

SANTA FE COUNTY
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REGULAR MEETING

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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:22 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, who 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." The Moment of Reflection by Philip Vigil of Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Hansen requested a moment of silence for Dr. Khezhuang Zhao, a local acupuncturist, and for La Cieneguilla community member, Ellie Hoakin Dickens.

G. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any changes to the agenda, Manager Shaffer?

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. In terms of the agenda as presented, the only recommended change is to withdraw item number 4. D from the Consent Agenda. That item will be brought back in

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a future meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in August, and again, that's item 4. D from the Consent Agenda. Otherwise, I would just note that we did post the initial meeting for today last Tuesday and the amended agenda on Friday in excess of the 72 hours required by the Open Meetings Act.

In terms of substantive changes between the two agendas we did add item number 3. A as well as 4. H and 4. I. And finally agenda items 3 and 4 were added to the executive session under 11. A. So again, as presented, the only recommended change is to withdraw item 4. D from the Consent Agenda to be considered at a meeting in August. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, move to approve the agenda with the recommended change.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, may I put an item of personal privilege in this with a request, if I may, with a minor change.

CHAIR HUGHES: Minor change.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Minor change. I know that in the Matters from Public, of public concern there is going to be a large turnout of folks that have never spoken to the Commission before. They are for the most part my constituents. Some of them may be actually Rio Arriba County constituents but they are folks from the Chimayo Senior Center that will be showing up at around 3:45 for that. I did go speak to a bunch of them today up there, but I feel like they should have a response from me at the end of their comments, so I request a two-minute ability to respond to them just to say thank you and to acknowledge their time here at the end of Matters of Public Concern.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I think that's acceptable under the agenda as it is.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. Thank you, and with that I'll second the motion.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I wanted to start by recognizing new hires who joined the County team during the month of June. We had two individuals who joined the Corrections Department. Those were Santana Peterson and Damian Trujillo. I welcome them to the Corrections Department and the County Assessor's Department, Mr. Noah Van Hartesveldt, joined the County Assessor's team. In the Public Works Department Joshua Lopez joined the Projects and Facilities Management Division. We have a new animal control officer, Isaac Duran joined the Sheriff's Department.

We had several individuals join the Utilities Department as they continue to fill out their ranks – Anthony Courvoisier and Robert Garcia. In addition, Julian Payne all

joined out Utilities Department. And the Youth Services Division of CSD, Christina Guerra joined the team. And in the County Clerk's Department, Stephen Fresquez. And in the Legal Department we have a new Assistant County Attorney that some of you may have already met, Peter Valencia. And Joseph Smith joined the Public Works Department as a heavy equipment mechanic senior.

So I'd like to take a moment to welcome all of those new hires to Santa Fe County.

Relative to years of service, we do have four employees who are observing significant anniversaries with the County. They are two individuals who are recognizing their fifth year of continuous service with the County, Aaron Price in the Seniors Program, our own Olivia Romo, our public information officer in the County Manager's Office. And the following two individuals are recognizing 15-year anniversaries with the County, Casey Janes and Teresa Chavez. So again, I want to take a moment to welcome both new hires as well as those who are recognizing significant milestones with the County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. And of course we're glad to have Olivia Romo and all the others reach their years of service.

I. Employee of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2024

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So on a quarterly basis the County solicits nominations for Employee of the Quarter from various groups, including our elected offices, and from those who are nominated a single Countywide Employee of the Quarter is chosen. So I'm going to go ahead and introduce the individual who is nominated from the department. If their supervisor is here and would like to read the comments that led to their nomination they can do so. If not, I will go ahead and do that on behalf of all the nominees.

So there were two individuals that were nominated from the Public Works group. First was Edward Salazar who is a maintenance foreman and secondly is Justin Martinez, who is a solid waste maintenance worker. So I'm going to go ahead and read off the reasons that caused them to be nominated. I'll start with Mr. Salazar. This past quarter Edward has quickly proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Property Control Team consistently exceeding his daily responsibilities with a positive attitude and a willingness to assist beyond his primary role, including helping Open Space and Building Services. His proactive involvement in events and weekend projects, such as leading the downtown parking garage cleanup, demonstrating his leadership and coordination skills. Edward also ensured team safety by ordering and organizing safety jackets for multiple sections, always responsive and ready to tackle any task, from moving furniture to supporting colleagues, Edward's dedication, effective problem-solving, and unwavering work ethic have significantly contributed to our team's success. So congratulations, Edward on your nomination.

With regard to Justin Martinez, his supervisors provided the following information: Justin has proven to be an exceptional team member consistently volunteering to cover for absent caretakers, delivering fuel to all collection centers, and picking up trash on Good Friday for the Pilgrimage, earning numerous compliments for

his efforts. Justin's proactive attitude is further highlighted by his involvement in improving job descriptions and his follow-ups on collaborative projects, always goes above and beyond what is expected. Justin has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication, even canceling his time-off requests to support special events. His supervisors hold him in high regard, recognizing his significant contributions and commitment to excellence. So congratulations to Justin Martinez on his nomination.

Finally the third nominated employee for Employee of the Quarter is Jaison Dixon from the Information Technology Division, and more specifically he works in the Public Safety IT group as its supervisor. Jaison played a crucial role in the successful relocation of the Regional Emergency Communications Center for the County Public Safety Department. Demonstrating exceptional dedication and leadership, he coordinated extensively with stakeholders, including local governments and vendors, and collaborated with the State Department of Public Safety to ensure critical service continuity. Despite the project's complexity and significance, Mr. Dixon worked countless hours working after-hours and spent over 18 hours on site during the critical relocation phase to ensure a smooth transition. His dedication to public safety and professionalism is evident. He takes a hands-on approach and pays close attention to detail to eliminate potential errors.

So those are the three nominations for Employee of the Quarter. I just want to take a moment to reflect on once again the diversity of the County workforce and how singularly important everybody's job is to the success of the County. And with that said I'm pleased to announce that Jaison Dixon is the winner of the Countywide Employee of the Quarter.

CHAIR HUGHES: Should we take a picture?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Please. I think that would be appropriate for all of the nominees who are winners as well as Mr. Dixon. So everyone who's present, Edward and Jaison, please come forward for a picture. Thank you.

[Photographs were taken.]

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. We're ready to approve some minutes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, move to approve the minutes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Hansen.

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

B. June 28, 2024 Special Meeting

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Move to approve June 28th special Board meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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

3. Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions

A. Resolution No. 2024-093, a Resolution to Support the City and County of Santa Fe Film Office in its Quest to be Chosen for the Sundance Film Festival

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you everyone. I brought this resolution forward because I really, after 7 ½ years of being here, I wanted to recognize all the hard work that Jen LaBar-Tapia has done for this County. When I came here Eric was the film director who passed away, but Jen had always been his right hand and when she took over I felt that the Film Office got a whole new energy and I wanted to recognize her for that, but also this is a special time that we have this opportunity for the Sundance Film Festival to come here. As I've said many times to all of you, I've lived here for 50 years and 50 years ago Robert Redford was kind of a known quantity around town. They also started making the Milagro Beanfield War, and he lived here on and off for numerous years since he started the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

And it seems to me incredibly appropriate for it to be moved here. But I wrote this brief resolution that I'm going to read into the record.

Whereas, the Sundance Film Festival is a prestigious event that attracts filmmakers, industry professionals, and audiences from around the world; and

Whereas, Santa Fe has been named one of the six finalist cities to potentially host the Sundance Film Festival starting in 2027 and beyond; and

Whereas, hosting the Sundance Film Festival would bring significant economic, cultural, and social benefits to the city and county of Santa Fe; and

Whereas, the Santa Fe Film Office Executive Director/Film Commissioner Jennifer LaBar-Tapia has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the local film industry and promoting Santa Fe as a premier destination for filmmakers; and

Whereas, hosting the Sundance Film Festival will spotlight our outstanding above and below the line production community and the variety of studios and locations in our area.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the Santa Fe Film Office and Jennifer LaBar-Tapia in its quest to have the City of Santa Fe chosen as the host city for the Sundance Film Festival.

B it further resolved that Santa Fe County will actively promote and advocate for Santa Fe's selection by highlighting the County's unique attributes, existing infrastructure, and the benefits of hosting the festival and encourage all residents, businesses, and community organizations to join in supporting this effort, and will participate in activities that showcase Santa Fe's suitability to host the Sundance Film Festival.

So I also would like to ask if Jennifer would say a few words, if you would like.

JENNIFER LABAR-TAPIA (Film Office): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. As you know, the Santa Fe Film Office is a Santa Fe joint City-County office. It's something that's worked very well since its inception since 2016 representing the whole Santa Fe region in film production, and with the opportunity to potentially host the Sundance Film Festival in 2027 and beyond, we saw the need to jump on this opportunity.

It started back in – probably in May with 90 cities that were being considered, and we just kept making the cut as we were going through the process. And Santa Fe has now made it. We are one of six cities that are in the finals. The other cities that are in contention are Atlanta, Cincinnati, Louisville, us, Boulder, Colorado, and of course it may be staying in Utah.

So their contract expires with Park City. They've been there for 40 years. The contract expires end of 2026, so the festival, should it move, will be in a new home in 2027. The contract would be about ten years. We have been working diligently with the selection committee. They are coming soon to see Santa Fe first hand. It's going to be a quick trip. They want to see a whole lot of stuff in under 24 hours so we are preparing for that. It's been a collaborative effort from the federal level with the support of Senator Ben Ray Lujan's office and Congresswoman Theresa Leger Fernandez has been instrumental in their support along with the Governor's Office, the State Economic Development Department, the State Film Office, as well as the City of Albuquerque and of course the City of Santa Fe, and Santa Fe County.

So it's definitely taken a lot to get to where we are today, so having everybody's support to be a part of this has been instrumental to get us here. And I just want to point out that to have the Sundance Film Festival, it's one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world and to have it in our own backyard would be a huge lift to Santa Fe and to our film community. I'm looking at it as not only an honor to host the festival here, which will remain in January, so it's a good time of year for us to host something like this. But then also for our film community, how wonderful to have it in our own backyard and our own filmmakers be able to have the world come to them, because the world is coming to the festival.

And so these individuals that are already making Santa Fe home and making New Mexico home and having their careers in the film industry one way or the other, and all these creatives coming into Santa Fe for ten days and making those connections and then hopefully with those connections those future projects will be made in Santa Fe. So that's what I'm looking at it from too, not just the honor of having them here, but how it's really going to boost our local filmmakers.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I wanted to bring it forward because I know how much work you have done to make this happen. We would not be in the six without you. That's absolutely true and I want to recognize you for that because I think it is really important the amount of dedication and work that you have done. I also hope that we as Santa Fe County will help the City in any way that we can to make them look better. Possibly our Public Works crews, cleaning up some of the medians, or helping spruce up the city because it could use it. And being aware of how important this is not just to the City but to the County because these people are going to come here. In January they're going to want to ski; that's in the county. They're going to want to go out to

dinner. They're going to stay in the Four Seasons. They're going to stay in Bishop's Lodge. They're going to stay in county facilities. They're going to participate. They're going to go out and take hikes in Diablo Canyon and all of those things are really important to us as the County also to be able to showcase a beautiful county and city that we have. So in that spirit I hope that we can help our sister city.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: And Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hansen, to add to that, we've also included our pueblos, all of our pueblos within Santa Fe County have been instrumental in the partnership as well when we were going through the process and looking at everything that's available and how our pueblos can also be involved in this endeavor. And you're correct. Santa Fe County will be a major partner in this when we look at the venues within Santa Fe County. We're working closely with RTD, with the Blue Bus. They have committed to doing a non-stop route between Buffalo Thunder, the opera and downtown. And so we're working closely with RTD to help with that public transportation in northern Santa Fe County.

So definitely Santa Fe County has a huge role in this and to have that partnership again is instrumental to the successful.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Right. All hands on deck.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Yes.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Commissioner Hansen, for bringing this forward. I think it's so important to recognize Santa Fe has been in *Condé Nast Traveler*, which is an international destination magazine more than any of the other five that are in that list. And for your work, and being absolutely exceptional, I have to ask you, how many assistants do you have, Jennifer?

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: I'm an office of one.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I thought so, right? And you were working with who as his assistant before you ended in this position?

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Affectionately known as Mr. Film, it was Eric Witt who suddenly passed away last year. He left the office. He was hired to create the office in 2016 and he left the office in 2019 and that's when I took over.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: You have been doing a job above and beyond what anyone has done, with no respect or shade on anyone else who's been in this position, the attention that we've had in the last number of years since you've been doing this work is incredible, and we are not comparable to any other town, city, or anywhere else in this country. And we're right on the top of the list with many international places to be. Thank you sincerely for your good work, because you have been the champion, the largest cheerleader for what it means to have film in Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, and that cannot ever be overstated. So I'm sincerely grateful for the good work that you've done, and I think that even the fact that they're acknowledging this at this time, that they might even think of Santa Fe, has to do with your good work. And I mean that sincerely and I'm grateful for Commissioner Hansen's bringing this forward.

So I want to make sure I don't stop and get the chance to say thank you. I think it's important and I'm so grateful for your good work. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner, on that point, I think Jen needs an assistant.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I concur.

MANAGER SHAFFER: The job is posted. We encourage everybody who wants to apply to do so. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and thank you, Jennifer. I actually – my connection to the film industry actually starts with Jen LaBar serving when she took Leadership Santa Fe with the Lieutenant Governor of Tesuque Pueblo who was serving as the ex officio on the Tribal Development Corporation, Roman Duran. He came back to the Tribal Development Corporation with an idea of what to do with Camel Rock Casino, when we were decommissioning the casino. He said I'm serving with Jen LaBar and she came up with this idea. I don't know. What do you think?

And we said, wow. That's actually the best idea we've heard. And now, because of Jen's idea and a little bit of *cojones* from our board we were able to set up the first indigenously owned film studio, as far as we know, in the world. And it's here in Santa Fe County in District 1 on tribal land and Jen came up with that. So I want to give you recognition for that as well. That is pretty amazing. Right? And we owe you a debt of gratitude for being a pioneer in that space.

I also have a connection of a little bit more of Sundance in that one of my first development projects as a real estate developers, I sold a unit to Jake Ebberts, who was one of the co-founders with Robert Redford of the Sundance Institute, and Santa Fe was near and dear to him. Jake has passed on now but he was a pretty cool guy and if you ever look him up on IMDB he had a really big mark on the film industry as an independent filmmaker and had some great titles that he was behind. I just wanted to give him a little shout-out here today as well.

Additionally, as we talk about luring Sundance here to us, with the six cities that are out there, I really think that we are the Goldilocks in this. There are cities that Sundance has outgrown, such as Park City that now needs to potentially depend on Salt Lake City to collaborate with, and then there are larger cities where even a Sundance, as big as it is, might get lost in the city. In the too big, too small, just right, Santa Fe is the perfect combination. We have a local film industries which not all of those cities have. We have a rich, tri-cultural community here. We've got amazing restaurants. We are an intimate city that will just fit this project and this program here perfectly well. So I am in support of this resolution and our efforts to try to lure Sundance here.

