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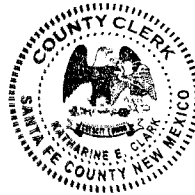
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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:14 p.m. by Chair Anna Hamilton in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format involving both in-person and virtual participation.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by County Clerk Katharine Clark 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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Hamilton and the Moment of Reflection by Sarah Perry of the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Hansen requested a moment of silence for the people of the Mora Valley, Hermit Peak, Calf Canyon, Ocote, and all those suffering the effects of wildfires.

Commissioner Roybal requested a moment of silence for Tim Martinez from San Ildefonso Pueblo.

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1. F. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HAMILTON: Manager Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Madam Chair, the agenda was posted seven days prior on Tuesday, April 19th at 5:23 pm, and the amended agenda was posted on Friday, April 22nd at 5:19 pm. The following items were added to the agenda on Friday. Under Section 4. A, the request for approval of a proclamation, that packet material was updated. Item 5. B on the Consent Agenda, a resolution waiving a rental fee, that item was added. Presentations item 8. B, presentation from the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office for the Clearie Award, that item was added.

Matters from the County Attorney, item 12. A. 2, Executive Session, that item was added, and Matters from the County Attorney, item 12. D, the action item was added. And under Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance, item 14. A, an emergency ordinance for hazardous fire conditions, that item was added and the draft ordinance was added yesterday. And Informational Items under Reports, 15. H, Public Work Department report, that item was added as well.

Then I'd also like to request that we move Matters from the County Attorney items 12. B, C, and D, to right after approval of the agenda, and also after the approval of the agenda and executive session, when you return from executive session and vote on those items I would like to recommend moving the proclamation, item 4. A to right after the items from executive session, and my estimate then would be that we would be back to the item 1. G in about 25 minutes, 30 minutes.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's excellent. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the agenda with all the changes that Manager Miller suggested.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

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

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I would just like to recognize our County Treasurer in the audience.

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:

CHAIR HAMILTON: Attorney Shaffer, do you want to tee this up for us?

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. The purpose of the executive session would be to discuss limited personnel matters as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; 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 one, the hiring of Gregory S. Shaffer as County Manager, and two, solid waste convenience center locations and disputes.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, so moved, that we go into executive session with the things that County Shaffer mentioned.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So we have a motion and a second. Can I please 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
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 2:25 to 3:15.]

CHAIR HAMILTON: I'd entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, so moved that we come out of executive session and the only things that were spoken about were what was on the agenda, and all the people that were in the meeting were only the County Attorney and the Assistant County Attorney and County Manager.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I'll second that and no action was taken.

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

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

12. B. Request Approval of Employment Agreement Between Gregory S. Shaffer and Board of County Commissioners

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, thank you very much. I would like to make a motion to approve the employment agreement between Greg S. Shaffer and the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Congratulations.

CHAIR HAMILTON: We can do that after the vote. There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Roybal voted upon returning to the chambers.]

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Welcome aboard Mr. Shaffer, County Attorney. We look forward to working with you and congratulations once again. It's a very exciting time to be in this transition and as you said to me the other day, the Chinese curse is we live in interesting times and that is definitely the truth. So with that just congratulations and I look forward certainly and I believe the rest of the Board looks forward to working with you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. And just for the record, Commissioner Roybal, we just took a vote on approving the employment agreement and I assume you want to contribute your vote in the affirmative?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: What was the vote again?

CHAIR HAMILTON: The employment agreement with Mr. Shaffer.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Shaffer, are you up to the challenge.

MR. SHAFFER: Yes, sir. I've been losing my hair since birth in preparation for it. [laughter]

CHAIR HAMILTON: Obviously, the answer is yes, then.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Like I said, I respect a man who combs his hair with a towel, just like I do. So yes, I do vote in the affirmative, and I want to just say welcome. We look forward to the leadership that you've already been instilled from our County Manager, Ms. Katherine Miller and I just want to thank her for her leadership that we've been graced with for the last almost 12 years I believe, so thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not going to get sentimental because I told a couple of people I'm not going to get sentimental with Manager Miller actually, her institutional knowledge that she has for local government as well as state government. It's amazing. Greg, you institutional knowledge that you have

here at the County is actually – it’s great, because this institutional knowledge like I have, so many years that I’ve worked here at this place and just worked on the ship. You work on the ship from the bottom all the way to sitting on the bridge of the ship as a policy maker, and just your institutional knowledge is actually something that’s very credible to you and something that’s definitely needed for local government, but welcome.

And Manager Miller, May 6th is going to come to fast, and I’m not going to get sentimental, but you’ve done an excellent job. You know that, for state government as well as local government. Institutional knowledge for any employee that is here is great. Thank you, Manager.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, I’ll just echo what my colleagues said and say welcome to Mr. Greg Shaffer as our incoming County Manager. I’ve known Greg for many years and I know you’re going to do a great job. So we’re really forward to this and of course we will all miss Katherine when she eventually fades out later this year.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And Madam Chair, I’m sorry. Really quick. Not really quick.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Well, yes, very quick.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Ms. Shaffer agreed that he’s going to smile a lot more with us. He’s good, but welcome once again. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, everybody. At least now I’ll be able to say that I have more hair than the County Manager. But welcome and I look forward to working together.

12. C. Request Approval of County Manager Transition Plan

CHAIR HAMILTON: Manager Miller, do you want to brief us just for the record, so everybody knows what we’re approving?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, certainly, Madam Chair. First of all I’d like to congratulate Greg. I think he’s going to do a great job and I think you will probably see many improvements in many areas that he has probably more strengths than I do. So I think it’s a very good decision and I congratulate Greg on that.

As far as the transition plan, so as directed by the Board, Greg and I worked on a transition plan and I will step down from my role as County Manager on Friday, May 6th and he will take over as County Manager. That’s the beginning of a pay period. I believe that’s a Saturday. And I will stay on on a short timeframe. I will be out of town for about 13 days from the 10th of May to the 21st of May but my primary focus in the transition, one, will be to provide Mr. Shaffer with all of the reports on everything I’m working on, the status of those, and transitioning anything that I’ve been working on over to him, make sure he has all the information of the status of any initiatives that we’re working on in the different departments or the elected officials.

Second priority will also be working with the Finance Department and Finance Director Yvonne Herrera and HR and Deputy County Manager Cordova and Deputy County Manager Bernardino on the proposed interim fiscal year 2023 budget, and the proposed fiscal year 2023 final budget, as well as our capital budget, and proposed bond

questions for the general election in November, and wrapping up the strategic plan. We did two planning sessions with five groups of about ten each, one with each Commissioner, but we still need to bring back with Cindy McKee, bring back a draft of a revised and updated strategic plan and all of that I hope to have done, at least to a point where I can hand that completely off to Greg, Cindy, Yvonne and Deputy County Managers by June 17th. So I anticipate June 17th to be my last day working at the County. Then I'll fade off into the sunset in the RV. And I'll only get about an hour out of town before I run out of money for gas.

CHAIR HAMILTON: And just for the record, in all seriousness, we're in an enviable position to be transitioning from one strength to another strength. There are very counties probably around the country who've been in this strong a position at a transition point. So I thank both of you for that. Is there any discussion on the transition plan or what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Do we need a motion?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, we need a motion.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Move to approve the County Manager's transition plan.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Motion and a second.

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

12. D. Solid Waste Transfer Station Permit, Settlement Agreement, and Release of Claims Between the Pueblo of Tesuque and County of Santa Fe

CHAIR HAMILTON: Once again, Mr. Shaffer do we need a quick summary for the record of what's in there or the high points that we will be moving on?

MR. SHAFFER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I'd be happy to provide one. This agreement would resolve any past claims related to the convenience center that has existed on the Pueblo of Tesuque property for a number of years and allow Santa Fe County to continue to utilize the convenience center through June 30, 2022, after which the convenience center would be permanently closed. And for a period of 30 days after the closure the convenience center the County would have the obligation and the right to remove any of its equipment or any improvements from the convenience center and would assist with the transition by having a County employee man the area or the access road that had been used to access the convenience center so as to help inform and remind the public of the closure and to help direct citizens to other convenience centers that they can utilize, as well as provide information regarding private haul operations should that be a service that they want to pursue.

So we're pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with the pueblo and move forward in a way that allows the pueblo to continue to pursue other interests that they have relative to the land. So that's a high level summary of the agreement and I'd be

pleased to stand for any questions. I would add that once approved we'll be working through the Public Works Department to make sure that we notify all of the users of the convenience center of the transition away from that site being available to the county for use as a convenience center and again, helping to educate them on other options that are available to them.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. So is there any discussion, or once again, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I want to thank staff for their hard work in negotiating with Tesuque Pueblo on this agreement that we did have with Tesuque Pueblo to have a transfer station in that community. I do want to be respectful to the Tesuque Pueblo as they've requested for us to not use this facility any longer for a transfer station because they have other uses for the land and so they've asked for us to consider not – or actually asked us not to have this transfer station any longer on this property. So I just want to thank staff for working with Tesuque Pueblo to try and negotiate a longer term but we're at a point where I think that we've done those negotiations and we want to be respectful of Tesuque Pueblo and I also want to say thank you to Tesuque Pueblo for allowing Santa Fe County to have this transfer station at this facility on their property. I want to just recognize that. This was something that was very beneficial to our community and our constituents in the area and also the tribal members in Tesuque but I know that there's other thoughts that they want to use this property for and so we respectfully thank them for the use of this property during the term that we have used it and I just want to say that and once again thank staff for their hard work in working with the tribe in Tesuque to try and come up with a resolution but where we're at is closing that transfer station and utilizing some of our other transfer stations for trash collection as far as the transfer station goes. So I just want to once again just highlight that and thank Tesuque Pueblo for the use of their property and I'm glad that we can to an agreement with that and with that I'd like to make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, thank you, Commissioner.
Second.

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

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

4. CONSIDERATION PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND/OR RECOGNITIONS

A. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of April 2022 as "Santa Fe Community College Month"

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sure all of us know how valuable Santa Fe Community College is. I myself have been attempting to learn Spanish there for many, many years, but it's a great place for us all to avail

ourselves of higher education at a reasonable cost. So I was happy to sponsor this proclamation and I'll go ahead and read it. It's short, fortunately, but to the point.

Santa Fe County proclamation proclaiming April 20, 2022 as Santa Fe Community College Month.

Whereas, more than 1,300 community and technical colleges in the United States have contributed enormously to the richness of American higher education; and

Whereas, community colleges play an integral role in local workforce development, economic development and vocational training; and

Whereas, in times of economic downturn such as the COVID-19 virus pandemic, government, communities and families sought to look to community colleges as engines of recovery; and

Whereas, the average community college student pays just \$3,400 a year in tuition, compared to the nearly \$37,000 average annual tuition of private colleges, as many as 120 private colleges charge tuition fees exceeding \$50,000 per year, and only about 60 charge less than \$20,000; and

Whereas, support from the people and the voters of Santa Fe County led to the establishment of Santa Fe Community College, SFCC, in 1983; and

Whereas, by providing Santa Fe County residents with affordable and accessible educational opportunities, SFCC has greatly expanded the options for every student, young and old, to enter a post-secondary program; and

Whereas, SFCC provides various credit and non-credit classes and programs and offers specialized training for thousands of students and supports the economic prosperity of Santa Fe County; and

Whereas, hundreds of Santa Fe high school students take dual credit classes at SFCC earning college credit while in high school, saving money and time, and hundreds more choose to attend SFCC; and

Whereas, SFCC students, alumni, faculty and staff are integral to the fabric of this unique community; and

Whereas, in recognition of the contributions of SFCC to the wellbeing of the community members of Santa Fe County, and to celebrate SFCC's 39 years of service to Santa Fe County; and

Whereas, in recognition of the important contribution of community and technical colleges to our educational system, in 1985 the United States Congress authorized and requested the president to issue Proclamation 5418 establishing National Community College Month,

Now, therefore be it resolved that we the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as Santa Fe Community College Month.

And if we approve it, then it will be approved and adopted on this 26th day of April.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. I imagine Commissioner Hughes might want to make a motion but I don't know, that's up to you guys. Is there discussion?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I have discussion, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Can I make a motion first?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Sure.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll go ahead and make a motion that we adopt this proclamation.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So we have a motion and a second. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: It's interesting. The Community College, what an excellent school. An excellent education at Santa Fe Community College. Let me tell you something that people may not realize this. However, the first community college was actually in the Valdez Industrial Center which is behind the State Police at that building right there and that's where I used to ride my go-kart around there when I was a little kid. And that was the first community college before they moved out there to the Community College District area. But that's where they used to have a Hunter Moon event and they used to have different events there. Carnivals used to be there, right next to that community college at that building right there behind the State Police.

