.

10. B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations

CHAIR HAMILTON: Madam Deputy Clerk, do you know if Madam Clerk is still on or do you have things to present?

MS. GANTZ: The Clerk is not on. She had to go back to the conference that she was at. She asked me to mention that we are still recruiting election workers for

the primary. We're looking for people to work the voting convenience centers and help us to messengers as well, with pay starting at \$20 an hour.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. Are there any other elected officials? Madam Treasurer? Mr. Assessor? Our Sheriff? Any other elected officials on the Webex who would like to speak to the constituents?

JENNIFER MANZANARES (County Treasurer - via Webex): Yes, good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. I just wanted to mention that I too enjoyed the strategic planning. There was an interesting amount of time I was able to participate, so thank you for the invitation. And to mention to our constituents that we will be approaching our second half tax season starting April 10th through May 10th, and we will be doing outreach, so those dates were included in our tax bills. So looking forward to being out in the community and serving our customers for our second half tax rush. Please don't hesitate to contact us on Webchat or on the phone. We're really ramping up with our customer service by making sure that we can get back to our customers, very much a priority and so again, if there's any questions please feel free to contact us.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you so much, Treasurer Manzanares. Are there any other elected officials who are available and want to say something? Hearing none, thanks to everybody who had great information for our constituents. So I'm going to close those matters. It is 5:00. Is there a preference for doing the hearing first and then executive session? If that's acceptable to everybody we'll make that little change.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Sounds good.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Do we have Land Use available?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Is Jose Larrañaga on?

JOSE LARRAÑAGA (Case Manager)(Via Webex): Madam Chair, yes, I am.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Is doing the hearing now acceptable to you guys and are the applicants or whoever needs to be available available?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, I do see Mr. Eddie Peck on. He's the agent for the applicant.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay, great. If you could start us out that would be appreciated.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **CASE # 22-5050 Nuckolls Brewing Company (D/B/A El Ortiz Café) Small Brewer 1st Offsite Location Liquor License. Nuckolls Brewing Company, Applicant, Eddie Peck, Agent, Request Approval of a Small Brewer 1st Offsite Location Liquor License with on Premises Consumption and Package Sales with Patio Service to be Located at 152 Old Lamy Trail. The Property is Zoned as Commercial Neighborhood within Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 10 East, (Commission District 4)**

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Thank you, Madam Chair. The applicant is

requesting approval of a tap or tasting room to be located at El Ortiz Café. El Ortiz Café is located adjacent to the Lamy Railroad Depot within the Santa Fe Southern Railway. A small brewer 1st offsite location liquor license with on premises consumption and package sales with patio service is proposed for this site. The applicant is in the process of obtaining a Santa Fe County business license and a permit to operate from the New Mexico Environment Department.

The zoning for this property is regulated by Ordinance No. 2016-9, the Sustainable Land Development Code. The site is zoned as Commercial Neighborhood. Appendix B, Use Matrix, allows for a tap or tasting room use within the Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District.

The State Alcoholic Beverage Control Division granted preliminary approval of this request in accordance with Section 60-6B-2.L NMSA of the Liquor Control Act. The Liquor Control Act, at Section 60-6B-4, requires the Board of County Commissioners to conduct a public hearing on the request to grant a small brewer 1st offsite location liquor license. In accordance with the Liquor Control Act, the BCC may disapprove the issuance of the license if: the proposed location is within an area where the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by the laws of New Mexico; the issuance would be in violation of a zoning or other ordinance; or the issuance would be detrimental to public health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district.

Growth Management staff has reviewed this project for compliance with pertinent Code requirements and finds the following facts to support this submittal: tap or tasting room use within the Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District is a Permitted Use; the applicant has met the State of New Mexico requirements for noticing; and the site is 7.9 miles from the nearest church and 7.7 miles from the nearest school.

Staff recommendation is for approval of a small brewer 1st offsite location liquor license, to be located at 152 Old Lamy Trail. Madam Chair, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you so much. Before we go to questions from the Board, does the applicant care to say anything?