I have to say, I do not know how many times I've heard that Jen is a rock star. You've heard it all here too. But in her industry, she's a movie star. So that's maybe a level above rock star. I'm not sure. We're sitting here and I actually feel like we need to put our money where our mouth is. As I read, and I looked up yesterday, society is making progress on this but even the most recent statistics show that women are still paid 80 percent of what men are paid. And sad to say Jen sort of fits in that category as well. Her predecessor made significantly more than what she's paid and she's doing the job alone. I don't know, if everybody wants to give up their deputy in this room because she hasn't been able to find a deputy or they haven't been able to get a deputy put on board,

work without your deputy for a few months. Go take a vacation without your deputies; you can't do it.

And so we need to pay her more, comparable to what her predecessor was making at the time, with all the COLAs and things that we've been doing. We need to hire her a deputy and we need to take some of the best practices that she's put in place and support those, such as expanding the Film Office to encompass some of our neighboring communities that might not be able to stand up a film office quite as strong as Santa Fe can, and to offer our assistance to the pueblos around us with some sort of focus and a program to help the Film Office and the pueblos as well.

Class and comp goes a long way but class and comp can be gamed. We can make arguments for why we pay Jen what we do. That's not right. I can make an argument for why – you can pick and choose. You can cherry-pick your comps. Sandoval County Manager makes \$150,000 a year. We pay our County Manager significantly more than that. How do you choose your comps? That's just one of those things.

So in this I want to offer four additional amendments to this resolution, to the now, therefore be it resolved, and if I may read these into this and I'm going to go over them one by one so we can vote on these, if we may Madam Commissioner, if you will let me. Item 1, that we would direct the County Manager to match the compensation of the Director of the Santa Fe Film Office to equal that of her predecessor and to include –

MANAGER SHAFFER: This isn't appropriate, Commissioner. This is well beyond what falls within the authority of the Board under the Code of Conduct, so I would really caution you to take a step back before you potentially become the subject of an ethics complaint. We can talk about these issues. I'm committed to pay equity that was a component of the comp and class, but I do want to caution you that I think you're about to step over a line. I wish we would have talked about this before today's meeting.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. This was a late addition to the agenda so my apologies if that is not appropriate. However, I do think that we need to be paying her adequately because we do this in collaboration with the City of Santa Fe and numbers of people both from the city and from the associations that we work with have reached out to me to support Jen's position with us. I will pull this back but I really hope that our Board makes it apparent that we are in support of Jen and that she's doing amazing work. Thank you, Jen.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners, and if I'm going to be a movie star I think I need to up my botox. Just saying.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: You don't need an ounce of it.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, thank you for the presentation and for the support and we look forward to the tour on Thursday. We agree that Santa Fe is incomparable. No place like Santa Fe. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Do you want to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, so with that I would like to ask the County Commission to pass, approved and adopt on this 30th day of July this resolution to support the City and County of Santa Fe and its Film Office in its quest to have the City of Santa Fe chosen as the host city for the Sundance Film Festival.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we have a motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Jen, and just know that the Board is here to support you.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Thank you all.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Final Order for Case # 22-5021. Rembe Las Campanas, Applicant, Requested a 12-Month Time Extension of the Previously Approved Tierra Que Canta Preliminary Plat and Final Plat Approval for a 22-Lot Residential Subdivision on Tract B & Tract H of the Los Santeros Subdivision, Consisting of 11.39 Acres More or Less. The Property is Located at 0 Calle Gonzales, Within the Las Campanas Planned Development District, Within Section 15, Township 17 North, Range 8 East (Commission District 2) (Growth Management Department/Kenneth Quintana, Case Manager) (APPROVED 5-0)**
- B. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. 2017-0244-TR/IC with Automated Elections for the Preparation and Mailing of Property Tax Billings for the County Treasurer's Office, Increasing the Compensation by \$75,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$675,000, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Orders (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor and County Treasurer's Office/Jennifer T. Manzanares)**
- C. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. 2021-0010-CSD/CW with Santa Fe Public Schools to Provide a Youth Substance Use Prevention Program, Increasing Compensation by \$50,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$470,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Community Services Department/LeeAnn Rodriguez and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- D. WITHDRAWN**
- E. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0230-CSD/JL Between Santa Fe County and Caputo Counseling, LLC in the Amount of \$280,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Community Services Department/LeAnn Rodriguez and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- F. Resolution No. 2024-094, a Resolution to Approve the County's Fiscal Year 2024 Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Submittal to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, as a Component of the Fiscal Year 2025 Final**

- Budget Submission (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) (Packet Material Added)**
- G. Resolution No. 2024-095, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth \$5,000 or Less in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
 - H. Request Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers (Regional Emergency Communication Center-RECC). (Human Resources and Risk Management Division/Valerie Aghaei Park and County Attorney's Office/Rachel Brown) (Item Added)**
 - I. Resolution No. 2024-096, a Resolution Authorizing Santa Fe County to Pick-Up Seventy-Five Percent of the PERA Municipal General Member Coverage Plan 3 Member Contributions Based on the Rates in Effect on July 1, 2024, for Employees Whose Positions Are Not Part of Any Bargaining Unit, Employees Whose Positions Are Part of the NMCPSO/RECC Bargaining Unit, Employees Whose Positions Are Part of the AFSCME 1413 Bargaining Unit, Employees Whose Positions Are Part of the AFSCME 1413-M Bargaining Unit, and Employees Whose Positions Are Part of the AFSCME 1782 Bargaining Unit (Human Resources and Risk Management Division/Valerie Aghaei Park and County Attorney's Office/Rachel A. Brown)**

CHAIR HUGHES: We will move on to the Consent Agenda, however, removing item D. Are there any items that people want to remove to discuss?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item D.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we have a motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item 4. D passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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

5. Appointments/Reappointments

- A. Request Appointment of a Member of the Board of County Commissioners to Serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**

CHAIR HUGHES: I think Brad is going to give us a little presentation first.

BRAD CALL (Emergency Management): Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Commissioners. I'm excited to bring this item forward and request the appointment of one County Commissioner to serve as a voting member on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. This is really an important step in the establishment in the establishment of our LEPC.

A little background, the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, known as EPCRA, or more commonly Title III established in 1986. It calls for the establishment of a State Emergency Response Commission or SERC and LEPCs. The SERC has been tasked to appoint LEPC activity. LEPCs are responsible for many different functions throughout the county and throughout the jurisdiction, most importantly related to Hazmat, hazardous chemicals, including creation of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan.

By way of background again, Santa Fe County staff by department has been working hard to support the LEPC for the County planning district. More specifically, we have drafted proposed bylaws which are in the draft form which identify entities proposed to have voting and nonvoting representation on the LEPC.

We did seek guidance from State SERC when interested citizens expressed concerns about this provision of the bylaws including BCC approval of said same bylaws, and we are proceeding in accordance with SERC's guidance, more specifically SERC found that the proposed representation in the draft bylaws did align with EPCRA and EPA guidance.

SERC recommended that the County provide them with a roster of individuals who would be considered voting members under the draft bylaws, which members SERC will confirm within 30 days of receiving the roster if no issues are identified with proposed members. The initial LEPC membership can thereafter elect a chair and approve its bylaws, and they will define their membership at that time. County staff continues to believe that Board approval of the LEPC bylaws will be necessary, especially if the bylaws contemplate County support of the LEPC. In other words, the LEPC cannot commit County resources unto itself.

In the event, the drafted bylaws, including voting and nonvoting membership, are just that: a draft to jumpstart work of the LEPC once initial members are confirmed by the State Emergency Response Commission. This fact really renders the majority of the points raised in the July 19, 2024, letter by Ashley Schannauer really moot for the point for the moment. For example, Mr. Schannauer and other citizens can, for instance, petition the LEPC concerning LEPC representation once its initial members are confirmed by SERC and it considers the draft bylaws.

County staff continues to organize an LEPC informational meeting for August 2nd, this Friday at which it will provide an overview of LEPCs, receive nominations from entities identified in the draft bylaws as having voting representation, and it will describe the next steps. This informational meeting will be open to the public. Thereafter, we will submit the roster of initial voting members to the SERC as instructed by the State Emergency Response Commission, after which the SERC-confirmed LEPC members can begin its work, the important work of adopting bylaws, defining its membership and County, support of its operations for Board consideration.

I do recommend that the Board select a Board member to serve in a voting capacity in the LEPC, and this will be an important step in making the LEPC functional for Santa Fe County. And I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I actually don't have a question but I have a suggestion for a nomination. Is it appropriate for me to go ahead and do that?

CHAIR HUGHES: That was my next question, so sure.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: We have a member of the Board, Commissioner Bustamante, who has a huge amount of hazmat experience, professionally, SERC experience and I think she would be a fabulous representative if she's willing to do it. I have not conferred with her so I don't know how she feels about this, but that would be my suggestion and I would make a motion accordingly if she's willing to accept that.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. How do you feel about that?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Uh.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll take that as a yes. I'll second that.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I appreciate the confidence sincerely. I've written – I've worked on writing these with other folks and I appreciate it. And I'll tell you, I wouldn't do this if I didn't have the sincere trust that there is a good model in place, someone who's done this work. It's not going to be a heavy lift on those who are going to be supporting the good work that's going to be done by staff. So I welcome this nomination given the expertise that's presenting this, so thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: I need a second.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I seconded it, but I'll second.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. I think we know how the vote's going to go. Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

MR. CALL: Fantastic. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the Commissioners. We really look forward to establishing LEPC and getting to some really important planning elements for our community.

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

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

A. Request Approval of Memorandums of Understanding between Santa Fe County and TWG Development, LLC, for the 4% and 9% Tax Credit Phases of a Newly Constructed Affordable Housing Project in Santa Fe, New Mexico

CHAIR HUGHES: Jordan, do you want to explain that to us?

JORDAN BARELA (Housing Director): Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. Good afternoon. The items being presented here today are two memorandums of understanding with TWG Development. One for a four percent low income housing tax credit project and one for a nine percent low income housing tax credit project at a site owned by the County that the Board is aware of as the Nueva Acequia development site on Camino de Jacobo.

In November of 2023 the County issued a request for proposals, RFP #2024-106AJBT and the intent of this RFP was to identify a private or non-profit development partner to aid the County in the construction of a tax credit project on the Nueva Acequia site. As part of that RFP the County received five proposals and pursuant to the County's developer assistance program those proposals were reviewed by the Developer Assistance Review Committee and TWG was selected as the final development firm.

As proposed, TWG is proposing two separate projects on the site, the first being a four percent tax credit project of about 105 units with a designation for families, and a nine percent project of about 53 units with a designation for seniors. Both of those projects would have a 20 percent set-aside for special needs housing. As is the practice when local governments form these relationships with private developers it's usually a two-step process in terms of developing that partnership agreement, and the first would be entering into a memorandum of understanding which outlines the general partnership terms and rules and responsibilities of the County as well as of the development partner. Beyond that, once tax credits are awarded the second step would be to enter into a full development agreement because once the credits are awarded the project is actually financially viable and we can move forward to that step in the process.

We are in the position now where staff are proposing to enter the first part of that process and execute these MOUs with TWG and really these MOUs do three things. First is solidifies TWG as our development partner for this project. Secondly it sets forth general terms of an agreement between TWG and the County for these projects. And thirdly it allows TWG to begin to invest both human and capital resources in terms of compiling and packaging the tax credit applications that will need to be presented to the Mortgage Finance Authority in early 2025.

Some high level overview of the MOU: the MOU does discuss a ground lease whereby the parcel which is currently owned by the County would be leased to TWG for a nominal fee for a long-term ground lease. The parameters of that are really in relation to the tax credit application as having a local government donate the land and of course this ground lease would be considered a donation, would provide a preferential consideration for the application.

In addition, TWG has agreed to keep on board some local contractors that are familiar with the tax credit program in the State of New Mexico. Project Moxie is our tax credit consultant. They will continue to work on this project and TWG has also agreed to keep Autotroph, Inc., the architect that did the initial schematic design on board, so we can leverage their design and expertise, both with tax credits but specifically development in the Santa Fe area.

In addition, pursuant to the MOU, TWG has agreed to provide all financial guarantees and construction guarantees for both phases of the project, and one of the more significant items is the developer fee split as its proposed in the MOU, TWG would receive 75 percent of the developer fee whereby the County would receive 25 percent of the developer fee and really the split in relation to fees are really in relation to risk taken on by the development partners through the pre-development phase.

The last item I would like to mention, specific to this MOU is in relation to the right of first refusal and option to purchase. Both of those are different ways that would allow the County at year 15, which is the end of the tax credit compliance period, to

purchase the property. And it's my understanding that at that time, should the determination be made to purchase the property the County would be able to purchase for the remaining debt service on the project at the end of that year and in that circumstance the value of the asset is going to be likely much higher than the remaining debt on the project. But that is written into these types of projects to ensure non-profits or housing authorities, governments that are mission-driven, have the ability to keep the projects affordable and take them under ownership and keep them in their housing portfolio for an extended period of time.

So with that I would conclude my presentation and stand for any questions and I will also mention that Director Paul Olafson, Jenn Lopez with Project Moxie, and Dan Pick, our tax credit attorney, are here to answer any questions as well that I might not be able to answer directly.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. Thank you, Jordan and Jenn and Dan and Paul and the whole team working on this. This is a very complex thing, right? And this is the first time we've gone through this big of a project and having the expertise and the knowledge that we need the expertise is a pretty enlightening thing, so good job to get the team put in place.

In terms of the buy-back, is there a set price in 15 years and is there an actual – are we going to be required to buy it back in 15 years?

MR. BARELA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, I would defer to Dan Pick on that question.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

DAN PICK: Commissioner Greene, it is an option, so you're not required to buy it back, and the price is essentially the assumption of any debt on the property.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And is that a one-time thing? Or is it a rolling option that, hey, Santa Fe County can't do that this year or the Housing Authority can't do it this year. Can we defer for a year or two or three?

MR. PICK: There will be a two-year window, typically, a 24-month window after the 15-year compliance period.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. Thank you for clarifying that. And do we know kind of what the debt would be at about that time? We don't have an amortization table right now.

JENN LOPEZ: Commissioner Greene, I won't throw a number out because you get in trouble if you throw numbers out, but if you think about the way these are structured the debt is usually – on the four percent maybe it's 50 percent debt, and then on then on the nine percent it'd be 25 percent debt. Something like that. But it's an incredible opportunity. This doesn't happen without intentionality and it started when we started working with Bill on the RFP. So this is my favorite part of the whole thing is that you can end up with these assets. So it's a great opportunity.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I agree. I really appreciate all this work. I think when we get to that point, when a number does become clear, so that people can start to put it on their – it will be long past all of our service, but hopefully Santa Fe County will still be here and this project will be something that we should look forward to assuming and be ready for it. Thank you very much for putting this together.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I'm very happy to see this moving forward. I think the Nueva Acequia project is something that we can all be really proud of. I'm really happy to hear that the local people who have been involved, Project Moxie and Autotroph will continue to be part of this development because I think we have invested significant time and money with them, so I would like to see it continue. That makes me feel good. Otherwise, I basically would like to make a motion, unless there's – I would like to request approval of memorandums of understanding between Santa Fe County and TWG Development, LLC, for the four percent and nine percent tax credit phases of a newly constructed affordable housing project in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Before we vote, I have one question. Probably a simple question. Have we given any thought to who would be the social service provider?

