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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Hank Hughes in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Hank Hughes, Chair
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Vice Chair
Commissioner Justin Greene
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Anna Hansen

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh Land Acknowledgement

F. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Hughes, and the Moment of Reflection by Frankie Martinez of Public Works Department. Chair Hughes acknowledged that this building and Santa Fe County as being in the original homeland of the Tewa people also known as O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh, "White Shell Watering Place."

1. **G. Approval of Agenda**

CHAIR HUGHES: I just want to mention that we have the public hearing at exactly 3:45, as exactly as possible given the other things going on. We're going to try and make it easier for people to make public comment by doing it at 3:45 which will be right after our 3:30 break. Other than that, are there changes to the agenda, Manager

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Shaffer?

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair. You highlighted the one change to the agenda from the version that was posted on Friday which was to specify that public comment would be taken at 3:45 p.m. so that folks could time their participation in today's proceedings accordingly.

I would just note relative to substantive items that the original agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, May 21st and the amended agenda was posted on Friday, May 24th more than 72 hours in advance of today's meeting as required by the Open Meetings Act. The substantive changes were to add to the consent agenda items 4.F. as well as to update the caption and the packet materials for item 7.C. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to approve as amended.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Greene and second by Commissioner Hansen.

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

H. Years of Service, Retirements, and New Hire Recognitions

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I'm going to start with our new hires. I'm pleased to report a not insignificant number of new hires joining the County in a variety of capacities. They are, Joseph Benson as well as Katryna Campos both of whom joined our Corrections Division as detention officers. In the County Clerk's office, Celeste Garcia joined that team as an operations manager and our County Manager's office, Jon Baker joined HR and Risk Management Division as a safety coordinator and Kimberly Vigil joined our team as a new constituent services liaison. In our Community Services Department, Sonya Bartola and Raquel Leyva both joined Community Services as a case manager engage, for the engage program as well as administrative assistant. In our Public Works Department we have a variety of new hires including Sergio Alderete Delgado and Jeremiah Fresquez and Joshua Lott, there were in our Projects and Facilities Management and also as a truck driver in our Solid Waste Department, respectively.

We had three new hires in our Utilities Department; Carlos Casias, Frankie Martinez and Justin Martinez. We also had a data analyst manager in the administrative services section of the Public Works Department, Charles Connor. And several additional hires in the Corrections Department, Derrick Duran, David Mendoza Andujo, and Daniel Payne. Don Brad Coll joined the County as our Emergency Management Director. Jim Lott joined the team as a driver and cook's assistant and Nickolas Brownfield joined our Land Use Department as a GPS technician. We also had two additional team members in Public Works, Asael Portillo Chavez and Gabriel Montoya Jr. and then finally, in our HR Department Ramiro Pereyra.

Again, always great to see such a long list of new hires at the County and it underscores very much the diverse nature of our operations. So welcome all of our new team members.

In terms of years of service, we have several employees who are recognizing five and ten year anniversaries with the County. Those recognizing five year anniversary are: Jessica Casias in the Human Resources Department. Jerry Gonzales in our Solid Waste Division of Public Works. Destiny Romero in the Land Use Department. Manual Segura in the Sheriff's Department, Kimberly Serrano in the Land Use Division, Deanna Mares in our Medical Services Unit of the Corrections Department, Wallace Starks in the Fire Department and Clifford Vance in our Public Works Department.

In terms of those recognizing 10 year anniversaries they are, Annette Montoya in the Adult Detention facility, LeAnne Rodriguez with our DWI Program and Henry Casanova also with our Adult Correction Facility.

Finally, we do have two long standing team members who are retiring. They are Assistant Chief Martin Vigil from the Fire Department and the Growth Management Department Director Penny Ellis-Green. Both of whom are ending their careers with Santa Fe County at the end of this month. So please join me, Board, in both welcoming our new team members as well as congratulating those who are marking significant milestones with the County and wishing well those who are starting the next chapter of their lives in retirement. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Comments from the Board, Mr. Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Shaffer. Just an all around appreciation to – especially the folks that are retiring and the folks that worked with us to close to 30 years is a pretty amazing amount of time dedicated to Santa Fe County. And I've gotten to work with both Penny and AC Vigil and it will be sad to see them go but we will also think of them fondly over the years to come. And then as now I've been here for almost a year and a half, I've actually gotten a chance to work with some of the people that have been here five and ten years. We have a great team and I really appreciate everybody sticking with us and if there's anything that we can do to help your tenure here, please always feel free to reach out. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, I just want to add my voice to thanking everybody and saying congratulations but particularly to Martin Vigil and Penny Ellis-Green for everything that they contributed to the County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, I too want to thank both of them for their service. I remember when Penny Ellis-Green got here in '95 and she was new to the United States and now the baby she was carrying is an adult which will happen overtime. But we have seen a lot development in the processes and how Growth Management has really refined certain processes. We are grateful of the good work of Penny Ellis-Green and happy for her opportunity to move forward.

Specifically with Martin Vigil as our Assistant Chief, I have never met someone who is so front-facing to the community. Who went to the Community College and

trained people on being CERT team members, who made sure there were a team of citizen emergency response people on the walk to Chimayo year and year after year. Incredibly valuable in what it mean to be responsive, interested, supportive to community members and we saw him at many mishaps, fire whatever the case may be, just being there and communicating with the community members and supportive of their concerns.

So to both of them, I am so grateful for their contribution to the County and wish them all the best in what the future holds. Thanks you.

CHAIR HUGHES: I agree with you, Commissioner Bustamante, and thanks to the people retiring and particularly AC Martin Vigil, I worked many public meetings with him and appreciated it and will miss him. And of course, Penny Ellis-Green will be missed as well. But the people who have many years of service, congratulations. Let's continue.

1. I. Recognition of Employees for Awards, Accreditations, Recognitions, and Other Accomplishments

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I just wanted to take a brief moment to acknowledge five Public Works employees who provided traffic control so the Knights of Columbus could successfully install military banners along entry road to the City of Santa Fe just in time for yesterday's Memorial Day holiday. Those employees are Seferino Houston, Andy Vargas, Julian Gutierrez, Reyes Lujan and Nicolas Lujan. It may seem like a small thing but it is representative of County employees who go above and beyond their typical job duties on a regular basis to serve their community. And as anyone who has followed news surrounding those banners knows, it is of great importance to those members of the community who not only lost loved ones who served our country but also to those who organized those banners. So, again, I just wanted to recognize those five Public Works employees for their assistance in getting those banners up. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I also want to recognize and thank the employees. My father was a World War II veteran. He was an immigrant who came to this country and went to fight in World War II because his homeland of Denmark was being attacked. And so it's really special to me to see these flags up on the street and this morning when I was driving out of town to pick up something, I saw them and they looked so beautiful. So thank you, thank you very much for putting those up for all the families in New Mexico. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Anything else. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, Mr. Chair. And a shout-out to County management and the Public Works senior staff who made this possible. This was a request from some of the folks at the Knights of Columbus and some community leaders in town that asked for the County's help and contacted me to get this coordinated and it was nice that it was relatively easy. Some of these things take a long time but we were pretty prompt about saying yes and we have to give a shout-out when that happens. So this was great and a great thing to help out in whatever way we could and the appropriate way and I really appreciate staff stepping up for this. So thank you guys and

thank you everybody.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Anything else? Let's move on.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. **Request Approval of the April 12, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll move to approve.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Bustamante. All in favor say aye.

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

B. **Request Approval of the April 19, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Hamilton. All in favor say aye.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. **Request Approval of the April 30, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Bustamante. Second by Commissioner Hamilton. All in favor say aye.

3. **Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions**

None were brought forward.

4. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Request (1) Approval of 9th Supplement to Addendum to Master Agreement and Schedule NM2016-001.01 for Licensed Software, Hardware and Services Between Santa Fe County and Aumentum Technologies, Increasing the Compensation by \$126,221 for a Total Contract Sum of \$1,052,576.81, Exclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term of the Addendum to July 1, 2025, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Schedule of Master**

- Agreement and to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Assessor's Office/Jennifer C. Romero and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- B. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. 2018-0077-IT/IC Between Santa Fe County and Superior, LLC, Increasing the Compensation by \$199,200.42 for a Total Contract Sum of \$1,395,786.31, Exclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term to June 30, 2025, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (IT Division/Daniel P. Sanchez and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- C. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 2021-0089 PW/KE Between Santa Fe County and Systemates, Inc., for Project Management Software, Extending the Term for One (1) Additional Year and Increasing the Compensation by \$76,899.38 for a Total Contract Sum of \$385,676.88, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Public Works Department/Brian K. Snyder and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- D. Resolution No. 2024-070, A Resolution Granting the County Manager Authority to Negotiate and Execute the Acquisition and Conveyance of the Real Property Interests Necessary to Construct the Waterlines for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System in Accordance with the AAMODT Settlement Agreement (Public Works Department/Paul Choman and Scott Kaseman)**
- E. Resolution No. 2024-071, A Resolution Providing for Free Waste Disposal for the Chimayo Cultural Preservation Association Clean-Up Day on June 1, 2024. (Commissioner Justin S. Greene)**
- F. Final Order for Case # 23-5140, Cresta Ranch Preliminary and Final Plat. TT2 LLC, Applicant, NM Land Solutions LLC., Agent, Request Approval of a Preliminary and Final Plat for a 9-Lot Subdivision Located on Two (2) Adjacent Parcels with a Combined Total of 17.4 + Acres. The Applicant Also Requests Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for 1 Required Affordable Lot. The Subject Property is Located at 3 & 9 Finish Line Dr. (Parcel Nos. 960001999, 910001762) Which is Within the Planned Development District (PDD) Within the Employment Center Subdistrict of the Community College District (CCD) (Commission District 5) (Growth Management Department/Kenneth Quintana, Case Manager) (APPROVED 5-0)**

CHAIR HUGHES: Does anyone want to remove any items from the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, move to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Greene. All in favor say aye.

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

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

5. Assessor's Annual Report and Valuation Maintenance Program

A. Presentation on Assessor's Annual Report and Valuation Maintenance Program, Including Informational Document Titled: "2024 Accomplishments/Goals/Deficiencies."

CHAIR HUGHES: County Assessor Isaiah Romero.

ISAISH ROMERO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

Good to see you all. We'll go over the annual report first and Ivan will go over the property valuation maintenance program after myself.

I took that picture so I'm glad that they wanted to adopt the picture I took of downtown Santa Fe. We'll go to the next page. We'll discuss a couple of value terms. The first one I'd like to discuss is the market value. The market value is the value that a certain property would expect to sell at a given market and that is usually done through a system that we call ProVal. The next value I want to talk about is the assessed value. And the assessed value would be the market value minus whatever is taken in effect due to the 3 percent limitation to valuation. So there's a state statute that only allows us to increase property after a year 3 percent per year if there's no changes in ownership or any changes within the property physically. Then there's the taxable property which is 1/3 of that and the last value I want to talk about is net taxable value. The net taxable value would be the taxable value minus the exemptions that are on that property.

Going to page 2, and this big box is a comparison of valuation from 2023 to 2024. If you look at the 2023 valuation for the County would be – and again this is taxable value – it would be \$10.5 billion roughly and for 2024 it would \$11.3 billion. If you continue to go down you'll see – that was the real estate number – if you continue to go down it will include the personal property numbers. So we value personal property which would be any business within Santa Fe County they need to report to us their personal property for taxation as well as manufactured homes, livestock and those values are there as well. So it's the \$95 million in 2023 and \$103 million for 2024 and you get to a number towards the bottom on taxable value, \$10,942,498,996 and for 2024 you have, \$11,440,552,577.

After the exemptions that have taken place – we have questions like this every now and again: what is the total amount for veterans, veterans exemption is \$4,000 on your taxable value. So that was the only one that somewhat went down this year and it's roughly \$18 million almost \$19 million in 2023. It went down to about \$18 million 600 for 2024. For 100 percent disabled, it's roughly \$71 million and \$83 million for 2024. Head of household exemptions – let me explain disabled veterans, I'm sorry. So disabled veterans is any veteran that is disabled due to combat. They receive an exemption where they don't pay taxes, property taxes, once they've applied for it and brought in the necessary documentation. And those are those values there and I went over those earlier.

Head of household is an exemption created for those who want to create – not

create but have New Mexico as their permanent residence and as their permanent residence they get an exemption of \$2,000 on their taxable value. And the total of that is \$45 million roughly for 2023 and it stayed pretty close but went up slightly for 2024 to \$45.4 million. Other exemption residential is \$92 million and for 2024 it would be \$94 million. Other exemption non-residential would be \$1 billion in 2023, and for 2024 it is close as well at \$1.09 billion.

When you get to the subtotal of the exemptions you take that off of the total amounts on the top and you get to \$9,690 billion for 2023 and roughly \$10,087 billion for 2024.

To the right, I can't really read that but let's see if I can read that here. That's the agricultural values and the grand total for the agricultural values which is essentially people save on value is about \$495 million in valuation. Now we look at protests. In 2023 we had 1,676 appeals. So essentially those are tax payers who are formally disagreeing with their valuation. And in 2022, we had 1,092 – and the reason for that is we increased a lot of the commercial values in 2022 because we had decreased them for Covid in 2020 and 2021 so we brought them back up to market. At the very bottom of that, the total final adjusted values for the County was \$1.633 billion for 2023 and \$658 million for 2022.

I'll give you some numbers for today. We sent out the notice of values this year on May 1st and up to this morning the public has until the 31st to file an appeal and we currently have 943 protests. This time last year we had about 1,300 so we're down from last year.

The history of new value added to the market, so this is new value, new porches, new additions, any new homes and things of that nature, you can see in 2024 we are at \$428 million. 2023 we're at 523 million, let me address 2023. In 2023, I believe that increased due to the fact that we placed the hospitals on the tax rolls for the first time. That was about it was close in market value to \$300 million. And that's why that increased so much in 2023. Currently those appeals are being heard from last year and they aren't fully completed; 2022, \$349 million; 2021, \$278 million and 2020, \$291 million. As you can see, obviously with the real estate market doing pretty well, we're seeing inflation hit as well as market properties are increasing in value and that's the reason that you're seeing the increases in 2023 and 2024 as well. A lot of building has been taking place and we'll talk about that later on in the presentation.

