

SANTA FE COUNTY
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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:24 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. He 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 Deanna Baca of Treasure's Office.

G. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HUGHES: Manager Shaffer, are there any changes?

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I would note that the initial agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, August 20th and the amended agenda was posted on August 23, 2024 at approximately 5:35 pm, which is in excess of 72 hours before today's meeting as

required by the Open Meetings Act, including, in terms of differences between the two agendas the following items were added to the amended agenda. They were Miscellaneous Action Items 6. J, 6. K, 6. L, and 6M. And in addition, item numbers 3, 4, and 5 were added to the potential executive session.

In terms of changes to the amended agenda as presented, staff would recommend the following: first, we would recommend that item 6. F, which is the amendment to the agreement with La Familia Medical Center be moved to the beginning of Miscellaneous Action Items since the CEO of that organization is present to answer any questions, and secondly, I'd respectfully request that Matters from the County Manager, item number 9, be moved in front of Matters of Public Concern. So again, Matters from the County Manager and Miscellaneous updates would occur prior to Matters of Public Concern. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve the agenda with those recommended changes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We do have today both new hires as well as recognition of significant anniversaries and retirements. We'll start with retirements. I wanted to acknowledge a retirement in the County Assessor's Office. Mr. Leonard Vigil is retired effective August 1, 2024 after 22+ years of service with Santa Fe County. So thank you, Leonard, for your service to the County.

In addition we had several individuals at the County who are recognizing significant milestones with us during the month of August. Acknowledging and celebrating their fifth year anniversary with the County is Rebecca Otero Granger with the Corrections Department, our psychiatric nurse-practitioner, Jacqueline Beam, our Sustainability Manager, and Christopher Oakeley in the County Assessor's Office is recognizing his 15 years with us. So again, Rebecca and Jacqueline are celebrating five years with the County and Christopher is celebrating his 15th anniversary with the County.

We continue to have significant activity on the new hire front and I wanted to acknowledge the following individuals who joined our team during the month of July. In the Corrections Department, Chasity Carter, Trystan Ochoa, Sondra Samaniego and Joseph Trancosa. Also in the Corrections Department, Aaron Chriss and Andres Montoya-Lopez and Natalie Solis. In the County Manager's Office, joining our Procurement team is Timothy Sintas, and we had several employees in the Public Works Department including Erin Feehily, Aaron Montoya and Jesse Thompson.

In the Sheriff's Department, Cassidy Cordova joined our team and we had a project manager I, Jason Chrichton also joined the County. We have two new emergency communications specialists at the RECC – Alexis Dorroh and Melody Vigil, and then finally, our new Growth Management Department Director Alexandra Ladd also joined the County in the month of July. So please join me in welcoming our new hires celebrating the longevity of employees recognizing significant anniversaries and thanking Mr. Leonard Vigil for his years of service and congratulating him on his retirement from the County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Thank you for everyone who joined the team this month. It's great. And the long term people who reached the five-year and fifteen-year landmark. Any other comments?

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

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank all of the County employees who participated on the Customer Service Task Force. The task force was formed in February of this year in response to the Board's resolution 2024-01, a resolution confirming Santa Fe County's commitment to customer service as reflected in its adopted strategic plan. These employees who participated on the task force were nominated by their department directors based on their excellence and commitment to customer service. They gave their time despite busy workloads to envision the best that we can be as an organization and really start to lay the found work for a cultural shift in this area of customer service.

So the individuals who worked on the task force, and if they are present I would ask them to stand were Valerie Aghaei Park, Chris Bradley, Chris Chappell, Ignacio Dominguez, Daniel N. Fresquez, Daniel E. Fresquez, Emma Felt, Frankie Gonzales, Estrella Martinez, Olivia Romo, Dominic Sisneros, and Nancy Toscano.

I would just note that I sometimes thank my 14-year-old son for doing things and he says, Dad, I didn't have a choice. And you know, that may be the case relative to the folks who are asked to participate on this task force, but they did have a choice and the choice that they had was whether to really lean in and give generously of their time and of their insights and really show up and set up to help the organization be the best that it can be. And so I wanted to really extend again a heartfelt acknowledgement for their efforts and for their attitudes, which is at the end of the day a lot of what customer service is about. So thank you to everybody who gave generously of their time to help us move forward in a positive direction in this area. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Thank you very much for that.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Request Approval of the July 30, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve July 30, 2024 Board of County Commission meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

B. Request Approval of the June 25, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Special CDBG Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the June 25, 2024 special CDBG meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

3. Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions

A. Resolution No. 2024-101, a Resolution Adopting an Art on Loan Program to Provide for Beautification of County Owned Properties Throughout Santa Fe County

CHAIR HUGHES: That will be Commissioner Anna Hansen. Go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So thank you. First of all, this resolution would not have happened if Rod Lambert, who is here to help me present – please come up – was not here at the County. We are lucky to have recruited him to our County and I am grateful for his work and I also want to thank Legal for their work on this resolution, because this is a complicated resolution, I think as everyone has had a chance to read. I think it's only five pages, which is long for a resolution but it covers a lot of really important points.

This is something that I personally feel that art in public places, art in roundabouts, art in our community is a thing that makes us who we are. And without having that recognition of art in the public, where people can see it and enjoy it every single day – when they're driving to work, when they're coming home from work, when they're going to school. I think it uplifts your whole being. I probably am a little prejudiced since I have a master's degree in art and it has been my profession, so I'm sure I'm a little prejudiced, but I'm going to turn this over to Rod to let him talk about this resolution and thank you once again.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Is there a power point? If you'd like to talk a little bit more, in the interest of recognizing the importance of Santa Fe's rich artistic and cultural heritage Santa Fe County should promote and exhibit the work of local artists and galleries by displaying artworks in public spaces. An Art on Loan program offers opportunities for the exhibition of locally produced artwork without necessitating

unreasonable fiscal or budgetary outlay which has been part of the hesitance here at the County. I do believe we should be spending at least, probably, in my humble opinion five percent on art. But I know that one percent is the main listing at the moment by New Mexico Arts.

ROD LAMBERT (Public Works): Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen. Members of the Commission. I'm Rod Lambert. I'm a project manager for the Public Works Department. I came to Santa Fe County in June of last year after 15 years at the City of Santa Fe in their Arts and Culture Department, so a big part of this resolution and proposal and the whole system is kind of based upon a system that we used at the City as well. So it had kind of a proven background.