MR. BARELA: Mr. Chair, we have, and there have been some preliminary discussion with the Life Link as part of that process. So when we submitted the grant applications for Federal Home Loan Bank, part of that was the services provision of the set-asides that we did. So we have had those discussions. I think that that is still an option and those discussions will continue, but we can also explore other options if there's something that the Board would like us to take into consideration.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I'm sure you realize that the social services are keeping the set-asides, special needs apartments.

MR. BARELA: Absolutely.

CHAIR HUGHES: It makes that a success. Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

- 6. B. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0145-CORR/JL with Diamond Pharmacy Services to Provide Prescription Service to Adult Detention Residents and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

CHAIR HUGHES: Bill Taylor.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We're here before you to ask approval of a contract #2024-0145 for the Corrections Department with Diamond Pharmacy Services for the Adult Detention to provide the pharmaceutical supplies and services for the department. The County issued an RFP. We received three proposals. Diamond Pharmacy was selected by the committee and I stand for any questions regarding the services and procurement. And we have staff online to answer any questions about the operation of the contract. I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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

6. C. **Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0224-CSD Between Santa Fe County and Serna Solutions to Provide a Bilingual Parenting Program for a Four-Year Term and Total Contract Sum of \$400,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. This is a contract with Serna Solutions. We did issue an RFP for services. Serna was the only respondent to the RFP and the committee evaluated their proposal and their qualifications and felt that they were responsible and qualified to provide the services for providing comprehensive bilingual and Power to the Parent, or Para los Padres program to support families with educational support for their children's skill sets. With that we'll stand for any questions and we have CSD staff present too.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just a comment. I was at NACo about a week ago, about ten days ago, and this was part of the parenting. One of the jokes in the room was – it was an economic mobility seminar and it says economic mobility starts at conception. It's a parenting. It's not even an early childhood education. It is all the way at the very first days that somebody knows that they're going to be a parent. And I think that there's a lot of preparation and thought that needs to go into that and if we can provide people with some perspective and best practices, resources and everything that needs to happen, this is wonderful. And given that our community is a pretty bilingual community let's extend it to everybody that we can. So thank you for bringing this forward. Thank you, Chanelle.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene. I'd just like to say I would like to hear how this goes when it gets started and what progress is made, what success there is.

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

6. D. **Request Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0373-PW/BM, County Utility Line Extension and Delivery Agreement Between Santa Fe County and Esencia Holdings, LLC**

PAUL CHOMAN (Utilities Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Before you is the ULEDA and the memo regarding the Esencia project which was approved as a conceptual plan back in 2022. It's a 277-acre development and

they're looking for 154.97 acre-feet of water all inclusive. The project is located, probably best off telling you if you head down Cerrillos Road under I-25 and you turn into Great Britain for a while when you drive on the wrong side of the road. Then take a left at the Allsup's, back in that area. That's where the project is located. A rather large project. Biggest one that I've seen in my year here with the County as Utilities Director. Off of Vista del Monte.

This particular development includes both water and wastewater. This is about the water. I was just going to mention that on the wastewater side, this developer has invested significant amounts of money and has committed to the County to provide a design and also construction of a wastewater line leading to our sewer interconnector project, which really helps as the County. They're paying for that, basically. So a big investment on their part in addition to this development.

I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. This is 700 homes and I think my understanding was that zero would have additional accessory dwelling units, almost by their design. Again, I think we're starting to miss the opportunity. If we're building 700 homes it would be wonderful if some of these could have multi-generational homes, homes for workforce, homes for small businesses, or units for small businesses. I think one of the issues from my understanding is that an ADU is treated like an individual lot and there's a penalty, basically, for a small unit. If an ADU is 500 square feet it's treated the equivalent of a six-bedroom home, and I think we need to adjust that. That's just a comment for us to sort of start looking at the SLDC so we can have the right type of housing mix that's put out there.

But 700 homes, while wonderful, I think are targeted at kind of the wrong demographic. I'd be interested to see who buys these homes and what their zip code was prior to purchasing them because I would bet that a good number of zip codes that they came from and cell phone numbers were from out of town people downsizing to Santa Fe and not necessarily targeted at our workforce. But we shall see. Let's get these out of the ground.

MR. CHOMAN: Understood. Thank you for your comment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So am I under the understanding that these people are still paying the previous water right?

MR. CHOMAN: Chairman and Commissioner Hansen, the issue at hand is that the development is going to pay for part of it. We are right now finalizing the invoicing for this development. Of course they can't make payment until the Board approves the ULEDA but not all of this 155, roughly, acre-feet per year is going to be paid for – I'm looking at maybe a half – a third to a half of it, they're looking at paying for now at this time, prior to the increase. That's according to their plans. We don't get involved in that whatsoever.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So if we approve this now, and they buy half their water rights now, then when they buy the second half they'll be at the new rate?

MR. CHOMAN: That is correct. Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. How many affordable housing units are in this? I think we already approved that.

MR. CHOMAN: It's a minimum of 15 percent I believe. I don't speak for Growth Management but it's 15 off the top of my head, 120, roughly, affordable, if I totaled that property, 120 affordable lots.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. CHOMAN: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR HUGHES: And my understanding is that when they presented it they hadn't really decided what the multi-family part would be, if they decided on townhomes or condos or very small houses in the middle there.

MR. CHOMAN: I don't know the exact answer to that but in my interpretation of this I see market rate lots, which I would assume to be single-family homes, but I also see 200 of those as multi-family dwellings.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, and I see Jen behind you. Maybe she knows the answer.

MR. CHOMAN: Oh, sure.

JENNIFER JENKINS: Good afternoon. I'm Jennifer Jenkins with JenkinsGavin. I represent Esencia Holdings. So the housing types, we're actually doing, in addition to kind of traditional single-family detached, we're doing townhomes, and then we're also doing the multi-family. So it's really going to have a really nice, diverse mix of housing. The multi-family, that is still in process. It's a later phase of development but we are looking at a couple of options. It's probably going to be more of a build to rent type product as opposed to traditional apartment homes. But it will be rental product for a multi-family type user.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

MS. JENKINS: You're welcome.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

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

6. E. **Resolution No. 2024-097, a Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2023-067 to Replace the El Rancho Senior Center with Pojoaque Valley High School as a Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center Within the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 5 and 40**

ROSANGELA ORTIZ (Elections Bureau): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We are here to ask for your approval to make one voter convenience center more convenient, and that is because we're asking to replace the El Rancho Senior Center with the Pojoaque Valley High School. It is 1.8 miles away, a total of four minutes and we know that that area has better phone coverage, also better internet capabilities, and it's also more visible. So as people are driving through 502 they get to

see, look, there's a polling site.

And so it already experiences people traffic, which is making it even more convenient. So that is the change. In addition, as our office continues to improve and makes sure we are servicing our voters the best way possible we are getting data and El Rancho Senior Center for this last election has about 110 voters on average. They serve about 122 for the last six elections, and so we're hoping that by moving this location to the high school it's going to increase. It is going to serve the two precincts – precinct 5 and 40. So it's just swapping the current senior center, replacing it with the high school. Any questions?

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Rosangela. So I guess my question is what kind of way-finding do we put up at the El Rancho Center? El Rancho has been a traditional site for many, many elections. And so there are going to be people that either not know and show up there, and are we either a) going to have signs that say vote here; vote somewhere else; and b) are we going to provide transportation for the seniors that attend the El Rancho Center regularly that maybe say, wait a second. I come here to eat and recreate and vote.

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. So we will place signs right outside the El Rancho Senior Center if approved. In addition, at the picnic I met with the transportation staff from the Senior Department and said we need to talk to make sure that we have a plan, not just this senior center but if any other senior center would like transportation services. So in addition we also have a notice that goes out to all eligible voters and that will also inform that that these are the changes; these are the new polling sites. And so we do have a plan in place to serve the people that currently vote there.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And is this envisioned as a permanent change? Or is this just for this election?

MS. ORTIZ: This will be just until 2025, so this election and then the next election, and then next year in June we will come before you for a whole new plan for the next two years.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Thank you. I'll make a motion if nobody else has anything.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. I would like to make a motion to approve a resolution to amend Resolution No. 2023-067 to replace the El Rancho Senior Center with Pojoaque Valley High School as a polling place/voter convenience center within the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 5 and 40.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene has made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hansen.

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

[The Commission recessed from 3:30 to 3:50.]

8. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Welcome back. We'll have Matters of Public Concern first. Everybody can take about three minutes. We'll have the timer up there. We'll have those in the room, if you could come forward to the microphone and speak into the microphone then your comments will be on the record. So go ahead, line up or come forward. Go ahead.

CHRIS MECHELS: Yes, I'm Chris Mechels from Tesuque.

CHAIR HUGHES: We're taking in-house, in-room comment and then we'll go to online. So ma'am, go ahead and give us your comments.

AIDA GONZALES: We're from Chimayo. We're the senior citizens from the Bennie Chavez Community Center and we've brought a petition today where we have 443 signatures and I wanted to present the petition to Commissioner Greene, if I may approach.

My name is Aida Gonzales and I live in Chimayo, and like I said, we are from the Bennie Chavez Community Center. So we're here because we want to present our petition for a post office at the Manzana Center in Chimayo. [Exhibit 1] We met with Mrs. Jaramillo, the owner of the building that's there and she advised that she offered the building back in December of 2023 at a public hearing held by the Santa Fe County staff and Congressional Representative Theresa Fernandez. She also advised that she was not charging rent, that the building had air conditioning and a bathroom for the staff. There is ample parking there and it has easy access. The offer still stands as of today and the building is still vacant.

Mrs. Jaramillo is in poor health and she is 96 years old. She had heart surgery at the beginning of the year and she's convalescing now. This is why this matter needs to be resolved as soon as possible because of her fragile health.

Our senior citizens is a second home to all of us and this is where we come to lunch, to vote, to socialize, to get legal counsel, to get nutrition and health advice. We also get to meet for arts and crafts and for free transportation to field trips. When it gets too hot like it has been we go there to cool off. We can hang out there and so it's very comfortable to be there with friends. Some of us can't drive anymore and don't have a car so the center is located within walking distance to many of the participants there.

Some of the seniors can't afford to pay for lunch. No questions are asked. We have charity there with dignity. At the center death is a constant subject and much needed caring and compassion and sympathy is dealt there. We deal with a lot of tragedy because of our age. So please, we beg you, don't take away our second home. Support the elderly and give us a post office because we really need it. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

MARYANN TREJO: Thank you, Commissioners, Commissioner Greene. My name's Maryann Trejo. I'm with the senior center as well. We're here because we don't want our center closed for any reason, not to turn it into a post office or anything else. There's a lot of other locations available in Chimayo. We don't see the sense in taking away a perfectly functioning building that the community is using every day of the week. Some people eat there daily and it might be their only warm meal for the day.

Some only can walk there and don't have transportation. It's just an important life line.

The center keeps our seniors active and socializing. If it weren't for our field trips some of the seniors wouldn't even get out to enjoy nature. We do fishing trips, eating out, etc. This make it seems like somebody doesn't care about our seniors because they're closing a lot of centers in the area. A lot of those people are coming to our center now as well. Mr. Greene has mentioned that the center can't handle who we have but we're handling it just fine. They all come in. They all get fed, we have our classes – tai chi, jewelry making, weaving – all our supplies and our kitchen, everything's there for us.

We don't want to be moved anywhere else. The location is not good for a post office and I'm surprised they'd even consider with the location being at a major intersection. Chimayo isn't that big when you have big trucks coming in and out of that location and all the parking that's there, it's going to be hard for the elderly because it's like a layer of parkings. Nobody is going to want to walk that. It's also where we vote.

Chimayo deserves to keep this center open for the seniors and future seniors to enjoy. We also deserve a new post office in a better location. We don't understand why you'd want to destroy something that's working for the community and put in basically a nightmare. This is a historical building that should be preserved instead of trying to change it into a post office in a very bad location. It simply doesn't make sense.

The other day I was having a conversation with Mr. Greene on a social media group, and he told me that my ignorance was showing. I felt verbally abused. I had repeated rumors I heard and maybe I asked too many questions. I'm not sure why he said that, but it said it warranted him an apology from me. However, I bet to differ and I would like a public apology from you, Mr. Greene.

I also heard a rumor there's money available to upgrade our center, which is what we would like to do more than anything, and we do want to know more about that. We can't help but think that this decision that you're leaning toward, closing our center, might have to do with money in somebody's pocket instead of it being the wellbeing of the community as a whole. So please shed some light on why we shouldn't be allowed to keep our center running smoothly like it is. We have the best coordinator, Jonathan Pacheco, and our art leaders are all great. They go above and beyond. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Today Mr. Greene visited us at our center and said that he would take our center off that plan, so hopefully that's true. I thank you for your attention.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Anyone else in the room?

NEIL SEGADA: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, my name is Neil Segada. I'm the director for the Area Agency on Aging. I'm just trying to come and ensure that our seniors are going to receive the services that they so richly deserve. As a director and a former provider, I've seen what COVID did to our seniors – threw them into isolation. Right now we are starting to see our seniors come back to the sites. Our congregate meals over this past year were up almost 40 percent, so that's telling me the seniors are coming back. They're starting to feel comfortable in the places that they love. So I'm not really here to say yea or nay. I'm just saying consider the seniors. I'm afraid if we start taking them out of the places where they are comfortable they may go back into isolation, which none of us want.

It's something that – I spent 30 years as an engineer/surveyor for the coal mines.

The last 12 years I've been involved in senior services and I've got to tell you, this has been the most rewarding job in my life. So just consider as you take this on what the seniors are going through and what they do and what they've done in the past. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, I think that's the end of the – no, sorry.

CHAIR HUGHES: And there's some online.

VERA VIGIL: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for taking the time out to listen to us. My name is Vera Vigil and I'm a member of the Bennie Chavez Center in Chimayo, and I'm a true believer of the adage, a picture says 1,000 words, so my intent to share here at the beginning was to do a power point presentation, but unfortunately I found out just shortly that that wasn't possible, so I went ahead and printed out the slide presentation for your benefit [*Exhibit 2*] and I will go ahead.

A lot of it is reiteration of what's already been said, but the pictures I hope will impress in your mind and in your hearts the people that are there, the needs that are being satisfied to our seniors and the happiness. When I did the presentation I used the song, "A Wonderful World" by Louie Armstrong, I have the instrumental to go along with the presentation, because the senior center is a wonderful world to us. And it's also a song that was used, if some of you don't know, it was used – it was written for the reason that in America we had the war, the Vietnam War, and it was kind of to bring peace, and it was a way to show how people can get together and see the beautiful world and that's what the Bennie Chavez Center is to most of us.