This is net taxable value history and this is anything that isn't new. This is usually the increase of the 3 percent on each parcel. 2024 we had \$367 million. 2023 is \$996 million. 2022 is \$654 million and 2021 is \$211 million and 2020 is \$306 million. So these are the ratios that are the standard for our mass appraisal for commercial parcels and the mean is at 94 and the standard should be from 90 to 110 according to IAAO and what IAAO is is the International Association of Assessing Officers, that's a mouthful, and they give us direction as far as what are the standards for assessors officers, not just in the nation but globally. And that is the standard for the mean ratio. The median ration should be roughly 90 to 110 and we're at 94. The coefficient of dispersion of the sales information should be about 10 percent to 15 percent and we're at about 10.95. The prices related differential should be from 98 percent to 103 percent and we're at about 100 percent, close to 101.

I'll go through this pretty quick. Our permits for 2020 for the City and County: the City was 1,538, the County was 1,148. Both entities send us their information on permits monthly. So we do follow permits monthly and review them for new construction. 2021, City permits was at 1,844. County was at 1,369. 2022, City permits were at 1,944 and the County was at 1,444. In 2023, we had City permits at 1,049 and the County at 1,302. So you've seen a slight drop in construction from 2022 to 2023 and it's kind of following what 2022 and 2021 was doing and a lot of that is due to the cost of construction.

Sales affidavits, we receive sales affidavits for all residential property. We don't receive sales information for non-residential parcels. So if a commercial building sells or a vacate parcel sells we do not receive that sales information per statute. For 2020 we receive 1,929 City affidavits, residential; 1,647, County; 2,124 for 2021 for City affidavits and 1,910 for County affidavits for 2021. For 2022, we received 698 City affidavits and for County, 1,573. For the year of 2023 we received 1,438 City affidavits and 1,404 County affidavits. And this is somewhat following the trend with the construction and the building permits that it seems to be slowing down slightly. And, then, again, just speaking to a lot of contractors and those who are building in the County, a lot of them say, We still have work but it's not just piling up and waiting for us as it was in 2022.

We'll go through this real quick. So the total non-residential [sic] for 2023 is \$7 billion, roughly. The total non-residential value is \$3 billion and the total net taxable value was \$9 billion for 2023. For 2024, total residential value and again those are homes, are \$8 billion roughly. For non-residential in 2024, we have \$3 billion and the total taxable for 2024 is \$10 billion. New construction for 2023 was \$523 million, and again it went down slightly for 2024 to \$428 million.

For accomplishments, every Monday morning and I know a lot of Commissioners have been a part of this, we have conducted 8:10 meetings and those are meetings we have with the staff and we inform them and let them know what things are coming and what things are in the works especially through the Affiliate or with Commissioners or with the public. That was something we wanted to stay consistent with and we've stayed pretty consistent. And that was something that Ivan said, if we decide to do this we have to do it every week, we can't miss. So we are pretty consistent with that in informing the staff on what's coming and what's happening in the office as well as inviting Commissioners and Commissioners are coming to our office for an 8:10 meeting and the County Manager to meet and have a quick conversation of what's going with the rest of the County as well.

Educational presentations, we conducted presentations to Santa Fe County Offices and real estate agencies concerning the roles and responsibilities. We met with a lot of real estate agencies to let them know what's going on with the Notice of Value and some of the decisions that we've made with the office.

New Mexico Counties Assessor's Affiliate involvement, I am part of the Affiliate, I'm the vice chair. We were involved in the legislative initiatives. One would be that we increased the incentive pay our first year so those individuals in our office who work in appraisal, they take courses and through those courses they receive an incentive pay. We increased that amount. The other thing that we are trying to do, as I stated earlier, we

don't receive again non-residential sales information – vacant land or commercial. So we are trying to create an initiative to discuss that with the community and we're trying to do that legislatively and we're still working on that.

FY budget, we completed the second year FY budget, became more familiar with current process, and made updates as necessary. New office volunteer groups, we have a few groups that help us to either work on our social media platforms because I think the conversation was that we have one individual who is working on our social media pages and we felt we needed to have a group who understand more of a global perspective of the County and different age groups and cultures so we created a group to kind of guide and direct that. Website upgrade, if you go to our website what we have tried to do is jump on with the County to have a similar website that looks somewhat like your website and ours previously had different functions that were a little bit more difficult to utilize and we really wanted to jump on board with the rest of the County so that our website looks like yours and to be a part of that.

We have completed the first and second property tax division evaluation. We've completed first and second Notice of Value mail outs. Completed first and second business personal property mail outs as well. Short term rental process, we mailed out letters and questionnaires informing property owners of STR identification. We presented information to the public at many educational outreaches around Santa Fe County. And we try to do our best to make sure the public understands and knows what the statute states and what our decision is and what we're in the middle of doing or what we're about to do. Hospitals, I spoke about hospitals earlier. This year was the first year we placed the hospitals on the tax rolls. They are requesting an exemption to be exempt entity in the form of charitable and we are going through that process right now.

Transitioned reappraisal plan review, we transitioned from a three-year review to a four-year review to shift our focus on quality over quantity. We are currently working through phase 2 of this reappraisal plan. We started in the Edgewood area and we are continually going north. We are hoping to really go through the information and the data and really capture everything that is out, reviewing each parcel through orthophotography.

Santa Fe Public Schools Internship Program, we partnered with Santa Fe Public Schools to host one, hired student intern. That individual worked out really well. She enjoyed working with our office and we enjoyed working with her. And she said that she would like to make Santa Fe a place that she would like to work in the future so I think she enjoyed it.

Implemented new workflows, in partnership with Terralogic and our systems programmer, these workflows included Corriente, a workflow for all documents received over the counter, through email or via mail, real reviews, Short Term Rentals, and business personal property. This is really cool. This is one that when things happen within the office that you don't have to be aware of, kind of like that window, right. It's getting cleaned and we don't have to do it. That's a win for me. So within the office, the leaders within the office created a workflow that anything that comes in the office is scanned and pushed through the workflow and directed to each individual to work on. So that was pretty big for us.

We collaborated with Human Resources to update job descriptions. There were a

few job descriptions that we felt were far more complex than what their description had stated prior. So we were able to work on those. Office reorganization, we reclassified the CAMA. Specialist to a Chief Mass Appraiser to better align with management functions and oversee a new program specialist position. We addressed personnel changes, this allowed us to effectively align all Appraiser and the chief Positions.

Goals, so to continue communication and improved working relationship with Human Resources in hopes to continue strategic efforts to serve the community with our workforce. In our industry we're starting to see as we work in mass appraisal, we're starting to see a lot more work with statistics and a lot less boots to the ground because you're able to utilize software and orthophotography to your advantage. We are starting to see that and we're starting to decide and plan where do these different individuals need to move and go for the future. Continued comradely in working relationships and participation in public relations with the Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's office. We have worked together and brought our three offices together in many ways. One was a fiesta celebration, holiday festivities, public outreaches. We try to have public outreaches where the Clerk and the Treasurer are present and myself as well as radio programs. If it's up north, then all of us are on the radio together. So they hear from all of us and I think that's a good thing and it makes us a stronger team. Future technological advances, that is one that I know the County Manager is very excited about and is hoping to have a system that the whole County can utilize and we're hoping to jump on that as well. We have our CAMA system which is the same system as the County's and that's something that we would like to improve on in the future.

We are trying to refine a process for mobile homes, agricultural accounts, business personal property, and auditing of Short Term Rentals. So we're working on that as well. We have an individual or an FTE, full time employee, that we requested to help us in these areas that we feel are areas of growth. We continue to work with the New Mexico Counties Assessor's Affiliate and the State of New Mexico to collaborate on issues for more uniformity and less independent processes. As I stated previously, I am the vice chair of the Affiliate. I am going to host the next Affiliate meeting and I think the advantage of that is, I'm asking the other counties what things do you guys want to speak about or talk about and often times I'm able to tell them that these are the things that we're going through, these are the things that we're working through and a lot of the times they may see that we're working on it and we're halfway there or halfway through and they want to discuss it more and they fell like they may want to adopt it.

There is a creation of new workflows to keep the office moving forward and assisting us with the completion of tasks. There are many other areas within the office that we want to create workflows for just to make sure that things don't get lost, first of all, and are guided and directed to the right place. Budget collaboration with Finance and the County Managers Office for continued knowledge and stewardship of taxpayer money. And a lot of times we're requesting an amount and we may not be spending that total amount then I don't why we're requesting that amount. So I want to pullback so that we have a better coverage of what we're requesting and what we're receiving especially to the 1 percent fund.

Successful implementation of the data analyst position as it relates to the creation and distribution of queries and lists that will assist our Chief Mass Appraiser, Systems

Programmer, and Quality Control and all remaining section supervisors. The data analyst will assist us in creating data sets to help guide the office and direct the office and also to be able to offer that to the public in the form of an IPRA.

Other than that, I believe that Ivan is next.

IVAN BERRY (Deputy County Assessor): All right, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. This is half-time so I will take over from here. Okay, I'm going to talk about the Property Valuation Maintenance Program, essentially what we do every year. I'll go through a condensed version of this. We submitted a full version of the property valuation maintenance program with updates to pages 6 and 7.

What is the purpose of this? The Office of the County Assessor has a statutory obligation to determine valuations for all property subject to property taxes, and shall also implement a program of updating property values so that current and correct values of property are maintained. Some of the valuation program components are, first of all the evaluation of data maintenance and of all taxable parcels on a yearly cycle and a door-to-door reinspection plan for all improved properties within five to six years, In our office, we're doing this every four years as Assessor Romero stated earlier.

Okay, the operating budget and I'll try and go through this fairly quick. I know we presented a lot of similar information last year but I'll try and get through this pretty quick. So the operating budget, we have two budget as mentioned. The general fund, which is directly funded from County coffers, and the county property valuation fund which is also the 203 Fund. This is a special use fund that may only be used by the Assessor for the purpose of valuation maintenance. The procedures are for this planning which we do this from January to February, prepare the forms in February, actual informal budget hearings in March and Commission meetings or hearings in April and the final adjustments in May. Now the goal of this is to obtain adequately funded budgets and other resources necessary to complete a comprehensive, fair and equitable valuation maintenance plan, while ensuring accountable and efficient use of those resources and taxpayer revenues.

So here's an actual look at our funds. On the left-hand side you have the 101 which is the general fund and on the right-hand side you have 203 or the 1 percent fund. Again, these red marks – the red bars on the bar graphs are budgeted as opposed to actual. So that's what we budgeted for 2023/24. This increase that you see different from the other lines, this has to do with the incentive pay going up, the salaries and wages that were increased as well as capital requests, such as vehicles, servers and work clothes that we had in our capital request. This is a cumulated combined budget and again this is budgeted in the current fiscal year opposed to the actuals in the previous years.

The next thing I will talk about is real property ownership transfers. This is a big thing and this is something that our office tracks. There are about 30 to 50 property transfers that happen in Santa Fe County every day. As a matter of fact, today I was talking to Assessor Romero and he said there were 70 today. So there's a lot of activity and this is something that doesn't stop. This is January through December as property's are changing hands we are responsible for updating those changes. This is our Data Appraisal Program Manager and two Assessment Specialists – so three people are overseeing all of these changes every day. So the summary of this is that legal documents that transfer ownership in real property such as deeds are recorded in the Clerk's Office,

and like I said, that's our responsibility to update the records on the Assessor's account. The goal is to enter all transfers into a database within two weeks of the County Clerk's Office filing day and minimize data entry errors.

So the next thing I will talk about is GIS. So, GIS parcel mapping and maintenance. This is also one of the primary responsibilities of the Assessor; any assessor's office is to locate every property and to map it. Again, this is recurring. This is January to December. We have a GIS specialist or supervisor and two technicians, GIS technicians.

The summary is we plat and other legal documents that initiated change into the legal boundaries of a parcel or parcels are typically filed and processed throughout the year with the County Clerk's Office. The Assessor's Office receives copies of the documents and is responsible for creating and maintaining parcel based tax maps from the recorded documents. The goal is that we update all records and map each year prior to the Notice of Value mailing out.

The next thing I will talk about is the valuation or appraisal for real and personal property and again this is January to December so this is ongoing. There are three chief appraisers and six senior appraisers and 12 appraisers and one data appraisal program specialist that are responsible for the valuation and appraisal for all property.

The summary, employing a one-year cycle is a tremendous undertaking by the office; however, this cycle is most beneficial to the taxpayer. So the procedures are as Assessor Romero mentioned, reviewing affidavits, new construction permits, building permits, land splits and merges, agricultural, grazing, reviews, CAMA modeling – for a computer assisted mass appraisal, so modeling and that is handled by our Chief Mass Appraiser in February – data entry, business personal property and livestock renditions and then manufactured home valuation and tax releases which, again, happen every day. So this is kind of how we value and appraise things every day.

I want to talk about the three approaches to valuation. I know we have talked about the International Association of Assessing Officers or IAAO, we will always call it IAAO. There are three accepted methods to how we value property. We have the sales comparison approach which is the most commonly used. This compares recently sold local similar properties to the subject. Price adjustments are made for the comparable and subject property. You have the cost approach which estimates the replacement cost new of the improvements less the estimated accrued depreciation plus the market value of the land. We use a cost manual, Marshall and Swift, which is kind of like the industry standard and it's a database of regional cost of construction. And then the income approach which requires an appraiser to capitalize net income after allowable expenses of a property into an estimate of market value.

The next thing we'll talk about here is quality control in preparation of valuation data and the printing for NOV's or Notices of Value. The time frame for this is February to March 10th. This year it went to April 10th because we sent out a month later. This would be the System Programmer, the Quality Control team and the Appraisal staff. And the summary of this is that after all appraisal work has been completed for each new tax year and prior to the Notices of Value being mailed, data is processed for errors. This is necessary in order to prevent major problems prior to the mailing. The procedures are checking for errors, so again, going back to what Assessor Romero was

talking about, running queries to make sure that we are looking at all of the data, checking outliers to make sure that everything is looking good. If we have to, assigned filed reviews at that time for staff to go out and check the physical property and then also to deliver the data to the vendor.