So we recently had the completion of the northeast-southeast connector and that impacted Richards by giving us two more roundabouts on that street, Roundabout One and Roundabout Four. There will also be a ribbon-cutting on Thursday at 10:00 am for that, but that gives us two opportunities for the placement of public art to beautify that section of the project. There already is public art in Roundabouts 2 and 3 on that strip in front of the college and in front of the Pantry Dos Restaurant.

So there has been a lot of interest from both the Rancho Viejo North Community Homeowners Association and the Community College. I have been in talks with the Community College administration already regarding this kind of proposal for a program, and both organizations are interested in opportunities that can help beautify these spaces and just have art going the entirety of Richards Avenue from the interstate all the way to Rancho Viejo.

There are some hurdles with this kind of proposal though. There's currently no budget allocation for the purchase of artworks. Hopefully, as this program develops we can end up expanding an Art in Public Places program that's more robust with funding. Participating artworks are going to be – need to be insured by the County's rider and it would just be kind of an inclusion underneath the existing rider. It's the same policy that we had at the City of Santa Fe. That way it limits the exposure to risk. In my 15 years at the City there was only one incident, I think, in which the insurance policy had to be tested at all with damage. Usually the artist or in our case the City, would be able to make any repairs or any kind of maintenance updates to them. And there is no policy currently defining or formalizing a procedure for this. So we went ahead and started doing one.

So the amenable solution, it beautifies, it's little or no cost, it protects the County from risk and it engages the community. So that answer is an Art on Loan program. So it's essentially a contract. It's a qualitative contract instead of a quantitative contract that has no – any kind of fiscal outlay on either side of the contract, so the terms kind of essentially indicate that the County receives artwork for public display and are able to use images of that artwork in situ for the promotion and marketing of County services, and in return any artist or gallery who is offering their work for loan, they receive free promotion and marketing of their artwork in the public sphere. So that's kind of the terms of what the contract says, so it kind of gets around a fiscal outlay for the County and for the loaner.

And this policy has advantages because the costs are limited. There is some initial infrastructure that will have to happen for concrete pads, possibly hiring a crane service to go and pick up the artwork at the artist's studio or at the gallery. The artwork is

covered by the County insurance through an existing risk policy and we have had confirmation from the Risk Department that this is okay. We were thinking that we could do a three- to five-year contract and then possibly renew those contracts, but that way there's kind of an opportunity for rotating artworks and maybe a little curation of those spaces over time. It also help lighten and broaden the participation across the public for other artists that are from the area.

A qualitative contract is for services like I mentioned again at the beginning. It restricts financial exchanges and avoids any violation of the Anti-Donation Clause.

This is just to throw it in there now. This is kind of an opportunity for us to explore with the roundabouts but feasibly this program could be expanded to other County properties and we could expand this to include ten to twelve artworks throughout the county, depending on how well this one functions and kind of will pave the road for that expansion if possible. As I just said, it formalizes to explore the function of a public art program at low risk, low cost and it develops a further policy and procedure document for art in public places. It allows us to move forward quickly to beautify Richards Avenue and the roundabouts 1 and 4 and start engaging local partners to kind of energize the space, and then it offers the possibility of further expansion for other properties in the long term. And as you can see in the image of Roundabout 1, it's the roundabout nearest the interstate and Roundabout 4 is the one nearest Rancho Viejo.

The contracts for three to five years and can be renewable depending upon the popularity and success of an artwork in place. They'll be covered by the policy and the selection committee for this or any other projects that we'd like to pursue on other County properties could be ad hoc. That way we ensure transparency with the local community and the fullest opportunity for community input. It's a big part of public art on a national level to make sure that the communities that are going to be engaging with that art are the ones who are helping select that art. So it's very important to have a kind of ad hoc committee that rotates based upon site. That way the population that's being impacted by that site has a voice.

So other possible partners is Agua Fria HOA. I've already been in touch with them. The Community College – they have a group of people that are very eager to either help recruit artist and galleries to do the selection process and I'm sure they'd be interested in having a member on that committee as well. And then the IAIA, I have connections there so I could feasibly get someone from that community also to serve, whether it be an arts administrator, an instructor or an artist themselves.

Any questions?

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I have a quick –

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So this is excellent. The question that I have and we had had some discussions after – during strategic planning as we were going forward and it was very clear that you really wanted to see the art in public places which I think is really exciting. And the type of question that I have with regard to having two committees, because the other part of that strategic planning involved a discussion about an Arts Council that would evaluate building on destination type festivals, looking at the creative sector business development, those elements. And I'm wondering how, if

there are two different committees, if they could be merged into one when we're ready to go on to that kind of development. We're working somewhat disparately on something that could actually be a combined effort and I'm wondering, both from the Commissioner and from you what you see to be the opportunity in that regard.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Bustamante, I've sat on numerous boards for the City and over the course of that time, whenever we did public art they were a one-time committee. When we selected the artwork for the 400 Anniversary at Ragle Park to put that beautiful stone sculpture at Ragle, we were appointed for just that one piece of public art. So I think an Arts Council has a different project and a different responsibility, and bringing people from the community where you are placing the art I think is really helpful.

When I sat on the 400 Committee I sat as a member of the Parks and Open Space for the City so we pulled people from different areas for that committee. So I think that is – I don't see any conflict with that. I see it as actually a benefit to the Arts Council because I'm hoping that the Arts Council is a longer term responsibility, that they would be there for the longer term. And one of the items that County Manager Katherine an I spoke about because I have talked about public art for a long time, since I first got on this Board and I know Commissioner Chavez talked about it before me, was that at the back side of Catron we have a little green area and there could be art there that would go along with what's behind the convention center. It would be pearls of art along that road.

So there's other places in the county, but roundabouts, according to AASHTO, which is the American Transportation –

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, still having the floor, I think I got my answer. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. So but according to AASHTO which is a national standard for transportation, roundabouts should have a vertical element, and a vertical element is normally a piece of art that slows down the driver and provides for a safer environment.