If you turn to the first page, it shows the picture of people eating the nutritious food that the center provides. The second slide shows pictures of some of the people that participate in the activities, like the weaving class, the painting, the jewelry and ceramics. And some of them, quite a few of the women and members of the center have put in their nice art in the Santa Fe County Fair, and they've received a lot of awards. And it's been due to the fact of the cooperation and the work of each member working with each other to get this done.

The next slide number 5, is a place to be honored. There has been veterans appreciation lunches, volunteer lunches, for the people, both volunteers within the center itself and volunteers within the community. It's a place to get physical condition and get checked for healthy vitals. As you see there's pictures of the people being involved in it.

A place for field trips. One of the other members mentioned the different types of field trips that we've had. If it hadn't been for these field trips a lot of people wouldn't be able to see the State of New Mexico, the wonderful world that god made.

A place to celebrate holidays. Every holiday we have celebration with games. Christmas time, everybody's given a Christmas gift and a place – it's also a place for the children to go, the grandchildren. A place to have fun. The bingo, dancing, socializing. One of the things that I do want to bring out is the fact that some people, members are there for each other. There's a member that helped one of the elder seniors with the Social Security, took them to Social Security, helped them with the different needs that he needed. Another member that takes food during COVID to some of the people that couldn't go or that maybe they forgot about the food that was taken to them.

And it's a place for family. Mother's Day, Father's Day, celebrated with pictures of all the parents up on the walls for decoration. And then also it's a place to remember and honor the past members. It started out – the inspiration was through one of the members and it was for her, we gave a celebration of life for her, but then it continued for any other people and we put in a rock garden and it continues on to honor the people that have passed away. So the center isn't only a home away from home. It is a wonderful world for us. Please don't take it away from us. Please have your human heart instead of being a business heart, to think about these people that really, really will suffer in some ways if the senior center is taken away.

And one more last thing. Seniors have a hard time with change. Change is terrible for us. And so changing to another building, changing to different people, and this could be pretty sad for these seniors. Thank you so much for listening.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. And is there anyone else in the room who wishes to speak? Two more.

MILES CONWAY: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'm not talking about Chimayo though. Is there another gentleman who wants to speak about Chimayo first?

DENISE KING: Mr. Chair and members of the Commission, my name is Denise King. I'm with the Aging and Long-Term Services Department of New Mexico. I'm the Aging Network Division Director overseeing the federal funds allocated to the Area Agency on Aging and the oversight of the state funds going to support the programs offered through Santa Fe County.

I'm concerned about the consideration of the closure of the senior center. I've been to that site several times, having met with several seniors there that have expressed great concern of the closure. I also am very concerned that there's capital outlay in the amount of \$800,000 that was allocated for this site that would get reverted. I'm also concerned – I've been at the state level now for five years at the department, ten years prior to that at CYFD and nine years at the local level at Sandoval County overseeing senior services. At Sandoval County we too were faced with looking at the closure of a site and in Peña Blanca, the county decided to close, to only have within a two-year period. That overturned. And that center reopened. A lot of financial and of course seniors that had to go outside of that service area just to get services that the county offers – transportation, meals, the activities and the sense of belonging.

And so I am concerned that the County has decided to consider closure, and I would caution you to really reconsider that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

MR. CONWAY: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, Miles Conway, 495 New Mexico 592. Thank you for your time today and I really appreciate what the folks from Chimayo are here representing what their hearts are. Rio en Medio Community Center recently changed, became less and less utilized by the seniors of our community and I think it was because there weren't a lot of seniors left in our community, but it was a real heart center for Rio en Medio when we first moved into the village. So thanks for considering their petitions.

My petition concerns Rio en Medio. At the heart of our village right now is not the community center, although the community center plays a role. We are centering the

trail. The Rio en Medio Trail, 163 and what that means to our community and the greater Santa Fe County residents. It's a very special trail. When I was last before you our small group, the Friends of the Rio en Medio, handed in a list of ideas to your Clerk and you and I'm here to kind of publicly apologize. Not, kind of. I'm here to apologize to the members of my village and the greater community because that proposal had the word – it said proposal instead of a list of ideas.

So what we presented to you was a whole list of ideas for further discussion on how do we open the Rio en Medio Trail, which is so precious to so many of us, a river valley accessing the public lands. And by using the word proposal, and then having one of those lists of ideas of the 20 list road widening, I unleashed quite a to-do in the village, so much so that I really had to go around the village and talk to many, many, many of my neighbors and kind of explain the intentions of the Friends of Rio en Medio. Our intentions do remain to open the trail so that young families, families of all sorts, even elders can easily access a living river valley trail.

Of course one of the ideas in there was – had to do with the community center. In lieu of parking on the federal lands, which is so dangerous and causing public safety concerns, maybe we can park at the community center and walk the rest of the way to the trailhead.

So again, it's just a list of ideas. We have a meeting tonight. We have a meeting on Thursday, and we have a meeting of stakeholders on August 22nd with the Forest Service, with some members of the Commission. Commissioner Greene, I believe you're invited and participating, in addition to some of our state representatives to try and find funding to safely return public access to our precious forests. And so thank you for staying abreast of those issues and I think that's all I wanted to say. Lastly, just to make sure you know you're invited and we are working hard to unify the community around the trail and the access issues being addressed, public safety concerns being tantamount amongst them. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Anyone else in the room that wishes to addresses us. Come on.

ISABEL FERNANDEZ: While Aida was getting some signatures from the merchants at Chimayo they told her that they had told them that it was a done deal. Really? I never heard anything about that. And only one last thing I want to say, Commissioner Greene went to the center in Chimayo, wanted to get a feel about how people felt and everything. And the last thing that he said, okay, fine. You want to keep your center, I'll take it off the table, and he also added, but then I don't promise you a post office. That to us felt like a threat. That's not right. I'm sorry. I'm Isabel Fernandez. I'm one of the seniors at the Bennie Chavez Senior Center. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Anyone else in the room? Then let's go to Chris Mechels online.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Mr. Chair, I do see him online. I don't know if you want to send another reminder.

CHAIR HUGHES: He must have stepped away. We'll come back to him if he comes back briefly. Commissioner Greene, be really brief in your response.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will do my best. Thank you for this point of privilege right now. I want to say thank you to the community from Bennie J. and from

the Chimayo are for coming down here today. This is more than a field trip. This is actually telling me how much you love Bennie J. Ultimately the goal was not to close Bennie J. The goal was to preserve the post office, because a year and a half ago when the post office tragically burned down, it was made apparent to me that Pojoaque Valley had lost their post office because the community did not rally around preserving the post office.

And so I didn't want to let that happen on my watch. And so almost immediately I started attending meetings up there and started to hear from the entire community that the post office was one of the big assets that was valuable to the community there, and I think you'd all agree, right? And I've heard it from all of you. I just want to say thank you for showing – we tried to put out the idea of preserving the post office along with collaborating.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I have a problem with this.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: The problem is this was not on – this is public comment where the public can come and tell us what they want to know. Everything else on the agenda has to be published on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I just wanted to respond to them and I had asked for this point of privilege.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I understand but I think this is leading to a problem. So I'm giving you the information. I think was not on the agenda and it's information that may or may not have been vetted. You can say anything you want during Matters from the Commissioners, but as a matter of response to public comment, that's not actually considered appropriate.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Well, I'd asked for that point of privilege because they are here and I don't want to have staff have to wait another hour, potentially to bring them home, and I don't know if they would be able to stay. So I was just asking a point of privilege in the agenda. If you think it is inappropriate that is fine. I thank you all for hearing me out and understanding, coming here. We will take it completely under consideration. There's lots of signatures here. We understand your love of Bennie J. I love it too. We're here to step up and to save Bennie J., make it the best place it can be, as well as try to preserve a post office. So let's see what we can do together on this, and I'm here with you. I look forward to seeing you up there soon. Thank you for coming down and thank you for this point of privilege to the Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Let's move on from that please to item 7 rather than continue to comment upon the comment upon the comments. Perhaps I shouldn't have allowed that.

7. Presentations

A. **Presentation on UNM Global Sustainability Center Feasibility Report**

PAUL OLAFSON (Community Development Director): Mr. Chair, I'm here today to help present a feasibility study on a Global Sustainability Center. With me today is Robert Del Campo, with the Anderson School of Management. He'll be providing a presentation and outlining the contents of the study. And with that I will turn

it over to Robert.

ROBERT DEL CAMPO: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Thanks so much for having me here today. My name is Rob Del Campo. I am a professor at the UNM Anderson School of Management. I've been there for about 20 years. I am from New Mexico, from the southern part of the state and have lived in Albuquerque for a long period of time. Just a quick correct. We stated this as the UNM Global Sustainability Center. It very much should be the Santa Fe Global Sustainability Center. I am not qualified to take ownership of this for UNM although I think being a partner in this is something that UNM would be very interested in.

I'm going to talk today briefly about the feasibility study that we completed. I believe you have access to the full document which is about 60 pages. I'm just going to hit on the highlights to sort of guide your reading of that because I know it is a significant amount of information that you probably have varying degrees of interest in, so I want to hit some of the highlights of what we kind of covered in the study.

So first here, I'm going to talk about some of the key findings of the study, some of the logic and the potential for locating this center in Santa Fe. There are some things that make a lot of sense and there are a lot of things about the history of New Mexico and about Santa Fe County that make this a really interesting place to think about sustainability and issues aligned with that.

Most of the study focuses on the idea of a strategic model for implementation, and we do make a couple of recommendations. We do have information on some other models that could be considered moving forward if this is something that can progress, and then we did outline a significant implementation roadmap with some dollar figures associated with that, because those are kind of guesses and I'm not really in a position to argue what those figures really look like. I'll just direct you to what we talked about in the study and not really get into too much of a dialogue as to what that looks like.

I am a business professor and I'm kind of the face of this project, but we had many folks working on this from our Center for Social Policy as well as several graduate students who work in the public policy area as well as in the business school, so it's a collaborative effort.

The inspiration really comes from New Mexico sustainable practices, which are rooted in Native American traditions and our agricultural heritage, so we really wanted to come from a position of looking at what New Mexico has done historically, really thinking about sustainability, about environmentalism and that sort of thing, really thinking about how New Mexico has done a lot of these things from the very beginnings of our cultural heritage. We want to really leverage that cultural heritage to foster sustainable practices kind of moving forward.

While the ultimate goal is to make this a global center where Santa Fe can really be put on display as somewhere where these practices happen regularly, and as a place for people to gather and move things forward, not only from a public policy perspective but also from a business and product perspective. We thought that really focusing on traditions and heritage would really be an important piece.

Some of the key findings that I'll just briefly go over here is that there really is a need for a centralized sustainability research and business solutions. We looked at several centers around the world and outlined them I think in a pretty thorough fashion as to what

they do and what their thrusts really are and there really is nothing that would fit the niche of what we're talking about that matches sustainability research and business solutions. So that's something that doesn't exactly exist in one place across the world.

There were some insights on the consensus for robust research infrastructure and collaboration. One of the main pieces that we got feedback on from not only researchers but also from community members and some people in the academic fields is that having infrastructure to conduct research is incredibly important, particularly for academics around the world. But there's also some concern and there's some funding issues around how that works in an academic institutions and how it might work in a center like this.

So while there is the opportunity to look at what we call F & A, or facilities and administration in the academic world, that could be a significant savings to the researchers to conduct their work in a center like this, somewhere like Santa Fe. It also is an opportunity for revenue for those individuals to look at those things. But positioning this center as an interdisciplinary center where we seek collaborations and are really tackling complex sustainability issues, it would really be an ideal thing to look at, rather than just looking at one particular area. It's not just biology or ecology or public policy. It's really all of those things working together.

And then finally we looked at opportunities for partnerships with state, local, federal and educational institutions. There's really a lot of opportunities here, and I think through the leadership of this idea, and Commissioner Greene was very helpful, and thank you for your help in guiding this and what this may look like. This is really the thrust, right? That we would have. We have lots of people and lots of organizations in New Mexico that are working on these issues that if we can kind of harness them in one place and elevate them to a global level we really have an opportunity to draw a lot of interest to New Mexico and to Santa Fe County.

There's a lot of things we looked at in terms, like I said, costs, research infrastructure, what other groups are doing, what might be the key issues to tackle initially in a center like this, and move of those are focused on what we excel at locally. We propose a couple of different models. The three are to either have some sort of integration with academia, with some institution of higher education in the state of New Mexico. We recommend either Santa Fe Community College, University of New Mexico or New Mexico Tech. We also explore a little bit a standalone nonprofit that could be potentially operated by Santa Fe County and the pros and cons of that. And then we talk about a hybrid model where it's a standalone nonprofit institution supported by all of these institutions of higher education. In New Mexico I think you all know that it's really important to have the opportunity for people to play together on the same playground.

So either the academia incubation model or the hybrid model, we would still recommend that there be an opportunity for all, everyone to play there, including New Mexico State and Northern New Mexico College, all the other institutions that are willing to. And even looking maybe regionally to bring in some more groups.

There are pros and cons to that, all with different levels of funding. Obviously, if you integrated with a higher education institutions some of those costs will be reduced because there is some staff that already exists to handle things like the administration of research, grants, all those sorts of things which are really important.

That last piece that we talked about is the funding opportunities to fund a center

like this. It would be on the order of a large dollar figure, maybe \$50 to \$100 million, that there would be different levels of funding that would be needed at different times in the development of such a center, and the fiscal models we talk about, both on a number of those. It could be a completely soft money funded program. It could be something funded by the state or federal programs like the Department of Energy, or USAID, or a combination of those.

The location in Santa Fe is a question that many people have brought up but based on the proximity to the labs, both Sandia and Los Alamos national labs we have the opportunity for experts in academic knowledge in those areas where they're converging right here. There's no one space in the United States that is so close to so many high level labs. Also NREL in Colorado would draw a lot of interest here, so we'd be moving regionally and then eventually globally. The proximity is important for collaboration and giving and opportunity and a space for people from all around the world to converge, think about big issues and solve those problems.

Also, there are some unique issues that New Mexico faces that actually through our conversation with Santa Fe Community College it came to light that they're actually doing a really amazing job tackling some of these already, and also tackling the workforce issues that are alongside them at a world class level. Same thing is obviously happening at UNM, happening at New Mexico Tech, but it's interesting that they're each tackling different types of issues that are all relevant to New Mexico.

So what we talked about, in terms of climate adaptation, renewable energy, water scarcity, these are the areas that might be initially focused on in some sort of center because of their local interest and importance, and then built upon to a larger level. We already have international experts on these issues that are working to try and solve problems like this, and by harnessing what we already have in New Mexico, but trying to place it on a global level, I think we'd have a lot of big wins.

Then finally, talking about the cultural heritage and fostering some of the sustainable practices that we would like to look at. We think it's really important to focus on the Native heritage of New Mexico. People have been living here for generations and generation. I think we've all been in a position to talk to people who've had ten, fifteen, twenty generations of their family live here, and really fitting with what we have been built around as a people, and this would really be a next step but also to place us on a global level of relevance.

I won't talk in too much depth here but we do have an implementation roadmap and there's a lot in the actual report about this. They're based in four phases, and then we talk about how each of these might operate, if you're interested in that.