But the Community College is by far, that's an excellent community college, and for any student that would like an education, that's the place to go, but thank you for bringing this forward, Commissioner. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also would like to thank Commissioner Hughes for bringing this forward and Commissioner Garcia for his – all of the statements he made are true and we have so much benefit where students start off in community colleges and sometimes they go to other colleges to finish their education but the other day, when they're done with their education at Santa Fe Community College they have the opportunity to go into the workforce making really good wages. They can take care of their families. This is an opportunity where not everybody can afford and have the opportunity to go to an elite college or a four-year college and it's just something that really opens up avenues for our constituents, for our kids, and so I can't say enough as far as what this means to the community to have this community college and they've done such an excellent job and I'm really proud of everything they offer from welding courses to going to the union to have that degree and that education and get really good paying jobs. It's something that I'm very proud of and this Community College does an excellent job.

So I just want to echo the sentiments of my Commission but I also want to say that I hope that we're providing enough – we have the ability to serve all of our students and make sure that we are doing the best job for them. I know that the Community College here in Santa Fe does a great job and so I just want to recognize that and really encourage our students to look at community colleges right after they finish high school and to start their education and there and find out where they want to go. So this is an excellent opportunity for a lot of our kids, so I just wanted to say that and also just thank Commissioner Hughes for bringing this forward. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I also want to thank Commissioner Hughes. I have a master's degree in photography from UNM but it was film photography

so when the switch came to have to change to digital photography I was fortunate enough to go to the Community College and have a wonderful professor teach me how to transfer my skills as a photographer to digital photography. And it was one of the most worthwhile classes I took, so I know the value of the Community College and I think it is so important to have in our community, and the amount of resources that it provides in the Community College. So thank you, Commissioner Hughes.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. So I think we have a motion and a second and before we take a vote we have somebody else to speak from the Community College after we vote.

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

CHAIR HAMILTON: So I understand that Todd Lovato from the Community College is maybe online.

TODD LOVATO (via Webex): Hello.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I can here you. Welcome.

MR. LOVATO: Well, I had this nice statement prepared for the Board of County Commissioners but your comments, Commissioners, you stole my thunder, so I just have to thank you for your kind and supportive words. My name is Todd Lovato. I'm an administrator at the college. Our president, Becky Rowley was here a bit earlier but she was pulled into a pressing prior obligation so she sends her regrets. But she also told me that she looks forward to meeting with all of you very soon, and she sends her gratitude for the continuing collaboration between Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Community College. She just really would like to strengthen these bonds, these partnerships, these collaborations which as you noted in your eloquent statements have been vital for countless Santa Feans over nearly 40 years.

And so we want to just take a moment to thank the members of the Board of County Commissioners, including sponsor Commissioner Hughes, and County Manager Katherine Miller who assisted us with this proclamation. And also Becky mentioned that she looks forward to working with Mr. Shaffer and wishes him well in his new role. So I wouldn't be doing my job very well if I didn't also mention that registration is now open for summer and fall and if you want to polish up your job skills or encourage a family member that college is a great investment, if they could use a push in that direction, start them here. Maybe you'd like to take some short-term continuing education classes and I hear that pickle ball is all the range. So thank you very much for your time today.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you so much for your comments and congratulations on this recognition. It's very meaningful and well deserved. Thank you everybody for contributing to this.

1. G. Years of Service and New Hire Recognition

CHAIR HAMILTON: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair. First I'll do the recognition of years of service for Santa Fe County employees for April 2022 and as you know, we initiated this program several years ago to recognize employees on a monthly

basis that have completed years of service in five-year increments. It's really just a way of recognizing employee retention and expressing appreciation to those employees who have made a career at Santa Fe County.

In Community Services/Administration, Gina Capener hit five years on April 1st, along with Lloyd Martinez from Road Maintenance in Public Works. On April 15th we had four employees that hit their five-year anniversary and that's Christopher Podolak in Animal Control, Jose Puentes in Animal Control, Victor Rodriguez in Animal Control and Andrew Vargas in Road Maintenance.

And then our dear Purchasing Manager, Mr. William or Bill Taylor, in Finance, April 2nd; he has had 10 years with the County. And then in Animal Control, Carolina Brandle on April 9th hit her 10-year anniversary. On April 23rd it was Dylan Chavez' 10-year anniversary at the adult detention facility, and Robert Garcia – not to be confused with our former Sheriff Robert Garcia, but on April 30th we'll have his 10-year anniversary in Animal Control at the Sheriff's Department.

And then Michael Sandoval, who you all see around this building making sure that it stays clean, our wonderful custodian here, on April 30th will also hit his 10-year anniversary. And Melissa Oberg just had her 15-year anniversary on April 9th and she is at our adult detention facility.

So I just want to acknowledge those employees and thank them for their years of service at Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. There are a couple of individuals that I would like to give a shout-out to. Sammy Romero, who actually has worked for the County for many, many years, and he actually turned in his retirement the other day. So congratulations to Sammy Romero. Congratulations, my friend. And also in regards to Margie Romero, who actually retired from the HR Department, Human Resources Department, last week, a week and a half ago, and she's probably a very proud mom because her son is our new County Assessor at the beginning of June, but congratulations to those two individuals who actually did retire. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair, Manager Miller. I find it interesting that all of our animal control enforcement agency seem to have an anniversary this month so congratulations to all of them, and then I wanted to especially thank Michael Sandoval for being so friendly and kind and taking such good care of all of us in this building. So thank you, Michael. I am grateful for your service to the County. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much. I really appreciate everybody who has been here to reach another anniversary and all the effort they put into the County. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair, and I just want to echo the sentiments of all the employees that have been here for many years already and also Mr. Sammy Romero and Margie Romero – I remember working here, 25, 26 years ago and they were here. They stuck it out. I went on to other areas but sometimes I

find myself – I would be retired already if I had stayed at Santa Fe County. It's something that everybody makes their own choices in life and I just want to acknowledge that they stayed here at the County. Some people that have gone to the City and State, but they keep their retirement and I just want to acknowledge the fact of just their loyalty and their commitment to Santa Fe County is outstanding. Everybody makes choices and sometimes you look back and say, was that the right choice? But I just want to recognize them and do recognition for staying with Santa Fe County and finishing their career here. I think that it's a great acknowledgement. I just want to thank them for their service to Santa Fe County and just say congratulations. It's time to do what you want to do instead of what you have to do and encourage them in their future endeavors. It's been great to work with both of you and thank you for the service to Santa Fe County.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much. So that would take us to new hires.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Madam Chair. And then we had also several new hires in the month of March, so between March 1st and March 31st we had Randon Romero join the County Assessor's Office as a GIS technician. We had, as you know, I introduced Leandro Cordova at a previous meeting, but he joined the Manager's Office as Deputy County Manager on March 26th. Also on March 26th Nav Khalsa joined the Community Development Department as our volunteer coordinator. Then we had four new employees join us in Corrections and that is Dangelo Barbero as a detention officer, Mia Clark, as a case manager, Laressa Romero as a detention officer, and Dolores Trujillo as an LPN nurse. And then in RECC, communications center manager, Roberto Lujan. And those are our new hires for last month. And I welcome them to Santa Fe County and hope they will stay with us five, ten, fifteen, twenty years.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Fantastic. Is there comment on this?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, thank you, Manager Miller. But yes, welcome to Santa Fe County. It's good to see that we are actually filling our positions as it's taken a little while during the COVID pandemic, but thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, welcome to Santa Fe County to all our new hires. I had the pleasure of meeting Nav Khalsa at the planting event on Saturday and she's going to be a great addition to the Sustainability Office and I'm sure the others will be great additions to theirs as well. I'll just add that everybody else covered all the praise for the people who've been here five and ten years but I'll just add my thanks to them for staying. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you all so much. It is really great to be able to welcome good people to the County.

2. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Upon motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Garcia, and unanimous voice vote, the Board of County Commissioners temporarily recessed and convened as the Board of Finance at 3:55 p.m.

A. Call to Order

CHAIR HAMILTON: So we are now officially, meeting as the Board of Finance.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

None

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HAMILTON: Madam Treasurer, does the agenda stand as it's published?

JENNIFER MANZANARES (County Treasurer): Yes, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Move for approval of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

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

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

D. County Treasurer's 2022 First Half Report

CHAIR HAMILTON: I turn it over to our esteemed Treasurer Manzanares.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Madam Chair, members of the Commission. I apologize for my voice and my stuffiness. Allergies have gotten the best of me. I will share the presentation with the Deputy Treasurer simply because my voice will get lost at some point.

So thank you, everyone, for the Board of Finance. We have some updates from the Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office. We see rising fed fund rates and so eloquently explained in an earlier budget hearing, Manager Miller – and congratulations, incoming

Manager Shaffer, County Manager Shaffer – that we are seeing an inverted yield curve in the two- to ten-year spread. With that, we are looking at investing and re-investing in this environment. What is the best yield for the County?

We also, as an update, have post-pandemic office planning and so thankfully, with outreach, we are able to do more of that the second half this year and we definitely look forward to a more robust outreach for property tax collection in the fall. We have a post-pandemic delinquency and uncertainties, but the uncertainties are more what Manager Miller spoke about earlier, where we're sure that we're going to have individuals paying their property taxes and thankfully, we did see a good collection to the tune of \$131,097,425.60 for the first half. We're in the second half property tax collection so we're hoping to see that we get the same response as we did the first half.

We have also on the update retention of staff and so we are definitely like everyone else struggling in some ways to get applicants and also having the staff that we have currently appreciated for everything they do for the Treasurer's Office. Currently, as a staffing update, we have a quality assurance specialist that I believe has accepted a position and we will see her joining the team soon and also a cashier position will soon be offered as well. We are looking to fill the accountant position and then we'll be staffed. So we're really excited for that because we want to definitely serve at a higher capacity.

Or fiscal agent balance as of March 31st, we have 41 accounts and this is something we go through every time we have our Investment Committee meeting, but we are now at the \$55,002, 710. 84 at 35 basis points. And as mentioned earlier, we are currently in the second half so that will be more. And to share portfolio balances, the Deputy Treasurer will help me with that so I can give my voice a break.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, thank you, Ms. Treasurer.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Can we wait for the presentation and then we'll have questions? Thank you.

PATRICK VARELA (Deputy County Treasurer): Good evening, Madam Chair, Commission members. Portfolio balances, we've had total of \$337,768,683.12. Those are the various balances that you see there from the different accounts that we have, going from – these are our security balances, meaning our investments. We'll go on to our diversification of holdings. We'll have – we diversify our portfolio in different instruments to keep that we're not investing in the same paper, so we have different ones. And as you notice, most of them are Freddie Macs, Fannie Maes, which they call fixed income, and we do other stuff like treasuries, government sponsored enterprises, GSEs, which are like supernationals, and so on, and government money markets.

TREASURER MANZANARES: An important note: we have had constituents ask if any of our investments are invested in Russia, and I'd like to make it clear and on the record that we do not have any money invested in Russia.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you for making that point.

MR. VARELA: Those actually, they could be – which we can invest in our brokered CDs, a lot of banks have footprints or had footprints in Russia such as Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, had footprints in there. They have stuff that I found out left Russia but they had footprints in there but just to keep us looking we decided not to invest in these until further notice.

Other holdings, we have our LANB studios, which is the lock box for the studio CD. We have \$4,748,573.13 still in that. We did draw that down in October/November, and our local CDs, which are Guadalupe, US Eagle, Century Bank, we have \$1,248,000 in there, and BYN, which is residual money from 1997, we have \$10,099,701.80 in there for a total of \$16,093,274.93.

So we have a total holdings as of March 31st, \$409,864,668.89. Our earnings are still at the old fed rate; they haven't raised them yet. So our LANB studio, which has one CD, we're getting 2.5 percent on that one CD. Our FICAs are still at five to 12, but we did get word that they're going to be working and getting higher interest rates now that the fed funds are raising up. UBS is the same. We went to two basis points. Schwab, which we don't have very much in there and we're actually closing the accounts there, we actually have one basis point. And then within our fixed income to our brokered CDs, we have rates between 50 basis points to 2 ¾ percent.

Now this slide came from our Investment Committee last month, which I believe it was Madam Chair that asked this question. So we talked about over the past ten years how our portfolio has grown. So this graph shows where it's grown about almost \$10 million - \$9.8 million year over year since 2012 to current. And if you look at the graph on 2014 you'll see that the operational kind of went down and then a new account was added. That's when I worked with Manager Miller and the Commission at that point to actually split the operational into a core account. So we have a core account that goes all the way to ten years and an operational that goes zero to five years. And the reason that we did that is because before we had securities that were 12 years, 20 years, even up to 30 years, and that was at the point where we were still in the old recession with the housing market and there were some investments bought that didn't make sense so we created that account and over time we sold those long terms out and we invested them into the operational. So you can see the lighter green was the operational account which was our one to five year, and over the years it's grown. The other colored ones are different general obligations or GRT funds that we have done over the years and they get invested into different vessels until they are needed to draw down. So we pay them off, so we actually draw them down from those accounts and pay off our debts.

So this graph is a perfect result of what's been going on over the past ten years. So I think that's been pretty good in my opinion that we've been growing that much in that amount of time. And what we've done is during the tax years we've put away \$5 million, \$10 million or such that the bank actually makes us pull out because they can't collateralize for that amount, so we put them in the investments and we've been able to hold so much in there, so this is the results over a ten-year time.