From that we go to the actual mailing of the Notices of Value. This is April 1st of each tax year, except for this year, again this happened on May 1st. This is all hands on deck. This is everyone is involved. Assessors area mandated to mail all Notices of Value every year by April 1st unless an extension has been granted and in this case this year that was done. There's a 30-day time period from the date of the NOVEMBER mail which is known as rendition period. This is when tax payers can file protest if they disagree with their values or if they can file for exemptions or benefits during this time.

So the procedures for this are we mail the Notices of Value, public assistance or outreach – our traffic in the office goes up tremendously during this time because we have phone calls. I mean, we send out over 90,000 Notices of Value so our phone calls, our office, our chat everything kind of goes through the roof during that time. We receive protest petitions, again, as Isaiah mentioned about 1,000, that's where we're at right now. Application review and data entry, so this all will continue to carry past the date but we have to get all of that information into our system before the tax bills are mailed out later in the year. A marketing spike also happens during this time because we're trying to let the public know what we're doing in our office. So you might hear Assessor Romero and I on KSWV, KDCE and everywhere else because we're trying to let the public know what we're doing and let them know about that crucial 30-day period of time to protest and to apply for exemptions.

So I talked a little bit about the valuation protest and this is during that 30-day period where people can initiate their protest. So here this graph represents historical protests, again, currently as of this morning we're at 943 so just shy of 1,000. Hopefully, it doesn't jump up to much because some protests can be pretty grueling. So that's where we're at currently compared to the previous years. However, if you are unable to file a protest during that 30-day window, you can also apply for a claim for refund. If a constituent misses the deadline to file a protest, they may file a claim of refund in the district court after the County Treasurer mails out the tax bills in November every year.

Payment of all taxes do in accordance with the tax bill must be made prior to the delinquency date before filing a claim for refund. Once the court has determined the amount for the refund, if any, the County's Assessor or Treasurer will make the appropriate change and claim for a refund amongst other issues are usually defended in court by the Assessor's contracted attorney with the assistance and testimony from the Assessor's staff.

We're getting close guys, I promise. Just a couple of more slides.

Staffing and professional development, so this is something, I think, we take a lot of pride in. As you can see we have many staff in the office. I don't want you to check my math but I think we're probably around 44, 43 employees right now in our office. And what we do in order to accurately and professionally accomplish the mandated duties of the office, the Assessor must hire educated, experienced, and motivated individuals. We talked about the incentive pay earlier. Incentive pay is authorized upon completion of a series of four, one-week long courses taught by our professional standard

experts from IAAO. An Assessor, Deputy Assessor or Appraiser can earn the designation of “Certified Property Appraiser” issued by New Mexico Property Tax Division. The Santa Fe County Assessor’s Office has 19 full time employees designated as New Mexico Certified Appraisers. Appraisal certification ensures adequate knowledge of the principles of property appraisals, assessment techniques, and property tax laws. Certification also enhances an individual and the public's confidence in the work being performed in our office. So that’s extremely important to us and we will always support staff as they want to go on their mission as becoming a New Mexico Certified Appraiser.

The other thing that I wanted to add is that New Mexico EDGE County College, in collaboration with the New Mexico Assessor's Affiliate has developed a certification curriculum specific to the New Mexico County Assessor Offices for an New Mexico Certified Public Assessing Official designation. New Mexico EDGE has also partnered with Santa Fe County to give staff the opportunity to become a New Mexico certified Public Official and New Mexico Public Supervisor and so much more . Several of our appraisers are currently working toward one if not multiple certifications. And, again, thank you guys so much because I know this goes back to Santa Fe County supporting not just our office but other offices around the County and we sincerely thank you for that. That’s a huge, huge opportunity for staff members.

All right, periodic door to door reinspection plan. This is what we commonly refer to as our reappraisal plan, the second essential component of a proper valuation is to do door to door reinspection. So the prior reinspection plan commenced in 2022, prior to Assessor Romero, the prior administration had a three-year plan where they went through the County in three years. However, when Isaiah became the assessor in 2023, we talked about making this a four-year parcel-by-parcel reinspection plan and we wanted to prioritize quality over quantity and make sure that we were getting good appraisals during that time so we changed the years a little bit.

So phase 1, as you’ll see this is the southern portion of Santa Fe; Edgewood, Stanley, Madrid, this was completed last year. This was 33 residential neighborhoods, 24 commercial consisting of about 20,795 parcels. So that was completed last year.

We are onboard and looking forward to starting phase 2 of this plan and this will be in the Pojoaque, Española and northern portion of Santa Fe County. This is containing about 28 residential neighborhoods and 11 commercial and consisting of consisting of 19,847 parcels in total. So we’re getting ready to start our next phase in the reappraisal plan .

Here is a map of what we accomplished last year. So the blue on – so on the left-hand side you have the residential and on the right-hand side you have the commercial. So both blue sections were completed in 2023 that was a total of – I know I talked about residential numbers or I think I did – 19,508 parcels residential and 1,287 non or commercial.

And then this year it is the green section on both sides. So that is what we are looking at as the initial review. What it really comes down to is us doing a ProVal which is one of our mass appraisal softwares versus the historic record. We also look at this through orthophotography or pictometry and then determine if their property will need a field review and then also if the owner has requested a review of the property as well we

will look into it during that time. We gather property characteristics and update amenities and then data entry into ProVal, vacant land, single residential and stuff like that. So that is a summation of what our office is looking forward to do. And we will stand for any questions, thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you for a very detailed explanation of what the office does. I think the main concern I have is this changing date from April 1st to May 1st. I know that it is not your fault. I know that it is because of elections in municipalities that haven't moved to the November date. Where are we in having these municipalities moved to the November date instead of doing their elections in March or January or whatever they happen to be doing?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, there are multiple reasons why we decided to request for an extension and one of them was to work on our protest workflow and another reason was we were working with the state with the Notice of Value. So our Notice of Value has been sent out to the taxpayers, I've been in the office for 24 years and it's pretty much not changed very much. However, the state wanted us to change the Notice of Value quite a bit to mirror a notice of value that would be very similar to everyone throughout the state. And it was their wanting us to no longer include the perforated bottom portion of the Notice of Value which I believe is very beneficial for taxpayers to request for changes. One of those changes is, I would like to have a head of family exemption and they could send it in to us and it is something that can be done quite easy. And during that time we were having conversations with the state and we weren't sure if we were going to come up with a decision soon enough to mail out April 1st. The other reason was because of Short Term Rentals, we had sent out our questionnaires and in sending out those questionnaires we were awaiting the response from those taxpayers to be able to make our determination on classification.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So it didn't have anything to do with elections this year?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: No, no.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It has in the past. I think so.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I believe that the tax bills may have been impacted by elections in the past but not the Notice of Value, as far as I understand.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I do think the constituents find it confusing so if we can get on a regular schedule I think it would be advantageous to everybody instead of people calling their County Commissioners asking when are my taxes due and getting confused.

But thank you. You do an excellent job and I really appreciate you getting these protests and the stated valuations up to a certain standard is really important so thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Assessor and Deputy Assessor. First off, I went through a protest last year because I wanted to experience what that experience was and it was great. You guys were professional, easy to communicate with, walked me through it, and it was great. So thank you very much for doing that for everybody not just me.

One of the things that I actually find really interesting in the data that you collect is this building permit data that you collect from the City and the County and all over. That is a really good leading indicator for economic – what’s going on in our economy locally. And so both the sales and these permits would be interesting for us to get regular reports of. When we start to see significant drop offs like we’re kind of seeing right now, this is one of these things that might actually inform us to a local recession, right. Because you can have national recession and it doesn’t affect us and you can have a local recession that does. I don’t know if there’s some kind of communication that can go between us that can sort of trigger, Hey, guess what we need to be either more responsible or look things are happening to the upside or the downside.

I appreciate that information and getting it once a year is great but there’s sort of a monthly track that we might be able to get a report on.

As the vice chair of the Assessor’s Affiliate I think I have two questions related to that. Are there any things that you are asking for at the legislature this year and are there any things that sort of cross paths with our County that we can help you advocate for and it might be of value to us but you’re advocating on a statewide scale but maybe there’s something that we can help you with. Not necessary to answer right now but you may have something that you want to answer right now but understand that we’re here to help you on those things and understand if we can support you in these things if it’s a value to us. Anything off the top of your head before I go on?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, there’s always things on the top of my head. My mind runs faster than I can run. There are a couple of items that we are discussing and one is on top of the list for New Mexico counties and that one would be discussing again do we want to have equitable disclosure where we do receive commercial sales information as well as non-residential sales information. Here’s my plug. So we receive residential affidavits; however, residential property only increases 3 percent per year. So if it increases only 3 percent per year after the initial first year they don’t reach market value. So those individuals have been in the home for quite some time and they can increase to market value. And then you have the individuals who are non-res, right. Which is your commercial, your vacant, and we don’t receive all the documentation for that. Some of that is shut like with a lock. No you cannot have the sale of the Eldorado, which I’ve never seen in my life. No you cannot have the sale of the hotel at the top of the hill they won’t share. We don’t receive any of that information and we have to rely on other information to value that property as best we can. So when you think of that you may see that some of the commercial values we may not be quite at market because we do not have all the information. That’s a situation that all appraisers are dealing with not just the Assessor’s Office. It’s hard for a commercial appraiser in general to value commercial property in New Mexico because it is hard for them to find that data.

So who is the other person or taxpayer that I believe is hit the most, your first time homebuyer. We have all the data to put them at market and at that time they are placed at market where the other groups are somewhat suppressed.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, thank you for that. I appreciate that. If there’s a way that we can help on that – keep going.

ASSESSOR ROMERO: One more item, I apologize. We’ve also been

discussing that the head of family exemption has not been increased and other states have a higher amount of an exemption than New Mexico does and we're discussing the fact that we may need to increase that as well. I would have to look at the date to see as far as the \$2,000 of taxable value goes back to, but again I've been here 24 -- \$50 off of your taxes essentially but I mean, I've been here close to 24 years in September but for 24 years there hasn't been a change in that exemption for New Mexico residents.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Are you putting this on the interim calendar for the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Committee?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, we are discussing that at the moment. We are having statewide meetings regarding these issues with all stakeholders and those should be taking place from June until November.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Those organizational meetings and the work plan for the summer?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Like this week and next week.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And even if you don't have a full plan organized to present, I recommend that if this is something that you want to have on the agenda you need to get it on the work plan right now.

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, currently we are collaborating with Joy with New Mexico Counties and we're currently working through that process.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Another question. We have a lot of federal land and we have tribal land here and there's a program of payment in lieu of taxes, PILT. Do you work to help us with our PILT and how we can get that so we can charge the Feds appropriately?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, we haven't had a program go through our office with that yet but there are other counties that are currently going through PILT. We have not worked so much in collaboration but somewhat with Juan in situations like that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Do PILT payments go through your office at all?

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, our office, let's make this clear for anyone and everyone listening, do not ever send us a check. Do not send us a payment. That goes to the Treasurer's Office. We receive checks sometimes and it is made out to my name and we have send it out. So again anybody and everybody listening, we do not receive the payment. Please do not send us a payment that should be sent out to the Treasurer's Office.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: My apologies for that. But --

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: We get PILT money. It goes to the County, it goes to the Finance Department. We've gotten PILT money every year that I've been on the Commission because I have advocated and gone to Washington, D.C. to make sure that we get PILT and Secure Rural Schools money.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you because I would love to know how that has increased because that value has increased and where it sort of meets you and the assessment value would be good to know that we're keeping up on those things.

Anyway, thank you. Great job.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, other comments. If not –
ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair, may I say something?
CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, again, I would just like to thank our office and those individuals that are within our office and help us to complete the work every day, even this slide show. It is not something that we construct individually and everything within that slide show, we work as a team and we really state that quite a bit. We are a group. We are team. When one of the individuals is not there it feels like someone else has to pick up that burden – not burden but that weight. And I'd like to thank them formally and let them know they're doing a great job and I truly like not just working with them but living life with them. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

B. Resolution No. 2024-072, a Resolution Approving the County Assessor's Property Valuation Program in Accordance with State Statute

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.
Ch: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion approving the resolution approving the County Assessor's Property Valuation Program in accordance with State Statute.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

Ch: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Greene. All in favor.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, your program is approved and I agree you have a great team. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

ASSESSOR ROMERO: Thank you.

6. Appointments/Reappointments

A. Request Approval of Recommendation of County Resident to the City of Santa Fe's Library Board

CHAIR HUGHES: Very good, Ms. Baca, go ahead.

AMBRA BACA (Manager's Office): Good afternoon Chair and members of the Commission. My name is Ambra Baca. I am the constituent's liaison for District 1 and serves as staff liaison to the City of Santa Fe's Library Board.

I am presenting for approval today a recommendation to fill the vacant County board member seat. The Board recommends in consultation with the City of Santa Fe's Library Division Director and staff, policies on the use of the library, book selection, acceptance of gifts and other policies. The board consists of seven members, five of whom live within the incorporated boundaries of the City and two who live outside City boundaries and within Santa Fe County. Library Board members serve a three-year term

and may be appointed for up to one additional consecutive term.

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners recommends County member appointments to the Mayor for presentation and approval to the City Council. The board meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 5:45 and rotates between three branches. Santa Fe County advertised the vacant board member position for the Library Board via a press release on February 8, 2024. Staff received letters of interest and resumes from the following individuals: William Karnoscak and Valarie Nye.

Staff recommends the appointment of William Karnoscak. He is a retired librarian with over 30 years of experience in administrative roles in libraries especially in areas such as budgeting, human resource, training, strategic planning and technology. The committee felt after reviewing him that he would be a good resource having given his experience in support of other libraries in other communities that he has worked in.

William Karnoscak will be filling a vacancy by a resignation so he will finish out that person's term and will be eligible for a reappointment by the County next year for a full three-year term.

Joining me is Margaret Neill from the City of Santa Fe and we stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to approve the recommendation for the Library Board.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to appoint William Karnoscak to the board. All in favor.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: None opposed. Very good. You have your appointment.

MS. BACA: Thank you.