And then finally in conclusion I think the big piece here is that there's a lot of work that would need to be done to do something like this but there is some value that could be brought to our region and looking at something that is as grand and is a broader scale as something that we looked at here. We undertook a number of surveys, interviews, focus groups. A lot of historical research as well, to try to get as far down the road as we possibly can, but there's a lot of pieces that would need to come together for this to happen, but there is a tremendous amount of value in filling a niche that doesn't really have filling elsewhere in the world, right? We would have to identify some of the specific areas of focus that this group and this center would identify as priority for the

first few years, but we think that based on the location, based on the people that we have interested in operating in this center, based on the collaborators around the state who have already demonstrated significant interest in working on something like this, that there could be tremendous value to ss.

So with that I will stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Sure. I'm just assuming everybody here has something to say about this. This feasibility – with all due respect this feasibility study was seriously unconvincing about anything. I have a whole list of notes and highlights about things – there are at least 20 pages of lists of other institutions and what they do. I'm familiar, actually with several of the institutions and the lists are rather haphazard. The problem is the feasibility study doesn't take the step of actually justifying where those gaps exist. So everything, every topic that subsequently in your feasibility study is identified as something that would be super-cool to do in New Mexico, in a global institute that would be housed in Santa Fe is something that's covered by multiple institutions. As a PhD ecologist I recognize the value of having unique places to do research but this function is repeated over and over again around the globe and in the Southwest.

So the justification for investing hundreds of millions of dollars into another institute is just not there. That's a serious investment, so the analysis, that was inadequate to the purpose of showing specific, demonstrable interest on the part of existing institutions within the state that already do this kind of research, I think that's the kind of information we would need to show added value above and beyond what's already being done. I believe doing research on sustainability and on the transfer – call them solutions driven research where you're actually – I think the other term they use is translation research, where you're taking knowledge of what could be done for sustainability and putting it into some practical application. But the fact is many of the institutes you talk about – you talk about how they already to that and that they do a damn good job of it, including in New Mexico.

And so it begs the question of what added value a new global institute would provide. Which leads to me to what I think is kind of an important point which is a feasibility study lays out several things an institute could do that would be very cool. It doesn't actually give a mission statement. And so my feeling is that this doesn't argue what the value of doing this is, in general. Specifically, I would say it makes it real clear that there is nothing for the County to contribute to this. That's my comment. So whether you all judge that it's worthwhile doing this institute, I feel this suggests that it's a really crowded field. And frankly, it's a little like arguing the City of Santa Fe is in desperate need of another cannabis dispensary; there are hundreds of them. And while I could be wrong, it's not my job to actually make that argument; it was the feasibility study's job to do it, but it speaks – it doesn't speak to the County's role in this. And part of that has to be what the County would specifically gain beyond what is already gained by research the Community College does, the University of New Mexico does, etc., etc., etc.

My apologies. I know you guys must of put a sincere effort into it. I just found it wanting.

MR. DEL CAMPO: May I respond?

CHAIR HUGHES: You can respond.

MR. DEL CAMPO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I understand exactly where you're coming from. I think coming from an academic background and undertaking this particular study, it was difficult. We didn't want to present our bent on this statement. We wanted to kind of lay out the facts. I understand that in many cases a feasibility study with recommendations does this because this – and that sort of thing, and I think you make some excellent points. I think there are points on the other side as well, but I appreciate your comments and I think the area of looking at how the County plays a role in this is something that does need to be fleshed out, because I think the one thing that everyone could agree on from reading this is that this is not a one entity type of project if it were to be undertaken. It's just too large and too multi-faceted that it would have to be staffed by multiple organizations.

So I appreciate that. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Greene. I think this is – I think sustainability is a really important thing. We have created the Coalition of Sustainable Communities here in New Mexico which has a kind of narrow focus but making sure that we get policy done at the state level, and then we also created the Climate Investment Center, which is another way to channel money into New Mexico from the feds. But this initiative, as interesting and as grandiose as it may be does not belong at the County. I don't see it belonging at the County. It's not – it's a state initiative. It's a – it belongs at a university. I definitely agree with you on that. I think that UNM is the kind of location that could hold something like this because they have a lot of research and as you said they would help with the cost, which I see that as a real possibility because you're creating something that affects the whole – a global impact and so I think that it's a state operation. And I think it belongs in higher education.

We want the best. We want the best people to be working in this kind of field and that to me would be an educational institution, where research and working with all of our labs, which are also, as Administrator Hruby said on Monday night, LANL is a training research facility. I don't happen to agree with her; I happen to think it's a weapons factory, but she believes it's something else and so as administrator of NMSA I have to believe here that that's her view of LANL. And so if they are actually a research and training facility, this is the kind of thing that would belong in some – with them. So on that point I can say why you would call it a DOE, why you had this idea of Department of Energy, because, yes, it should be, if we're talking about global and we're talking about the United States the Department of Energy where this should be housed and they do have a tremendous amount of climate research already underway.

So if there was something – this is a large vision and I like that. I support a large vision, but I don't support a large vision for Santa Fe County to be the host of this. I see it as a larger entity and so those are my comments for the moment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. And thank you for your work, and I appreciate that we went through this exercise and identified the elements that you've disclosed. I sincerely appreciate your recognition of the fact that many of the sustainable traditions and the cultural aspects of New Mexico make it kind of right for

such conversations. My favorite – I apologize; I took a picture of your last slide. I hope it's not problematic. But you have this building and you look at Santa Fe, New Mexico as one of the, frankly, the hub of where architecture 2030 started, knowing that greenhouse emissions and built environments contribute more than vehicles. I had to take a picture of that last slide going, where are we? It looks like it's planted.

I've never been in favor of this concept except to work with those assets that we already have. As former dean of the School of Trades, Advanced Technology and Sustainability at Santa Fe College and a co-recipient of the Smart Grid Center for UNM, NMSU, New Mexico Tech and us, the Community College, they're doing amazing work. We collaborate. And frankly, we work with NREL and we work with Sandia National Lab in the establishment of all that. We don't need another built environment, carbon-emitting entity.

I'm not a fan of trying to bypass natural community structures. When we look at the natural environment and issues of ecology, we can go global. I'm glad that this was more about the community and the cultures that we have and not about the Jetsons. So thank you for that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, everybody for your comments. Thank you, Rob for the work. Thank you to staff for doing what you could to get this moving. A little bit of this goes to too little too late. We had this money about us potentially in hand about six months earlier than the deadline, although we couldn't start it, and there was a little intransigence with the community to get this in play but we finally got it in play, and a little bit of that shows. This is definitely half of what we were inspired for.

But to go to a lot of the comments here, this was never meant to be a Santa Fe County project, per se. The only part that was meant to be a Santa Fe County project was the feasibility study, and organizing the group around it of willing partners that would then find the right leader to be there at the table. So whether that's UNM, or New Mexico Tech, or whether it's NREL, whether it's the state of New Mexico, whether it's any of us, it was meant to be: let's get this thing to a point where all of these willing parties would be ready to step up into this.

And so we had a meeting about a month ago now, with a lot of these willing parties. It was a very interesting meeting. We gave a presentation about the vision of this and everybody was sort of – the beginning of it was what took you so long, because we've been talking – I've been talking for this and Rob has been talking about this with a bunch of these partners for close to six or so months to say this meeting took a while to get organized. Then we said, well, we need to keep moving on this. But time ran out, right? We're now past the – the money has reverted, and three-quarters of the money is reverted to the state of New Mexico because we don't have the time, and that's a little bit of us and it's a little bit of DFA, but that was the – that's where things are right now.

But the genesis of this came from, just to remind everybody, that six years ago or five years ago maybe, five years ago just about, when the Bechtel Memorial Institute and the Triad Group took over operations of LANL they made a pitch to all of us. And they invited every community in the LANL basin, let's call it, and that includes Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe, all of the tribes, everybody – Taos County, Town of

Taos, Española, Rio Arriba County, I think Sandoval County. They invited all of us and they said, here's the deal. We're offering you an opportunity to do a deep, deep, deep economic development investment into your community. And we don't want to tell you what you want to do. We want to hear from you what you want to do.

Well, they gave examples of what different communities did, they made this same pitch to different communities around the country. An example was Seattle said hey, we have Amazon, we have Boeing, we have Microsoft. We just need a K-12 STEM education program. And they made a pitch to Bechtel and they said we want a \$5 million K-12 program. Bechtel looked at it and said this is wonderful; why don't we double it? Here's \$10 million K-12. We'll all benefit, because that's where the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is located.

In the case of Oakridge National Laboratory, which is another Bechtel run facility, they said same deal – what would you like? And in that case they said, you know, in our town we've been looking for a tech incubator for years, and our community just won't build one for us. And so they said, well, we'll make you a proposal. They said we want one; it's going to cost \$4 million. They said fabulous. Why don't you build two?

And they said the same pitch to us. They said we don't want an answer today but we are here to give you the opportunity for a vision for the Santa Fe and Los Alamos area to invest in something that might take ten to twenty years to bear fruit but we want to invest now because we're here for the ten to twenty years to forty years to invest in this community.

The irony was I was in the room. I was representing Tesuque Pueblo at the time on the Economic Development Board. Santa Fe County was invited. Santa Fe County didn't show up. The City of Santa Fe was invited. The City of Santa Fe didn't show up. So a ten million dollar investment by the labs or by Bechtel was really not acknowledged. And that offer in theory is still around. And so the goal of this was to create something that aligned with our ethos of Santa Fe of being a sustainable community. The assets that we have at the labs and our abilities there to find an economic development engine that would help us all put Santa Fe on the map at a whole other level.

Yes, we have the Community College and we can do great projects around New Mexico. It's fabulous. I agree. We're doing great work here. But to be at a globalist level has the opportunity that the lab is already there. The Santa Fe Institute attracts people at a global level, and Santa Fe, if we're going after a Sundance, we are looking at global, world class events in this town, and the this would be – the goal of this was to create a global, world class institution that would bring in all of the above – the Community College, UNM, New Mexico Tech, maybe the University of California – anybody that wants to play in the academic field.

And we'll bring in all the economic development people – the RDC or the New Mexico Partnership or other – the Chamber of Commerce. It would bring around the counties and not only the County but the City and the state and the jurisdictions around us, and ultimately you would bring the regional organizations, and then this would be a destination location for cutting edge, but really cutting edge in a different way, frontline sustainability projects. And I give the example: We can all drive electric vehicles and I'm on my tenth electric vehicle at this time so I try to lead by example, and that's nice and quaint, and I'm doing my part on a small level. But what this sort of project was meant to

look at as a work project of this global sustainability center, was to look at the base of Kilimanjaro, or the edges of the rain forest and say, how can we change behaviors and give economic development and sustainability projects into a location where it would have the most impact and change the opportunities and stop deforestation and stop the bad behaviors that are really tipping – creating the tipping point in our global crisis right now.

Anyway, that was the vision of this. I appreciate coming to us and completing this at this point. I hope that UNM and all of the partners see a place for themselves in the coming months. I don't know if there's any money for this to be supported from Santa Fe County, sadly, but I will be able to try to shepherd this. The Governor's Office has asked about this. Representative Tara Lujan is going to get a presentation about this and as she made the money and I want to thank her specifically for making this possible and I just wish we had recognized that this is an economic development project targeted at our sustainability ethos.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I've heard this before, but what I really wonder since I am all for getting money from the federal government to help our communities, as I've stated with roads, affordable housing, etc. If they were so interested in meeting with us, they sent out one call and none of us knew anything about it? They didn't do any follow-up? They didn't make any effort to connect directly with Commissioners or directly connect – I don't know if Katherine was informed of it or not, because I wasn't ever informed and as a Commissioner I was sitting here. I don't believe Commissioner Hamilton was ever told about that.

We're told about a lot of things on a regular basis of things that are going on, so it is odd to me that one, they sent this one invitation and nobody got it? I talk to DOE and LANL all the time and I have for the last seven years, and so why didn't they send something to me directly? They know who I am. They obviously follow me. They know I wrote an op-ed this weekend to the paper. So I kind of just wonder if they want to do these kinds of projects. And then in these other communities, who were the people who led these projects? Like who got the K-12? Was it the schools? Or who created, in Oakridge, who did those things? I'm just curious.

But I know that we're going on about this so I want to thank you for the presentation. I feel like it was really interesting and it is certainly a worthwhile dialogue and topic to have a conversation about. I think this is an important conversation for all of us to have. It's just where does it really – who are the people who can pull this together? Who's going to spearhead it? Who's going to lead it? Because I think, as you mentioned, it has a long list of people who should be seated at the table.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So just to answer your question, if I may. Former County Manager Miller was the specific invitee. The Mayor Santa Fe, I remember was the specific invitee and that was Alan Webber at the time. And I was the contact at Tesuque Pueblo's Tribal Development Corporation. They went to whoever they thought was at the point, the most eager to hear this pitch. It was disappointing to be in the room and see a lot of people missing the opportunity and maybe that was a communication error by the folks at the lab. It was the Community Programs Office that

sent out the invitation and they probably should have done some follow-up. But there were people that did show up. Okay Owingeh showed up. Tesuque showed up. Los Alamos showed up. Española showed up, but a lot of people didn't, and it was a missed opportunity and I did not want to miss the opportunity.

CHAIR HUGHES: I think this is a good idea. It's a grand idea, but also I wonder if it isn't more of a project that could coordinate the efforts of the different – I mean there's already lots of work being done. Maybe there's a way to coordinate the work. I don't know. I think you could start with Phase 1 but there's no guarantee where it would go from there. It all depends on the money, whether DOE decides to do it here or somewhere else. I do like the conversation about sustainability. It seems that lots of groups are moving in lots of directions on that and so it would be worthwhile coordinating it. I just don't know whether this is the best way or not. Thank you. And thank you for the work and thank you for the presentation.

MR. DEL CAMPO: Thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Rob.

9. Matters from the County Manager

A. Miscellaneous Updates

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Two miscellaneous updates for the Board and the community. First, the Santa Fe County Fair begins tomorrow, Wednesday, July 31st and continues through Sunday, August 4th. Definitely would encourage each of you as well as the public generally to stop by and see the fair, and in particular support those young adults and adolescents who put so much effort into the variety of competitions that are on display at the fair throughout that period.

In addition, I wanted to remind the Board as well as the public that we do have a Local Emergency Planning Committee – not a meeting of the committee but a meeting concerning the committee this week on Friday, August 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center. This is an effort to help set the framework for the work of the LEPC ultimately as well as to collect names of an additional roster of potential members of the LEPC for submission to the State Emergency Response Commission so that that Local Emergency Planning Committee can be stood up as expeditiously as possible and begin its work. So every interested member of the community is certainly invited to attend that LEPC informational meeting this Friday, August 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center.

So those are my miscellaneous updates for the Board. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

9. B. Discussion Concerning Potential General Obligation Bond Questions for November, 2024, General Election

MANAGER SHAFFER: Daniel, if you could please bring up the presentation relative to the potential general obligation bond questions. Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I'm going to stand so that I can move forward with the

presentation. I'm going to ask Leandro and P.J. Montano from Public Works to potentially answer any specific project-related questions, but I'll start with what I hope to cover today. First is to do a general overview of general obligation bond debt. Also discuss capacity as well as potential bond questions for the upcoming November 2024 general election, talk about some proposed bond projects as well as discuss the next steps relative to moving this issue forward.