This is the famous dot plot that I'm pretty sure many of you have heard. This is the results of the last fed fund meeting. How this is put out is all those dots are different fed governors. This is for – I guess you could say they bet where they'll be in the duration of time for the actual fed funds rate will be. And I'm pretty sure a lot of you have heard that the single fed governor wanted to go haywire and raise those rates up exponentially the first year and you can see that little sole dot up there, that's his vote. I'm pretty sure without a doubt.

But if you look at the green line, that's the trend line, those are where the fed funds will be at at certain times between 2022 and 2024 and then beyond. And you can

see after 2024 it goes down. I'm pretty sure you've heard of the market of the inverted yield curve from the two to ten-year spread. Well, now, when I wrote this for the Treasurer it actually changed now. Now it's actually five to seven it inverts again and then again in – and I'll show you a slide here, and in the 20 to 30 it inverts. That's uncertainty in the market. That's pretty much saying that there might be a recession, which there's pretty much talk that there will be a recession. It's just that we don't know when, how long and what sector. When we had an inverted curve the last time, which was all of 2019, we had the recession only it was pandemic-driven so we had a recession but it kind of healed itself back up within a few months after it dove down. So this is where you hear that uncertainty in the market and the inverted yield curve.

So this goes to what me and the Treasurer have been planning. Those dots are indication of different times when the fed funds project from the last dot plot. They project that they'll have an increase in funds. So we're trying to invest, reinvest and mature them at the times when they're going to be maturing, so we'll be at a higher interest rate every time we mature. So we can do that. We can aim by getting more of a higher yield come for the County. And the blue dot and the arrow is just at the slope. If we can actually time that point we can get into longer duration. We can do five-year bullets where they won't be called but they'll go on for five years at that rate that will be projected at that point. That's one of the – that's my segue into the next part here.

2. E. Request Approval of County Treasurer's Six-Month Investment Strategy

TREASURER MANZANARES: So as the Deputy Treasurer said, for a six-month investment strategy we would like to look at investing and reinvesting in the two- to four-year window, rolling up with rate hikes, investing in coupons with sensible cash flow, as well as investing in supras or GSEs with sensible spreads over the Treasury, and finally, invest in instruments valid in our investment policy that gives the County of course the best return. And I stand for discussion and the Deputy Treasurer stands for discussion, questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I know I have two on the floor. Commissioner Garcia, and then Commissioner Hansen, then Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, as our head chief investment officer of all of our funds for Santa Fe County. Appreciate what you and the Deputy Treasurer actually do for Santa Fe County investing our funds. In regards to page 1, what does BTS stand for on slide one?

TREASURER MANZANARES: BTS or bps?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: On page 1, slide 1, BTS. It said 30 points or something like that.

TREASURER MANZANARES: bps, basis points.

MR. VARELA: Like 246 basis points is 2.4 percent.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. And in regards to explain to me the Russian stuff that we just talked about.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Right. So we had some constituents that were concerned that we had any investments in Russia and to make that clear

immediately that we didn't. And with our investors at work that there won't be any investments that would put us in any type of a situation.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Good. Thank you, Madam Chair.
Thank you, Madam Treasurer.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer Varela. I was curious to know what are the interest rates on some of our CDs at the moment and what do you see the interest rate going up to in the next six months to a year.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Commissioner Hansen, let's go to the page where we have our CDs.

MR. VARELA: Okay, so on brokered CDs, we have just currently bought some right now, and this was about a month ago. They were about 225 basis points for six months and 275 for a year. Now, the fed funds, they're projecting – Chairman Powell last week made a statement that he was probably going to raise them up 50 basis points this time around. They're trying to get a hold of the inflation. The inflation right now – right now, the reported one right now is 8.5 percent inflation, projecting about 8.8 to 8.9 by the end of the month, and probably more in the rust belt area, but nonetheless, they're trying to tame that down. So they're projecting a higher one.

So we'll be looking at different earnings. Right now, the fixed income market, you can find securities up from 2.25 to 2.50 for two years and 2.75 for three to five years.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So what do – what are we investing in at the County? What is our rate of interest, interest rate that we are getting?

MR. VARELA: So prior to this we had during the pandemic, and I did an analysis of this for Yvonne, we were getting about 12 to 20 basis points during the pandemic because that's all that the fed fund was fixed at. So we still have some of those but fortunately I've invested some of those only for two to three years so they're maturing now. So we're re-investing those at this market. But I was telling the Treasurer we might want to look at getting instead of fixed income at Treasuries because Treasuries will maintain their interest rate at what they are now, where if you get fixed incomes, if you don't get a bullet they can be called away. So you'll maintain that higher interest with a Treasury. And if you see that, those are the projection points where the feds are anticipating to raise the fed fund rates. If we can invest in short-term investments at each level and they mature, we can get the higher interest rate as they mature. We can do these with Treasuries, commercial paper – we can't do commercial paper but commercial paper is such – such instruments that are short, or even CDs that are short term, very short term from three months to six months, we can get those. Each target that the fed fund is raising them, they will mature and we can reinvest at that higher interest rate.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That sounds like a good strategy.

MR. VARELA: That's our strategy right now. That's on the agenda for approval.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I think we have to be playing the game, so to speak, with the interest rates, because I do believe that they are going to go up and I think we need to take full advantage of that as the County so that we have as much capital as possible. So thank you. I appreciate your taking the time to explain that

to me and talking about it.

MR. VARELA: Thank you. And there's different ways we can approach that. I spoke with Yvonne about that. We can also do a break-even analysis with all these investments that we purchased, meaning that we can sell some of these maturities and see where we bought them and there could be a physical loss but with a gain of the interest to take over that point. So – but you've got to do an analysis to do that first to make sure that you'll be gaining in the long run. So that's something that we could do in time.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Deputy Treasurer Varela. I appreciate it, and Treasurer Manzanares. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes, and then I'll go back to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair and Madam Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. I have a question about the bar chart that's labeled "Portfolio Growth." I'm wondering what the difference is between operations, core, and money markets. I understand all the general obligation bonds but I don't understand why there would be – or what the difference is between those three, which constitute most of our money.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, the Deputy Treasurer has a good history of that, so he'll be able to share when that happened. I believe he said it was five years ago that it was split.

MR. VARELA: So that happened in 2014. When I came into office I inherited long, long, long term paper. So I talked it over with Manager Miller. We had a plan to split the portfolio which made better sense because our WAM, which was our weighted average maturity, was 12 years at that time. That was the average of every investment that we had. So we looked at different things. I had attended a GFOA. I wanted to call it a permanent fund but we found out that if we did that in the State of New Mexico it would have to go out for referendum if we ever needed to cash in on those. So we called it a core account. That's why there's two different bars for 2014.

If you notice, the lighter green became smaller and the darker green was the actual longer maturities that were like from 12 to 25 years and so on. So we split it and the core became a five- to ten-year investment vessel where you can get higher yield on those, and the core was the lower zero to five year. So we split those out and it brought the weighted average maturity in the core down to 2.53 years which that's where you want to maintain it with a five-year average maturity, and it brought the core, because I hadn't sold them yet at 2014. It brought them down to about eight years, which you want to be kind of at the midpoint.

But over time, over three years, there was when the bond market was able to go up high, I sold those long-term maturities for a profit and still maintained a ten-year window.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So when you're thinking about these now, the core is the longer-term investment.

MR. VARELA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And then the – what's the difference then between – so operations and money market are going to be shorter term. How do you differentiate between those two then?

MR. VARELA: So the money markets are usually – so here's a perfect example. Yvonne will send a draw-down for different various projects that are done within the County. Those are pretty much liquid so we can pull them out right away and pay back ourselves to the operational account. So we have those money market accounts. Those money markets are also when a security matures, it sells in the money market right away until you re-invest it. So those money markets are always fat. In 2020 when the pandemic happened we had about, close to \$90 million called within a few months. So we had already liquidity cushion plus that. So at that point the banks were knocking on my door saying you need to move this money out because we can't have that much money, Well, there was nothing to buy at that point so it stayed there for a while.

But that's pretty much where you see the money market. It's a difference between the bond accounts that have money markets, a blend of them, and the operational has money markets. It has the settlement money when a bond matures and just the liquidity cushion that we use for paying obligations.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So we use both the money market and the operations for paying current –

MR. VARELA: Correct. I like to have a good operational ladder. Joseph Montoya back there, he had some money in Housing. I asked him, can we invest this at one point. So we invested it out. So instead of being in the money market now it's getting some interest instead of just being a liquid money market. So when that comes due and he needs money that changes back to a different account.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. And then just one other question. I notice it looks like over the last 12 years or so our holdings have increased by almost double. Is that primarily – do you keep track of how much of that is us saving money year on year, like money we don't use goes back into the fund and how much is actually interest and profit that we've made off of the investments?

MR. VARELA: The way that it's set up, is we don't get any money off the yield; it goes right to – I think it's a check. Is that correct, Yvonne? When we get yields. It comes as a check form, right, to us? It doesn't get reinvested.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I think Manager Miller has some input on that. Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: So it depends on the holding. For instance, if we have CDs we get interest. It could get re-invested, but we also account for interest income in the budget, so we do budget some of our interest income. Also if it's interest income, whether it's from a security, a money market, the sale of a security, if there's interest in the bond fund that stays in the bond fund itself and can either be appropriated and we often do appropriate it to projects that are identical to the bond question. So say we sell \$10 million of bonds for roads, and we earn half a million dollars in interest on that \$10 million before it's spent, that money would get rolled back into more road projects, or it can be used to pay down the debt for a bond.

So it depends on the security and it depends on the fund. Some is pooled, and Pat reports it based upon whether it considers it operations, core, money market – the type of security, but in finance, we also look at whether it's pooled cash and invested, and therefore that interest to be able to be used for operations or any other general fund type expense, or whether it's non-pooled investment, and if they're non-pooled then that

interest on that security stays with that particular fund. So Housing's interest stays with Housing; bond interest stays with bonds, and the specific bond year. So it totally depends on how it's categorized on the accounting side as to whether it's pooled cash or non-pooled and the interest earnings or the investment earnings either are attributed to general fund or whether they're attributed to special revenues.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Great. Thank you very much. I was interested to learn more about this, but those are my questions for today, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. I think Commissioner Garcia said he had one more question.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, no. The Commissioner actually asked my exact questions I was asking. Thank you, Madam Treasurer. Deputy Treasurer. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Fabulous. So if there aren't any further questions in general, we have an action item to approve the six-month investment plan.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I move for approval. Thank you, Madam Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

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

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

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you for all your work on this. It was a great presentation. Very informative. Very easy to get what we needed to out of it.

MR. VARELA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. VARELA: May I have the floor for a moment?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. VARELA: Manager Miller, I wanted to congratulate you on your retirement. You're going to be missed but it was wonderful working with you for, I think I have almost ten years here, 9 ½ years, but before, the County was always in the newspaper and it wasn't in for a good manner. It was always negative and when you came on board you changed that around. And I think the thing I remember the most was coming to your office. I was just elected Treasurer and you opened up your office and you pretty much said, whatever you need, or if you need me, anything else, my door is always open. Well, when I was elected, I know I set up meeting with you and we got a lot of the stuff like the core done. I feel like we did a lot of accomplishments in the Treasurer's Office. \$20 million in ten years is pretty good, I think we grew it.

So I just want to thank you and you'll be missed for sure.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you. And Madam Chair, I was just going to say just the extra information that Manager Miller gave, personal questions that Commissioner Hughes had. That's something that's going to be missed and thank you for saying that, Deputy Treasurer Varela. And the Treasurer eight years prior I think that you have a great history and know where we've come since then, so I appreciate that acknowledgement. Thank you, sir.

MR. VARELA: Congratulations to Greg, too. I think continuity is important, and I know I read some things that ended up to the public and this and that and the other, but you never know what you're going to get if you get somebody from wherever. Continuity is good. I congratulate you. It'll go far.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you for those comments, sir.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. I'd also like to echo what the Deputy Treasurer said. We're going to miss you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

MANAGER MILLER: I don't mean to interrupt but I wanted to point something out because Commissioner Hughes' questions I think provide an opportunity for me to point something out about part of the reason our portfolio has grown so much. If you notice, a lot of the growth is in the number of bond issues we've done and we've had an inability, as I said earlier in the budget session, somewhat of an inability to get some of our construction projects going because of the escalating costs and we're having to keep going and getting more money. So we've been building up some of our funds in order to be able to actually award some of those contracts.

I think you'll see, and I had a conversation with Director Giron that they're ready to nail down some of those construction contracts and so we'll probably see the amount of money in the portfolio will start to come down on our construction projects. That's one. Two, you have the ARPA funds. As I said earlier today we got \$14 million in ARPA funds already, \$14.6 million. We haven't spent any of that to speak of. You're going to see that money start to flow out through all of our contracts.

And then, because we've had shortages in staff is another reason that you see that increase in our operations fund because we don't have as much going out in payroll as we normally would if we were fully staffed, which also this morning we talked about having excess revenue as well as excess capacity on the expenditure side in the budget. I would contend you will see while the trend has been like this you're probably going to see that level off if we get our positions filled and we get contracts, the money flowing again, and you're going to start to see that total portfolio start to come down as we spend all of the ARPA funds and what not.