MR. LAMBERT: And Mr. Chair and Commissioner Bustamante, I think it's also an opportunity, there will be conversations happening informally with these members of these two ad hoc committees, and I think that will help like spread the work and a conversation and a network will start, and I think organically there's a way to kind of either get recommendations for members for a larger Commission, or possibly have members of those graduate through, which often happened at Arts and Culture at the City. Somebody would serve on a small committee and then end up being a chair of the division. So it was kind of like a nice transition.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, Mr. Lambert, I just see them as strengthening each other. So thank you. I get it. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I just want to say thank you for organizing this. This is a long time coming. I know in your career on this Board and I think there's a lot of other places, other than roundabouts, but that's a good place to start. I think all of our County parks, right? Romero Park should have a nice sculpture garden or something like that, or these things that – and then when we put murals and stuff on buildings that is part of the conversation and look at us right here. We have one of the most beautiful

chambers in the state. So art in public places is important and thank you for bringing this forward.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. There's many places that public art can exist and the fact that Santa Fe City and County is an art capital of the world. There is no reason that we shouldn't have this program, Art on Loan program and hopefully someday we'll have a budget to buy more art. And with that I would like to make a motion to adopt this resolution adopting an Art on Loan program to provide for beautification of County-owned property throughout Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I have one question. My question is will the art be for sale while it's on loan? In other words, a nice statue, on loan in the middle of a roundabout, would someone be able to buy it?

MR. LAMBERT: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, absolutely. Oftentimes when I was at the City there were at least two pieces that were on display that someone from the public had seen them, got in touch with us, we ended up putting them in touch with the artist and/or the gallery, and those pieces were purchased and there was at least one situation where the piece was eventually so beloved, the white wrapped piece in front of the public library downtown over here, that one was actually donated by the artist eventually to the City because it didn't feel right to take it away. So there's opportunities for it to advance and also offer economic development and support of artists and galleries in the community.

I also wanted to add that the committees would be appointed by the County Manager, based on recommendations from our office. So what we'll do is develop kind of a committee of people who may be interested, and then submit that list for approval.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. Any other discussion? Okay.
Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Rod. I think we should give Rod a hand because this wouldn't have happened without him.

CHAIR HUGHES: And without you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, well, I'm determined.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution No. 2024-102, a Resolution Granting the County Manager Authority to Execute a Quitclaim Deed and any Other Documents Necessary to Convey Real Property to the City of Santa Fe to Resolve Title Issues and Validate the Easement Granted by the City to the County for Construction of the Santa Fe River Greenway Project.(Public Works Department/Scott Kaseman)**

- B. Resolution No. 2024-103, a Resolution Officially Accepting Grant #24-I3313 (Control #C5243313) for the Arroyo de Rancho Road Crossing Project and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant Agreement (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder)**
- C. Resolution No. 2024-104, a Resolution Officially Accepting Grant #24-I3314 (Control #C5243314) for the Avenida Vista Grande Bridge Improvement Project and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant Agreement (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder)**
- D. Resolution No. 2024-___, A Resolution Officially Accepting Grant #24-I3315 (Control #C5243315) for the San Ysidro Crossing Bridge Construction Project and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant Agreement (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder) ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- E. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I3131 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for Sheriff's Protective Gear in the Amount of \$600,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Sheriff's Office/Adan Mendoza)**
- F. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I4208 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for the Clerk's Warehouse in the Amount of \$796,950. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Clerk's Office/Katharine E. Clark)**
- G. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-Z15042-17 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for a Corrections Recruitment Fund in the Amount of \$918,750 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Derek Williams)**
- H. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I3140 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center in the Amount of \$1,100,000. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Anne Ryan) ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- I. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I4217 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center in the Amount of \$2,069,694 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera Community Services Department/Anne Ryan)**
- J. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I4218 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center in the Amount of \$1,485,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Anne Ryan)**
- K. Resolution No. 2024-105, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth \$5,000 or Less in Accordance with State Statute**

- (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- L. Resolution No. 2024-106, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth \$5,000 or Less in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- M. Resolution No. 2024-107, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth \$5,000 or Less in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- N. Resolution No. 2024-108, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth \$5,000 or Less in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- O. Resolution No. 2024-109, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth More Than \$5,000 in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- P. Resolution No. 2024-110, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth More Than \$5,000 in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- Q. Resolution No. 2024-111, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth More Than \$5,000 in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**
- R. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2024-0005-HR/JL with Robert Caswell Investigations, Increasing the Compensation by \$225,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$300,000, Exclusive of NM GRT, Extending the Term for an Additional Three Years, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Human Resources and Risk Management Division/Valerie Aghaei Park and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- S. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2023-0060-HR/MM with Gallagher Benefit Services, Increasing the Compensation by \$87,900 for a Total Contract Sum of \$255,108, Exclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term for an Additional Year, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Human Resources and Risk Management Division/Valerie Aghaei Park and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- T. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 8 to Agreement No. 2018-0036-CSD/MM Between Santa Fe County and Vista Grande Library to Provide Library Services, Increasing the Compensation by \$60,000**

for a Total Contract Sum of \$442,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term for an Additional Year, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Community Services Department/Jennifer N. Romero and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)

CHAIR HUGHES: Does anyone want to take items off the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I do, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Could I take item – I just have a few comments. I want to take D and H.

CHAIR HUGHES: D and H. Okay. Any others?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'm supportive of both of those so I'll make a motion to approve with those two items removed.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items D and H. passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

D. Resolution No. 2024-112, a Resolution Officially Accepting Grant #24-13315 (Control #C5243315) for the San Ysidro Crossing Bridge Construction Project and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant Agreement (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder)

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's not that I'm opposed to any of these. I want to recognize for the record – I just want to say a few things about both of these resolutions. So one, with all these rains, I think that San Ysidro Crossing is really warranted of more attention because it is muddy and there is water constantly on the roadway. And we're having dumping there which is really a problem. Dumping is a problem throughout the county but the more that we can do to stop that, but I am grateful to the legislature and to DOT for this grant to start the potential bridge construction and looking at really innovative ways that we can make this crossing incredibly unique, because it is in the traditional historic village, and because it is such a focal point of the village right there with the Trust for Public Land, county land that is now being created as a farm adjacent to Reunity Resources, and also with the MainStreet grant that the Village Association has received to start working on a cultural and art and cultural center along the Santa Fe River.