So as you all know general obligation bonds require voter approval. Bonds must be issued within four years of voter approval, and then the IRS does have anticipated spend-down and obligation parameters that are expected to be met after general obligation bonds are in fact issued and the proceeds are in hand. General obligation bonds are repaid using property tax that is levied specifically for that debt service. General obligation bonds are, as their name implies, backed by the full faith and credit of the County and that property levy is theoretically unlimited in amount to repay the debt. General obligation bonds provide an additional source of capital funding that does not consume recurring revenue.

I've included in the packet material – this is from the state constitution and it sets for the general permissible purposes for which a county government can issue general obligation bonds. They include the erecting, remodeling, and making of additions to necessary public buildings, construction or repairing public roads and bridges and purchasing capital equipment for such projects, construction or acquiring a system for supplying water including the acquisition of water and water rights, necessary real estate or rights-of-way and easements, construction or acquiring a sewer system including the necessary real estate or rights-of-way and easements, and constructing and airport or sanitary landfill including the necessary real estate, acquiring necessary real estate for open space, open space trails and related areas and facilities, or the purchase of books and other library resources for libraries in the county.

So I wanted to provide some historical context for the Board in terms of voter-approved bond questions since year 2000. And as you can see from the information presented, the County's focus has been on three primary areas. Those are roads, water and wastewater, and open space and trails. And then we have requested an the voters have supported general obligation bonds to be issued for other purposes, one being the district courthouse the First Judicial District Courthouse on Montezuma, as well as fire and public safety expenditures, and then finally community healthcare facilities.

So in terms of general obligation bond capacity and potential questions, working with our financial advisor, we have approximately \$52 to \$54 million in capacity that could be issued approximately over a period of four years. I don't have the formula in front of me but suffice it to say that the amount of debt one can issue relates to your assessed property value, and so there is a constitutional limit on how much general obligation bond debt can be issued. And so this was the estimate from our financial advisors relative to capacity. The Board could request of the voters that all of that be authorized in one go during the next general election. That's not the recommendation of County staff. Instead we proposed that approximately \$33.5 million in bonds be requested that the voters authorize their issuance generally for the purposes that are listed, and that \$20 million in capacity be reserved for 2026 bond election questions.

There are a variety of reasons for that but principally that is to reserve some

capacity so as to be able to fund some significant potential water or wastewater and road projects throughout the county and to allow those projects to be further developed over the next two years.

So looking at potential bond projects, open space and trails is an area of potential focus. County staff have identified four projects that we would recommend to be included as potential projects to be funded with general obligation bond proceeds. We do think that these projects are generally consistent with the open space and trails work plan for 2024 that the Board approved, and in addition, per feedback that we heard from Commissioners at a previous meeting we are slated to present this list to COLTPAC on August 7th before the next Board meeting to make sure that they don't have any significant changes or recommendations to focus in different areas.

With regard to the Santa Fe River Greenway Trail and the Santa Fe Rail Trail, those are two backbone trail systems that not only bolster the county's reputation as an outdoor recreation center and more particularly, a mountain biking destination, but those are multi-modal trails that were designed to and can support commuters and others trying to use alternative means of transportation.

I believe everybody knows that the river greenway trail is ultimately anticipated to stretch all the way to the Paseo Real Wastewater Treatment Plant or in close proximity to that so that would again allow individuals to travel on that trail from Commission District 3 all the way to downtown Santa Fe and the Rail Trail goes from downtown Santa Fe through I believe – it might not be every single Commission district, but nonetheless does extend all the way to Lamy and provides both multi-modal possibilities as well as potential tie-in to the train that goes from downtown Santa Fe to Lamy as well.

Romero Park is very much a regional park for the county and this would allow for further expansion of recreational opportunities, again, that we believe serves the general county population or at least its surrounding regional area. And the Rio en Medio open space is a need to address the flood damage, to restore from the flood damage and prevent future flooding prevention in that segment of the county.

With regard to water and wastewater, we're already planning ahead to the potential expansion and augmentation of our water reclamation facility at the state penitentiary grounds, and in addition, we are continuing to work with the Chupadero community which, as included in the packet material, there was a resolution passed many years ago that certainly contemplated the ultimate – well, number one, accomplished the expansion of the County's water service area to include the Chupadero area, but contemplated ongoing support to help get that system to a state that it could in fact become part of the County's water utility. And so this would be a means to move that forward.

With regard to roads, there were two that were identified, the most significant of which is the low water crossing for County Road 51, and the second of which is to address drainage and surface improvements on County Road 109 North. So again, these are simply proposed projects and proposed amounts for bond questions. Ultimately, so long as they fit within the constitutional parameters, both the size of the bond questions and the potential projects to be funded are the decision of the Board of County Commissioners.

In terms of next steps, we would propose receiving any feedback that you have

for us today so that we can work between now and the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to refine any potential bond questions or look at other potential projects that you would like to be included in the list of bond projects and the hope would be to adopt a general obligation bond election resolution using our normal meeting cadence to accomplish that. Ultimately, the hard deadline to deliver the general obligation bond election resolution to the County Clerk is August 27th, so we did build into this timeline space for a special meeting if one was desired, if there was more discussion to be had, but that is the deadline to get that to County Clerk so that these questions can appear on the November 5, 2024 election.

I do want to just add one additional piece of information, and that is this: The County has for a number of years structured its general obligation bonds such that the debt service is practically flat. So bonds are sold and issued as existing debt is retire and so looking back to about 2017, the levy imposed to repay general obligation bonds has been, again, pretty much flat. Now, that doesn't mean it's been exactly the same. I think that the levy goes out to three digits so it's 2 point blank blank blank. The only number that's changed is the third digit. So again, it's been very flat and any fluctuations from year to year would have been negligible I think to any property tax owner and to the property tax bills.

If the bonds are approved that would be our anticipation working with our financial advisors is to continue with that tradition so that again, the property tax levy remains flat even if all of the proposed bonds are authorized by the voters. With that I'd be pleased to answer any questions or receive any feedback. And again, Leandro and P.J. are here.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Greg, I appreciate this. I do have a question and I appreciate during the conversation earlier this week we talked about getting water to the communities that have had contaminated wells and bringing in water for that and this potentially would be something that we would look at. Have we looked at all – one of the things that I am very sensitive to and I mentioned it is that most people there have senior water rights. There are people who don't want to – they're not going to – they may now that it's contaminated but frankly it's modern technology that contaminated the wells. And they're taxpayers. Is there any opportunity, instead of looking at ways to take a waterline to people who don't necessarily want to get on a system to actually maybe do some remediation or look into what remediation would actually cost for either pump and treat, or anything that would not take a way people's water rights but otherwise rectify the situation?

I don't want to get this wrong but I think it's very important for me to say, I very much appreciate walkways and paths and parks. I think it's important. It's critical for a good, healthy society. But I am standing in a district that has environmental justice issues that I don't get to stop hearing about. So literally today, like this morning my meeting at 11:00. It's all about E.J. What does it mean to stop polluting the communities that I'm serving. And I don't know, again, we're not talking about pumping in County water and providing water and getting them off of their otherwise historic water rights, because many of these are actually historic families and downstream we have pueblos working in ways to find actually clean that water, so that people can actually stay on their well water.

And I recognize that's a different dollar bill, but it doesn't mean that we're going

to get to be the deliverers and charge people for water. It means that they'd have their own wells. And they're taxpayers. We exist because of them. So I don't know if that's something that I understand that this bond is to look at those types of issues, but I'm kind of asking for us to please look at alternatives to pumping in water from someplace else, otherwise remediating.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante. Looking at potential remediation projects would in fact be part of – and Mr. Choman is behind me so he can correct me if I'm wrong – the scope of work for the NMED grant funded study relative to PFAS and La Cienega and La Cieneguilla in particular. A condition of that funding is that beyond modeling and just raw investigation is that it supports one or more potential projects to either remediate the issue or potentially address sources. So that is already part of the work that the County is doing. If there's a further question about whether a particular project could in fact be funded by general obligation bonds, that would very much depend upon what the project is. And so I don't want to give any false impression one way or another.

Removing water from the aquifer, treating it and putting it back in the aquifer which I believe I've read has been suggested in other places. That may not be permissible but there may be other projects that could be. But again, that's a conversation for a further day and one of the reasons in general why County staff doesn't recommend that we allocate all of the potential bond proceeds at this time is to allow all of those potential projects to further develop. I hope I answered your questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Greg. A question about the way this gets phrased. This is sort of being put together as a package. Is this going to be one question on the ballot? I've seen in the past there's a question for senior services, a question for libraries, a question for these things. So are we going to see for each one of these groupings, would we see one question or would we see one generalized bond for \$30 million?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, there would be three separate questions and the questions would be – voters approve questions, not specific projects and so the questions would be shall Santa Fe County be authorized to issue general obligation bonds to plan, design, construct, equip, etc. roads countywide. So the questions are general but they are in fact grouped, and so you would have three separate questions with three separate dollar amounts, with three separate general purposes. I hope that answers the question.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Roads, water, open space.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Those would be the three classes.

MANAGER SHAFFER: right.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Other comments? Commissioner Bustamante

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'm sorry. This is a comment. This isn't a question. But I really think that we need to sort or rethink our agendas. I get that there needs to be a balance throughout all parts of the community. I am going to hold that I feel that the southern part of the county has been the butt of whatever has been

developed. I think there are projects that get expedited in other parts of the county. This is historic. This doesn't have anything to do with current staff or administration of the County. It has both to do with the City and the County. But the southern part of Santa Fe has just been the dirt end of it.

I've witnessed it. I'm speaking as a witness, okay? I'm not talking about something that I've heard and it's troublesome and it's bothering people, but when I met with the community this morning and the EPA money that they got because they can substantiate now a pattern of stuff that's happened to just further, for lack of a better word – no, there's not. Actually, it is contaminate this part of our community, and then to move quickly on other projects that have everything to do about joie de vivre and a quality of life that we can all enjoy, when there are people whose health is under attack, if you will. It sounds like hyperbole, but that's how people wake up and feel when they can smell the tar from the asphalt operations and the water's contaminated.

I really ask that we start thinking health and safety. I get a balanced model, but I can also drive just about ten miles north and see a much better place to hang around and not feel like we're protected as a community. So I really ask, and I say this with utmost sincerity, that we rethink how we prioritize our projects. I'm not here to argue with the rest of my Commission, but when we look at what these environmental justice issues are in our county all together, I can just say it over and over again. Because we will contend with way more money and have all the services that they need who have the paved roads that they've ever wanted, who have the convenience centers that have way more going for them than the one that we have that is kind of hopping along with an old mobile unit, and then the rest of the county that just has a little shinier edge on it.

And I have witnessed it. So I am not saying this out of just some born-yesterday issue of contention. I'm saying this has been an issue in south Santa Fe County for as long as I've been alive. And I can say that because I am from both Santa Fe, the city, and the family in La Cienega and La Cieneguilla. And I've watched it. So I'm working right here right now, and I'm asking that we really rethink. I'm glad we have a balanced plan. I'm glad we'll have some more pickleball courts because I've heard about those since I was at Santa Fe Community College. But the truth is – and I'm just running out of air because I've got a lot to say. The truth is I don't care about a pickleball court if people don't know if they can drink their damn water. And that's what I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. That was much more passionate than what I was going to say. I was wondering why there was so little money put to our roads compared to the other things because most of the complaints I hear are about the condition of our roads and I just keep thinking that we ought to sort have an overall plan to just gradually improve the roads. People who live on dirt roads, whether they're private or public. They're often hard to drive on. So I don't know. I just wonder why only \$5 million is put to roads and \$16 million to open space. I would benefit, my district would like open space and trails but I just wonder if we want to spend all that money on open space and maybe we'd want to spend a little more on roads.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, may I ask a question related to that?

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. So since we get probably a lot

of – our funding sources are bonds, legislature, and other funding that is internal. Have we looked at – if half of these projects here we think that we could get money from the legislature for, whether it's a road or whether it's open space. Open space might be the perfect thing to go to Senator Stefanics or to Representative McQueen and say, look, do you think you could get a hold on this thing in three to four years? Then that's a better use of that opportunity because it's something that they would see the result of. And I sort of agree. Maybe it's these underserved communities that Commissioner Bustamante is talking about that need a little bit of juice from us to help with projects in those ways because they are maybe sparsely populated or they're at the edges of communities and are slightly underrepresented. I know that in my district up in the north, I get complaints – why do you forget about the north? It's like, look, I'm up there trying to do all sorts of things up there.

So anyway, I think we should go look at all funding sources and try to address it with our legislators and say, look, these are the projects on our thing. Do you think that this is something we should put a bond to or will you do it from your legislative opportunity? There's a conversation to be had there.

CHAIR HUGHES: I'm just wondering why, maybe there was a logical reason why there's less spent on roads than the bonds that are on open space, just that open space is more popular. I want to get an answer and then we'll go to –

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. These are staff recommendations. I think a couple of things went into that. One is to further, again, the economic development relative to outdoor recreation and complete what has been multiple years relative to the Rail Trail and continue the progress on the Santa Fe River Greenway.

Relative to roads overall, looking at the County's capital outlay project list generally, I think it is fair to say that the County is investing a significant amount of money in roads countywide. This is with regard to general obligation bond only so I think you do need to look at the entire picture of the investment in roads and in addition, as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the current level of service, the Public Works Department has inventoried our roads relative to their current state and part of the budget that was approved by the Board was to allocate – I think it was \$4 million in hold harmless funds to continuously invest in the upkeep in our roads and we scored that as a recurring investment. So my first observation is we'd have to look at the totality of the investment that the County is making in roads.

With regard to a different question that was included in your statement which was the potential adoption of certain private roads that meet a certain functional classification level, the Planning Division of the Growth Management Department I believe is working with the Transportation Advisory Committee to move that forward. Leandro, if you want to come forward, if you're still present, maybe you can address that. That's a different issue but the funds that are not being allocated at this time or if the Board wanted to scale back the general obligation bonds in general so as to reserve more capacity to allow that to develop that would be an option. But at this point we're not yet at the stage where we have that plan in place so that we can be transparent and consistent with such requests that the County adopt what are currently private roads. I hope I addressed the question.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. And I understand that about private roads.

Leandro, do you have more to add?

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Mr. Chair, no. Just that, yes, that is true. We are working on that. We challenged staff to come up with a process that is both transparent and consistent so that we can do it more often and take some of these roads that might seem like a big challenge and very expensive and figure out how to break that into smaller chunks or smaller planning segments so that we can achieve that goal over time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Frankly, some of the facts of what I was going to suggest have already been explained. But I think the perspective on this is that there's a strategy of what you fund from what sources, and to look at this and say we're investing a lot less in roads than in open space is not true, because that funding comes from different sources.