You had asked that question. Some of it, Commissioner Hughes, was intentional to get our AAA bond rating, which was to make sure that we had over 75 percent of our general fund operating budget in reserves. That was one of the things that did put us over the top to get our AAA rating from a AA rating. And so keeping a hefty cash reserve and that reserve policy that the Board of County Commissioners put in place is really important to keeping the AAA rating. But I would also say that some of this has been driven up by the fact we have been unable to purchase capital assets, been unable to fill all our positions and unable to get some of the money, the ARPA funds flowing as quickly as we wanted.

For instance, in Public Works, they've had difficulty purchasing vehicles. They're just not available. A lot of the state contracts and our price agreement, the vendors, they're not honoring them. They say they can't provide materials and supplies and what

not at those prices. So that's some of why you see a larger portfolio which is more funds available for the Treasurer to invest, but I think you will see that also start to come down as supply chain issues minimize and we fill our positions. So I just wanted to point that out. I don't think you'll see that, because if you notice prior to us doing the bond issues in 2018, our operating funds and what not stayed pretty even and it was intentional to get them to where they were in about 2019, 2020, but the last two-year bump has really been due to the pandemic and also receiving the federal funds. So I just wanted to point that out because I was hoping to tie this back to the presentation this morning.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's great. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. I certainly wasn't implying that it's a bad thing that it's going up. It's much better to be going up than down.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I do want to thank Manager Miller for the additional information that she provided and just make the statement that I'm very confident and very happy to know that we have the institutional knowledge from our Treasurer who is now the Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Pat Varela and also our County Treasurer, Ms. Manzanares for their leadership and I'm really confident in their abilities and I'm happy to see that they're leading our Treasurer's Office and great leaders for that department. So I just want to acknowledge that and just say that I'm really confident in their abilities to take care of the finances and be the Treasurers for the County. So I just want to make that statement as well. So thank you, guys, for your presentation and great job.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Thank you so much.

2. F. Adjournment and Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners

CHAIR HAMILTON: So I would entertain a motion to adjourn and reconvene back as the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

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

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

[The Board of Finance adjourned and the Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 4:30 p.m.]

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Request Approval of the March 29, 2022 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the March 29th minutes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request Approval of Interim Wheeling Rate Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County (Utilities Division/John Dupuis and County Attorney's Office/Gregory S. Shaffer)

B. Resolution No. 2022-025, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Waive One (1) Day's Rental Fee for the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds and Negotiate a Replacement Temporary Use Lease Agreement to Otherwise Resolve and Settle a Scheduling Conflict Between the June 7, 2022, Primary Election and 2022 Folk Art Flea (Community Services Department/Anna L. War and County Attorney's Office/Gregory S. Shaffer) (Item Added)

CHAIR HAMILTON: Are there any items people, Commissioners have questions on or want pulled?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: So I have a motion and a couple of seconds. If there's no discussion.

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

[Clerk Clark provided the resolution and ordinance numbers throughout the meeting.]

6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None were presented.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS

A. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2018-0151-HA/MM Between Santa Fe County and the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte, Extending the Term an Additional One-Year and Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$170,000 for a Contract Sum Not to Exceed \$850,000, Inclusive of NMGRT, to Provide After School/Summer Program Services and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order

CHAIR HAMILTON: It appears we have Jordan Barela.

JORDAN BARELA (Housing Director): Madam Chair, members of the

Board, good afternoon. So this item is to approve amendment #4 to agreement #2018-0151-HA/MM, which is an agreement between Santa Fe County and the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte. This agreement would extend the contract an additional year, increasing the annual compensation by \$170,000 for a contract sum not to exceed \$850,000, and also to grant authorization to the County Manager to sign the purchase order.

So since 2018 the Housing Authority or the County, as this is general fund money, have had an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club to provide after school and summer program care services for youth between the ages of six and seventeen at the Valle Vista public housing development, Jacob D. Martinez public housing development, Santa Cruz public housing development and Marcos Trujillo Teen Center in La Puebla.

The current agreement for amendment #3 is set to expire on March 24, 2022. This agreement will allow for the continuation of services that are provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte for an additional year. With that I will conclude my presentation and stand for questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. This does not include the Camino Jacobo?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: This is actually Boys & Girls Club up north in La Puebla in my district.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Oh, okay. So it's only the Boys & Girls Club in that district. Okay. Thank you. I just wondered why Camino Jacobo wasn't included.

MR. BARELA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, Camino de Jacobo, even though it's referenced in the memorandum as the Jacob D. Martinez public housing development, that Boys & Girls Club facility is included in this agreement as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Oh, okay. Thank you. So it is included.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you for that clarification.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I didn't recognize that, so I didn't know its name. Thank you. I appreciate the clarity. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: And thank you for that, Commissioner Hansen. I do want to talk a little bit about this. First of all, is there a reason that we're only extending it for a year, or is that typical? We do it for a year at a time?

MR. BARELA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, yes. So the contract for professional services can be extended in one-year increments, so this would be the fifth year total. But generally speaking we have some in to amend this a number of times on an annual basis. So we have extended it in one-year increments up to this point in time.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you. I think some of the history behind the Del Norte Boys & Girls Club, and I want to recognize staff for the hard work and it's something I worked on with staff because we had the Pojoaque Pueblo Boys & Girls Club that actually closed services to non-pueblo residents and children that were attending there. So it was something that we had a really short time to open this

facility to provide services to these displaced children in that community. I just want to once again, sort of reflect on that time and acknowledge staff for their hard work. Everybody here at the County, we really pushed hard to find a facility to put these children in and so we had a Boys & Girls Club that we did establish in an underutilized facility in my district and it's something that was really huge for the district and parents were so appreciative and I just want to sort of highlight that because it was really a huge achievement for us to get it done because the kids during their Christmas holiday had a facility to go to when they got out so it really helped my constituents in that area with their children and I think that it was just something I'll always acknowledge because it was a great achievement. And so it's something I'm very proud of that we were able to do that and I just wanted to highlight that and sort of remember the hard work from staff that worked on this to make this happen. It was really a great accomplishment from the County and I just wanted to highlight that once again. So with that being said, I'd like to make a motion for approval.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I have a motion and two seconds. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, I think the Boys & Girls Club – when I used to go to the Boys Club back when we were off of Alto Street back in the days, that's where you learned how to swim. They said, do you want to learn how to swim? I said, sure, and they pushed me in the pool. They didn't let me go down, obviously, but that's how I learned how to swim. But this actually helps out Valle Vista housing, Jacobo Martinez housing, Santa Cruz housing, Marcos Trujillo Teen Center. This money is actually very good, especially now for the summer programs, as kids will be getting out of school and they need a summer program to go to and do some stuff during the day. This actually includes this program is established for county public housing residents and county residents, City of Santa Fe residents, but this actually is doing anything for the money for employment, driving records, criminal background checks, but this money is actually going to a very good cause out there for the Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Santa Fe County. But thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Is there further discussion? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I just had a quick question. How many different Boys & Girls Club programs do we have at different public housing sites throughout the county?

MR. BARELA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, so at the sites themselves, we operate three. So one at each public housing development.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And that's three?

MR. BARELA: Yes. The three public housing developments. And just so the Board is aware, one thing that's pretty vital, particularly for our residents, is the fact that youth that reside within our development aren't charged the typical registration fee. So the Boys & Girls Club actually waives that fee for our residents. So particularly for low income people, right now, 19 of our youth within the developments are actually residing at these facilities and given that most of these families are on very restricted

income that's a huge benefit in terms of childcare.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Great. Thank you. It's a great project.

Thanks.

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

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

- 7 B. **Request (1) Approval to Utilize the Houston Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of One New 2024 Pierce 2100 Gallon Fire Tender on an International HV 607 4X2 48,000# DGVW Commercial Chassis in the Amount of \$423,665, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

JACKIE LINDSEY (Fire Chief via Webex): Madam Chair, this is Chief Lindsey. I'm on.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Welcome.

CHIEF LINDSEY: So this is going to be for a new tender in La Puebla. And if there's any questions I stand for question.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Straightforward enough. Are there any questions for the Chief? Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So thank you, Chief Lindsey. I think this sounds relatively straightforward. I just want to note that today Ford, their 151 truck is now fully electric, and so I'm just wondering if we are going to be able to buy fire trucks and other items such as that that will be fully electric in the next coming years, and what you know about that.

CHIEF LINDSEY: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen. I have seen a little bit of research and a few of the fire departments across the nation, and I believe the first is in Hollywood, California, that was dealing with a fully electric engine. One of the things that will be of interest for us in the County is to know the distance that the electric motors will travel, given we have such a large county. In certain areas it may make more sense than others. It's certainly something that I think the Growth Department and Sustainability will be very interested in looking into and I think it's something that we'll probably transition in the future to. I don't know how far out that will be, thinking about the size of our county, hybrid engines might also be helpful but we also diesel engines at the moment, so I think doing an analysis of that will probably be important in any type of decision going forward. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Chief Lindsey, and with that I also want to note that Los Angeles County also has many patrol cars that are now electric also. They have switched over their fleet and Los Angeles County is an extraordinarily large county if those people don't know the size of Los Angeles County it is quite extensive. So with that though I will request approval to utilize the Huston Galveston Area Council Cooperative purchase agreement for the purchase of one new 2024 Pierce 2100 gallon fire tender on an International HV 607 4X2 48,000, etc.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

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

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

7. C. **Resolution No. 2022-026, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the State Special Appropriations Fund (318) to Budget a State Appropriation Grant for the Agua Fria Sewer Expansion Project in the Amount of \$675,000**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yvonne.

MS. HERRERA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm glad you read that because I was going to talk about the Clerk BAR too soon.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Later.

MS. HERRERA: Madam Chair, the BAR before you is to budget grant funds from the State in the amount of \$675,000 for the Agua Fria project which is to design, construct and expand a sewer system and with that, I'll stand for any questions and I believe I have Director – Brian Snyder. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. So are there questions on this? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, Director Herrera, the entire Public Works and Utility team, I am extraordinarily happy and grateful to the legislature for appropriating \$675,000 for sewers in the historic village of Agua Fria. It warms my heart to know that the village will be getting more sewers because every road makes a tremendous difference for the village. So this needs to be spent by 2025, I believe it says in the agreement, so that means that we can start getting more easements for more roads as soon as possible. And I want to thank John Dupuis, also, our Utility Director, for all the work that he has done in the village. And with that I move to approve this state special appropriation grant to the Agua Fria sewer expansion project and thank once again, all the legislators – Speaker Egolf, Representative Lujan, Representative Romero, Representative Serrato – all of them who gave money to this important project in District 2. Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And I'll second that.

CHAIR HAMILTON: So I have a motion and a second. Under discussion. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, as the Commissioner said, thank you to our staff who actually did work the legislative session this year as well as all the legislators actually who funded this project. As we know, in the Agua Fria Village it's sometimes challenging out there because there are some individuals that have cess pools still. And this will actually help out the village for contamination of the groundwater. This is actually a very good grant. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

7. D. Resolution No. 2022-027, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Clerk Filing Fees Fund (218) in the Amount of \$32,383

CHAIR HAMILTON: Director Herrera.

MS. HERRERA: Chair Hamilton, Commissioners; finally to the Clerk BAR. She is requesting an additional \$32,383 to purchase additional equipment that she needs for her office, specifically some equipment related to increase in staff, as well as two envelopers. I feel like it's a bad word when I say that. But machines to open envelopes, nice and neatly, no paper cuts. And with that the Clerk and I stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Madam Chair, move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: So I have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion or questions?

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

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the Santa Fe County Broadband Action Plan

CHAIR HAMILTON: This we're very much looking forward to. Chris Hyer and Nate Crail.

CHRIS HYER (Economic Development): Madam Chair, Commissioners, I'm here to introduce someone who joined our economic development team as a Vista volunteer through Americorps. He did research for us on several projects, and this is one of the projects that he did and he wants to present this. His name is Nate Crail, so welcome him.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Welcome, Nate.

NATE CRAIL: Good evening, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'm doing a brief presentation on the broadband action plan which is the County's first strategic plan about broadband infrastructure and you can find the plan in Exhibit A. A central goal of the plan is to make high quality and affordable broadband service available for all county residents. So the plan is divided into three sections. The first section is the action plan, the second are the maps of existing and proposed infrastructure, as well as reference maps about broadband need and existing coverage of broadband throughout the county. And the final section is summaries of proposed policy and ordinance proposals.

So there's eight categories of actions in the action plan. So the first it to maintain and enhance County administrative capacity. So these include maintaining active participation on the REDI-Net and an annual update of accomplishments and areas of

growth, maintaining a database of internet service provider permits, as well as enhancing capacity through a new broadband specialist position.

The second category is expanding the REDI-Net network, which has many components but a few are connecting all County facilities with broadband, building backbone, middle-mile, and last-mile to achieve ubiquitous broadband service throughout the county, an annual evaluation of high benefit projects, and expanding regional connectivity and fiber redundancy throughout northern New Mexico.