So I just want to thank everybody at the legislature who gave money and DOT and County staff for recognizing how important this is. Thank you, Public Works Director Snyder for your concern about San Ysidro Crossing.

H. Request Acceptance of Grant #24-I3140 Received from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration for the Santa Fe Recovery Center in the Amount of \$1,100,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Anne Ryan)

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And next I just want to say – I hope I picked the right one off – on the Santa Fe Recovery Center. So the Recovery Center is something that we have never had on our CIP and the building is in the city. But this has been put in our lap and I support the Recovery Center. It is not that I am opposed to the Recovery Center it's just that the reason we are hosting this and being responsible for it is because of the City audits and what has happened with them being unable to receive this money over the years.

We still have a ways to go to be able to even finish this but it has taken a fair amount of staff time and I feel like it is important that it be in the record that other Commissioners understand that part of the reason why the Recovery Center is at the County and we are responsible for it is because the City could not receive the money because of their late audits. And I just wanted that on the record. I am honored that we have the Recovery Center in the County. We care about these kinds of issues. We have our Crisis Center. We have our Detox Center. We have La Familia. We have many clinics that we are committed to, so I just want it to be clear why we are the fiscal agent for this project.

Let's do D first. Anybody have a comment on D. Why don't we pass D then we'll go to H?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I'll make a motion to pass on the Consent Agenda item D.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Hansen, seconded by

The motion to approve 4. D passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, now on H, you had a comment, Commissioner Greene?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you to the Recovery Center. You have three items on here and so I didn't want to pull all of them to scare you. But I want to a) thank you for showing me around a couple weeks ago. You gave me a generous tour of your facility and a little bit of the capacity that you're trying to build and you're in the process of building, and the potential for what could be. And so I've started to ask around about trying to get a little bit more money, and I think we should be working on trying to finish out your building. I hope you've gotten your permits all done.

ANNE RYAN (Community Services): Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Thank you so much. Anne Ryan on behalf of the Community Services Department. Present here is Stacy Martin. She is the CEO of the Santa Fe Recovery Center and Eric Sanchez who's heading the project.

ERIC SANCHEZ: Permitting is still in process, so we're waiting on that to be finished up. We've finished up our demo and we should be starting the actual construction phase very shortly.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Well, best of luck with that. Going through the permitting process at the City is definitely painful so I'm sorry that we can't fix that for you but we could become your fiscal agent. In terms of being a fiscal agent, you're serving all of Santa Fe County so regardless of whether you're in the city or so on we are rightfully your fiscal agent. So if there's a way that we can help you in further phases of this or how you can impact our county beneficially, tell us how we can help. And thank you very much. And with that I will make a motion to approve item H of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, if I may I will second. I very much have to pass on what was told to me by a constituent and honestly the first thing I heard, one of the first things when I became a Commissioner was, look, if there's anything you can do to support the Recovery Center, do it. They're really – you do good work. So we're very grateful. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: So you seconded the motion. Under discussion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I just want to say I'm not opposed to the Recovery Center being here. I'm just making the designation very clear, because I think we are the rightful heirs and the right place for you to be, but I just – I want it recognized why.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. And I also enjoyed my tour of the facilities and I support what you're doing and I'm glad we're able to help in our own way.

Commissioner Greene made the motion. Commissioner Bustamante seconded.

The motion to approve 4. H passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

5. Appointments/Reappointments

None were presented.

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

- F. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2023-0010-CSD/CW with La Familia Medical Center to Provide Primary Care and Navigation Services to Low-Income Residents of Santa Fe County, Increasing the Compensation by \$746,050 for a Total Contract Sum of \$2,238,150, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term for an Additional Year, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)**

CHAIR HUGHES: Bill Taylor and Anne Ryan, do you want to say a few things about that?

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Division): Thank you, Mr. Chair. The agreement with La Familia Medical Center is due to expire August 30th and the parties wish to extend, increase the compensation and continue services through fiscal year 25

and before you is the amendment #2 that does increase the compensation and requires approval by the Board. With that, I'm going to turn it over to CSD and La Familia to discuss any questions that the Commission may have.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Do you have anything to say or do you just want questions?

MS. RYAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, thank you so much and thank you, Bill. Present with me is Brandy Van Pelt. She is the current CEO of La Familia and has been there for many years. I just want to say a few words, frankly for your constituents, about the essential nature of FQHCs, or federally qualified healthcare centers. They literally serve as the mainline arteries for the distribution channels especially in rural areas nationwide. And so when you think about for example the recent pandemic it was the FQHCs that were the actual boots on the ground for that immediate delivery of whether it was PPE, whether it was test kits, whether it was vaccines, you name it.

What makes them so essential is this fact: that FQHCs are required to serve anybody who walks through their doors irrespective of ability to pay or citizenship status. Irrespective of ability to pay or citizenship status. That's critical from a public health perspective and it's frequently likened to the example of, for example, Chief Black being prohibited from responding to a house fire because they don't have insurance. It just doesn't make sense. So FQHCs are beyond essential. La Familia has been serving this community for over 50 years. I think 1972, and Brandy is here to share a few words and answer any questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Brandy, go ahead.

BRANDY VAN PELT: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I just want to say thank you for your supports. This time last year there was a lot of turmoil at La Familia and there was someone who spoke before you who was the previous CEO who I think painted a picture of butterflies and rainbows, which wasn't the case at that time, and about two months later I was asked to step forward by the board of directors to take on the interim role of CEO which I accepted very hesitantly because I knew that we were in for a rough ride. But I'm very proud to say that we are almost a year later at La Familia and things have gotten a lot better, and our patients, our community, all of you have really rallied around us for support and show that we will last in this community for an additional 50 years.

We also knew that there were changes that needed to be done to the system, work flows, productivity, reimbursement rates, that needed to be looked and we looked at all of those. We turned over every stone that we could and I'm very proud to say we are at a much better financial situation today, and every single leader that sat at the table with me and said that they were committed to the mission of La Familia is still there and we are committed to making sure that we are in the community for another 50 years.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Anybody have a question? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I am very happy to hear of your progress and I want to just comment that one of the things that I have advocated for to help with your financial situation is that we be able to put solar on your building, because that would then help with your electric bill, and that is I'm sure one of the things that you

have to work on. When I was reading the reports I saw that we are moving forward with that and that is really great because I know that will make an impact on your bottom line.