Now, to analyze – I don't disagree that the strategy of what you're asking for should be reviewed regularly as part of the Commission's job but it's a solid basic strategy. And maybe to look at this distribution we should remind ourselves of what we just approved in the budget process and what other monies we spend on roads and why, and what we go after from the legislature, which is just as an example, traditionally, given inputs in different years about what they were going to be spending money on and very often they're water and wastewater projects. They're usually not things like open space. So we tend to do some there when it's the type of project they have indicated willingness to support, when we go to bonds for open space questions. And that's true for the other examples as well, including water quality issues, and flooding. There are other things that priorities change because some issues are new.

But all I wanted to say is we have to look at the bigger picture to evaluate whether this strategy, which is just a piece of the strategy is appropriate by itself. But that independently doesn't reflect – it reflects a trend to look at many areas but it doesn't reflect the inadequate money into roads. We just put it in from a different source.

CHAIR HUGHES: Other comments? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So when you're thinking about bonds, what are the voters going to vote for? The City has a bit of push-back right now with their idea for a bond for roads. I think we have been really strategic in the last seven years of thinking about what we put on the bond questions because what do we know that constituents are going to vote for, and we've been lucky. They've been voting for these are the things they care about. They care about open space and trails. There is no doubt about that. They vote for that every single time.

Wastewater, we've been relatively successful with also because I think people recognize that those are important. I support what Commissioner Hamilton said that there are many other funds for roads. I will be interested to see how voters respond to a bond for roads when they kind of know that roads can be paid for in other ways. Since I've been spending a lot of time driving around lately on roads I have to say that Santa Fe County roads look pretty good in general. I'm sorry I haven't driven too much in Commissioner Hamilton's district, but I did drive somewhere in your district and there was a new road and it was nicely paved. I thought, oh, I mentioned to the people, I see you have a County road. So yes, one day it just got paved.

So I think that this is a good example. I think depending on the legislature for anything is wishful thinking and we should start looking at what we get from the legislature as a gift, just an extra feather in our cap, something that we're depending on us to fund. \$11 million is not that much. \$33 million. Anyhow, I'm fine.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I just have one other comment and it's just, you may already be aware of this but Santa Fe Rail Trail, Segment 7, according to P.J. it was going to cost twice that much. I just wondered – oh, P.J. is here. Is it really going to cost \$14 million?

P.J. MONTANO (Public Works): So the request today, Chair Hughes, is this is for Segment 7-A, and this is just to get under 285, the underpass, and then we would continue from there into Lamy on 7-B. So, yes, it could possibly cost twice as much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. I just wanted to make sure I understood that this didn't get us all the way to Lamy.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you for that, Mr. Chair and we'll make sure to modify things to reflect that potential. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any other comments?

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 Hamilton, do you want to start? I don't remember who started last time.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I don't either.

CHAIR HUGHES: So we'll start with you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay, well, I don't have too much. We're organizing the next Coffee with the Commish for the middle of August so we'll be sending out the exact date. I expect it will be – I don't have a calendar. It will be Wednesday evening the middle of August.

I've been working on follow-through for our thematic address of fire issues, emergency management issues and community organization to address some of that. So the next Coffee with the Commish will be emphasizing the community organization and support for that, grants for that sort of thing. So look forward to your emails in the near future to get the date and time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante. Oh, and I want to remind people that I determined we would be over by six. I was wrong but I did not have [inaudible] dinner, so, quick. If you're hungry.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll do my very best. So a lot going on. We did meet, as I mentioned early, meet with the people from Yucca and Earthcare, community members who are concerned about everything in our community that has to do with pollution and contamination. And when I think about our meeting today, and I just have to sort of note about being responsive to our communities. And I'm going to take this time to actually just ask for us to really think about when we make these efforts

to do things to get money for our communities that we consider that many of these options, opportunities, money sources, have been available all along and there've been reasons why some things have worked and some things have not.

For example, with regards to the presentation we saw with the sustainability center, 1994 they had the same exact call. Everyone went. And what we did is we went to each community and asked what they wanted, and the project that communities want get implemented, and they did support that. But we have to recognize also, and it's been called green-washing, that that community, that entity that runs the national lab, which is essentially a pit manufacturing rehabilitation entity, no disparagement, doing nuclear deterrence, but that's what they're doing and they know they have an impact on the communities around them. So they come and they ask. This isn't new.

So when we go to these different communities and we ask what their needs are – or wait a minute – that's the way we should do it is go to these communities and ask what their needs are, not say, I had a great idea and we're going to get Santa Fe County to spend way too much time spending a whole lot of money on something that isn't appropriate for Santa Fe County, that exercise was done in the nineties. I mentioned that before.

But I say that same thing in the spirit of who we're responding to as our constituents and whether or not our constituents would support a bond, as much as they like libraries, as much as they love community colleges, but as much as they love to assure that people in their community actually have clean water and a quality of life that anyone can be proud of, and that we don't have a part of the county that we get to point to that just sort of takes all our stuff.

I have appreciated the interest and support on this dais, but when we get into whether the state is going to fund it and if it's NMED, each and every one of those funding sources has all along been an option. And when we look to the leadership in our staffing, I ask sincerely of our managers to really think about how we can get these services rendered in the interest of our community members who want both a post office and their senior center, their old building that seems like it could be reused for something else. Seniors want theirs too. We're forgetting all about the people we are serving and it has me so frustrated.

I am once again really super-frustrated and that's where I'm going to ask that we really think about those individuals we are working for, who put us in our positions and to consider, as we can, each and every one of our districts, how we work together and how we try to continue to create a County that's beneficial for everyone.

So that's what I waited instead of belaboring the poor gentleman from UNM, having to listen to everything that we were going to continue to go on about, and the stuff that has been absolutely top of mind, not even just since our last meeting, but since every meeting since. Since I started, frankly. So thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So I realized that our last meeting since then, Commissioner Bustamante, Commissioner Greene and myself, we went to NACo. It seems like eons ago, but I have to say that I felt really loved by NACo and I felt really appreciated as my last time there. I was given a gavel by the Women of NACo and for my professionalism and updating that. The Republicans that I have worked

with at NACo actually all told me they would miss me, which is like they know that I argue with them constantly over the last seven years, so that was really interesting and I think we all had a great time. The Women of NACo and the Arts and Culture Commission, which I also serve on, held a joint reception in the Tampa Art Gallery and it was a really wonderful event with a number of people. It was really fun.

So then we came home and it seems like it's been non-stop since we got home for sure, but on this last Monday night, DOE held another townhall. There was about 500 people once again attending but there was a tremendous amount of frustration with the way that it was run. I didn't run it this time. It was kind of run by Los Alamos County and others and there was a lot of frustration with it, which is unfortunate because it was an opportunity and –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Did they not accept a lot of comments?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: They accepted a lot of comments. There was no answers and it wasn't well moderated. The moderators didn't really know what their job was. So it was unfortunate in that way. But I have to say that thanks to the New Mexican that printed my comments that I read in the Sunday paper, I asked for a bunch of things from DOE, like maybe I should have asked Bechtel for money for roads or whatever name of it is. Roads and affordable housing. They're impacting our housing and I think they should contribute and they didn't really take – Administrator Hruby said, well, we don't build housing. Well, you don't have to build housing but you've got \$5.5 billion, so you could invest that in Santa Fe County and we could build the housing.

But beyond that, then the other thing I wanted to cover was there was a recognition party for Senator Nancy Rodriguez by the Federation of Democratic Women and I attended that and Senator Stefanics and I came up with an idea of writing a proclamation and a recognition for Senator Rodriguez, so I'm going to be working on that, her 28-year at the County and the state, she's done a tremendous amount for her constituents.

Then last Saturday we had Coffee and Tea with Manager Shaffer and it was very successful and everyone loved it. I also invited the new Commissioners-elect, Cacari-Stone and Johnson. They had a chance to say a few things and meet with Manager Shaffer. My next Coffee and Tea is I think August 24th and I think that's enough for right now. So thank you, and I'll turn that over to – or I'll go to Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I too was at NACo. It was a beautiful time to see sort of a send-off for Commissioner Hansen. There were lots of accolades and a little bit of baton passing on to Commissioner Bustamante and myself as hoping to keep the standards high over at NACo and being participatory.

I attended the employee picnic. That was beautiful, over last Friday. It seemed like people were having a lot of fun out there and Romero Park looks great and it really looks nice over there. So that was nice to see everybody out there enjoying themselves.

We will be having, as Miles mentioned in the Matters for Public Concern, there will be a public meeting, community meeting in Rio en Medio on August 22nd. The primary aspect to talk about is about forest access and trail and open space, but it will also touch on broadband, road access, water, acequia improvements – basically all of the issues that Rio en Medio and to a lesser extent the Chupadero community are interested in and it will probably be the first of multiple meetings on the subject.

And then as folks mentioned earlier, I was at Chimayo today to be with the seniors and discuss their passion for the Bennie J. Chavez Center and if it can't work for a post office, that's fine. We can continue as things are going and we will avail ourselves to help secure a post office through other means and so I'm okay adjusting our plans and seeing how we can work with the post office to do that.

And then lastly, about an hour ago I received an email announcing that Santa Fe County was just awarded \$100,000 for a grant writing and engineering project grant by the New Mexico OBEA, Office of Broadband Expansion and Access. So we just got \$100,000.

So we're going to be meeting with the chief of the OBEA office tomorrow and I can only say that he scheduled that knowing we would be in a much better mood once we knew that we had just gotten that grant. So it makes it part of the reason I had asked for this meeting was to say, what's going on here? This was supposed to be an easy grant to go for, and it's taken a long time. So now we've just been awarded this, so this is great. So we've got some planning money to play with. I know that there's projects in all of our districts that would benefit from this. Hopefully we'll know whether our challenges were successful tomorrow. So they didn't announce that in this press release but I'll find out for us tomorrow. So thank you very much, everybody.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, could I mention one more thing?

CHAIR HUGHES: One more thing. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I know we all went to the RECC ribbon-cutting and just because nobody wants to mention it. It was fabulous to see and I just wanted to mention how impressed I was with the facility. It looks like a state of the art facility. It's wonderful to be in. It was beautifully designed. The workspaces, the work stations are amazing. The people looked busy, happy, reasonably happy. It was such a difference from the old RECC and it's so important. But in addition to being really impressed and really so pleased that the County has this now as we service lots of partners.

I also wanted to give a shout-out to P.J. Montano and everybody who worked on that. Just in some casual conversation, they worked under some difficult circumstances including the transition between directors when they didn't actually have – before Roberto came on, didn't have anybody really giving them direction so they had to do a lot of research. So I found all that really interesting. They really had to step up to make such a design and the County should really be proud of what they did. Everybody who was involved, not just Public Works, but starting there and going to everybody who participated. Thanks. Sorry I didn't say that before.

CHAIR HUGHES: That's all right.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, on that point. I had the honor of being invited to a crime luncheon with the Governor today and I did take the time to announce to everybody in there, since we were talking about crime, where everything goes to our Regional Emergency Management Center. I did mention that we had a ribbon-cutting yesterday for this incredibly beautiful building, and so I wanted to share that with everybody.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, that was a very nice event yesterday and a very

impressive building. In District 5 I just have a couple of things to mention. The Public Works finally installed the school crossing that was funded a few years ago and it's a raised bump in the crossing, to which there were numerous humorous comments in NextDoor Eldorado because people hit the bump without realizing it was there, including me, but at least I wasn't speeding. But I hit it at 35 miles an hour and I went, whoa. But some people were going faster than that. So, but that's very nice to have the school crossing.

Also, in our meeting on August 2nd, I was just thinking about this, and maybe Brad has already considered this, but the more open we can make the planning of the hazardous materials and the other – the point is to make people really aware of it and to make people aware of it is to get them to review it and comment, and think that their comments are going to be taken seriously. So I hope that goes well. I know we can't have 100 voting members but if we can have a lot of public input that seems meaningful to people I think they will appreciate that. And that is it for me.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: You and I both attended the employees –

CHAIR HUGHES: Oh, yes. We did attend the picnic. It was very nice. I didn't get a chance to throw balls at Manager Shaffer because I was eating lunch but I saw him get wet and it was lots of fund.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other elected officials in the room or online? All right.

11. Matters from the County Attorney

A. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:

- 1. Settlement Agreement with Gardner Associates, LLC**
- 2. Acquisition of Real Property for a Solid Waste Convenience Center**

3. Performance Evaluation of the County Manager

4. Potential Prohibited Practices Complaint

CHAIR HUGHES: Attorney Young, are you going to give us the directions for our Matters from the County Attorney?

MR. YOUNG: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I would ask that we go into executive session to discuss . limited personnel matters, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978. And specifically including four items, settlement agreement with Gardner Associates, LLC; acquisition of real property for a solid waste convenience center; third, performance evaluation of the County Manager; and then finally, a potential prohibited practices complaint.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Commissioner Hamilton, do you want to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I figured there is no point in not. I move that we go into executive session to discuss the matters that Attorney Young just outlined.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Can we have a roll call?

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 5:50 to 6:23.]

CHAIR HUGHES: Can we have a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move that we come out of executive session and the only thing that we discussed was the items that Attorney Young mentioned.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

11. B. Request Approval of (1) Agreement No. 2025-0018-PW, County Utility Line Extension and Delivery Agreement Between Santa Fe County and Gardner Associates, LLC; and (2) Agreement No. 2025-0019PW, Settlement Agreement between Gardner Associates, LLC, Greer Enterprises, Inc., and Santa Fe County

CHAIR HUGHES: Now we move on to a presentation by Paul regarding our County utility line extension and delivery agreement.

MR. CHOMAN: Thank you. It's late. I'll be brief. I believe you discussed this in executive session, but Mr. Utton, our outside counsel for water for many years presented to you the information. Two parts of this, a request for approval of the ULEDA, as well as request for the agreement between Santa Fe County, Greer Gardner Associates, and a Greer Enterprises, Incorporated. It's 28.9 acre-feet per year for this development. This project, as you know, has been going on since like 1994, and again I believe Mr. Utton had presented to you all lots of changes. Lots of changes have occurred since 1994, obviously. We're in the ULEDA phase now and that's what this agreement is for, to give this developer approval for those water rights to be acquired.

And through some machinations of agreements with the OSE as well as settlement with the County and things like that, we came up with this number 28.9 acre-feet per year. And I stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Just a technical question. Do we need the motion as two separate motions for the two pieces, or as one motion?

MR. CHOMAN: It's all on one agenda so I believe it would be for one motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Sounds right to you? Okay. I'm happy to make a motion but if there are questions.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I have no questions.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve both the County utility line extension and delivery agreement and the settlement agreement between Gardner Greer and Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

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

12. Informational Items / Reports

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

- H. Strategic Plan June 2024 Monthly Report
- I. Quarterly Report on Restricted Housing at County Correctional Facilities Pursuant to Laws 2019, Chapter 194 (HB 364)

There were no questions on the informational items.

- 13. Concluding Business
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Bustamante and second by Commissioner Hamilton, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Approved by:

Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



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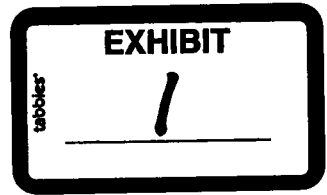
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



Petition for Chimayo Post Office Replacement
July 2024

Chimayo needs a Post Office. We have a commercial center called Manzana Center located in Central Chimayo on County Road 102. It is owned by Mrs. Florence Jaramillo who is also the owner of Rancho de Chimayo Restaurant.