EDDIE PECK (Via Webex): No, Madam Chair. I would like to say that I've been very pleased with the professionalism that Growth Management has shown in all of our efforts to move our projects forward in Lamy and we're looking forward to getting our project open.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you so much and thank you for being here. So I will go ahead, I think and do public comment and then do questions from the Board. So I'm opening public comment. Is there anybody here from the public, obviously on Webex, who would like to address this matter? Daniel, do you see anybody present or know of anybody who's notified you that they would like to speak to this matter?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I have not received any notice or any letters or anything on email indicating they want to speak, and I don't see anything on Webex indicating anybody wants to speak to this.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay, thank you. I will nevertheless ask one

more time if there's anybody on line who would like to speak to this matter, please unmute yourself and let us know. Hearing none I will go ahead and close public comment and go to questions from Commissioners. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a question from Mr. Larrañaga. What's a small brewer 1st offsite location liquor license?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, so the brewery that opens, they can have some offsite liquor licenses, such as for example, Santa Fe Brewing, they have an offsite license over at La Tienda and they serve their beer and their product there. So this would be their first offsite. I don't know exactly how many offsite licenses they get from Alcoholic Beverage Control but this would be the first one for Nuckolls Brewing.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. So is this a beer and wine license or is it actually a full liquor license?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this would be just to serve their beer or their product.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And Mr. Larrañaga, wasn't there already a liquor sales facility in that exact location there, a couple years ago?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I believe there was. Of course that closed down and so they had to come in for this new liquor license.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And Mr. Larrañaga, like you mentioned earlier, they did have those meetings with the community there, I assume?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the site development plan for this was done administratively. It was posted. We didn't really get any comments from the community and now they're getting their business license. They should be receiving that this week and the notice for the liquor license was posted per state requirement 15 days and 30 days prior to this hearing.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is kind of just interesting to me because actually it's kind of across the street by the church is where my mom grew up and my grandpa was actually from Lamy, and actually ran the Pink Garter for many, many years before the moved to Santa Fe. But I'm familiar with the area totally. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Larrañaga.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair and actually Commissioner Garcia asked my main question but I had one really small question. Is this location in the room that's attached to the Lamy Depot itself? In other words, it's in the same building? There used to be a care there, I think.

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, yes. Part of the use will be in the depot. The site development plan also shows a food

truck or some kind of food facility that eventually will be added to this and then they'll have a large patio, or a fenced in area where you could sit also in this facility.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Are there any other questions?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, if there's no questions, I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. I have a motion and a second. Is there further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, as Lamy is in my district I look forward to this developing out.

MR. PECK: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I appreciate it.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Good luck with everything.

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / REPORTS

- A. Growth Management Department February 2022 Monthly Report**
- B. Community Services Department March 2022 Monthly Report**
- C. Community Development Department February 2022 Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Division February 2022 Monthly Report**
- E. Public Works Department February 2022 Monthly Report**
- F. Finance Division January 2022 Monthly Report**
- G. Public Safety Department February 2022 Monthly Report**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Before we go to Matters from the County Attorney, I'm sure all the department heads are hanging around to see if there are any questions. They've done their monthly reports. Are there any questions from the Commissioners on any of the reports? Seeing none, I just want to – like as usual, you guys do great reports for us. We really appreciate it and we appreciate that you stay for questions. Thank you very much.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract**

Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:

- 1. Executive Management Personnel Matters**
- 2. Breach of Settlement Agreement and Related Agreements Related to Annexation**
- 3. *NM Coalition of Public Safety Officers and Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriff's Association. v. Santa Fe County*, PELRB No. 133-21**

CHAIR HAMILTON: So now we can go to Attorney Shaffer.

GREG. SHAFFER (County Attorney): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. We'd be looking to have a motion to adjourn the open meeting and convene in executive session for the purposes of discussing limited personnel matters as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) NMSA 1978; and threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978, including one, executive management personnel matters; two, breach of settlement agreement and related agreements related to annexation; and three, *NM Coalition of Public Safety Officers and Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriff's Association. v. Santa Fe County*, PELRB No. 133-21.

And again, such a motion would adjourn the open meeting and allow the Board to convene in executive session, meaning that there would be no further open meeting tonight but once executive session would end we would disperse from executive session.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I'd like to make a motion to go into executive session as the County Attorney actually mentioned.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay, we have a motion and a couple of seconds.

Can I have a roll call please?

MR. SHAFFER: And to be clear, I'm sorry, Madam Chair, and that would be to adjourn the open meeting so this would end the Webex broadcast and the open session. Is that correct?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes. Secunder as well.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. That's excellent. Can we have a roll call?

The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye