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Resolution No. 2024-073, Adopting Projects for Inclusion into Santa Fe County's Senior Services Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030; Authorizing Submittal of Plan to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration; and Replacing Resolution 2023-092**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, as we move to that item and we could have addressed this earlier in the agenda relative to recognition of employees but since the Senior Services Team will be here for this item and we held off on doing so, I just wanted to recognize Mattie and other members of the team for the fact that they just completed their compliance assessment through the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and they emerged from that without any findings that require corrective actions on behalf of Santa Fe County. I did want to acknowledge their work in that regard as well as the work of all of the other members of the Senior Services

Team. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Thank you very much. If you'd like to go ahead and present your resolution.

ANNE RYAN: Chairman, Commissioners, Anne Ryan, Deputy Director for the Community Services Department on behalf of Rachel O'Connor who regrettably had to exit, but I just want to underscore the County Manager's point about the recent audit with the Senior Services Team. Ms. O'Connor shared that in the 13 years she has been here this is the first time there have been absolutely zero findings. So, yes, big time bravos for Mattie and her team. A few of them are here today [Applause] and huge applause. Chris do you want to stand – thanks guys.

And then before introducing Mattie, I just want to say one brief prelude about the resolution that is before you. It is the submission of the ICIP for senior facilities. Most of you are familiar but some of you might not be that this used to be submitted in tandem with the County's traditional capital outlay projects. However, the state realized very wisely many years ago that when that occurs what happens is that seniors get the short end of the stick in that they're competing with public safety, obviously, another essential service. That is the reason for the segregation of this particular submission in addition to the fact that it is on a slightly different timeline. Mattie.

MATTIE BYERS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Commission. Today I come before you to request approval for the resolution adopting projects for the inclusion in Santa Fe County's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030. The submittal of the plan would be to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration replacing Resolution 2023-092.

Some of the projects that we have submitted for are for five hotshots; refrigerated transit van, upgrades to cooling systems for senior centers across Santa Fe County; upgrades to cooking equipment and kitchen equipment for senior centers and for the demo and rebuild of the Edgewood Senior Center.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any questions? Yes, Mr. Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you guys. I'm sad that Rachel isn't here today because we did hear celebratory news for her but one of the saddest things for Santa Fe County is her upcoming retirement. So congratulations to Rachel. I am sure she is going to be missed by us but more by you.

MS. BYERS: Oh, yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: But in terms of your ICIP list, I'm sorry it's a broken record, but have you done an assessment as to whether electric vehicles can be a viable option for you all and is there a plan to at least test one, an electric van or whatever is suitable for your uses?

MS. BYERS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, at this time a hybrid is not available for a hotshot vehicle due to the heating and cooling system of the vehicle. There is not a hybrid available for that. We would consider a hybrid if we were requesting vehicles for transportation for activity coordinators to do assessments. But at this time we do not have a hybrid vehicle for hotshots.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, in the future it would be great to see what the actually uses are and what has been assessed in this because it is a transition and it takes some cojones to make that transition. You'll just hear it again next year if you're

not doing it. I appreciate you doing an assessment and presenting a little bit of that as to somewhere in the packet to show that you're really digging into this and stubbornness is not holding us up on this.

MS. BYERS: Absolutely.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, can I make a motion?

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, I think so.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I move to adopt the projects for inclusion in the Santa Fe County's Senior Services Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 through 2030 and authorizing submittal of plan to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and replacing Resolution 2023-092.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Greene. All those in favor.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Resolution No. 2024-074, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to Various Funds in the Amount of \$1,434,455

GABRIELLA TRUJILLO: Yes, good afternoon Chairman Hughes and Commissioners. I am the budget administrator for the Finance Division under the County Manager's Department. We are requesting a budget resolution for an increase into various funds in the amount of \$1,434,455.

The Public Works Department requests additional funds for the Chimayo Fire Station project, the El Rancho Community Center project, the Abedon Lopez Senior Center project, and the Public Safety Expansion project. The Public Works Department is requesting funds to be increased as follows:

Chimayo Fire Station, General Obligation Bonds Series 2018/Fund 358, an increase of \$317,101. The cost of the project is \$317,101 higher than expected due to an increase in construction costs and bids received over the existing budget; this includes an increase of \$159,336 to meet the lowest bid and a 10 percent project contingency of \$157,765. This project incorporates the addition of an apparatus bay and two equipment storage areas with expanded electrical panel services, and a solar box that needs to be moved for the addition. The Engineer's estimate for construction was \$814,773. The low bid price with NM GRT is \$1,143,754 and the budget is \$ 984,418. \$317,101 is needed to rebid the project and to fund a 10 percent project contingency.

The audited fund balance for Fund 358, GOB Series 2018 is \$8,538,213, restricted for improving County Roads, water and wastewater projects, fire and other public safety facilities and open space, trails and parks. Of this amount \$4,800,904 was used to fund the projects spending in fiscal year 24 to date leaving \$4,529,309 available to support budget adjustments like this one being proposed. Approving the budget increase of \$317,101 will use some of the available restricted fund balance.

El Rancho Community Center: First 1/8th Hold Harmless GRT, Fund 205, increase of \$71,596. The cost of the project is \$71,596 higher than expected due to an

increase in construction costs. The bids received over the existing budget; this includes an increase of \$36,482 to meet the lowest bid and a 5 percent project contingency of \$37,913. This project includes the design, demolition, and remodel of the El Rancho Senior Center for needed ADA improvements to the restrooms, meeting area, and kitchenette area, as well as, exterior walkway safety upgrades. The original construction estimate was \$721,003. The original bid price was \$721,003. We did not include a project contingency. The original bid from the contractor was \$721,003 and after the bid was received and prior to the issuance of the PO and the contract, the subcontractors had material price increases totaling \$36,482. In addition, \$37,913 is recommended as a 5 percent project contingency.

The fiscal year 2023 audited fund balance for Fund 205, first 1/8th Hold Harmless GRT, is \$21,743,246. Restricted for the maintenance and capital improvements of County facilities and infrastructures including debt service for bonds issued for those purposes. Of this amount \$14,105,911 was used to fund project spending for Fiscal year 24 to date leaving \$7,637,335 available to support budget adjustments like the one being proposed. Approving the budget increase of \$71,596 will use a .9 percent of the available restricted fund balance.

Abedon Lopez Senior Center, Capital Outlay GRT Fund 313, increase of \$585,484. The cost of the project is \$585,484 higher than expected due to an increase in the bid for the technology infrastructure; this includes an increase of \$85,484 to meet the County's requirements for technology infrastructure and a project contingency at \$500,000. This project includes the design and demolition of the existing building and the construction of a new building to replace the senior center with a new building that is ADA-compliant.

The architect's estimate for construction was \$4.2 million. The lowest bid price with NM GRT is \$4,181,316 and the budget is \$4,199,615. \$585,484 is needed to fully fund the project including a 10 percent project contingency.

The Sheriff Department/Public Safety Expansion: Capital Outlay GRT Fund 313, increase of \$460,274. The cost of the project is over by \$460,274 due to an increase in costs; this includes changes and an increase in construction costs needed to complete the portion of the Sheriff expansion component to this project. This project includes owner-driven changes to flooring, new furniture, electrical, HVAC, fire protection upgrades, security cameras, conduit runs, fire riser room, and any unanticipated changes found during remodeling. \$460,274 is needed to fully fund ongoing project changes to complete the Sheriff Department's remodel.

The Fiscal Year 2023 audited fund balance for Fund 313 Capital Outlay GRT is \$57,926,115 restricted for the acquisition, construction or improvement of water, wastewater systems or facilities and related facilities including water or sewer lines and storms, open space, public parks, or public recreational facilities, roads, streets or bridges including debt service for bonds issued for those purposes. Of this amount \$35,493,157 was used to fund project spending in Fiscal year 2024 to date leaving \$22,432,958 available to support budget adjustments like the one being proposed. Approving the budget increase totaling \$1,450,758 will used 4.9 percent of the available restricted fund balance.

The Public Works Department via the Finance Division, request approval of this

resolution to increase the three funds listed above in the amount of \$1,434,455. And with that, I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'd like to move that we accept the approval for the resolution to increase the three funds listed above in the amount of \$1,434,455.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, motion by Commissioner Bustamante and second by Commissioner Greene. All those in favor?

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Very good. Those are all very worthwhile projects.

[The Commission recessed from 3:30 until 3:45]

8. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, can those of you planning to speak raise your hand just so I get an idea of how many. Okay, not too bad. So three minutes each and why don't you line up at the microphone. Someone has to volunteer to be first.

GARY ROYBAL: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. I am Gary Roybal. I'm a fifth generation resident of Santa Fe County. I applied for an interconnection with PNM's solar grid connection on 9/11 of 23 and PNM advised me that could not do the interconnection as I reside in a red zone. So are you familiar with red zone? Do you have any idea as to how long it's going to be before we can eliminate the red zones in Santa Fe County?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, the County – it would be a PNM issue to eliminate red zones. It has been brought to the PRC's attention but per your packet that I received just as we walked in here, for your comments, I will follow up with them. It is a problem all the way from the lower Airport Road through to Madrid in certain points in there. They don't have the capacity but they need to responsive to our needs.

MR. ROYBAL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

SID MONROE: Good afternoon, my name is Sid Monroe. Chair Hughes, Commissioners, Manager Shaffer, and Attorney Young, I am here again with my wife Michelle on behalf of the 200+ registered voters of Area 1B. Many who unfortunately are unable to be here in person during work hours. First, to thank you for your support through our process to become part of the Agua Fria Traditional Historic Community. And for the subsequent defense throughout the City's court challenge. For 16 years this body has been the only local government body to listen to our concerns. Shortly, we will elect our fourth County Commissioner for our district. We again our heartfelt thank you to Commissioner Hansen for her steadfast representation of us and our neighborhoods.

We believe that the court has arrived at an incorrect decision. We deeply hope that the County may see cause for appeal. The argument of when some houses were built, and this is the point entirely, as the 1995 Santa Fe General Plan updates states, to preserve a sense of history it is important to preserve the historic setting, including entire neighborhoods, districts, cultural landscapes and including elements such as, acequias, narrow rows of roads, natural features, historic vegetation and agrarian patterns that form a strong link to the past.

We were asked to prepare evidence to prove our historical linkage to the Agua Fria Traditional Historic Community with just a few weeks time. And our presentation to this Commission was abbreviated as otherwise we would have been given you details well into that night. We were not attempting to prove a designation as a new Traditional Historic Community just that we are part of an already established Traditional Historic Community. Subsequently, we have developed even more historical evidence proving our ties to Agua Fria.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with the Commissioners and Attorney Young to present new findings to support an appeal of the judge's ruling. Or, an alternative means to remain in Santa Fe County.

For 15 years until the County approved the ordinance last May we were subjected to City land use regulations and fees. In return the residents received nothing, zero, except terrible customer service and disdain from the City. The way the Mayor and some of the City Councilors and staff spoke to this body during our hearings is an example about how they feel about us residents of Area 1B. The City has allowed the annexation agreement to expire several times. It is astounding the City continues its efforts to overturn the will and the rights of the people of Area 1B at every turn.

At this time, we are still in the County. We are under County land use. We have a map that carved out Homewise properties into the City which was proposed and agreed to by Homewise. That map can still be used to keep us in the County.

Once again we are in limbo with the threat of City annexation hanging over our lives. For 16 years we have been steadfast in our right to remain in the County. As we prepare for the next chapter in our determination to stay part of Santa Fe County, we ask that this Commission continue to hear and represent us. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

WILLIAM MEE: William Mee, 2073 Camino Samuel Montoya, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87507.

Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I am president of the Agua Fria Village Association. The 1870 to 1930s Santa Fe ring went after the Agua Fria Village's water rights and land. This is where the mistrust of the City of Santa Fe started since the ring members were on the City Council, the three consecutive editors of *The New Mexican*, the U.S. Attorney, the U.S. District Court Judge and even Governor Thornton. Fast forward to 1960 when the City of Santa Fe tried to annex the Village and Arthur Montoya, my father-in-law, led the opposition and they won. Then in 1970, the City tried to annex again and Elizardo Romero and his son Lee, led the opposition and won. There are three types of annexation under the state statute. The Municipal Boundary Commission appointed by the governor, requires a city to prove by testimony that it can provide services. The City of Santa Fe

tried this in 1985 and won. So we sued them and in 1988 they withdrew from the suit. This experience soured the City on actually proving it can provide better services to residents which logically should be a point of any annexation. City Councilor Miguel Chavez tried a 2000 annexation and won in 2002 but both failed in City Council votes.

For purposes today, this means that Area 1B was in a state of limbo and no man's land for the last 24 years. The 2012 UNM BBER Study showed that the newly annexed areas from the 2008 annexation would take over \$100 million to get up to City standards. This should have been part of the City's response to the 2023 City lawsuit.

The City's audit and inability to fund anything like bond issues, should have also been part of it but the City made motions to completely leave out the reality of going into a failing City of Santa Fe.

My op-ed in *The New Mexican* on December 26, 2022, City is not keeping annexation promises describes unfixed issues and several other 2008 to 2018 annexation areas potentially costing the City many more millions. For many years the settlement annexation agreement judgment was actually sealed by Judge Ramon Ortiz. The case is thousands of pages but only 100 are probably available to the public. Even though what was discussed by the City and County directly affected the general public, I sent in a letter to Judge Ortiz saying that Agua Fria was the third-leg in the stool and we should be invited into the settlement annexation process because a two-legged stool will fall over. The City made a motion to strike the 2008 to 2012 settlement annexation agreement from the court hearings and the latest lawsuit. I thought Agua Fria should have been included in the settlement annexation agreement renegotiation.

This appeal has statewide implications, especially if we back down. We are in constant contact with Ranchos de Taos that recently fought off an annexation attempt by the Town of Taos. The County should appeal or ask for a reconsideration of the case because of the missing evidence. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

JOSIE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Josie Rodriguez, 909 Camino Tres Arroyos, 87507.

I'm a proud member of the Agua Fria Area 1B community. Thank you, County of Santa Fe for fighting against the City of Santa Fe's 2008 presumptive annexation. They say you can't fight city hall, thank you for showing that what they say isn't always true.