Mrs. Jaramiillo owns a vacant building at that location. This facility already has air conditioning, a bathroom for staff and ample safe parking as well. She has offered this building to the community for its post office.

We hereby petition the U.S. Postal Service to make an appointment with Mrs. Jaramillo and/or her representative to visit this site and discuss the feasibility of using that location for our Chimayo Post Office instead of disrupting our Senior's daily lives by taking away our established much loved Senior Center. The Benny Chavez center has also been where the community votes.

We humbly request that this be done as soon as possible instead of closing down the Benny Chavez Senior Center/Community Center. We the following are not in favor of losing our Senior Center and Community Center. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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PLEASE PLEASE
Keep
Bennie J. Chavez
Senior
and
Community
Center

Please Post
NO Office!

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Home Away From Home a Wonderful World 2



Countless of
Benefits for
Seniors and
Surrounding
Communities

- Healthy Congregation and Home Delivered Meals
- Camaraderie
- Safe Place
- Art and Craft Activities
- Health Promotions
- Social Events
- Transportation
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Field Trips
- ETC.ETC.ETC



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“A place” ... to receive Healthy
Nutritious Food

“A place” ... to learn and be creative

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WEAVING



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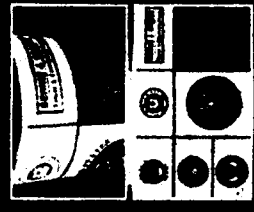
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“A place” ... to be honored

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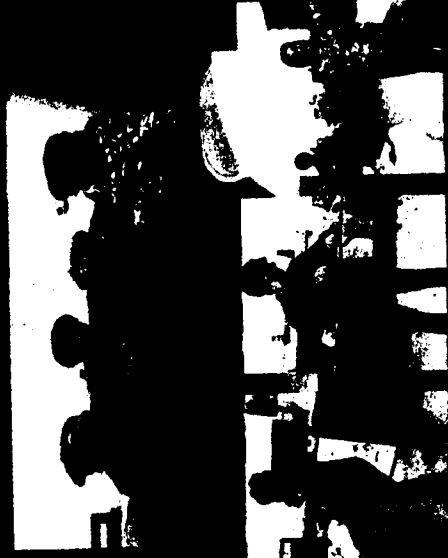
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Checking
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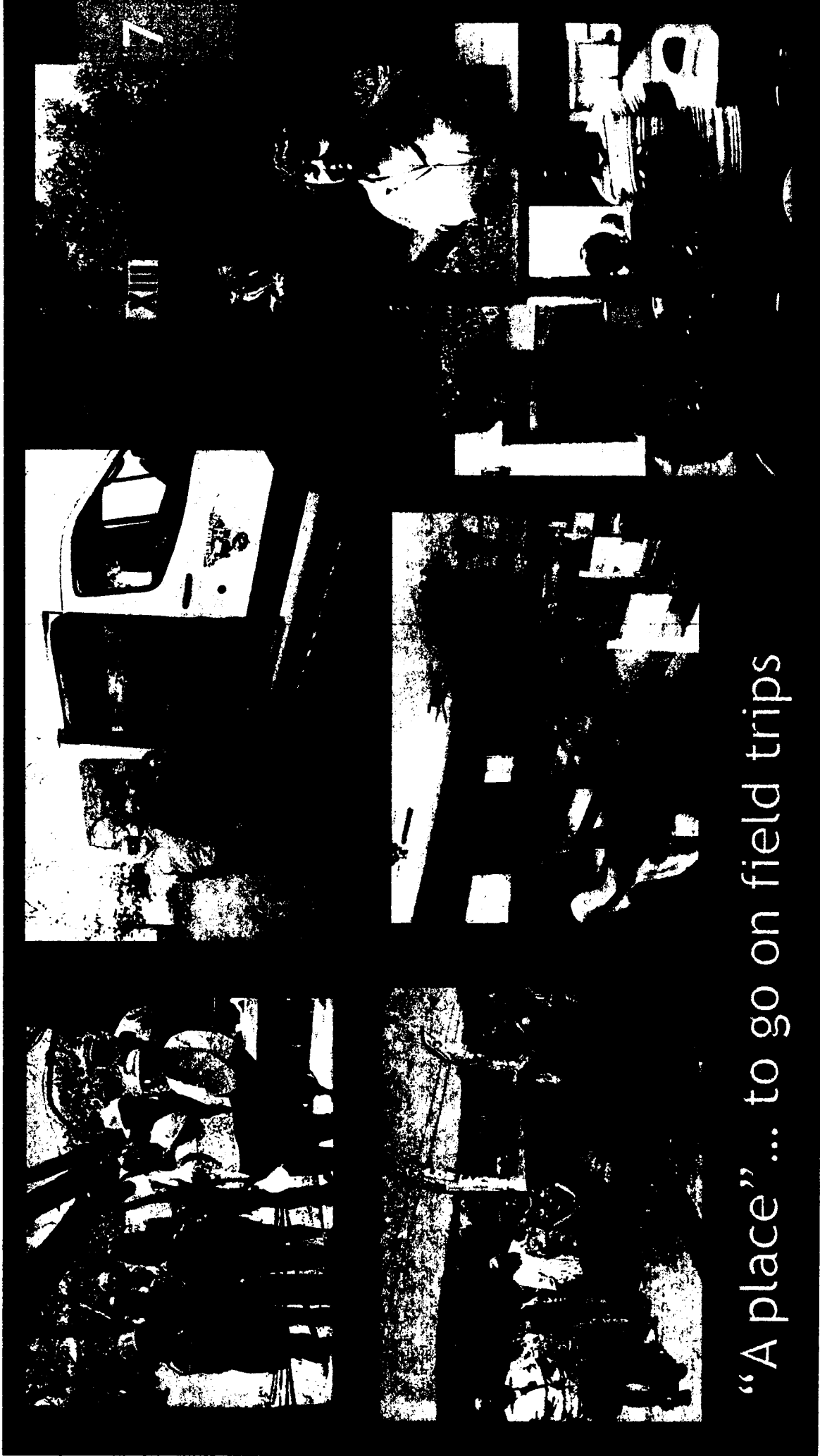


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Tai Chi



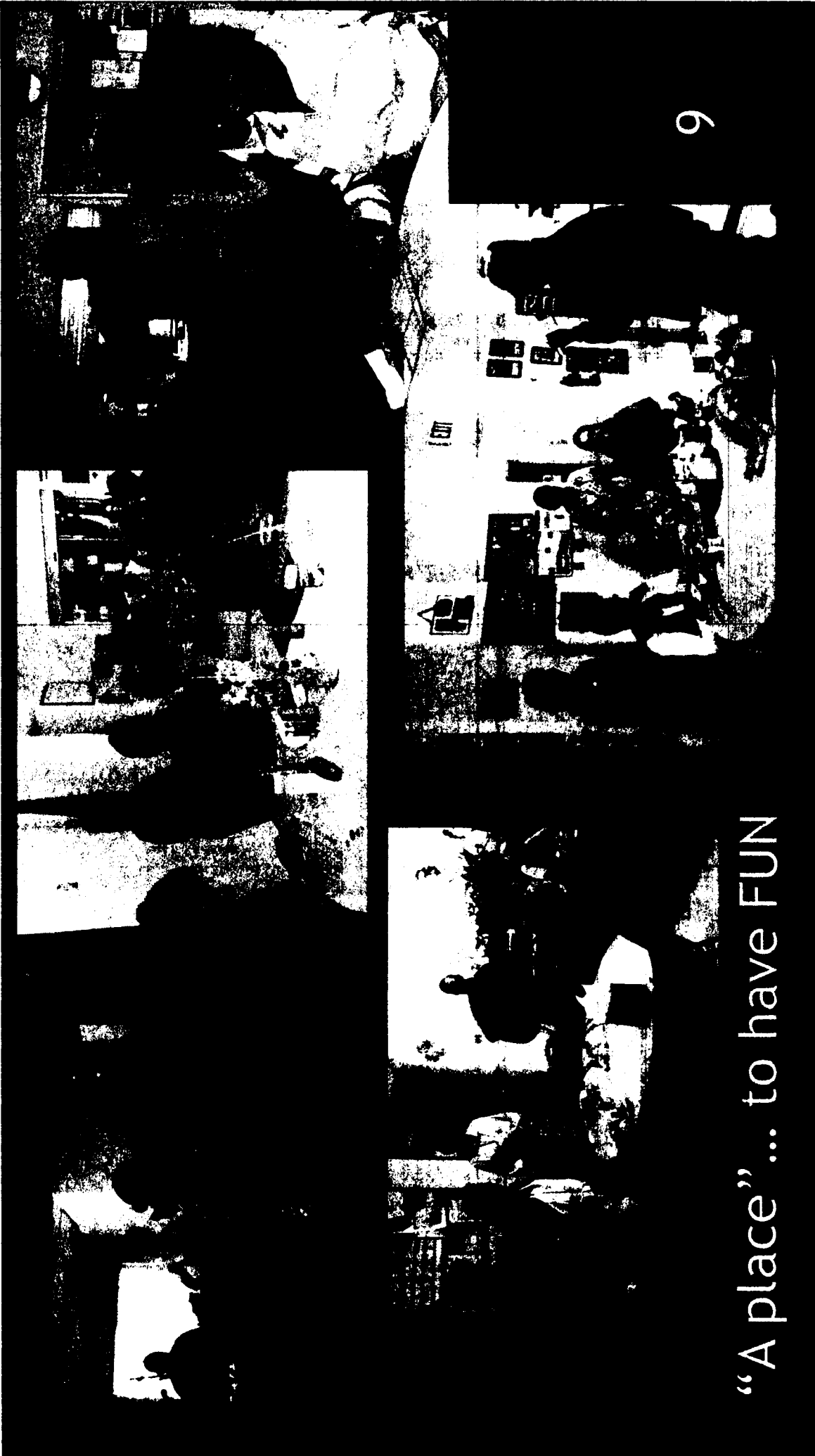


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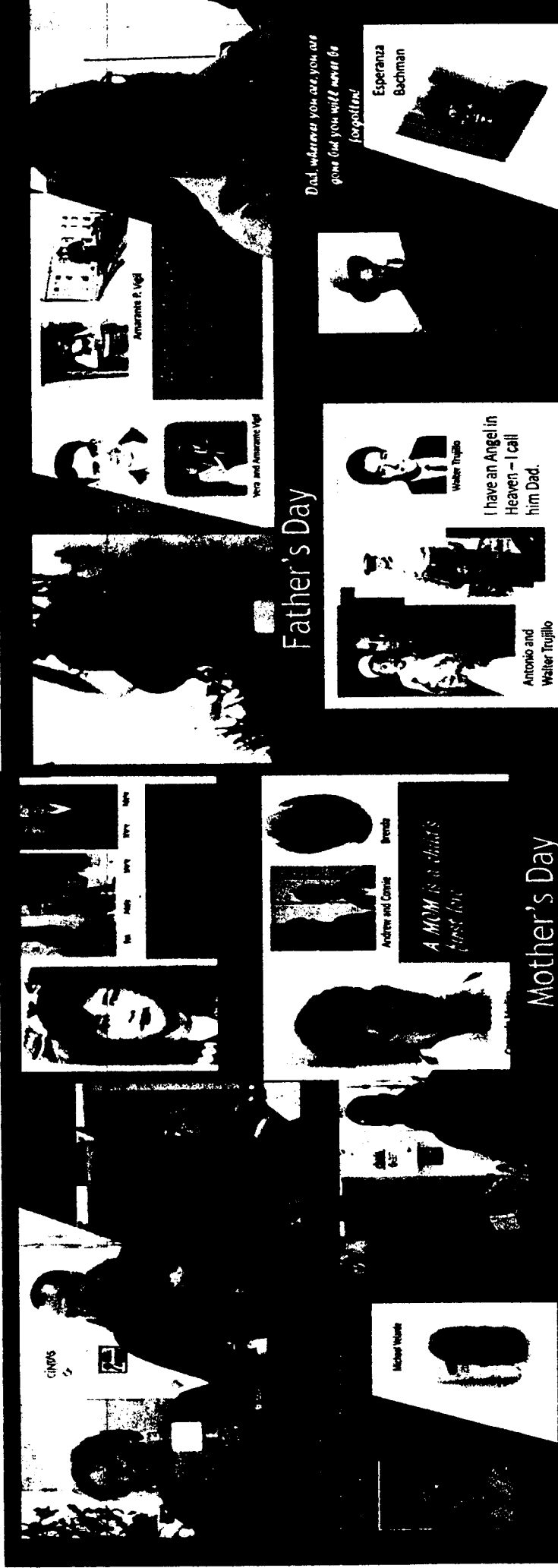
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“A place” ... to have FUN



Father's Day

Mother's Day

"A place" ... to share about family 10

“A place” ... for
community use

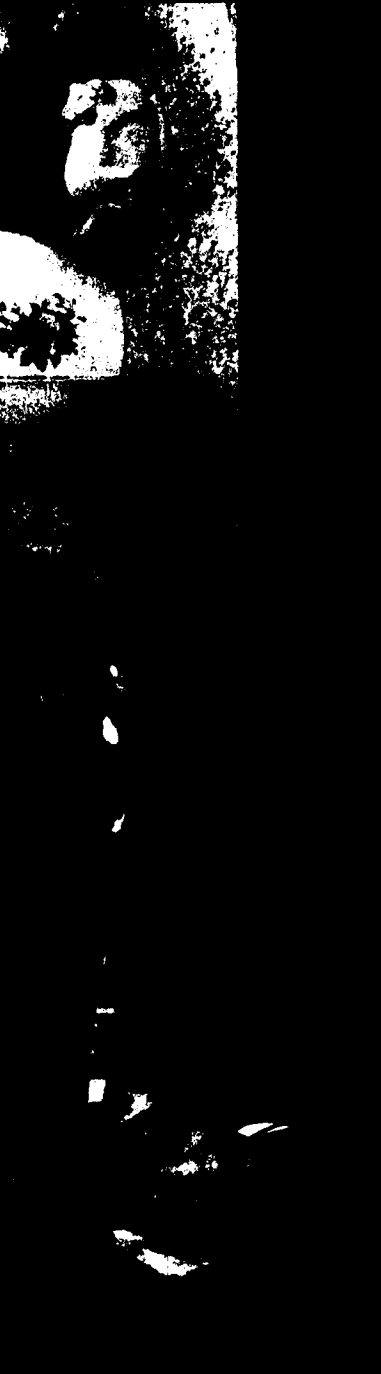


Graduation



Baptism/First
Communion

“A place” ... to remember and honor past
friends



Things to Take Into Consideration

If your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles attended this center how would you feel that their place of peace and comfort would no longer be available to them? For even yourself?

Is the money received from renting the Senior Center for a post office REALLY more important than the happiness and livelihood of so many members and community use?

For some member this is the only center they can attend because they don't have transportation and the center is close enough for them to walk.