The third category is leveraging funding, so we will be working with Public Works to identify and acquire funding sources. We will monitor state and federal legislation and grant opportunities, and finally leverage County funds through those state and federal funding opportunities.

And the fourth action category is to increase institutional and provider collaboration, which will utilize the joint powers agreement of REDI-Net to the fullest extent possible. We'll coordinate with institutions not in REDI-Net's JPA such as the City of Santa Fe, and we'll coordinate with school districts and other community institutions such as the hospitals.

The next category is expanding and improving the IT workforce capacity. So through the existing County-funded PROTEC program at the Santa Fe Community College we will provide and develop an IT professional training curriculum.

Next, for franchise agreement policies we are considering them to streamline broadband infrastructure expansion through County-owned rights-of-ways, and this is still being researched.

The next is the Dig Once policy. We currently have a draft that we will be presenting at an upcoming meeting and it will establish open trench notification and telecommunications infrastructure improvement policies and standards for all County-owned easements. The policy will have two central sections, the open trench notification and fiber optic installation standards. And we hope to expand this all roads at some point in the future.

And finally will be the County Co-Location Ordinance, which will grant the County authority to freely access and freely mount microwave radio technology in all towers, better permits for construction in its jurisdiction, and this is also still being researched.

And then next, I included some maps that are also in the action plan, so this map is the REDI-Net existing lines, mostly in the northern and central part of the county, with various fire stations and other County facilities indicated on the map. And this is also in the plan as well. The next maps are proposed REDI-Net routes. This map is of the central part of the county and it connects the communities of Madrid, Galisteo and Glorieta, as well as indicating the various County facilities along these routes.

Then the next map is a map of the entire county, including REDI-Net's existing and proposed fiber lines, to give you a better overview of REDI-Net's lines.

And then finally is proposed lines for the NTIA broadband infrastructure grant program, with two main fiber routes, the first going down all the way to Madrid down Highway 14 and the second past Glorieta. With that I stand for any questions and thank you.

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

Commissioner Hansen and then Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: First, thank you, Nate, very much. It's so nice to have interns who are excited about a project and I can tell that you really got into working on this project so thank you so much. And so my questions are about Dig Once, which I know you have all heard me speak about numerous times. You might think it's a broken record because I believe so strongly in it. It's something I've been advocating for over 10, 12, 15 years. Dig Once should not just be limited to roadways but also anywhere else that we can put lines in when we're doing water, sewer, if it's possible, to also think about it as a whole picture. I can see that Joseph wants to say something. So I will let you speak to this and then I'll continue.

JOSEPH MONTOYA (Community Development Department Director): Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, yes, you're correct. The Dig Once policy has to do specifically with all rights-of-way whether they're not just roads, they're also sewer lines and water delivery lines, which as you see from this map we're taking high advantage of in order to be able to deliver network services. The initial policy that we will be presenting to you – it's already completed – it's an internal policy within quite frankly Public Works. We worked with Public Works and Public Works and ourselves will be jointly proposing it. It's starting small in terms of its scope. It doesn't cover everything. We want to get the mechanics of things out and things of that nature and then expand it later.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I completely appreciate that and I support that approach. We need to make sure we have all our ducks in a row to expand it.

And then I'm wondering – I know that Commissioner Garcia and I are bringing forward a resolution on the protection of the Caja del Rio but I do know that there is a utility easement across the Caja del Rio where the Buckman Direct Diversion pipeline is, and so when we're going out and whatever happens with the return flow pipeline or anything like that, I just want to make sure there is a Dig Once agreement in those agreements also so we don't forget. I really appreciate the presentation, Nate, and thank you, Chris and Joseph for hiring such a good intern and somebody who cares about this issue.

MR. MONTOYA: Madam Chair, Commissioner, just so you recognize that Nate is actually now a permanent employee of the County of Santa Fe. He's a new planner with the Growth Management Department.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Well, yay. So welcome. I'm even happier about that, because we need new employees and young employees, and so welcome, Nate, and that is comments for the moment, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Very good questions. As long as we communicate with our Public Works Department any time they put a new waterline, sewer line, that we can just create one trench and put everything in within the one trench. Are you nervous? No. You did a great job. But great questions from Commissioner Hansen. I just wanted in regards to – I know this is a plan, which I'm really satisfied to see that we're going down to the Madrid/Cerrillos area, and what about working with the Town of Edgewood? What are we doing with them, or do they already have internet or access down there?

MR. MONTROYA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, they actually do have actually fairly good access down there because they have an east-west corridor line that goes through there. They do have a private sector person in there. However, just so you know, we are working with the County of Bernalillo in order to be able to connect our services. So we are intending to go farther south than Madrid.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Great. And I'm sure they do have good access there because they are on the I-40 corridor. As long as we just communicate with them then we're good. I know Chris and I had a meeting probably about three months ago with some individuals in regards to the Madrid-Cerrillos area. But thank you. Welcome aboard. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I want to echo the sentiments of my Commissioners. Broadband is something that's essential and needed and it was brought more to the surface during the pandemic. We had a lot of students that fell behind because of the services that weren't there and available to them. It's a basic service anymore and I appreciate Nate and Joseph and Chris for all their hard work. The thing is right now is you guys need to work however you need to. I think as a Commission we should let go of the reins and you guys run with it and just do what you can for our constituents because it's a huge need. I can't emphasize that enough. Nate, welcome aboard. I'm glad that you're here to help us get through this and for us to be able to provide these services. I just want to let you guys know that the Commission is here to work with you and back you up however you need and whatever you guys need, please let us know because this is a huge concern, especially in rural districts with Commissioner Garcia and myself, and even Commissioner Hamilton has a lot of rural districts. Pretty much all of us do. It's something that's a huge need and I reach out to Joseph and REDI-Net all the time and I'm always wanting to get updates because it's just something that's essential and that's really needed. I just want to thank you guys for all the hard work and please let us know whatever we can do because we have to get there. So I appreciate it.

MR. MONTROYA: Madam Chair, Commissioner, if I may respond. We could definitely use your prayers because we're trying to be aggressive about getting grants. In order to build our internal capacity we need to bring in some grants so that we can expand our capacity more as Manager Miller had mentioned in the budget session that we want to be able to expand our capacity but we need to be able to be a little upfront, so prayers would help in terms of to the federal government to help us bring in some money. And the state.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: You've got our prayers and however else we can advocate. Thank you, guys.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I have more of a detailed question, but thank you for the presentation and all the hard work that went into this. So I noticed on your map there's a green line going through the middle of my district and I was just sort of curious. Does that follow the waterline that we've just put in? And then what sort of communities are you hoping to serve with that line?

MR. CRAIL: That's a waterline and that is a route to the Glorieta area. So,

yes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I think Commissioner Garcia had one more question. Commissioner Garcia, did you have another question? Okay, I'll come back to you. I just wanted to first of all, to welcome Nate, and it was clearly good work and very useful and a good presentation. And Joseph, if you could touch base with me later because I had a conversation with Representative Javier Martinez, who's the majority leader and he was talking about priorities at the House, which obviously included broadband, and we were talking about some similar objectives and roadblocks. So we had a little discussion about this issue. He was very interested in touching base with you. So if we could get together and I can get your guys together that would probably be very useful, because it just seems working together, we have a priority and you've done more with it here than in many, many other counties. And then there's the state-level priority and it would be a great way to coordinate on that

MR. MONTOYA: Madam Chair, absolutely. I'd be happy to.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Fantastic. Thank you. Commissioner Garcia, did you remember your question? No? Okay. Well, we're going to go ahead. There's plenty of opportunity for questions.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair, can we take a picture of our future of Santa Fe County broadband and who made it happen?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much, guys.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair, I hope it's not 50 years.
How about five?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Even in five years Nate will still look very young.

8. B. Presentation of Santa Fe County Clerk's Office 2021 Clearie Award from the US Election Assistance Commission

CHAIR HAMILTON: Madam Clerk.

KATHARINE CLARK (County Clerk): Hello, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'm very pleased to tell you a little bit about this award. It's a national award, but I do have an expert witness, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver would like to talk about this award. She's a previous winner and I'll give her the floor if that's allowed.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Absolutely. Thank you and welcome.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER (Secretary of State - via Webex): It's a pleasure to be with you all virtually. I'm sorry I'm not there in person. I have three or four things that I have to do one after the other this evening. But I just wanted to take the opportunity and really congratulate Clerk Clark on achieving an honor. The Clearie Awards are given from the United States Election Assistance Commission to organizations that are demonstrating innovation in election administration and as Clerk Clark mentioned, I previously received this award, Bernalillo County has previously received this award and I believe that Santa Fe is the third recipient of this award in New Mexico.

So that's a lot to be proud of, especially with elections being challenging in this day and age and the work that our election administrators do is so incredibly challenging. So it's just a real honor and a feather in our cap for the state that the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office has won this award. So I just really wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for supporting what she does and just to say how proud I am and how proud I know the rest of the state is in our little election administrative family. So congratulations to Clerk Clark and to Santa Fe County. Thank you for having me.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That is so great, Madam Secretary of State. We're very honored to have you and so grateful for the role you've provided. It's very great to see you and thank you for the time.

CLERK CLARK: Thank you, Madam Secretary. So I did want to chat a little bit about what was the – what we did win for which is the “I voted sticker.” It's a special category that the Clearie Awards presents particular for the outreach ability, the ability to replicate it and also that it represents its community. So as you remember, we did a high school sticker contest last fall and we had the County staff – we used rank choice voting. It was a way to sort of demonstrate how rank choice voting works to pick the winning sticker. And this was the winning sticker, and this is the sticker that won for the Clearie Awards.

So the winner was Cadence Gonzales and off to bigger and better things out of high school. But she did sort of provide us a little bio about why she did this design. It was really sort of an excellent demonstration of getting youth involved. So she says, “My name is Cadence Gonzales and I'm a senior at ATC High School. I plan to hopefully go to college on the east coast, study government and politics and then come back to my community and serve. I love to create art and learn about government. One reason I joined this contest was because I could combine two of my passions for a cause that I truly believe in. The other reason is that I believe that the greatest ability we have as citizens is the ability to vote and to even be a part of that process in a small way, through a small sticker, is very meaningful to me. I can't wait till I can vote so get out there and go vote.”

So this is a good way to demonstrate how to get young people who can't quite vote yet interested in voting, and that's one of the reasons why this sticker was chosen because of our extensive outreach to different youth organizations, through the school district, and through different tribal schools. We were really trying to make an effort to reach young people and talk to them about the possibility of getting involved in our student poll working program and also that voting is important and this was a small way they could get involved.

So Phase 1 of sort of our student outreach program was the sticker contest. A sticker could be in English, Spanish and indigenous languages. We had County employees, as I said, rank choice vote. Then these stickers actually went out on the absentee ballots and were available during early voting and election days as a way of showing community pride, and that we were honoring this person who had done such hard work to design this sticker. And one of the fun things about this was that our high school intern, Isa, was someone who did a lot of the outreach for us. So she knew where to talk to. She knew who to talk to, so we were able to integrate our internship program to make sure that we were reaching youth.

Phase 2, so we are planning on continuing the “I voted” sticker contest, so we actually have the sticker contest going on right now, and we’ve extended the deadline because more and more people are showing interest. And so if you do have a sticker out there and you’re between the ages of 14 and 18, you can still submit your sticker, and you may have the winning design. So we’re planning on making this an annual contest.

We also have finally – this position has gone out a couple of times, and we have finally offered a position to an outreach coordinator and they are starting May 9th. Of course the election starts May 10th so they’re going to just jumping right in. We’re planning on expanding our paid internship program. We’re looking for funding for that right now. We’re planning on expanding our voter registration drive, so last night we were actually at Meow Wolf at the Community Night, so we’re trying to reach a broader audience and also try to reach young people, getting them interested in voting and starting early. They say that voting is a habit and if you get people to start early, then they will vote for their lifetime.

We’re planning on expanding our high school poll workers program, and we would like to ideally create a mock election program where we would go into all the high schools and have high school students actually be able to touch a ballot and cast their ballot at the tabulators, so that they don’t feel intimidated the first time they go vote.

So this is where you can find information about how to submit for the second annual sticker contest, and that’s it. If you have any questions, I’d be happy to answer them. But we are honored in the Clerk’s Office to be able to get recognition for this effort.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Congratulations. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Great job for actually getting pretty much, obviously, a national award. And in recognizing the youth, how to get them to register to vote, actually this last week, and I actually got seven kids – they’d just turned 18, to register to vote. But great job in reaching out there because that’s what it’s about, democracy and what we need to do to vote. Great job.