You know a person born in 2008 would be 16 years old now. So my inner teenage wants to scream, City of Santa Fe where the bleep have you been? Not here legally supporting and providing for me. It's the County that has done that and continues to show up for me. It's 2024 and finally the richest of rich City of Santa Fe shows up with its money and its power trash talking me and my Agua Fria Area 1B people as greedy, out of touch, affordable housing haters: Isn't that rich. My inner teenager says, the City of Santa Fe needs to check themselves and their maps because the Agua Fria Area of 1B families are West Alameda not east.

We know where we live. We know how we live and we know it's the County of Santa Fe continues to support us and it's where we want to stay. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

JOHN KADLECEK: I'm John Kadlecek, 87 Rio en Medio Road, 87506.

I stood before you here in August of last year to talk to you about trying to get the Emergency Water Protection Program Grant sponsorship from you, which you agreed to do. As well as being a resident in Rio en Medio I am also the mayordomo of the acequia association and the president of the mutual domestic and a recently appointed member of WPAC which I am looking forward to my involvement there.

Those six floods were terrifying. The water went from 40 cubic feet per second to 4,000 cubic feet per second. Getting the Emergency Water Protection Program onboard was essential for us to feel safe. At this point the designs are finished and we've heard various different stories about what is holding things up. I was just talking to Leandro right now and it seems that we're in a position now to find a new creative solution because the Soil & Water Conservation District isn't showing up in the way that they're charged to. They are the one government entity, because they're soil and water that can work on private property and get around the Anti-Donation Clause and they have refused to sign the contract basically because they don't have the legal resources or the familiarity with legalese to understand that there's probably no risk to them. They've also been shown that other counties in the state have worked with the Soil and Conservation District and have signed the contracts but still to no avail.

So I am here strongly requesting that you continue to work on this. Find a creative solution. It seems pretty obvious that we're not going to get any help this summer. Let's pray to god that we have another drought – which I can't believe I'm saying in Santa Fe but I'd rather have that than more flows that potentially destroy the bridge at my house, and possibly my house and my neighbors downstream. People are really terrified during those floods. For me, every time I looked up in the sky and saw black clouds that summer I tensed. It was dramatic. This is something that really needs to happens and it is something that I believe you all can help us with and I look forward to seeing it get done. Thanks.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

NICK SABATO: Hi, I'm Rick Sabato from Rio en Medio, 87506. Thank you for your time today. I'm here with John to talk about the Rio en Medio problem and make an appeal to you to please help.

I'm just going to tell you a couple of stories. We have 77 year-old woman who lost vehicle access to her house. It's been two years and she still has no access to her house. She has no propane. The propane cannot get to her and it's brutal. It's heartbreaking to watch people going through this. We also have a family land grant family, and this woman, the woman of the family is terrified to stay living in that house. She wants to leave the place where her family has been for centuries. She is so scared. We are all scared. If you would have seen and heard that water, that wall of water that came down. It picked up a truck and mangled it in the trees. Debris has been left on all of our property. It was amazing that no one was hurt.

There's going to be another flood. We all know it. Something needs to be done about it. We're making a real appeal to you to please, please do what needs to be done to get this done and protect the people in that village, they deserve it. They really do. It's sad to think that someone would want to leave their home that they have been part of for centuries because they scared.

We know you can't just wave a magic wand and make this right but please you

can put the pressure in the right places to get this done and we appeal to you, please get it done. The next one might take lives. None of us wants to have that on our hands. So please help us.

And I also just wanted to mention, thank you for making these meetings so available that we can come here in person and certainly the phone and internet. I don't know if you know, but Rio en Medio doesn't have a lot of access to high speed internet. But the phone and being able to come here in person is really wonderful and we really thank you for giving us, all of the County, that opportunity to be able to come and see you and talk to you directly. We trust you. We believe in you and we need your help. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

HILARIO ROMERO: My name is Hilario Romero. I live at 1561 La Cieneguita del Pueblo Quemado, Agua Fria. I'm here to show you a little bit of new evidence regarding the Agua Fria Traditional Village and 1B. To try to understand that we are in a situation where we need your help again. Seems like everybody is here asking for your help, Commissioners. I'll be as brief as I can.

1B has always been of Pueblo Quemado, Agua Fria. 1B is currently in the County of Santa Fe and wants to stay there. The evidence I have hopefully can be used, I can also do a testimony through an affidavit and that could help the attorneys if you would be so gracious and helpful to move this thing and appeal this thing to the U.S. Court of Appeals. I think it really needs to go there. I don't think this judge understands history and a lot of judges, district judges currently don't understand history. I have been an expert witness in many other cases and I'm now on a federal case regarding land grants and this time they're listening. The federal courts seem to listen better than the state courts.

ATTORNEY YOUNG: Mr. Chair, I just want to say one thing and also to Mr. Romero. So in the case that was just heard by the judge, essentially the record closed even prior to that hearing and so we're not able to provide additional evidence at this point. Just as a clarification on that. Any appeal of the case will really be more of a legal argument in terms of whether the judge decided it correctly. But we would not be able to present new evidence essentially at that point.

MR. ROMERO: Then would it be possible to present to the judge, to actually have a meeting with the judge?

ATTORNEY YOUNG: Mr. Chair and Mr. Romero, no. At this point the matter is outside of the judges' hands and it would be inappropriate to meet directly with the judge without a hearing on that and the judge has already had the hearing so we're past that point in the proceedings.

MR. ROMERO: Yeah, because I read the verdict and I read through it and I was mentioned for one sentence and that told me right away that obviously, you know, I should have done an affidavit. I didn't realize that to go along with the power point because there's so much there and there was so little time for me to be able to present before all of you so it put us on a very difficult situation.

So I guess all that I would present now would be for none unless you want to hear it. It's very short.

CHAIR HUGHES: Proceed but be quick, of course.

MR. ROMERO: Pardon me.

CHAIR HUGHES: Be quick but go ahead.

MR. ROMERO: I'm the former State Historian. I didn't put that up there. I'm a former university professor in history for 50 years. So I've been doing this kind of work and I've been being an expert witness for about that long.

But Pueblo Quemado where you see those yellow circles, that 1B, that almost all of area 1B. Those are all pueblos. Just to show you the extent of the history that has been there. And of course, 1607 is the date for Agua Fria Pueblo Quemado. It was referred to by Governor Juan Martinez as Santa Fe. He even built a little placita there.

These are the private claims maps that I was hoping that would have gotten in to the evidence because they show the area and the land grants that are there since the 1600s, including 1B. 1B has always been a part of this. Always been a part of Agua Fria. Always been a part. And here is the land claims map showing the 1600s all of this section here, these are the common lands for all of these land grants. Juan, Ray Gardunio -- all of this area still all part of that. Here is the individuals that were involved. All of them here: CdeBacas, Tapias, all of them and this is the 1860s census record of Pueblo Quemado Agua Fria, 1860, showing the Tapias, the Girons everybody that we're talking about that still lives there they were in the 1860s. This is -- and including a very famous person Bernardo Miera Pacheco was a cartographer, rancher, engineer in 1758. He owned land there and the Mieras and the Pachecos still live there in fact. The airport, the airport itself is the Pacheco Grant. There it is right there, the Pacheco Grant.

All of these land strips show people that have been living there and they trace their ancestors trace all the way to the original names that I just showed up there. All of them are totally connected. And here as well in 1927 and as I go through these maps, 1938, they are all still there. And then it shows very clearly Agua Fria is a very separate, separate entity from the City of Santa Fe, totally. Totally separate entity in the County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Can you wrap up?

MR. ROMERO: Yes. Here, the same thing. And as I go through these maps and here is the area that they're trying to basically annex that whole area. These are the families that I was talking about all the way from 1675 to 1897 and they just sold, they just their property, they just sold their property this Rivera family and there are traces even further. It's this family right here. And there are the acequias all still there. We're dealing all of these acequias still currently exist here in Area 1B. They are still there. And all of this can be found not only in this particular publication but in my article in this particular journal, basically Agua Fria Pueblo Quemado history from 1300 to 2016. And these are all of the other sources for this. That's it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Is there anybody else in the room to make public comment? If not, are there people on line?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Coordinator): Mr. Chair, we have three people raising their hands on Webex.

CHAIR HUGHES: Let me just ask Jeff, are we allowed to hear testimony on this? Are you concerned about the adjudicatory situation?

ATTORNEY YOUNG: Mr. Chair, the proceedings have already occurred and in terms of this body with the evidence presented and the petition considered and the Board made the decision that they did. So now the judge has issued an order essentially

reversing the Board's decision but the proceedings are done. In terms of public comment, the public is able to comment, but the effect of those comments in terms of evidence will not be brought to the court record.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, then people can say what they want. Yes, go ahead.

MARY MOORE: Hello. Chair Hughes and Commissioners. I am Mary Moore, 690 Camino Don Emelio and I am so grateful to you. The one 1B decision was disappointing and now let's move forward. Do you want me to get started on my specific list of why I'm asking you to appeal or do you want me to send that to you?

CHAIR HUGHES: Send it to us.

MS. MOORE: Okay. I'm going to just briefly highlight a couple of things and they're not secret things. Statute 3.7.1-1 really was the wrong statute for us to be evaluated on. We knew that. We should never have replied to the five points. Few historic communities, if any, can meet the requirements of every single area meeting those five points. We weren't asking to be the traditional historic community of 1B but to join an existing one and the statutes are silent on the process for being a supplemental area so it falls to you, the Board of County Commissioners, as the relevant agency to determine that. You could ask a supplemental area like 1B to be generally consistent in most ways. That's really your call. It's not the City's call. It's not a corporate attorney's call. It's yours. But of course everybody knows what the judge wrote about – he should be deferential to the work done by the County but then he – do you want me to stop?

CHAIR HUGHES: No.

MS. MOORE: I'm sorry I can't hear.

CHAIR HUGHES: You have a minute and a half to go. Feel free.

MS. MOORE: All right. The ruling that he made essentially not listening or not paying attention to the work that the Board of County Commissioners did, that's overstepping if anything ever was. That's our best possible case. And so I have many, many others. You can look at the 1914 map that includes 1B. At any rate, I will send all of that.

The more important thing probably than me talking is that I want to extend deepest gratitude to you, our Commissioners, to our hero Commissioner Anna Hansen there never was a truer advocate for constituents, to our County attorney, to the County Manager, County Clerk to verify signatures many times. I want to thank Mr. Mee, Mr. Romero and Mr. Monroe and so many more as we continue our quest to rejoin the traditional historic community. There's the warmth of the people in Agua Fria. They welcomed us without reservation. We belong together. We have shared values, respect, perseverance, resilient, pride, hard work, love of the land unity and gratitude. And so we thank you and I urge you to please either ask the judge to reconsider or to vote to appeal. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Daniel, who is next?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, our next speaker is going by the user name VL.

VAN LEIMER: My name is Van Leimer. I live at 24 Peacock Alley. I really appreciate you taking the time that you did to look through the findings that we filed and it was disappointing ruling that the judge made and I think very wrong to go

against the Board and what the citizens of the County decided.

Historically, Area 1B has its own identify and character and we separate ourselves from the City. That's one of the reasons that I live there. We have evolved over time to develop the areas that we have and the annexation of the City could potentially disrupt the fabric of the community and diminish the autonomy that they've enjoyed for this long. It's important to consider the historical context and impact that the annexation can have on the identity and the heritage of the area. Economically there are several factors to consider. Area 1B has some businesses and resources that can affect the tax base and local property values and it could be impacted by a changing governance. It is crucial to evaluate the potential economic consequences of the annexation – the allocation of the resources and services should be carefully examined to ensure that annexation would not disproportionately burden the City which the City is already overburdened with the stuff they can't take care of right now.

I think Area 1B has developed a sense of community and belonging that should be taken into consideration and annexation can potentially lead to the changes in social dynamics, the community cohesion, and the access to our neighbors at a distance, you know, we all live out there because we have our own community and the way that we do things and that includes some properties and people that have chickens and farms and if we're annexed into the City that could all potentially change.

Additionally, the preservation of the community relationship should be a focal point in the annexation discussions. Environmentally the natural landscape and resources of Area 1B should be carefully considered. The area may have a unique – does have a unique environmental features, wildlife habitations, and conservation area that will be impacted by an annexation. I live out at 24 Peacock Alley and behind me where the City owns a property that was supposed to be open space that they have taken over, they are already putting in houses and they have gone from an R3 to an R7. This could have a potential effect on the annexation of the local eco systems and natural resources that are there. Sustainable development and land use planning should be a central consideration and the City is not going to take that into consideration at all.

With the limited time I have left, I wanted to thank you again for everything that you have done for us and I hope that you will appeal this ruling. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Daniel, who is next?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, the last speaker has the user name Jared.

JARED: Hello, can you hear me.

CHAIR HUGHES: We hear you, go ahead.

JARED: I'm a little distressed by the decision of the judge and generally how the Mayor is stating. [Poor connectivity] We should be able to join the village. Now that we are not –

CHAIR HUGHES: You are very hard to hear.

JARED: I'll talk louder. There were certain things that were started with the County that they're dropping because we are not in the County jurisdiction any more and that is directly the Mayor's fault. He said that it would cause confusion if this were to be enacted but it has causing confusion because of his actions against us.

The 2008 agreement states simply that we can join the Village with a petition. It does not mention that we have follow the five requirements. The fact that we had to

follow the five requirements seemed like a little over burden and it gave them an excuse to rule against us. So my general opinion is that we should be allowed to simply petition on the 2008 agreement to join the Village and that's it. Join the Village not become a village, join the village.

And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. And that's it, Daniel?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Yes, Mr. Chair, that is it.

CHAIR HUGHES: We will close the public hearing and we will move on to 7.C.

7 C. Request (1) Approval of Contract No. 2024-0128-PW/APS with Jaynes Corporation for Construction of the Abedon Lopez Senior Center Re-build in the Amount of \$4,100,000, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Negotiate and Finalize the Contract and Sign the Purchase Order(s)

CHAIR HUGHES: Mr. Taylor.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Division): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Bill Taylor with Purchasing Division. Here before you we have request for approval of a construction contract with Jaynes Corporation for the construction of the Abedon Lopez Senior Center Re-build in the amount of \$4,100,000, exclusive of NM GRT, and to delegation signature authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order. This project is basically design to build an entirely new Abedon Lopez Senior Center, approximately 5,000 square feet and fully ADA accessible. And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Bill and thank you to the Public Works team to getting this lined up and ready to go. I also want to say thank you for allowing me to take a look at the plans and put a little design suggestion on the west profile of the building which allowed for some covered outdoor space for the seniors to actually have some space to congregate outside under the cover.