MS. VAN PELT: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And it's something I've advocated for for a long time and I'm glad to see that we are moving forward with that and getting those panels installed and I hope that it will be sufficient to provide all your electrical needs. It might not but it will make a dent.

MS. VAN PELT: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm very honored to have you in my district and I think that the work that you're doing for all of our constituents is so important and I'm really happy that you're in one of our County buildings, that we can provide that for you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think I have you in my district as well, and so could you tell us where your facilities are because I think some people know of one or two but I think you're all over the place so thank you for being there.

MS. VAN PELT: We are all over the place, Commissioner Greene. So we have our Alto Street location, which is where our administration is located. We have a clinic on the south side. We also have our dental clinic which is at the Santa Fe Community College, and then we have Healthcare for the Homeless which is off Cerrillos Road across from Indian School.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarifying that. I think there's three or four districts in there and you do great work. I was a little nervous about your future a year ago. I knew some people – I do know some people who work there and they looked nervous too and I'm really happy that you've straightened it out. So thank you very much. If there are other things that we can do to help please tell us. You are a critical part of our healthcare portfolio. Thank you.

MS. VAN PELT: Thank you, Commissioner Greene.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to say that the solar is going to be on the Caja del Oro Grant Road facility, across the street from the Romero Park and it is part of the Romero Park Complex.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Motion.

CHAIR HUGHES: I have a comment first.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Go ahead. Sorry.

CHAIR HUGHES: No, I just appreciate that you're doing better now and I really, really hope that – I'm glad that we're able to help you and we can continue. And yes, I think another 50 years sounds good.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, if I may, just for the record.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

MR. TAYLOR: Just to recite what we're requesting approval of on the amount, just for the record if I may. So approval of amendment #2 increasing the compensation \$746,050 for a total contract amount of \$2,238,150, inclusive of tax, and

granting authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Motion by Commissioner Hansen, clarified by Bill and seconded by Greene.

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

6. A. **Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2024-___, an Ordinance Enacting an Improvement Special Assessment Program within Santa Fe County; Designating Official or Officials to Administer the Program and Execute Necessary Documents to Enable Special Assessment Financing Within Santa Fe County; Approving the Program Guidebook and Related Documents Required to Implement the Program; and Providing for Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto**

CHAIR HUGHES: And that will be Paul Olafson and Juan Torres.

JUAN TORRES (Economic Development Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Today we're requesting authorization to publish title and general summary of Ordinance 2024-___, an ordinance enacting an improvement special assessment program within Santa Fe County; designating official or officials to administer the program and execute necessary documents to enable special assessment financing within Santa Fe County; approving the program guidebook and related documents required to implement the program; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

So the purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the commercial property assessed clean energy program, also known as the improvement special assessment program pursuant to House Bill 228. And I'll go into this in the presentation, but I wanted to highlight a couple parts of the memorandum, specifically, the program is called CPACE and it was enacted by the Economic Development Department at the State. In terms of the timing of this program, I just wanted to point out that in deciding to publish title and general summary the Board of County Commissioners needs to determine the schedule for adoption, a potential effective date of this proposed ordinance.

Generally speaking, the County must publish title and general summary a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting at which the ordinance will be considered for final passage. The soonest that notice could be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county is Friday, August 30th. That means that the Board could consider the ordinance at a special meeting held on September 13th or thereafter at the Board's regular meeting on September 24th. I just wanted to point that out and we'll get back to that momentarily.

I'm also joined here by Mr. Eric Christensen. He is the selected program administrator by the New Mexico Economic Development Department and he will be available for questions as well. So, commercial property assessed clean energy is a finance structure in which building owners and borrowers for energy efficiency,

renewable energy, water conservation, and resiliency projects on new and existing commercial buildings, make repayments via an assessment on their property tax bill.

The financing arrangement allows for long-term financing, 20 to 30 years, transferability of repayments, obligations if the property is sold, and facilities' long-term investments in building performance. CPACE may be funded by private investors or government programs.

So the Improvement Special Assessment Act, House Bill 228, was signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in April 5, 2023. It provided the authority for the counties to establish the CPACE special assessment and financing program. To create an active program counties must pass an ordinance establishing a program locally and authorize voluntary improvement special assessments on qualifying properties to acquire financing for qualifying energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary for all counties.

After passing an enabling ordinance, a third party administrator will administer the program on the County's behalf. The program administrator will accept project applications, review project applications, to determine conformance, approve, conditionally approve, and disapprove project applications, and communicate that information to the applicants. They will also execute and record required program documents and would work with participating counties to place a special assessment payment to the property tax bill. And the information is on their website.

So to be eligible for CPACE financing a project must be locate in a county or a municipality that has approved a CPACE program. Counties are only required to pass the initial enabling ordinance and record a special assessment lien upon the voluntarily encumbered property. Counties are not asked to bill, collect, or remit improvement special assessment payments or cause such payments to be billed or collected. Participating counties are not liable for covering the shortfall if the building owner is deficient or overdue on their improvement special assessment payments. Participating counties are also not required to enforce delinquent payments. These actions will be pursued by the private capital provider per New Mexico's enabling law.

So the parties involved in this CPACE operation or this deal, the County is the original party to the special assessment with the property owner, impose a special assessment by recording special assessment lien and then assigns the special assessment lien to the capital provider for assessments approved by the program administrator. Upon the special assessment financing being satisfied, records a release of the special assessment lien. Adelante Consulting, the entity that was selected by the New Mexico Economic Development Department to administer the program manages the project and ensures adherence to program requirements, including working with tax collectors to outsource billing, collection, and remittance of an annual improvement special assessment payment to the capital provider.

The capital provider finances the project and receives a property tax assessment. The contractor or energy services company installs the equipment and makes the improvement. The property owner is eligible, building owner receiving the eligible improvements and the senior mortgage holders on the property must agree to the improvement special assessments being levied on the project.

This timeline reflects the ordinary process under ordinary circumstances. I

mentioned at the beginning of this presentation there is an expedited process that could be considered, but based on this timeline under the ordinary ordinance timeframe if it is approved today it would go into effect, essentially, on October 25th and that timeline could be adjusted, again, based on the decision of this body.