CLERK CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Congratulations. I think this is great. I completely agree with the fact that if you get children voting in the beginning, as soon as they are able to vote. I have voted since I was able to, and I have never missed an election or an opportunity to vote and I think that also having parents emphasize how important it is to vote is important in family situations, but at the same time, however we can encourage them to get out and vote is the most important thing. And so congratulations. I think this is great. We need more incentives to encourage people to vote. So thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Congratulations, Clerk Clark, and I just wanted to point out that the Academy for Technology and Classics is in my district and it’s where my sons went to school. So I’m never surprised when somebody – they were just lucky because they started at the beginning when it wasn’t, but it’s become such a good school as well and turns out a lot of creative students. I think

when I voted for that sticker I didn't realize a high school student had made, probably because I wasn't paying attention. But it's good to know. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. I think we have some repeats.
Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I apologize for not bring this up. There's a gentleman that actually taught me this a long time ago and his name was the ex-mayor, George Gonzales, who was actually Mayor Javier Gonzales' dad. Many, many years ago he told me that's one of the things that you can actually do that counts is vote. And so get out there and vote. But he was actually right, and he is right. But thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So once again, I will say thank you once again, County Clerk for using the Santa Fe County logo, which I think is incredibly important. I appreciate that very much. I think it is confusing for people when they only see a County Clerk or Treasurer or Assessor's logo and they don't see our County logo attached to it. So you get a lot of points from me for doing that and thank you very much.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. So congratulations, Clerk Clark.

CLERK CLARK: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioner.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you, and thanks again to the Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver for joining us.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN [See page 38]

CHAIR HAMILTON: I understand we have had two people. I'll check and see if that has increased, who are online who wish to address the Board. So I'm opening Matters of Public Concern. Is Deirdre Monroe with us? If you are, if you could unmute yourself and speak to us. Daniel, can you check and see if Deirdre Monroe is still online with us?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (County Manager's Office): Madam Chair, I do not see the name Diedra Monroe on the list but I do see that there is a call-in user.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Ms. Monroe, if you're the caller on the phone, if you could unmute your phone. I think it's star 6, so that you can be heard. If she comes on I will come back to her. We also have Laura Detert sign up. Laura, are you on with us?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do see Laura online but it looks like she has three accounts on line. Before she speaks, if she could please log out of two of those to avoid any feedback. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you. So once you log out, if you could unmute yourself on a single log-in and speak that would be great. While we're waiting for Laura, I'm going to put out the general request. Is there anybody else on line who wishes to speak during Matters of Public Concern to the Commission? Daniel, do you still see Laura online, and if so, could you give her any further instructions that might be helpful for us to make a connection here.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do see Laura online and she only has one account now, so she should be able to speak.

CHAIR HAMILTON: If you could check your mute button and your volume, because we're not hearing you if you are attempting to speak with us. I'll tell you what. Since we're not having too much technical success right now, Laura, if you're still desirous of speaking during Matters of Public Concern, could you please Daniel know and we can reopen Matters from the Public. Otherwise I think I'm going to go ahead and move along and close Matters of Public Concern.

10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

A. COVID-19 Updates

CHAIR HAMILTON: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Chair, County Commissioners. I have quite a few updates, the first one being the weekly COVID updates that I give. Sadly cases are continuing to rise. Over the weekend, including Saturday, Sunday, Monday, there were 422 new cases reported, an average of about 140 per day across the state, bringing the total cases reported in the state to 521,432. The number of hospital patients across the state as of Monday was 38, with four on ventilators. Our Santa Fe County case counts, on Friday there were reported 25 new cases with a county total of 28,474 and CDC is reporting Santa Fe County community level is low. We keep bounding around on the low to medium risk level.

But our vaccination rates in the state and in the county are still good. First dose 91.3 percent and fully vaccinated 78 percent of eligible adults in New Mexico. And then in the county, first doses 99 percent with fully vaccinated at 87.8 percent.

10. B. Miscellaneous Updates

We still continue to deliver food to our seniors, even though we have opened our senior centers on a modified schedule. We delivered 2,759 meals to seniors last week and still are averaging about five trips per day for high risk medical transportation for our seniors. And then, as I said, the senior centers continued those modified scheduled hours with COVID-safe protocols last week and we had 163 congregate meals that were served last week. So the seniors are still continuing to come back to our senior centers and we are happy to see them.

Our Santa Fe County Fire Department is assembling a working group of fire and life safety educators. From our Fire Departments located in the northern and north central New Mexico region to discuss, share and support one another. They're having a kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at our Rancho Viejo fire station, and fire and life safety educator Jeff Folgate is organizing this working group. In his invitation to other departments he said individually, we bring value to our collective departments but collectively we can be much more effective in our roles through networking and idea sharing. And if you want additional information about that program I have a flyer that I can send to you but it essentially says the subject is formation of the northern and north central New Mexico fire and life safety educators networking group, and hello, educators, Santa Fe County Fire Department is assembling a working group of fire and life safety educators from fire departments located in northern and north central New Mexico to

discuss, share and support one another. And then it talks about inviting them to a meeting and what the group hopes to discuss at meetings and assisting one another in brainstorming ideas.

If anybody wants any additional information you could also contact Jeff Folgate at 505-995-6517, or email at jfolgate@santafecountynm.gov. And hopefully we will see several firefighters on May 11th.

Then we also have – I've mentioned this before, I've been working with the Santa Fe Community College on the fiber optic technician boot camp course. This is at the Santa Fe Community College. It's a free, five-day hands-on intensive program that provides students an opportunity to earn three certifications from the Fiber Optic Association that are recognized throughout the world and aligned with industry standards. Classes are from May 31st through June 4th from 8:00 to 5:00 pm. And I also have a flyer for that. Lots of flyers over here today. And that is Become a certified fiber optic technician at the fiber optic technician boot camp. And it talks about how to register and what the courses entail. It's a certified fiber optic technician course, certified fiber optic specialist in testing and maintenance course, and certified fiber optic specialist in splicing course.

Participants must be a high school graduate or equivalent, 18 years old or older, able to attend the entire boot camp and paid internship, provide proof of COVID vaccination and first consideration will be for Santa Fe County residents.

My next flyer: Earth Day. Earth Day 2022, planting events. We have – last year's Earth Day celebrations in doing planting events throughout each County Commission district was so successful we are repeating that this year. So the Earth Day planting events got underway last Saturday in District 1 at the Santa Cruz public housing development site and from what I heard there was a great turnout and it was a very successful event. I'd like to give a special shout-out and thank you to our Sustainability team, our open space crew and the Housing staff, the liaisons and Daniel Fresquez for capturing it all and creating a great video as well. If you haven't seen the video it is on our County Facebook page.

Our next Earth Day planting event is this Saturday in District 4 at the Arroyo Hondo southern trailhead parking lot and we also have on May 7th the Earth Day at Boys & Girls Club in the Valle Vista housing subdivision. On May 14th we have the Edgewood Senior Center and on May 21st the Camino Jacobo public housing development in Santa Fe. And all of these events are free and we don't have to have any gardening experience. We will let you come dig holes and plant plants and hopefully not kill them, because we'll train you and provide all of the appropriate materials. We would suggest if you'd like to join us to bring a reusable water bottle, and we'll provide water and snacks and if you do have your own gardening tools you're welcome to bring those but we do have tools and gloves available as well.

And you can sign up for the Earth Day plantings at www.santafecountynm.gov/earthday. I didn't do all of them but I did do one at Eldorado. I had a good time doing that last year; it was fun. So I would encourage anybody who wants to dig in the dirt a little bit, feel like you're contributing to our carbon emissions reductions by planting some plants, so come out and join us on one of those days.

Then Community Services updates, Community Services submitted a NACo

award application. I had mentioned this at the last Board meeting that we were going to try to submit for the NACo achievement award. We did submit one for our CONNECT program. We weren't able to submit one for the program in the Fire Department, the COOP program. Hopefully we'll be able to do that next year. There were some requirements that we didn't quite meet in order to submit for that, but we did put one in for the CONNECT program and CSD has been working with Fire on a Countywide campaign for fentanyl public awareness targeted at youth and parents and that campaign is set to launch this week. We hope to hear, by the way, on the NACo achievement award application next week on that, but if we don't get one, that's okay, because the CONNECT program is great. We know that it's really a strong initiative in our community and we're really proud of it and hopefully NACo will recognize that.

Also, I wanted to remind the Commissioners that we will be having a ribbon-cutting for this wonderful building. Hopefully, we can unlock the doors and let everybody in. Everyone says to me, when can we come in there and see it? And you can if you have an appointment but on May 5th, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm we will be having a ribbon-cutting and a grand opening celebration of this historic John Gaw Meem building renovation and we'll be sending out invitations and the staff is organizing that event.

Also, I wanted to give the Board an update on the South Meadows property. I did reach out to Mr. Mike Loftin at Homewise to inquire as to what Homewise plans to do relative to the purchase agreement for the South Meadows property. We discussed their options again and he said he would let me know, give me a call tomorrow and let me know what they decide to do. The options essentially on the table for them are a closing on April 30th per the purchase agreement, or they could exercise provisions to terminate the agreement and receive their earnest money back due to the fact that they have not received entitlements from the City Planning Commission and City Council by May 5th, or they could request an extension. I have not received a formal request for extension by Homewise, but I did ask that Mr. Loftin please let me know what the Homewise intends to do. He said he would let me know tomorrow.

Then I had one other item of information. I know this is of concern to the Board of County Commissioners relative to BDD and SWMA. It's my understanding that the City of Santa Fe's audit firm has terminated their engagement with the City of Santa Fe to complete their audit and that the State Auditor is looking into that. I know that has implications for the audits for SWMA and BDD, which are joint authorities between the City and County, so we will stay on top of that and follow up with the City as to what the plans are for engaging an auditor if it is not the State Auditor to complete the audits for those joint authorities. And those are my updates. Thank you. I stand for questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much for all of that, and yes, we are concerned about the audit situation.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN (cont.)

CHAIR HAMILTON: If there are no questions I'm going to go back to Public Comment and reopen public comment because I understand Laura Detert is call-in user #6 and is ready to speak, so Laura, if you're on, if you could unmute yourself and

please speak to the Commission.

LAURA DETERT (via Webex): Well, let's give Sara Smith a round of applause. She's the worker behind the scenes making all this happen. But Madam Chair, members of the Commission, my name is Laura Detert and I am a citizen in Santa Fe County and have two concerns. Number one, I have recently noticed that a voting drop box located next to the downtown post office's drive-by mailboxes near Palace Place. I'm greatly concerned about this voting drop box and I'm sure that there are others that exist throughout our state. For the record, I am greatly opposed to voting drop boxes and feel that they are subject to potential tampering and are unconstitutional. Does the Board have any authority into looking into this matter any further? That's my question number one.

And question number two, I've also recently been made aware that citizens of Santa Fe County are required to be vaccinated in order to be hired as poll workers in the upcoming elections. I believe this is both unconstitutional and violates an individual's HIPAA rights. Does the Board have any authority into looking into this matter as well?

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Manager Miller? Okay, well, thank you, Laura. You can hang on and listen. I'm not sure if there's any response at this time. This is Matters –

CLERK CLARK: Madam Chair, I could speak to the drop box issue.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Go ahead, Clerk Clark.

CLERK CLARK: So there is a drop box that did get loose and due to vandalism. There's been a police report filed and I think the Secretary of State plans to repair it this week and determine who did it and go after them.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you. That's good information.

MANAGER MILLER: I could speak to the – I'm sorry. I don't have my ear piece so I couldn't hear everything, but I believe that the second point was whether we're requiring people to be vaccinated relative to elections.

CHAIR HAMILTON: For poll workers.

MANAGER MILLER: Poll workers, yes. We have required that poll workers be vaccinated but I also understand that we had a couple of requests for exemptions and we did provide, I know at least one exemption. And I don't think there's been an issue with getting enough poll workers.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Great. Thank you very much. And thank you, Ms. Deturk, for your comments. So I'm going to go ahead and close Matters of Public Concern.

11. 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: So which end am I starting on tonight?
Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. So first, I would like to request a presentation, hopefully at the next BCC meeting by the Santa Fe Forest

Service on this Santa Fe Resiliency project. I believe that comments are due on May 13th, and I would like to have them give a presentation of the public comments and why they have – what their position is on that. I think it is imperative that we as a Commission hear from them on their reasonings for prescribed burns and why they're so important and what we can do as a County to make sure that they are safe and at the same time respectful of our community. So I would like to request that presentation on May 10th.

I also read in the paper today that the Governor is requesting the counties and cities enact a fireworks ban and I understand that we have to do that by proclamation and that they only last for 30 days. But if we can start doing that soon since it was the selling of fireworks in counties and cities that I believe the Governor was speaking about. So since I know we're going to hear from the Fire Chief and Chief Blay, or deputy chief – I don't know your exact title. I apologize – in a little bit. So I would like to know what we're going to do about that.

And then I have some very sad news. When I was working with Sara and the County Manager about who to invite to our ribbon-cutting for this building, Lynette Pollari, who was the New Mexico State Historic Preservation architect who worked with us during the restoration of this building and did an excellent job, passed away on January 6, 2022. She was only 64 years old and she died peacefully at home, using New Mexico medical assistance in dying to end the terrible suffering caused by ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. I'm really sorry to hear that. I had a wonderful working relationship with her and knew here and she was an incredible kind and decent human being and also loved this building and loved historic preservation. It is very sad to hear of her passing. She was only 64 years old. I didn't realize that until this afternoon when Sara told me. We were looking to send her an invitation and we found out that she had passed away, but I hope other people from the SHPO, from the State Historic Preservation will come to our ribbon-cutting, but I wanted to acknowledge her now and I hope to acknowledge her again at the ribbon-cutting, because she worked really great and really hard with our team to make this building as beautiful as it is.