I am in support of this and I hope that we can communicate this plan to the seniors that use the center and I've spoken to some of the folks around the County Admin and Senior Center to get the word out to them so that they're prepared and they're excited and they know when this is going to close and when demolition is going to happen and that they know that the building is going to be built for them and they should be happy about it. So thank you very much. I stand in support of this and if anybody has anything then –

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and I direct this question to our Jaynes representative.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, this is Dan Anderson the project manager.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Wonderful, thank you. I am

wondering what efforts are made by Jaynes Corp to hire or recruit people from northern New Mexico when you have large projects.

DAN ANDERSON (Public Works): When they do these large projects, number one it is always location, what contractors, subcontractors that they have used in the past that are able to facilitate that building of the large commercial building like this. So they reach out. It's not just so much since they're based in Albuquerque that they're going to pull from Albuquerque. Then they reach out to these subs. We get the sub list which we evaluate once the IFB is done. And you will see a number of subcontractors from this local area. They may not be the low bid on it but they do reach out. There was at least five subcontractors that were at the mandatory pre-bid. Jaynes Corporation was there and those subcontractors were making connections with them. That included roofing, stucco, site work, there's a demo guy there. So they reach out in multiple ways to try and keep local businesses here because they know it's important to us and the Commission.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Is there any effort – just to give you an economic disparity that we have somewhat, in our more rural areas we don't have and I don't like referring to people as a commodity of scale, but it's easier because you'll get a lower bid when you have the commodity working closer to a larger population. And what has become apparent to me over the last year is that sometimes because, and the statement will be, well, there isn't anyone with that capacity and I say this even to our Procurement people that they don't have the capacity to be able to be a sub on these large projects and sincerely in my capacity as a Commissioner now, I see that there is a deep need to find ways to assist these smaller companies in getting even to meet the procurement code and their ability to bring three years of their P&Ls – the bottom line they can't even hardly communicate their bottom line. So I think the opportunity, and I say this as a take back to your team manager, and I'm so proud of Jaynes Corp. I see you're a big dog and you do a lot of good work. You're at the lab, you're at the airport, you are everywhere. And what kind of things can we do to work with those folks who are local. I'll see this now and everywhere I go, so we can continue to build our economy because even though we're small in population when we work with those smaller entities we get more mass. So I appreciate this. I too am in support of this and want to make sure that I communicate as my colleague does the importance of green vehicles and local employment as well. So thank you sincerely.

MR. ANDERSON: Okay, and thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante. I appreciate those comments 100 percent. Please take that under advisement but I don't know how we can encourage that other than some tweaking of the procurement vehicles. But keep it in mind.

I would like to make a motion to grant the approval of contract #2024-0128-PW/APS with Jaynes Corporation for construction of the Abedon Lopez Senior Center Re-build in the amount of \$4,100,000, exclusive of GRT; and, two, delegation of signature authority to the County Manager to negotiate and finalize the contract and sign the purchase orders.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Greene and second by Commissioner Hansen. All in favor say aye.

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

D. Request Approval of Proposed Prioritization Plan for Amendments to the Sustainable Land Development Code and Other Ordinances

CHAIR HUGHES: Penny Ellis-Green.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The purpose of this agenda item is to prioritize potential amendments potential amendments to the SLDC and establish timelines for their development and potential adoption.

The background of this memo is divided into three parts. A history and part two identifies other necessary work that will be doing and part three seeks prioritize SLDC amendments.

The SGMP and SLDC history: pursuant to state law zoning authorities are required to have a comprehensive plan. The County's comprehensive plan is the SGMP. It was adopted in 2010, after approximately five years of planning and development. It was then updated as part of the SLDC adoption process in 2015. The SLDC was adopted in December, 2015. It must be consistent with the SGMP.

There have been the following amendments to the SLDC: 2016 was a review and restatement and it included technical changes. The entire road section was rewritten in 2017. In 2019, Chapter 11, the DCIs was rewritten including procedures in the Hard Rock Mining section. Sections 7.2 and 7.14 were rewritten in 2021 for energy efficiency standards. Comprehensive, countywide zoning and other regulations for cannabis were enacted in 2021. Community Solar was enacted in 2022. The Extraterritorial Land Use Commission and Extraterritorial Land Use Authority Board were adopted in 2022. The Transfer of Development Rights was rewritten to include higher density for affordable homes in 2023. The Santa Fe Community College District Circulation Maps and Official Maps were amended in 2024. And also in 2024, we had Chapter 9 of Tesuque Overlay was added and Chapter 9, San Marcos Overlay was added.

Other necessary work that we'll be doing in 2025, in addition to any planning and ordinance drafting prioritized by the Board, planning staff will still be responsible for updating community districts, community district overlay zones for La Bajada, La Cienega, and La Cieneguilla.

As the SGMP was first adopted in 2010 and planning best practices recommend that comprehensive plans address a 20-year planning period and be updated approximately every 10 years. In 2015, the SGMP was amended and updated to include population and economic growth projects and elements such as TDRs, mixed-use developments, and density bonuses. So it is due for an update and Planning staff have budgeted for this in fiscal year 25.

The third point is prioritization of SLDC amendments and other ordinance changes. The planning and drafting that goes into significant SLDC amendments are very heavy lifts. They include research, procurement of expert parties, public outreach, stakeholder involvement, study sessions, drafting, public comments, public noticing, and

public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board. So staff generally don't recommend trying to process multiple significant planning and drafting projects at the same time, unless we have different subject matter experts that can be the lead.

In addition to bandwidth, County staff has attempted to prioritize both based upon Board priorities from the Strategic Plan and our assessment of impacts and interdependencies between areas of focus.

We've also assumed when we're looking at timelines that other priorities will not subsequently be established, that state law will not change in such a way that we have to quickly pivot to regulate another area. That was the case with Community Solar and cannabis and energy efficiency and that we have stable staffing, and we have a new director before July 1st of this year.

Our high priority changes would be done in Fiscal year 25 with the ultimate adoption in Fiscal year 26 and could run concurrently. The ultimate goal would be to have the Board approve publication of title and general summary in June 30, 2025, allowing all existing Board members to be part of the stakeholders' process, whilst also allowing the incoming Commissioners to be part of this process too.

Each area would need to identify a staff team and a lead team member who will run the project; identify possible areas of change; identify and procure outside consultants; do research; stakeholder-informed planning to include, general public, environmental scientists, architects, engineers, developers, and homebuilders and as I stated before the BCC; public presentations and decisions from the Board; code drafting; authorization to publish title and general summary followed by public noticing; public notices; and, post-adoption publication and education.

Our three areas of high priority relate to each other and do impact each other. The first is sustainability amendments. We would assess existing and potential sustainability regulations. Topic areas could include soil health, pollinator and other habitat, rain catchment or gardens, storm-water management, high efficiency, and renewable energy. Resources would be a collaborative effort between the Growth Management Department, Sustainability Division and Public Works Department.

Again, for all of these changes, we would have to be make sure that any change is consistent with the SGMP or an amendment to the SGMP would be necessary. But as I stated earlier, the Planning Department will be looking at the SGMP this next year.

Affordability is our second area of focus. Again we would look at existing and proposed regulations in the SLDC and other County ordinances and how they relate to housing supply and short and long-term affordability. This would again be a collaborative effort between Growth Management, Public Works Department, and Community Development. Stakeholders could be planning, architects, engineers, developers, homebuilders as the initial focus.

And our third area of priority is affordable housing and Chapter 13. Again, we would review proposed regulations in the SLDC, including the inclusionary zoning section, and other County ordinances, regulations, and look at incentives related to the creation of affordable or below market rate housing. Again resources would be again, collaborative between the Growth Management and Community Development/ Affordable Housing Division. Whilst the initial work has already been done and some procedural elements with regard to affordable housing projects may have a different

timeline, significant changes in the areas of sustainability and affordability will likely impact substantive changes.

Our medium priority would be starting in Fiscal year 26 as the high priority work is completed. The idea would be to revisit the medium and low priority amendments to confirm that their relative priority remains unchanged and identify resources and establish a timeframes. So in no particular order the medium priorities would be streamlining and technical SLDC amendments. These have been discovered through applications being submitted over time. They span throughout the SLDC. It is anticipated that they will speed up the development review process and address areas that the SLDC is unclear. The risk of putting this into a priority would be that it could district all parties from the more significant areas in high priority.

Large-scale rural events: identify these and where they would be allowed and any necessary regulation that would relate to the noise standard which is the next issue. Currently, noise limits are calculated over a 30-minute period, but excessive noise that doesn't last a full 30 minutes can still be detrimental and it also doesn't take into account the terrain of the property. Noise is measured from the property boundary. to neighbors.

Next would be special events/special use permit/temp uses. We would codify these for special events and include standards as needed.

Next would be RVs, small scale tent, RVs, domes and yurts. These would relate to very small scale camping RV and alternative experience sites where we could have a streamlined procedure allowed that would still ensures safe hookups to electric, water, and sewer.

Chapter 12 reviews, specifically related to CIP, ICIP, impact fees, land use assumptions, level of service, adequate facilities services, and funding. And then cell towers, looking at the federal timeline requirements.

Our low priority would then start in Fiscal year 27. That would include the developments of countywide impact, Chapter 11. And actually incorporating the Oil and Gas Ordinance. At the moment it is just cross-referenced. And completing regulations for things like feedlots, landfills, junkyards.

DCI sections are a very heavy lift because we have a lot of research that needs to happen and a lot of outside contractor to draw specific standards. We would then have a zoning map amendment that would include updating the SLDC Use Matrix and the zoning map to incorporate approved changes. The noticing for this is extensive and is very time-consuming. It will take considerable time and effort. It is recommended that this is done following the changes that I've discussed because those changes may lead to additional changes in the use matrix and that would mean that we wouldn't have to go back and do this twice.

Other ordinance amendments that can run concurrently would include the Business License and Registration Ordinance as it is outdated and the procedure is different. This would be led by Building and Development Review and we would have an effective target date for Fiscal year 2026. And also, rules and regulations for County Parks, Trails and Open Space is currently being reviewed and looked at will be run by the Planning Division so they could run at the same time as the priorities.

The recommendation is adoption for the proposed ordinance prioritization plan for Fiscal year 25 and I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Questions, Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Ms. Ellis-Green, soon to be Ms. Retire Ellis-Green and Chair Hughes.

I'm seeing something missing and I'm wondering where we have incentives built in. I see regulations throughout. This isn't a new conversation because I had participated in conversation a number of years ago where we talk about regulations and specifically to sustainability incentives, so I would really very much appreciate seeing – to me it's a very interesting quandary we have as Santa Fe County. If we have regulations and we're looking to bolster regulations throughout sustainability but we have no way to really to enforce. Code Enforcement is strained to say the least. So I don't like more regulations that don't really do much. But if we can please integrate into this conceptually where we can build in incentives, when we look at what a permit cost and have an incentive for – in other words, it's not going to be a little extra if you don't put your barrel you're not going to get your permit. It's if you do a rain garden this will actually cost a little less. But I'd like to see that type of creative thinking put into this process. So where can we replace regulatory requirements with incentives because those incentives, and I say this wholeheartedly, those incentives ultimately are investments by the County. So if we do cut someone a rate, that incentive is an investment that will benefit the County at large.

So I'd really like to see incentives specifically I don't see a lot in here for alternative energy, access to alternative energy. We have another problem in that we don't provide the energy. We are held by the PRC's approval of PNM being the sole utility provider in our specific areas. And just now in our public comments, we had an individual saying I can't get more solar. So if we are able to work to say that the County will make it a priority to identify ways for people to have more alternative energy resources, there again, in the long run it's an investment in our community.

So I ask for more references to alternative energy, water collection, reuse, and that we use the term "incentivize" and find ways to make incentives. I know you're out the door, [laughter] but you hear what I'm saying and I need it for the record. We need to really make this an incentive rather than a regulation that we cannot uphold or other people won't comply with it and we don't have any way to follow-up or we find ways for it to cost less in this process if you make sure that you're doing that.

I am grateful for your presentation and your service of almost 30 years and we all wonder why you just dropped one year short but we appreciate you. Thank you, Penny Ellis-Green.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this isn't a list of all the changes. This is a list to prioritize. All of the discussion about incentives, absolutely, we would need to look at, but we would go through the process of identifying all of the changes, incentives, whatever they may be as we start each one of these projects. So this memo doesn't include a list of everything that we would be looking at.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene, then Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Penny. I like the idea that Commissioner Bustamante mentioned about incentivizing things. But we also have – we are a decision land use board so although we haven't really added and struck down things because it didn't meet our sustainability goals, we

can as a board do that. We can say, come back with solar incorporated into your project. So it would be nice to be able to say that as well as to offer incentives to do this.

Going through this I found a few areas as well that were kind of missing. So I'm going to read off a list of the 10 sustainability amendments, as it may be, that were slightly reorganized and some additional areas in here. But just for ease of the record:

1. Efficient land use, use of land and infrastructure, i.e., clustered development and use of ADUs
2. Agricultural land preservation and soil health
3. Preservation of critical landscapes to include cultural land, environmentally sensitive areas, viewsheds and escarpments, wetlands.
4. Preservation of pollinator landscapes and other habitats
5. Rain and snow catchment
6. Stormwater management and infiltration gardens
7. Walkable, bikeable and transit oriented development
8. Night sky preservation
9. Energy efficiency
10. Integrated renewable energy – by integrated I mean, do not destroy virgin landscape integrated on top of your disturbed areas.

And then in the areas of affordability, you know, affordability is a double-edged sword. Affordability for very wealthy people, Aspen as a bad example, our goal is not affordability across just for the rich. It's affordability for a very specific area of our community which is our workforce. And so being very specific to workforce affordability. By that I have four areas that would be:

1. The ADU by right, also no penalties and potentially obligatory at time of development of ADUs.

So if you imagine somebody comes through with 700 units in their development and if a 20 percent inclusionary development of ADUs was put into that that would allow for a very cost-effective development of an ADU. I've been told that ADUs build after-the-fact cost 125 percent of construction of a normal home. Whereas an ADU that is built at the time of development when you're putting in the infrastructure and standing up the original home that that will end up costing close to 50 cents on the dollar for the additional unit. It is a substantial affordability opportunity that we need to take advantage of.