We stand for questions and I understand that there is an interested public entity that would like to comment on it, if it's your pleasure to take that comment on this subject, and then limit it to this subject and open up comments at the end. It is at your pleasure to do that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Well, normally they could comment at our next item, which is Matters of Public Concern. Is that all right?

MR. TORRES: It's completely up to you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is it one person or are there a bunch of people?

MR. TORRES: I believe it's just one person.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Let's hear from him then. The one person.

LARRY BAIN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm Larry Bain and I'm a property owner here in Santa Fe County. I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to speak on Action Item 6. A, the adoption of the ordinance to enact improvement special assessment CPACE program within Santa Fe County. We respectfully request that the Board concern expediting the adoption of the CPACE coordinates to allow it to take effect immediately upon recordation. State law permits expedited adoption when the Board declares it.

An expedited hearing and effective date for the property CPACE ordinance makes sense for three major factors. One, economic benefit. The ability for property owners to access lower capital costs for financing creates an extremely secure, enables lenders to offer financing to building owners to lower rates for longer terms than traditional commercial financing. This can make the completion of a commercial development financially viable. Also as economic growth, by offering the economic tool to county building owners, local building values are enhanced and more jobs are created. Nationwide CPACE financing has resulting in over \$7 billion in private investments creating more than 25,000 jobs.

Community benefits: This is about energy and resiliency upgrades. These upgrades create a more competitive environment for retaining and attracting new businesses by lowering the energy costs and improving the structural soundness of buildings. Upgraded buildings should generate higher property payments for the County. Energy upgrades typically reduce greenhouse gases and other pollutants facilitating adherence to County action plans and goals.

Number three: Alignment with Santa Fe County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan. CPACE is environmentally responsible. By financing measures that improve operating efficiencies achieve green building standards and promote energy and water conservation. CPACE also creates economic strength and diversity through financing energy and water conservation technologies, reducing operating costs of buildings, and supporting a living wage for employees, and preparing building owners for climate change.

As a property owner in Santa Fe County I am eager to utilize CPACE for the reasons mentioned above. We are in a tight timeline and would incur significant

additional costs, fees and penalties should the adoption and effective date of the CPACE ordinance fall beyond the end of September. We hope to realize the benefits of this program for ourselves and our entire community. Therefore we ask the Board to expedite the adoption of the CPACE ordinance allowing it to take effect immediately following the special meeting on September 13th. This would provide ample time to close the very first CPACE loan in the state by our target date of the end of September. Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Juan. So have other counties or jurisdictions actually adopted this? Are we the first?

MR. TORRES: Bernalillo County adopted this earlier in the summer and I believe we would be the second to adopt.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: We would be the first project, though, potentially, to go through it?

MR. TORRES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. And it's limited to the environmental upgrades on the project, or it could be the whole project if it's so deemed environmentally sensitive?

MR. TORRES: I'll let the program administrator talk about that.

ERIC CHRISTENSEN: My name is Eric Christensen. I'm the project manager with Adelante Consulting. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, to answer your question, as long as it falls within the four categories that Juan described, so if it's energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, or resiliency, then it would be acceptable. So this could be the enveloping of the building. It could be changing light fixtures. So CPACE financing has been used for up to 100 percent of the project. In this case it would be part of the capital stack.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So if somebody's putting solar on their building, it's the whole facility could be refinanced with this product, even though it's ten percent of the project is for solar and these sustainable upgrades.

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yes. As long as it fits within those categories. So if it's solar being placed, they also want to renovate the roofing for example, where the solar panels would be then it would be covered by the financing.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Thanks. I think that's all I've got.

CHAIR HUGHES: Comment, Commissioner Hamilton?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, I think Commissioner Hansen had raised her hand first but I'm happy either way.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen then.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So this is something that I have advocated for for a long time. I think that CPACE is really important financial mechanism to be able to support these climate change necessities that we are facing and also provide a mechanism and I am also in support of the expedited process in moving forward so that we can be the first to show people how this works. I am a little concerned that the state has not written rules about CPACE. Is that true or have they actually got their rules written finally?

MR. TORRES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, House Bill 228

established the rules in 2023 for the CPACE program.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. So that bill included the rules. Did they write the rules?

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Commissioner Hansen, yes. So there's a statute and then with the program being established, we also have sample documentation which includes a program guidebook. And so the program guidebook would outline what the program administrator would carry out and how the program operates within New Mexico, and that's referred to within the statute.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you. That's all I have at the moment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. Like Commissioner Hansen, I'm really glad to see this going forward. I think it's a really good idea, and I'm also in favor of doing it in an expedited manner because the groups that can make use of this – this is now available to anybody in the county in terms of the support of environmentally sensitive and more advanced development. But it's economic development that's a benefit to the County and the county constituents. So I think doing it in an expedited manner is really good.

I thought we were the third – not county, but did Albuquerque do this also? Not that it matters, really. It's not really that germane.

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, so Bernalillo County and Albuquerque both passed their ordinance and resolution in May and June of this year. They currently have a few projects that are hoping to close but it will likely be a bit later in the year. So we're looking at November/ December. And then we're in conversations with a number of other counties across the state. I think the next county that has a timeline for passing legislation would be Taos County, but there's a number of others that are interested.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. Well, like Commissioner Hansen, I'm really glad for something like this for the County to be a temporal and technical leader, if that makes any sense, in doing this sort of thing. And in that regard, I don't know how much work it took to really put this together, but I want to commend Juan and his team and Paul for doing the effort it took to get this moving in a really cogent way, but in a short timeline. So thank you very much for doing that. Well done.

CHAIR HUGHES: Do you have a comment, Commissioner Bustamante?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No, I'd like to make a motion.

CHAIR HUGHES: I just want to – what's the ideal timeline for this? You gave us the traditional timeline, but what would you like to see as the ideal timeline?

MR. TORRES: I'll defer to the legal counsel on this.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

MICHAEL NUNEZ (Asst. County Attorney): Chair Hughes, Commissioners, so I'm just here to provide the options. So the traditional timeline would be to – regardless, there needs to be the two weeks of publishing. And so that would take effect starting this Friday through September 12th. And then after that, then if there's a special meeting, then it could be approved at a special meeting. The next meeting that scheduled after that is not until September 24th, which for the specific project brought up

would be a very tight timeline for them to complete and close. That being said, per statute, no ordinance shall take effect until 30 days after the ordinance has been recorded. That's the traditional taking effect date. However, there's an exception when it's necessary for the public peace, health and safety that an ordinance take immediate effect after passage. So if the Board determines that to be found here, then as soon as a special meeting or the meeting on the 24th takes place, the ordinance would take effect that same day.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. So we can't do it our first regular September meeting because it's not the required time space. We'd have to have a special meeting.