And with that, that is all I have. I might remember something else in the meantime. As you know, I seem to forget one every once in a while. But thank you, Madam Chair, for the opportunity to share those things.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple things. A reiteration that May 7th is the Earth Day planting in my district at the Valle Vista Community Center, and we were very fortunate that we're going to have music from the ATC music program, which is close to that area and since that's so close to the time I usually do my public meeting, Hour with Hank, I'm not going to do the online meeting, hoping that my constituents, if they want to talk to me will show up and plant plants on May 7th at Valle Vista.

Also, there's been a lot of interest and concern about developments in the Community College District, as we all know. We've been approving developments. It's been kind of stagnant on housing development in the county after the recession and now it's picking up again. I think some people bought houses out there thinking that a lot of that land would always be vacant, not realizing that it's in the Community College planned district. So I'm going to have a meeting with constituents, primarily from the

Rancho Viejo Homeowners Association on May 14th at the Rancho Viejo fire station from 10:00 to 12:00 and I'm sure anybody from that area who wants to talk to me and hear about development can come at that time.

And finally, a group of my constituents who are of course concerned about plastic use and plastic pollution have formed a group called Santa Fe Beyond Plastics and I'm excited to learn what they're planning to do and how we might work with them on reducing plastic waste in our community. And that's it for me. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of things. In regards to the grand opening of this beautiful building, I actually went to school for architectural design many years ago and just wherever you see the prints that are in the hallways, it's just amazing to see John Gaw Meem, which is the original architect of this building, some of the drawings that he has in there, especially the ones downstairs where he actually design the light fixtures and it's just great to see that and I like that stuff. Actually, it is or was Senator, Majority Leader Peter Wirth's grandpa, which is even – I just like that stuff. It's good.

I've been hearing about the fires so I'll be looking forward to how we can assist the individuals up north.

In regards to Earth Day, last Thursday I went for the City of Santa Fe's Earth Day and picked up about two or three bags of waste along the park there on Siringo Road area. That was actually interesting. We're going to all have our individual Earth Days with the Sustainability Office that we will be working with.

And we talked about getting kids to vote. This last weekend was actually great to see at the County Fairgrounds, the amount of traffic that was there at the County Fairgrounds because they were filming a movie. And our Film Office obviously was involved with that, but there was – that parking lot was – with employees. Regarding the movie, that was actually great.

One of the other things that I did just in the last week and a half, two weeks is I went to opening ceremonies for the Little League, there at Ragle Park, and well, first of all it was the Easter egg hunt, and the Chief of Santa Fe said they actually hid 16,000 eggs. I'm like, whoa. And then right after that was opening ceremonies for the Little Leaguers, T-ballers and everybody else out there. Actually that was a great ceremony just to see kids out there exercising and getting out there.

And Madam Chair, I think I just want to give another shout-out to the retirees, Sam Romero and Margie Romero. Congratulations once again to them. And that's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair. First I want to acknowledge Ambra Baca and all the liaisons for the work that they do to support all of us on the Board. Recently we just sent another newsletter out for my Commission district, so I just want to recognize Ambra and the other constituent liaisons for their hard work. I know that they all work together and they make a great team. So I just want to recognize them for that.

I also want to talk a little bit about the Earth Day event that we had in my district at the Santa Cruz housing. It was a great event. It was well attended, and I was very

happy to see everybody there. We had a lot of staff as well and Daniel did a great job capturing the event. It was well attended, like I said. In the past we've had Senator Lujan attend, Representative Tara Lujan also has attended and also our County Clerk, Ms. Katharine Clark also has attended. This year for the first time we had attendance which would make sense, given that we were in the city limits of Española, we had Councilor Peggy Sue Martinez and Denise Benavidez and also we had Representative Andrea Romero that attended as well. So I wanted to just thank everybody and staff for attending this event and working hard to make it so positive and such a great event. It was great to see people out there working together to plant these trees and we also actually had Justin Green that attended who's running in my district for Commission District 1, so we did have all of them in attendance. So it was great to see everybody out there and I just want to recognize and give appreciation to everybody coming together for this Earth Day event and working to beautify our communities. So I just wanted to say that.

Also, just thank all of our County staff for their hard work. Every day I'm proud to make recognitions and I reach out to staff or to directors occasionally and ask them about certain issues that we're having in the County and they're always receptive and very respectful and just great to work with. We have probably the best staff here in Santa Fe County and so I'm just really proud to be a part of that and I just want to recognize all of our staff for that. So just a huge shout-out to everybody. Thank you. I appreciate you. That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Okay, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm sorry, but very well said, my colleagues here on the dais up here. One of the things that was very interesting that I did this last week was the national Secretary of Education Cardenas, actually came into Santa Fe, to our Santa Fe Public Schools and he had a roundtable that was interesting because there was like five or seven secret service and Senator Ben Ray Lujan was there, and it was actually great to see Secretary Cardenas, the national Secretary of Education came down to Santa Fe. But that was one of my highlights last week. Just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. And for District 4 I just wanted to repeat what Manager Miller mentioned, which is this Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 to 12:00 is the Earth Day planting in District 4, the Arroyo Hondo trailhead. It starts at 9:00 am. Participants can still pre-register at santafecountynm.gov/earthday, and you can register the day of the event. So please come by. You've heard how wonderful it is in other districts. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I have one more update and that is that at 6:00 this evening there is an MPO meeting on Cerrillos Road. It is a virtual meeting. It is through the MPO so I'm sure you could reach it also with the DOT and through the City website. It is the re-alignment of Cerrillos Road from St. Michael's to St. Francis. So if anyone is listening and wants to go to that meeting, it starts at 6:00. And I would type in MPO, New Mexico DOT, and you'll be able to find the Zoom platform. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thanks very much. Yes, Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'm sorry. Speaking of our wonderful liaisons, Olivia reminded me of another thing I'm supposed to announce which is that

tomorrow night at 6:00 our Public Works Department and the engineers are putting on a public meeting about the northeast/southeast connector. I think we've already had 146 people register to listen in on that meeting, but there's room for more if anybody is interested. Of course it's very exciting for the project to be finally getting underway.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair, I neglected to mention that Commissioner Hughes was also at my event, so I apologize for that and it was wonderful. He's been at quite a few of my events out in my district, so I just want to recognize him for that, because he has to come all the way from Eldorado so I appreciate that, Commissioner Hughes, and thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you all so much.

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

CHAIR HAMILTON: Madam Clerk, do you have stuff for us?

CLERK CLARK: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. Just a reminder that we are soon to be having a primary election. Voting starts in the Clerk's Office May 10th. Expanded early voting starts Saturday, May 21st, and election day is Tuesday, June 7th. If you are not a major party member, that means Democrat, Republican or Libertarian, you will need to change your voter registration now or you can change your registration by using same day voter registration at all open polling locations in order to be able to vote in this election. If you want to request an absentee ballot you can do so at nmvote.org. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Are there any other elected officials on line, because I don't see anybody in the chambers, who are interested in speaking under Matters from Elected Officials? Daniel, is our Treasurer or Sheriff online?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do not see any other elected officials on Webex.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you so much.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. CASE # 22-5060 Cerrillos Bar Transfer of Ownership of Dispenser Liquor License No. 0803. Cerrillos Bar, Applicant, Kathy A. Mora, Agent, Request Approval of a Transfer of Ownership of a Dispenser Liquor License, License No. 0803, with On-Premises Consumption with Package Sales. The Property is within Los Cerrillos Community District Overlay, Rural Commercial Overlay Zone and is Zoned as Traditional Community. The Site is Located at 15 A First Street, within Section 17, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, SDA-2, (Commission District 3)**

CHAIR HAMILTON: I think for the rest of that information we can go directly to Jose Larrañaga.

JOSE LARRAÑAGA (Case Manager): Thank you, Madam Chair. The Applicant is requesting approval of a transfer of ownership of a dispenser liquor license, license No. 0803, with on-premises consumption and package sales. The current owner of the dispenser license is listed as Kathy A. Mora, Personal Representative of estate of Mary Tappero Mora. The dispenser license will be transferred to Kathy A. Mora. The Cerrillos Bar has consistently been in operation prior to the Sustainable Land Development Code being in place and is in possession of a current Santa Fe County Business License.

The zoning for this property is regulated by Ordinance No. 2016-9, the Sustainable Land Development Code, Chapter 9, Section 9.4, Los Cerrillos Community District Overlay. The site is within Los Cerrillos Community District Overlay, Rural Commercial Overlay zone and is zoned as Traditional Community.

Section 9.4.4.1.2.a.i allows for retail sales of beer, wine, liquor as a permitted use within the Rural Commercial Overlay zone.

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 transfer the ownership of dispenser liquor license No. 0803. In accordance with the Liquor Control Act, the BCC may disapprove the transfer 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 transfer would be in violation of a zoning or other ordinance; or the transfer would be detrimental to the public health, safety or morals of the residents of the local option district.

Growth Management staff has reviewed this request for compliance with pertinent code requirements and finds the following facts to support this submittal: retail sales of beer, wine, liquor are allowed as an use within the Rural Commercial Overlay zone; the Applicant has met the State of New Mexico requirements for noticing; the site is 419 feet from the nearest church and 10 miles from the nearest school.

Staff recommends approval of a transfer of ownership of dispenser liquor license No. 0803, with on premises consumption and package sales, located at 15 A First Street.

Madam Chair, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you very much. Before we open it for public hearing, is the applicant present and desiring to make a statement?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Ms. Mora did inform me that her internet is not very good out in Cerrillos, but she was supposed to call in. I hope she's on the line.

CHAIR HAMILTON: And if not, that's no problem. It's just an opportunity. Ms. Mora, are you on the line, and if you are and care to say anything, can you unmute yourself?

She would be free to make a statement at any time if she's able to join us. I'm going to go ahead and open public comment and after public comment we'll obviously go to the Commissioners for questions or comments. Is there anybody here from the public, either here present or on the Webex or telephone who wishes

to speak to this matter? I'll ask Daniel, do you see anybody on line who has indicated a desire to speak to this matter?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do not see anything on Webex indicating that anyone would like to speak.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Well, I can always reopen public comment. I'm going to go ahead and close it for the moment and go to questions or comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Chair, Mr. Larrañaga. So this is basically an existing license and they're just changing the name of the ownership?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And in regards to the Alcohol and Gaming, because the church is down the street from this existing – is this a grandfathered in establishment?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the distance meets the requirements of the ABC.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And then once again, this is actually an establishment that has been in Cerrillos for many, many years, and they're just changing the ownership. If that's what the intent is, I'm okay with it. If there's no other questions I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Great. I have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none,

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

14. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

A. Ordinance No. 2022-02, an Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking and Other Ignition Sources

CHAIR HAMILTON: We have Jaome Blay here. Welcome.

JAOME BLAY (Assistant Chief): Madam Chair, Commissioners, first of all I'd like to thank the County Legal Department or legal team for their effectiveness and efficiency in putting all this documentation together that I'm about to present you.

The Fire Department proposes to the Board of County Commissioners that emergency circumstances support adoption of an emergency ordinance to mitigate fire hazards in Santa Fe County. Due to the emergency circumstances, adoption of an emergency ordinance will reduce the rapidly increasing likelihood of an accidental wildland fire start during our traditional spring fire season, improve firefighter safety and preserve property in Santa Fe County.

Some of the findings that support these requests are as follows: New Mexico is experiencing what is being referred to as a mega-drought, causing above normal temperatures and dry vegetation; Santa Fe County is experiencing extreme weather

conditions including strong winds and low humidity, exacerbating already dangerous fire conditions. The recent windy, dry and unstable atmosphere with low relative humidity are some of the risk triggers causing the local Haines Index, which is a weather index of factors contributing to the likelihood of large or erratic wildfires to climb to five on a scale of 2 to 6, which six being the highest potential for large fires.

As of April 24, 2022, there were 20 wildfires burning in New Mexico. Firefighting resources are committed to existing fires which could diminish capacity to respond to new fires. The United States Department of Agriculture which manages the Santa Fe National Forest implemented State 2 fire restrictions restricting building, maintaining, attending or using fires, campfires or stove fires, smoking and driving off designated roads. The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division announced restrictions on fireworks, smoking, campfires and open fires in New Mexico effective April 22, 2022.

They have urged coordination with other jurisdictions, including counties, to ensure that appropriate protections are in place to protect New Mexico as fire danger and wildfires increase.

At this time, Governor Lujan Grisham has issued executive orders for Mora County, Valencia County and Colfax County declaring an emergency due to the vast area of those counties experiencing wildfires. Mora County has issued a disaster proclamation due to the currently burning wildfires. Santa Fe County's Fire Department is urging members of the community to register for the Santa Fe Alert platform to ensure warnings are broadly communicated in the likely event of wildfires in the county. Adopting restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources will create consistency in fire regulations with the Santa Fe National Forest and State Forestry, and as of a few minutes ago, the Bureau of Land Management also has implemented fire restrictions.