2. Also, townhome, duplex and innovative typologies for workforce affordability
3. Incentives for workforce housing – again focusing on workforce typologies
4. Strategic housing for our First Responders and our critical civic workforce

When we go to Chapter 13, Affordable Housing, I'm wondering what specific needs have we identified, have we heard. I haven't heard anything up to now that this has been a priority but it's okay. I would love to understand some of those changes that are necessary right now to understand where that needs to be put in there.

Then an idea for # 4 is getting into the streamline permitting process and the digitization of our submission process. Not only will it be faster permitting and easier use of plan review, but it will also be much more cost effective and environmentally sensitive without having to cut down a tree for every building permit set and every revision.

I think we should have on-line permitting for minor projects, such as, rooftop solar, water harvesting, small carports, small residential remodels and additions. This should be a checklist of easy to apply on-line minor project classification so that some of these projects can just be streamlined. And, again, digital submissions for all projects.

Another area that I think that we need to look is walkable communities. Creating a score card for walkability. Creating a rural profile for roads that have sidewalks, trails, bike lanes and things like that so we can have walkable communities and people aren't walking in the middle of roads.

And then integrated live/work and community-scale commercial located at the entry to communities and at community centers. Small scale commercial strips or commercial boxes that are under 2,000 square feet but provide an opportunity for a small restaurant or community bar or community center of any size type to be allowed for some people to be allowed to work and live in their community.

Also, streetscapes and curb appeal. I find that a lot of developments are starting to have a lot of walls around them and so I would hope that we could have some streetscape studies to preserve some of these things. This goes to public safety. It goes to preservation of the rural fabric. If you have walls along the highway, it doesn't seem rural anymore it just seems like an urban landscape.

And then I'm going to say lastly, renderings and public drawings for site plans. When we have a project that comes before us we should ask the architects and our own Planning Growth Management Department to be able to post the drawings of what this is going to look like in a very easy and accessible set of a public rendering, a site plan, things that might give more information to our community and allay the fears; right? I see this in the City, you see large big yellow signs that scare the daylights out of our neighbors as they walk or drive down the street and all it would take is a drawing and somebody would say, oh my god, that's not a bad project. I actually stand in favor of that. So for us to lead by example and to put drawing up a head of time either posted at the site or posted on our website would be wonderful to give that transparency to the community.

I'll leave it at those that are my priorities. I would love to have broadband incorporated into it, EV infrastructure as well. But, thank you very much. Congratulations and you're getting out just in time for this.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. First of all, thank you, Penny, for putting this together before you leave. I know that this is a very high level and I'm grateful for the work that you have done. A lot of the things that Commissioner Greene spoke about happen to actually be in the Community College District Plan. We tried to extend that and when we did Oshara we all had tons of drawings. I don't know why renderings have gone away but I think it's a good thing for developers to make beautiful renderings. It might help developers not be so disliked by communities. And walkable communities was definitely also part of the Community College plan and still is and was incorporated into the SLDC, I believe.

One of the things that I think we need to take into consideration is that whenever the state updates their energy efficiency, that we be ready to update our SLDC at the same time. That's what we did in 2020 or 2021, I can't remember, but the state updated

their energy efficiency and then we followed suit. I think that is a good way to do energy efficiency and stay in touch so that when we have the 2025 or whatever the next iteration of the energy efficiency plan from the state, we're ready to update that at the same time.

On the noise standards. The biggest thing I hear consistently is people's unhappiness with the muffler sounds. Now there's no way that 30 minutes of muffler sounds is going to be able to be quantified because it is speeding down the highway in a neighborhood or in a village and it's not just in the City that people are affected by this. It is also in the Historic Traditional Village of Agua Fria. I'm sure it is in the Village of La Cienega. So somehow it is upon us and our responsibility to push the state to make a stronger regulation. There is a state rule that you can't have these loud noises but this is another place where it is the producer responsibility like what we talked about with the plastic ordinance. Somebody has to be installing these loud mufflers and so they are the people who need to be held accountable. Because it is disturbing people's peace and quiet and that is what I constantly hear. I hear it in my neighborhood. I'm sure Penny hears it. I'm sure some of us hear it. I don't know about Eldorado. I don't know if you have that problem out there but if you don't, lucky for you.

CHAIR HUGHES: We're lucky in Eldorado, yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And I don't think that Commissioner Hamilton hears it in Glorieta. But the rest of us, we all can attest to it. So I think that when we think about these noise standards we have to think about it in a really different manner than what we have thought about it in the past. I know that the noise standard that we're talking about is for weddings or for events, parties that go past 10 o'clock and people are up in arms and it's a consistent type of thing. And of course, we need to pay attention to that and regulate that.

I think the Business License and Registration Ordinance is something that needs to be kind of high on the priority list because it is so antiquated. I'm happy to see talking about RVs and small scale tents because that's really a part of the short term rental phenomena and somehow making sure that we allow people to have that ability.

In many ways, I agree with both what Commissioner Bustamante and Commissioner Greene said about numerous things but I also want to point out that pollinators, we have passed resolutions to protect them. It's in our strategic plan and so I'm thinking that things that are in our strategic plan are going to be incorporated into the SLDC because they are already things that we are working on.

I would really like to find a solution for the people who cannot get connections to solar energy. That is, to me, and I know it is a PRC issue, it is a PNM issue but possibly the County needs to mandate PNM to provide these services. I don't know if that's possible or something that we can do but I would like to see some type of rule that says, you have to provide this. This is basic infrastructure. This is not the future. This is now.

I only noticed one typo in the whole thing and that is under the community solar regulation, it said it was enacted in 2002 and it was actually – I know it was suppose to be 2022. That's the only typo I found but there could be others. That one jumped out at me. Otherwise, I know that this is just the beginning of a work plan and it's going to be up to the new director, whoever that may be, to come back to this Board and solidify and work with the Board on the myriad of issues that are faced. But I want to thank you, Penny, for your hard work on all of these issues. I know that the Short Term Rental was a horrible

thing to have to do and I apologize. But at the same time, it was so important that we did that and I feel like we were a leader and I know that was really a heavy lift to get done. I know the Hard Rock Mining Ordinance was also another really heavy lift and I want to recognize and thank you for that because I am grateful that we made that kind of progress. We can use that as an example to the rest of New Mexico and the rest of United States because it is an incredible ordinance that we passed. So thank you for all of that hard work on that. And the many, many, the myriad of other things that you have worked on with us as a Board in my seven and a half years here. And I've know you for much longer than that because of my time with Oshara Village and constantly being in your office in this building with numerous different senior planners and working with them. And I'm so happy that Oshara had these beautiful drawings of what the village will look like and if you go out there now, 20 years later, that is what the village looks like. We still don't have the commercial there but it is a beautiful small little village that is actually lived up to its drawings. The more we can do things like that that make people feel like they have a community, Oshara is a small little village and the people feel really committed to that village and I think that those are the kind of areas and things that we want to see happen in Santa Fe County because it's a reflection of our history and our culture. I'm sure I could go on, but for the moment I'll stop. And thank you, once again for everything. I wish you incredible happiness and enjoyments and fulfillment in the years to come.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, anything else? I just want to say that I agree with all three comments but I'll save my comments to when we get into the discussion of each one because I think this is just setting priorities. Would someone care to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll make a motion. I would like to request approval of proposed prioritization plan for amendments to the Sustainable Land Development Code and other ordinances.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is there discussion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, please.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. So are basically taking this as presented or are we amending it to discuss the things that we all brought up here?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: My suggestion is to take it as written. These were just the priorities not all of the details. My recommendation is that those details can get printed out of the record for future reference but this wasn't intended for this session to be – to have to list every single other priority or discuss it. I mean, it's details and it is very valid and I'm sure it will be helpful as each section is done. That's when all of that detail needs to be introduced. And this would be an entirely inappropriate way to have to do every detail that all of us want to see in these revisions. It is an inadequate opportunity to present those details. I just see no reason to expand it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And I also think that they are now part of the record. They were read into the record so they are there.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: They read into the record but without acknowledgment or vote from the Board they can be disregarded as –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, they can't. No, they can't be. The whole process is intended to incorporate in these inputs. This particular time, I specifically refuse to list all of the things that I think should be priorities as each thing right now, because as each thing comes up that's when it's suppose to be brought up. And all of your list, as fabulous as your list of priorities were, it's not complete. It doesn't include my input. It doesn't include staff input. It doesn't include discussion. It doesn't include input from the experts who are coming. They're great ideas and they'll have their place as these things are developed.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, just from my perspective, this is a discussion; right? This is, you're adopting something and a real discussion says, here's what staff says and we get to put things back and it comes back two weeks later and says we incorporated these things and take them in discussion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I agree but that's not what is happening here. This is just – are these priorities from what their office is going to tackle these things – is this priority acceptable to you. It's not the discussion of content. I may be completely wrong but that's what I –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And also, a lot of the things that you read, Commissioner Greene, are already in the Strategic Plan and are already in the SLDC, so they're kind of redundant.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Everything that's on here is already in the Strategic Plan and is – but this was an interpretation of both of those to prioritize and there were gaps in it. So I personally think that there should be – this is an issue of do you just take or do you discuss. And so we seem to accept a lot of –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm sorry, I disagree. It's not an issue of just taking not discussing. I seriously disagree. I didn't see that the things you presented changed the sequence that is being recommended. If you want to change the sequence of the overall topics, that's an entirely different thing. What I heard was all kinds of additions, like when you're doing affordability this is what you should consider. And in that case, I disagree that we should revise the memo because there's lots of inputs that aren't being offered.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I had six, pardon me. I had six items that I added that I thought were priority that were not listed. But that's totally – whether it's walkable communities, whether it's safe streetscapes and dealing with the streetscapes, whether it's renderings and site plans as a requirement of permitting, EV infrastructure, broadband inclusion in all development plan. Some of them are very minor and very easy to include into something and some of them are much heavier lifts, as the expression goes. I just think that there's an opportunity for us to look at this comprehensively. There's no rush.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think this is a work plan. And those things need to be put when they're being written and worked on. You'll have the next two years to put those things into the plan because things will come back and forth and they will be written and rewritten and, if I'm wrong somebody tell me, but that's what I have experienced here. Things get rewritten and you get to put input in. This is a

schedule of how to do some of those things. Those are actually the things you want to do. To me it's semantics.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. I disagree but thank you. There's a motion on the floor, go for it.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: If I may.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I understand what you're saying and I trust that this will go that way because it will come before us again and that's when the rubber hits the road. This is a proposal for the priority and when it's time to really review that document that's when all bets are off. I'm confident and I'm with you on that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Some of the things – pardon me – but some of the things are just not in this and so I tried to add them into this. I don't know if they were some things that you agree with or not but without us discussing them, maybe one by one, and maybe I should have put them as individualized items for us to discuss is something – I just – to take stuff de facto is starting a little concerning.

CHAIR HUGHES: I don't see what we're voting on eliminates the things you added.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Of course not. Well, it could be. It could be absolutely ignored without an amendment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, but you're going to be here for two years. So you're going to remind us.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Then you guys disagree with it and then you're voting against it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I totally disagree with that because so many of the things that you just said, and you agreed, area already in the Strategic Plan. And the Strategic Plan is what guides the SLDC and this is a work plan of what things need to be worked on as we move forward and those things on the Strategic Plan will be included in this work plan. That's what I've seen happen. Pollinators are already part of the work plan and have already been put into practice by Sustainability in different areas. And a number of other things have already been put into practice that you were bringing up but not added to a work plan or a list of how to work on things over the next couple of years. And I'm grateful to Penny for putting this together because I am sure it was not easy task.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, just to clarify, what we're looking for today is a prioritization so staff can focus on sustainability amendments, affordability and affordable housing. And as part of that, we have a lot of research to do. We have a lot of stakeholders to speak to and that would include every single member of the Board. Before we draft, we would come back for direction with all of the options laid out. So today wouldn't be to say that sustainability needs to include this, this and this. It would be to say that we're focusing on the high priorities and that until we're done with those, we don't move on to the medium priorities and the low priorities.

That's what we're looking for so we can take our staff time, be efficient and focus on those three priorities.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarify that.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. I think we can vote on the motion made by Commissioner Hansen and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Penny.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you.

7. **Presentations**

None were brought forward.

8. **Matters of Public Concern** [See page 24]

9. **Matters from the County Manager**

A. **Miscellaneous Updates**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Three very quick updates. First I just wanted to acknowledge and you're all part of this pilot program but we are in the process of doing a pilot transition to Microsoft 365. This is to set the groundwork and to help facilitate the rollout to the entire County of Microsoft 365 during fiscal year 2025. I wanted to thank you as well as your liaisons and others for their participation in this soft-partial launch of that migration that has the promise to help the efficiency of the County and improve how we go about collaborating and working together on various projects.

Secondly, wanted to announce or reiterate the announcement of a new pilot program designed to help facilitate and encourage county employees who reside in Santa Fe County to volunteer for our Fire Department as volunteer support responders. It is but one way county residents can volunteer to support the Fire Department. It is a need that the County has to support our regional as well as district members when they are in fact answering a call to respond. But hopefully it is also a stepping stone or bridge, if you will, to greater volunteer opportunities and volunteerism on behalf of Santa Fe County employees. So in a nutshell, we'll be offering administrative leave for individuals who are willing to volunteer in that capacity and receive the training to do so and we look forward to seeing what the results of this pilot program are as we, again, try to support the fire chief and the Fire Department in increasing our volunteer numbers.

Lastly, we will be reaching out to the Board to schedule probably two special meetings relative to capital and our final budget. Target dates would be the 21st and 28th of June. But there is some flexibility. We are trying to build appropriate meeting schedule around the public hearings on the ICIP. So be on the lookout for communications on those special meetings from Sara Smith in the County Manager's Office. And, again, our final budget is not due to DFA until the end of July so there is flexibility as to dates and DFA doesn't approve the final budget until on or about September 1st. So, again, we've got time to complete that process but we'd like to get at

it in June per the work plan that we had provided to the Board.