MR. NUNEZ: It sounds like that would be the preferred route or a variety of partners.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. So we can plan on a special meeting to help everybody out and get this on the way.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Can I ask one more question please?

CHAIR HUGHES: One more question, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Would this be eligible for the jurisdictions, or does the City of Santa Fe and Edgewood and Española have to pass their own enabling legislation? Or does this cover all of Santa Fe County?

MR. CHRISTENSEN: This would cover all of Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So within the City of Santa Fe, we've made this available to everybody in the county?

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Commissioner Greene, Commissioners, the City of Santa Fe would need to pass this themselves. They are in talks of doing that themselves. There's been some discussion back and forth with our office. But this would just be for the unincorporated parts.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Unincorporated areas. Okay. Great. Thank you very much. Commissioner Bustamante, you wanted to make the motion? I will defer.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I was going to make the motion but I'm hearing that – because right now, all we are doing is making the motion to publish title and general summary. But I do hear – would we attach an expedited process as part of this motion?

MR. NUNEZ: So today the request is for approval to publish title and general summary and the request for a special meeting is essentially just putting that out there for the Commission to consider and potentially –

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So it would not need to be a part of the motion?

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It could be though, couldn't it?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: It doesn't have to be to happen. I'd like to make the motion to publish title and general summary of an ordinance enacting an improvement special assessment program within Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: How do we authorize doing the expedited timeline? We have to actually as a Commission approve doing that. So we

either have to – if I’m not mistaken, we either have to – we have to give instructions and the only way I know to do that is to put it in a motion.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: And to expedite the process.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And that’s a friendly amendment, but also the Chair could call the special meeting and we could –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I don’t think so.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I have put it in.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I’m good with it.

CHAIR HUGHES: So there’s an amendment to hold a special meeting to expedite it and also to approve it taking effect right away, not waiting 30 days.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. That’s all in the motion.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And that’s a friendly amendment, yes.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: We’ll see if we can meet on the 13th or shortly thereafter.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I request that if we meet on the 13th it be in the morning.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I’m open all day.

CHAIR HUGHES: I don’t know what my schedule is on the 13th but I’m not walking under any ladders that day.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I’m going to bring a black cat just in case.

[The Commission recessed from 3:37 to 3:49.]

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, let’s get back going. First of all, before the public hearing we’ll hear Matters from the County Manager, Manager Shaffer.

9. Matters from the County Manager

A. Miscellaneous Updates

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I did have three items that I wanted to update the Board relative to. First, we are expecting the property tax rate setting order from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration later this week, sometime before the September 1st deadline. The Board of County Commissioners is required to issue and deliver to the County Assessor its own written order imposing property tax rates within five days of receipt of the Finance and Administration Secretary’s letter. So we are proposing an additional very short special meeting to you for your consideration if you can look at your calendars, either on Thursday, September 5th, at 2:00 pm or Friday, September 6th at 10:30 am. And you don’t have to do that now during the meeting but if you could let Sara know before you depart

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today so that we can get that special meeting scheduled I would appreciate it.

Secondly, I wanted to remind you and also reiterate to the public that there is a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the opening of the Northeast-Southeast Connector roads in total this Thursday, August 29th from 10:00 to 11:00 am. If I understand it correctly the location will be at or about the new roundabout that is the connection between Avenida del Sur and Falcon Way. So hopefully you as well as the public will have good turnout relative to that grand opening of those roadways.

Lastly, I wanted to publicly address rumors that the County is considering use of the so-called Airport Road facility for temporary or transitional housing for unhoused persons. The Board of County Commissioners as a body is responsible for property belonging to the County and the Board of County Commissioners has never as a body put the Airport Road facility on the table as a potential location for housing homeless persons, nor has County staff advocated for the County to do so.

County staff occasionally provides access to County facilities to other governmental entities and stakeholders as a courtesy and the Airport Road facility is no different. Such courtesy visits, however, do not constitute official County support for anything. It is regrettable that the specter of the Airport Road being used for housing the unhoused has taken root in the community and I very much do regret that that has happened. If I am mistaken relative to the views of the Board as a body please let me know. Otherwise we will be issuing a press release later today clarifying this matter so as to avoid further misunderstandings in the community that suggests that the Board as a body has in fact put the Airport Road facility on the table for this purpose. Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, County Manager. Any comments? Okay.

8. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR HUGHES: Is anyone in the audience here to speak to us? Raise your hand. Nobody wants to speak. Okay, we have online. Do we have a comment?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Mr. Chair, we have Chris Mechels online.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, Chris. Go ahead.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, before I unmute him do you want me to display a timer?

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

CHRIS MECHEL [remotely]: Okay, there we go. Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners. Unfortunately, I'm back with you with a familiar problem. I continue to struggle with the fact that the County is out of compliance with – currently, today as we sit here, we're out of compliance with three sets of laws, a deeper growing problem in spite of what the County Attorney said. The Open Meetings Act today is in violation because you've still got your panels that aren't working and you have countered – you haven't made any provisions to inform the public when those panels aren't working. And your sunshine portal still is not being updated.

So you've got three areas here where you're operating out of compliance with laws and it's troubling to me and I've been trying to figure out why that is so. I think we

got a clue on the 30th of July meeting where there was a brief exchange where some people didn't notice perhaps between a member of the Board and the County Manager where the County Manager basically threatened the Board member with an ethics violation if he proceeded.

That's a very interesting thing to do because it really points up the fact that the Ethics Board, which is where you would go to make that ethics violation, the Ethics Board was a creation of the County Manager at the time and the County Attorney at the time. They created a provision there where the County Manager indeed has power to charge an ethics violation to a member of the BCC. That is currently number 24 of the Code of Conduct and it needs to be removed because it doesn't in essence – it just underlines the fact that in 2010 all the power gave the County Commissioners, they turned around and gave to the County Manager, and you have yet to reclaim it.