Immediate measures to mitigate risk of fires in the county are necessary for the safety of those within the county as drought conditions are forecast to persist and deepen throughout Santa Fe County and New Mexico during the coming months.

Therefore I am here before you to request approval of an emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County. In the alternative, please consider authorizing publication of title and general summary of the emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County and scheduling a special meeting to hold a public hearing on the emergency ordinance at the earliest possible date.

Madam Chair and Commissioner Hansen, to answer your question – not your question but your comment earlier, the Legal Department and the Fire Department are already working on a resolution to adopt a fireworks ban. And with that I stand for questions. With me is Walter Dasheno, one of the members of our wildland team.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes. I was going to welcome him. Welcome, Walter. It's great to see you and Walter is an incredibly valuable member and leader of our wildland team. I think the first question has to do with the process. I know Rachel Brown sent information to us but we are within our right to pass this outright today without publishing title and general summary. I don't know. I guess I wanted that on the record and that seems like the thing to do. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Jaome. Yes. I think it is imperative that we do declare this emergency ordinance immediately because we're now in the midst of fire season. But I also want to share with you the BLM, Bureau of Land Management fire prevention order, New Mexico 00002201. This order shall go into effect at 12:01 Mountain Daylight Time, April 27, 2022 and remain in effect until further notice. I just received this from BLM so their fire prevention and restriction will go into effect at midnight tonight, and I think one of the things that they spoke to me about on the phone was that they wanted the counties to do this at the same time so that we would all be on the same page and I think that it is imperative that we do this and with that I would like to make a motion for approval of the emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Wow, everybody's seconding. I was going to pipe in too. So we have a motion and multiple seconds. Under further discussion, I'm going to just go down the line. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just had a question. The only advantage I could see to doing a public hearing and all that. I'm not suggesting we do that, would be to get the word out. So if we pass this tonight, how are we going to make sure everybody in Santa Fe County knows this. Because most people don't watch Commission meetings and they've got to know that they're not supposed to be smoking in the parks and all that. How are we going to get the word out?

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, we will utilize the social media platform that we currently do. We could contact the County Manager's Office and Carmelina Hart could potentially do a press release. We could contact the newspapers. I'm sure Carmelina Hart could potentially contact the newspapers and radio. On our part, I can only speak for the Fire Department, we will put it on the social media platform and we could potentially use those electronic road signs, maybe one in the north, one in the south, just announcing it.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, I think all of the above would be great. News release, get it on the radio, social media, everything just so the word gets out. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Garcia, then Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you to my colleagues and to the Fire Department and your staff bringing this forward. As we know, the fires in the Mora, San Miguel area are – I talked to a friend of mine, a couple friends of mine, I talked to him five days ago and he said the fire is getting about 12 miles away. I talked to him two days ago and he said they have to leave; the fire is within half a mile from their house. And so it's kind of – it just breaks my heart.

In regards to – I'm sure the County Manager's Office will do a press release and can you make sure and check with the Sheriff's Department as well because one of the things here is there's a lot of stuff there where there's campfires or the use of off-road

vehicles and motorbikes, because there's a lot of individuals that ride their motorbikes and off-road vehicles and the Sheriff's Department needs to make sure that if they see them out there they can't be riding out there. And maybe do some sort of an enforcement. But if somebody can just please, please check with the Sheriff's Department.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I will personally send an email to Juan Rios at the Sheriff's Office to announce it and will also include the Regional Emergency Communications Center.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, exactly. Thank you. And also send something also to Sheriff Mendoza as well, please.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: I will.

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

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think that we've covered it pretty well but one thing I do want to mention is that all of us Commissioners have an email list that go out to our districts and so we can probably send it out through those email lists as well. I think that's a great avenue that we can get the word out. Also, the schools do have – the different school districts actually have – well, they send out messages to the parents when there's an emergency. I don't know if we can work with the schools to help us disseminate that message but I think it's important to let our constituents know. So if there's any way we could coordinate with the schools I think that might be a really good way to get the message out. And that's it, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Go ahead.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, our fire and life safety educator is in close contact with the schools, especially up north. I'll make sure that he shares that information with them.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's really great. I just want to add my thanks for doing this. It's obviously incredibly important during these times. Two things: I think it would be maybe useful to contact the television news stations, even through the local news is based in Albuquerque, giving them a little more – they might do that also as a public service announcement. And Commissioner Roybal's suggestion about the Commissioners putting out notes is a good one. Would it be possible for you to write up just a really, really brief summary of the announcement, maybe to Carmelina and have it sent to the liaisons?

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, I'll do that.

CHAIR HAMILTON: If that would okay. That's great.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And also make sure that they get the BLM order, because we don't have authority on BLM land but BLM has authority. That is part of the reason why we wanted to all work together so the authority would be – not overlapping but the authorities would be overlapping so that we can make sure that every place is covered. The notice from BLM is rather short. I just sent it to Katherine Miller and I believe I sent it to Chief Lindsey as soon as I got it. So I think that that is also

important to get out. And I'm sure that they are working to get it out also. But thank you. I think this is really important that we move forward with this.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, Mr. Dasheno here, he's got some contacts at BLM and we'll coordinate to make sure that everybody knows we have passed this emergency ordinance and we're on the same page with everybody else. We also have the United States Department of Agriculture, the Santa Fe National Forest, the State Forestry, so there's many agencies surrounding us that are imposing the same restrictions at the same time. So we're all on the same page.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That's fantastic. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you. Is there a clear list of everything that's prohibited by this ordinance so the public won't be confused about what open burning? And I ask because you had mentioned cigarettes and things like that, so people – I know I get calls about what does that include? Running chainsaws or mowing the lawn, or what does it include?

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Madam Chair, thank you for that question. Each agency has different restrictions. They're very similar but some are different than others, like BLM has more restrictions on chainsaw operation because they are expecting people to do maybe hard work. In Santa Fe County we have included them under Section 4 of the proposed ordinance. There will still be questions and just for the record, gas grills that have an emergency shutoff, those will still be allowed as well as portable fireplaces in private homes that have spark arresters, enclosed fireplaces. They will still be allowed. What we don't want is any open burning that could potentially – the wind could take the embers and create spot fires.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That's great. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I know I forwarded the BLM order to you but in the BLM order it says fireworks and exploding targets are prohibited on all BLM lands in New Mexico under fire prevention orders. So they've already eliminated fireworks. I believe the Governor's order wanted the sale of fireworks also banned.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hansen, yes. BLM have posted a fireworks ban. I believe either the Santa Fe National Forest or the State Forestry has also imposed a fireworks ban. We are working on our own County fireworks ban as we speak with the Legal Department and we'll be presenting it at the next BCC meeting.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay. Great. If there's no additional discussion –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I just have a question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: This is a little bit off the ordinance, but obviously you have majority approval. Is the County assisting San Miguel or the Mora area, as into assistance or do we know or can we, Manager Miller?

WALTER DASHENO (Fire Department): Good evening, Madam Chair and Commissioners. Yes. I believe the County Emergency Management took some water and took some Gatorade pallets of it to help out with the Cook's Peak fire and so, yes, we are assisting if they need some stuff, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

RACHEL BROWN (Deputy County Attorney): Madam Chair.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Attorney Brown.

MS. BROWN: I just wanted to ensure you held a public hearing before you actually took action on the ordinance. And that will be adopted through a roll call vote.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I appreciate that. I haven't forgotten that. So I will go ahead and open public comment. Is there anybody here from the public or online, on Webex or by telephone who wishes to speak to this matter? Daniel, do you see anybody or on Webex or online?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I do not see anybody on line that wishes to speak.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you very much. I guess it's being redundant. So I'll go ahead and close public comment on this matter.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BLAY: Madam Chair, if I may, I'd like to recognize Walter Dasheno, and he'll explain better what he's been doing to fight some fires out there.

CHAIR HAMILTON: That would be great. That would be appreciated. Good input for us.

MR. DASHENO: Yes, so Madam Chair and Commissioners, this year I'm working with the northern New Mexico Type 3 team. I put in my application at the beginning of the year and I officially got accepted into the team as a team member. So when I first – our first assignment, we went to the Hermit's Peak fire and immediately I took charge and was responsible as the division supervisor. The Hot Shot crews, engine crews, all over from the country, they all came in pretty quick. So myself, I worked with a lot of individuals, a lot of volunteer fire districts in the Gallinas/El Porvenir area. Also I worked with hundreds and hundreds of police officers doing evacuations.

I pretty much A to Z on this assignment. I was out there for 16 days. I just recently got back, so I did experience a lot of extreme fire behavior from the first day I got there. I got reassigned to the Cook's Peak fire, so I did see a lot of that extreme fire behavior also. So these teams are experiencing a lot of catastrophic fire behavior. I really encourage folks out there, our public, our community, to take care of our land. It's very sacred to all of us. A lot of us have lived here for years. A lot of us take care of farmlands. A lot of us have been taking care of our old cultural places where we grew up. So I really encourage the public to try to take care of our land, is what I'm trying to get out to. But thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much for that and for what you do. It's really difficult. The Commissioners might be interested in what it was like to be on that fire with 40 to 60 mile an hour winds.

MR. DASHENO: So when I was first dispatched there, April 7, 2022, the Hermit's Peak fire, due to the complexity of the resources, the first day I got there, red flag warning day. After that it was average 20 to 30 mile per hours winds, treetops were bending over us and we were trying – we constructed a lot of hand line. There were places where we couldn't even get a vehicle, but we utilized a UTV, a utility all-terrain vehicle. We got to some places – most of the places that we were trying to get to were on the border of the wilderness, right below the base of Hermit's Peak and we were

experiencing a lot of winds that were coming from all different directions. At one time I was sitting on top of a knob as a lookout watching all the crews work and making sure everybody was safe. I was getting what they call a Kestrel that reads the winds. I was there faced out, 45, 50 mile per hours winds, almost knocking me on my back. That was constant. It was every day. Every, every day. I've haven't had one day without the wind. And so the extreme fire danger, dry wheels on the ground, it's like walking on chips.

So we're facing a lot of environmental factors and that's what's making these fires grow large. But the winds, they're going to continue, is what we're seeing, right? With the outlook? But at the same time, working on a team and seeing these other teams working together, we're all here to support each other. So the relationship between all the agencies with the federal government, our agency, City, County – we're all working together to try to get some of these fires contained and controlled.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you so much, Walter.

MR. DASHENO: Thank you.

CHAIR HAMILTON: I see there's more information being distributed.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Maps.

MR. DASHENO: Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall Jaome Blay, what he's handing out is, like you said, the outlook. It's going to be continuous. If you see the red marks on our state, it's going to be constant. I'm not trying to scare anybody but it's only going to – this is our fire season, so it's only going to get worse. With all the resources coming in from the country, all the different regions, I feel like we're protected because we're getting resources from Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee. I've seen crews out there from Wisconsin. So there's a lot of resources here in our state. Just to let you know.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Is there any further discussion?

Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: In regards to – what about the aircraft, because it was on the news the other day that they couldn't fly because it was too windy. So are they back in the air?

MR. DASHENO: Yes. So all the aerial resources, we're starting to see a lot more. Today I saw two super-scoopers. And those are rare to see here in New Mexico and our southwest region. So we have resources coming in, Type-1 helicopters. Today they were using the Lobos out of New Mexico National Guard on the Cerro Pelado fire. So those are being utilized as far as our New Mexico resources. We have other air tankers that are available in Alamogordo, Albuquerque, and in Phoenix, here. So if you see these big planes flying around, those are the big LATs that are dropping thousands and thousands of gallons of retardant trying to lessen the fire to progress.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you Madam Chair. I did see three helicopters this morning headed that way.

MR. DASHENO: Yes. So you're going to see them, a lot of aerial resources flying around here in Santa Fe.

CHAIR HAMILTON: It'll be crazy. Not wanting to leave anything out because it's good public information. If there's no further discussion, I have a motion and a second. Can I get a roll call now please?

The motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02 passed by unanimous roll call vote as

follows:

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you guys for this. It's very important. Any assistance we can be helping spreading the word or any implementation we'll do for you and we'll look forward to getting the proclamation on fireworks as well.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair and Commissioners, thank you for your support.

CHAIR HAMILTON: Thank you.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / REPORTS

- A. First Quarterly Report on Restricted Housing for Calendar Year 2022**
- B. Growth Management Department March 2022 Monthly Report**
- C. Community Services Department March 2022 Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Division March 2022 Monthly Report**
- E. Community Development Department March 2022 Monthly Report**
- F. Public Safety Department March 2022 Monthly Report**
- G. Finance Division February 2022 Monthly Report**
- H. Public Works Department March 2022 Monthly Report**

CHAIR HAMILTON: Do any Commissioners have any questions about the informational reports that the department chairs have provided?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: No, just a huge thank you.

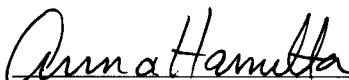
CHAIR HAMILTON: Excellent. Ditto. Thank you very much to everybody for providing these reports.

16. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

- A. Announcements**
- B. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Hughes, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hamilton declared this meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved by:



Anna Hamilton, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



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