Those are the updates that I have. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. If I could add one more thing that I forgot, excuse me. We did partner with the Santa Fe Public Schools Work Base Learning Program in the New Mexico Public Education Department this year relative to our high school summer internship program. Our goal is to hire interns to participate in the 20-hour per week eight-week program. We've extended the application deadline through Friday of this week and our hope is to have interns who are selected to start next Monday. Forgive me for that, Mr. Chair, but again, we are pleased to announce the receipt of that \$60,000 grant from the state to support our summer internship program. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, that is interesting.

10. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante, can we start with you?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Sure, Commissioner Hughes and thank you for allowing the conversation because I am grateful for the learning opportunities, sincerely.

I want to just bring up that we have an opportunity at the end of this week to really look at the workflow. It's inspiring to listen to the County Assessor talk about the workflow and the review of the workflow through the Assessor's Office and at the end of this week we have an opportunity to look at the workflow. We've always had the opportunity, for some reason we've had hurdles, and I'm asking at this point that we all consider the opportunity to look at the workflow. I'm sorry that Assistant County Manager Cordova stepped out as he is the interim over Growth Management but I think right about the blocks there needs to be an establishment of deadlines for making the application process at least start with an online request if not find every possible way to streamline that. Put it on line and make it more accessible to the public. And I say this in very general ways but in the interest of not having ideas lost, we have a real opportunity to start to move things away from – towards something more positive, let me put it that way. And then to establish a time-based system for the review of applications that assures timely communication and processing. At least if there is regular communications and there are any holdups, but I'm not saying anything to disclose that there have been applications that have been put in and are five years later – and that not, that shouldn't be news to anyone, and that needs to go away.

We have a real opportunity to address specifically the ease and capability to receive those applications and this really comes from the inspirational presentation by the Assessor's Office in making things very accessible to the public and we have a real opportunity for Growth Management to work along those lines.

I am not going to move away from the opportunity for incentives. I've had that

conversation in this particular building for decades and after having spent some time, specifically when I was working waste management, in how we can actually incentivize. And I am aware of other counties in the country, when I was with the National Recycling Coalition on how incentives can actually build assets in the community. And I am not naïve to it and that is a flag I will carry even when eyes get rolled at me which has happened before but on the other side of the dais.

That's all I really have. I am grateful for the support that we have for the PFAS issue. I am continually looking forward to the WPAC meeting tomorrow night, the special meeting. The request has come from the community as it appears that there are landowners who have tenants and are not receiving the communication regarding the contaminant because the landowner doesn't actually live in the community. So it has been requested that we actually mail the information about the wells directly to all landowners. So some people will get it again but for those who are landlords and are not present in seeing the signs and going to community meetings, those who are tenants have said the landlord may or may not be taking it seriously. They're not even sure they know about, etc., etc. I put that out there in the interest of getting this information just a little further permeated into the community and that's all I have for now. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. First I want to say, don't get off, to Commissioner Bustamante, the idea of incentives. I've been talking about them with Penny's group and with Sustainability and it's really, really important and valuable. I hope nobody rolls their eyes at you. I think this is a good opportunity that you guys are going to have for the next several years in the SLDC revisions. That will be good.

Then I wanted to say that Coffee with the Commish is going to be Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 to 6:30 at Hondo Station 2 and it's in person.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair and everybody. First thing, I wanted let everybody know, if you didn't know this, President Biden appointed Ike White to serve on the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Many people think that is a good thing. He has been the Environmental Management acting senior member that I have met with for the last number of years in Washington, D.C. headquarters. It's an exciting thing because he is well-versed in many of the environmental management cleanup and he knows many of us and I consider the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board one of the most important boards that protect us from LANL and from Sandia and from WIPP and are the people who report all the spills and all the accidents that happen. I think it will be an interesting time for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. They are usually a board of five and they have been missing members for quite some time. So thank you, President Biden.

Also, the new EM manager and leader will be Candace Robinson. She has quite an extensive history but I thought the most interesting thing that we would all appreciate is that she was a former county commissioner. So she will be overseeing the cleanup at LANL. And I look forward to working with her and meeting her. So on a national level that is all I have to say.

On a local level, on June 1st is the Casa Alegre 75 year anniversary picnic which

will be held at the Salazar Green from 11 to 1. Anybody in Casa Alegre please join us. It will be a really fun event and we're having people tell stories and keep history.

Also, my Coffee and Tea for June will be June 8th and I've invited Community Service Jennifer Romero to come and speak about the CONNECT program and all of the things that Community Services is doing.

La Familia is having an open house on June 7th at 1035 Alto Street and since that's one of the organizations that we support, I thought that it would be really important that we show up and that will be in the afternoon I believe. I'll find out the exact time. And I think that is all I have for the moment, thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Great. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We had a tour of the Gateway Center down in Albuquerque about a week ago, about 10 days ago, where we brought – and I think I announced it – I'll tell you the results of it. It was a pretty interesting tour of an all in one homeless and unsheltered community center that took over the old Lovelace Hospital and had a solution that was pretty comprehensive. Not all encompassing but pretty comprehensive as a solution where folks were not put on the streets every morning and forced to live on the street for 12 hours of the day. They were given shelter and given a good set of services, wraparound services, from detox to medical services to behavioral health and mental health along side of this. This solution seems to be a good place for Santa Fe County to look at in partnership with both the City of Santa Fe and Española community which are both struggling with homelessness. I'm sure there's a place for Santa Fe County to work on this.

To that point, I've had a meeting with a working group that is Española based that is looking for support for a solution for their situation up there. And then today I met with the Mayor of Santa Fe to talk about the ideas where we could collaborate on this for the Santa Fe market. So I look forward to working with Community Services and our team to figure out where we can fill this spectrum of support. Whether it's in a facility or whether it is in behavioral health or the other aspects that Santa Fe County is already involved in how we can fill that.

I want to thank you all for voting for the resolution to put a free waste disposal bin up in Chimayo earlier it was on the consent calendar. I was up in Chimayo twice in the last two weeks. Once was for San Ysidro Day and during that day they had a great event at the museum and on the plaza and that's where the idea for the – they were doing a cleanup on the first and during the cleanup they will basically be taking down and cleaning up the plaza up in Chimayo. If you know the plaza up there it's an amazing old remnant of old Spanish colonialism and it has been overgrown for years and we are going to do our part of help them clean it up. It will be their labor and our dumpster. Thank you for voting for that.

We also met with the post office up there and we hope to have some better news or some good news about post office solutions up there in the next few weeks.

Lastly on broadband, we submitted a challenge for eight areas in Santa Fe County made up of a couple thousand homes. That's the good news of this. A lot of work went into this. The bad news was that it was a moving target. It looks like OBAE, the state Office of Broadband, moved the goalpost in the middle of this 30-day period. So Jeff, if the Attorney's Office can sit with me for a few minutes to go over ways that we can

respond to them and show that this was not really fair for all of us. There were areas that were left off of our challenge map that we thought were going to be easy challenges. There was one that is a very key area in Glorieta that we could not successfully challenge. And we know for a fact that this needs that challenge. La Cienega, same thing, easy challenge. It was highlighted and targeted for a challenge: we could not challenge it. Because of the rules that were moved at the last minute or were made aware of to us at the last minute and we weren't able to do it. Areas include Agua Fria Village, another area. Commissioner Hughes/Chair Hughes, your area seems pretty well covered but we did actually get to challenge some areas in Eldorado that we thought were going to be more difficult to challenge. But it was a real weird patch work. And we spent a lot of time and energy on it. Staff did a great job. We really worked it hard but at the last minute they really seemed to move the goalpost on us. We're a little disappointed and we'd like to respond to OBAE to say, don't leave us out in the cold on this.

There were over 500 submissions to the questionnaire that we put out there. It was amazing. We had the results that were put into a report that we'll be able to use for future projects out there. I would be happy to distribute it to you so you can see what your community came up with. It is beautiful. The amount of responses and heartfelt pleas for help for broadband was really beautiful. And we had thought that we were going to get less than 50 responses and we got over 500. So that was wonderful.

Lastly, I just want to remind everybody that election day is coming up in a week from today for the primary. Please go out and vote everybody.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair. I just want to thank you for staying on top and doing such a powerful job on the broadband stuff. That is incredibly helpful. Some of what you reported is incredibly disappointing but I can't say it was surprising on the state office.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Sadly I agree. Our challenges should open up. Somebody estimated anywhere from \$20 to \$30 million worth of projects potentially. But there were at least, and we protested, we challenged eight areas, we had at least another eight areas that we thought were going to be easy slam-dunks that are going to be left out in the cold and we need to definitely address how they're going to be delivered to those areas. Thank you for your appreciation.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen, you had one more thing.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I'm sorry. Last year, I remember that we sent a letter or I believe Commissioner Hughes and I sent a letter and I thought it went to the Board but at the moment I can't find the letter, but it seems the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection has decided to spray this insecticide that we stopped last year again. The spraying will poison wildlife, plants and communities contaminate the Rio Chama lands and river which would contaminate the Rio Grande and Santa Fe and Albuquerque aquifer. I believe we sent a letter but I know I brought it up to the Commission and at the moment I can't find it but that might be because it was a letter so it didn't get recorded. Everyone seems to remember it but we just can't find the previous letter. But anyhow, I'm hoping and I will share, I will have Kim share the information to New Mexico BLM and to the U.S. Department of Agriculture with calls -- if Eric Valencia, who is at New Mexico BLM field office, and I'll make sure that we all bombard him with our opposition to that. And I'll work on a letter also.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, great. And maybe we'll have time to vote on it or maybe not.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, maybe. There is a huge infestation of grasshoppers is what's happening. And they've had a year and they could have gotten some of this Nolo Bait that actually stops them from reproducing. So what I don't understand is why they didn't go that path. Nolo is effective and it's not poisonous and it doesn't hurt anybody else except for the grasshoppers and just stops them from reproducing.

CHAIR HUGHES: That's good.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, and I just wanted to share that with you.

CHAIR HUGHES: In District 5 I just wanted to share that there are two events coming up. June 1st is the ribbon cutting for the Nicholas Sanchez Memorial Park in the Carlson neighborhood, 11 o'clock and there will be snacks if that encourages anybody to come. Also, June 6th at 5:30 in the evening we're doing our Hour with Hank and that will be devoted largely to Route 14 which the community is concerned about the safety on that road and I think there are some road reports due from our department.

In addition to that, I think that's it.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Sorry, Mr. Chair. I needed to ask, and I apologize, the Transportation Committee was going to have a report by the end of May regarding the use of cameras; do you know anything about that, the speed cameras?

CHAIR HUGHES: No.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: There had been a commitment to have their evaluation done by the end of May.

CHAIR HUGHES: Was that the Road Department that was going to have it done or the Transportation Committee?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: The Transportation Committee.

MANAGER SHAFFER: The Transportation Advisory Committee; let me follow up to confirm exactly what that bogey was and what the status is. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: That would be good for Route 14 as well.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there concerns?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, there are no elected officials on line.

11. Matters from the County Attorney

A. Statement for Inclusion in Meeting Minutes Concerning May 14, 2024, Executive Session

CHAIR HUGHES: County Attorney Young, do you want to tell us what we're doing.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners, a couple of items here. The first item here relates to the executive session and we just need a statement for inclusion in the record on that.

At the May 14th meeting which was our previous meeting, the Board of County Commissioners went into executive session at the end of the meeting and did not reconvene in an open meeting. Consequently, the Board was unable to include in the minutes of the May 14th meeting the statement required by the Open Meetings Act which is, matters discussed during the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure. So therefore, we would be seeking a motion to have the minutes of the meeting reflect that the matters discussed during the May 14th executive session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

- B. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:**
- 1. *City of Santa Fe v. Board of County Commissioners*, First Judicial District Court, Case No. D-101-CV-2023-01555**
 - 2. *Joseph Sanchez, Jr. v. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe, et al.*, First Judicial District Court, Santa Fe County, Case No. D-101-CV-2024-01200**

ATTORNEY YOUNG: And the second item is executive session for this evening and I would ask that we go into executive session to discuss 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. Two items, number one, the *City of Santa Fe v. Board of County Commissioners*, First Judicial District Court, Case No. D-101-CV-2023-01555 and the second, *Joseph Sanchez, Jr. v. Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe, et al.*, First Judicial District Court, Santa Fe County, Case No. D-101-CV-2024-01200.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, and we're not adjourning because we're coming back for potential action?

ATTORNEY YOUNG: I don't know that we will actually have any potential action at this time so I think if the Board –

MANAGER SHAFFER: Let's allow for that possibility.

ATTORNEY YOUNG: Let's come back then. I don't think the executive session will last too terribly long, perhaps 30 minutes or so.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, who wants to make the motion? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I'll move that we go into executive session to discuss the matters as outlined by the County Attorney and knowing that we'll probably come back in case there are any actions to be taken.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

Commissioner Bustamante	Aye
Commissioner Greene	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 5:45 – 6:35.]

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we're back in session.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair. I'd like to move that we come out of executive session noting that the only things that were discussed were those things that were listened in our motion to go into session.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Bustamante.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

There was no action.

13. Public Hearings - None.

14. Informational Items / Reports

- A. **Community Development Department April 2024 Monthly Reports**
- B. **Community Services Department April 2024 Monthly Report**
- C. **Finance Division March 2024 Monthly Report**
- D. **Growth Management Department April 2024 Monthly Report**
- E. **Human Resources and Risk Management Division Monthly Report**
- F. **Public Safety Department April 2024 Monthly Report**
- G. **Public Works Department April 2024 Monthly Report**

15. Concluding Business

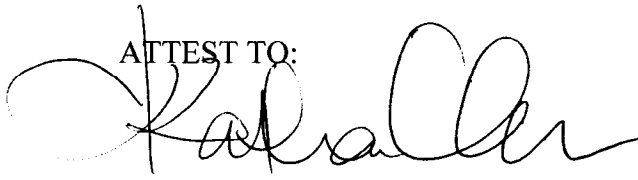
- A. **Announcements**
- B. **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Hansen, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote and Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Approved by:




Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

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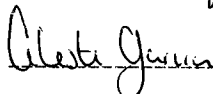


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