And that contributes to the ongoing problem with all these legal problems because the County Attorney no longer reports to the Board of Commission. The County Attorney, like all at-will employees reports to the County Manager. So when you ask the County Attorney for an opinion you may not get an opinion that is correct. You may get one that suits the needs of the County Manager. This really needs to be addressed. Other counties such as Bernalillo County have a staff for their Commission and that staff includes people who are capable of doing analysis and it also has an attorney. You must get your own attorney. You cannot rely upon an attorney who is beholden to the County Manager, because of course he will [inaudible] his attorneys to the needs of the County Manager.

So right now I would say, immediately, this County Commission should look at what other people are doing and see to getting a staff so they can actually do oversight and represent the interests of the people of the county, rather than just being driven from pillar to post by the County Manager, which is where you're at today and where you have been ever since 2010 when the County Manager and the Attorney talked you into making that unfortunate change. So thanks for your attention.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you for your comments. Is anyone else online?
No. And again, is anyone in the room want to make a public comment? Okay.

B. Resolution No. 2024-113, a Resolution Adopting Local Governments Road Improvement Fund Project No. L500568 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Paseo Nopal, San Ysidro Crossing to West Alameda and Agua Fria, 77C and 68A, Las Estrellas 52 Frontage Road to Paseo San Pasqual

CHAIR HUGHES: Sorry for the wait, Brian.

BRIAN SNYDER (Public Works Director): Not a problem, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, Commissioners, the next three items on the agenda, items 6. B, C, and D are all resolutions for Santa Fe County to participate in the New Mexico Department of Transportation's annual local government road fund program. The program is broken out into 75 percent funding from DOT, and 25 matching from Santa Fe County.

Public Works staff works together to do a field assessment along with comparing that information to our LIDAR assessment which we've spoken about at previous Board

meetings to come up with a listing of roads. And our goal is to identify roads that are at – that have maintenance needs and if we don't perform those maintenance needs they will move into a lower quality of a road thus impacting performance and experience of our constituents.

Public Works staff completes these roads and the road maintenance work in-house so to make the funding go further. This item before you, 6. B is for a resolution to accept funds for three roads. The first road is a chip seal of about 1.8 miles on Las Estrellas Road from i-25 to just west of Paseo San Pascual; a chip seal of about 1.11 miles of Paseo Nopal from Buckman Road to Artisan Lane; and the last road on this item is a two-inch overlay, about 6.4 miles of San Ysidro Crossing from West Alameda to Agua Fria Road. And with that I'll stand for questions on item 6. B.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you so much for bringing this forward. I just want to note that Paseo Nopal is in the Area 1-B area that we are still taking care of for the City, since they can't get it together to annex, and I just want to point that out. And we're happy to take care of that. We have always been happy to take care of our constituents.

I'm grateful that we're doing San Ysidro Crossing to the west to West Alameda as it's definitely needed and I hope that we'll be able to do something at the bridge in the meantime since there's so much debris and dirt running down the river. So with that, if there's no other comments I would like to make a motion to –

CHAIR HUGHES: There is another comment.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Then I will make a motion after him.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will let you make the motion but if I may. Thank you, Brian. I drove Paseo Nopal yesterday and it needs a little bit of help, but I actually look at it and I wonder, it seems like it's a road that has drainage issues, almost as much as it has roadway issues, like surface issues. I'm wondering, is there a plan to deal with – it's a road that slopes inwards into the center, and that seems to be where the problems are is in the center of the road where ice and water builds up, as opposed to a crowning road that would probably shed the water a little better.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Greene, it's my understanding that the road used to be sloped with a crown years ago and caused more drainage problems in that area, and the County staff – I'm not sure the number of years ago, but reshaped the road to have it as it is today. And my understanding from talking with our road superintendent that this has caused less drainage problems than when it was crowned and the water running off. But I agree, it's a large hill and it has a lot of watershed coming onto that road to influence the road.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, the hill part is kind of the better part but it's that northern part that seems to be the more problematic in the arroyos. And I just wonder if that becomes a bigger, ongoing maintenance problem. But I'm generally supportive of this and Madam Commissioner, if you would like to make the motion please feel free.

CHAIR HUGHES: First, are there comments from this side? No. Okay. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move a resolution adopting Local Governments Road Improvement Fund Project No. L500568 for pavement rehabilitation/improvements of Paseo Nopal, San Ysidro Crossing to West Alameda and Agua Fria, 77C and 68A, and Las Estrellas 52 Frontage Road to Paseo San Pasqual.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Can I just make a quick thank you? Estrellas has been problematic for a long time. Thank you.

MR. SNYDER: You're welcome.

C. Resolution No. 2024-114, a Resolution Adopting the Local Governments Road Improvement Fund Project No. L500592 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of South Fork, CR44, Richards Ave. to Avenida del Sur, and Avenida Ponderosa

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, item 6. C is also a resolution to accept LGRIF funding, similar to 6. B. And this is for three roads. The first road is to chip seal about 1.29 miles of Avenida Ponderosa from Calle Lomita to the end of County maintenance. Second road is a two-inch mill and inlay of about a mile and a half, a little bit over a mile and a half or Richards Avenue from the City limits right at the crossing of I-25 to Avenida del Sur, excluding the roundabouts in that corridor. And the third road is to chip seal about 1.4 miles of South Fork Road from San Sebastian to the end of the County maintenance. And with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I just assumed I knew what it was standing for but what's EOP and BOP? On the site map.

MR. SNYDER: Beginning and end. So beginning and end of pavement, or project.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I figured as much but I appreciate it. Thanks.

CHAIR HUGHES: Other questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, make a motion to approve this.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. And I do want to say thank you for improving the roads in District 5.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And in District 4. Thank you.

MR. SNYDER: You're welcome.

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

D. Resolution No. 2024-115, a Resolution Adopting the Local Governments Road Improvement Fund Project No. L500597 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Richards Avenue to Avenida del Sur

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, item 6.D is consistent with items 6 B. and C. The difference between what's in 6. C and item 6. D for the Richards Avenue, there's different funding sources from the state that have different agreements and different resolutions attached to them. So this is just a different funding source to help us complete the Richards Avenue two-inch mill and inlay of approximately 1.58 miles from the city limits near I-25 and Avenida del Sur. And with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Bustamante made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

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

E. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0262-PW/DK with Vital Consulting Group, LLC in the Amount of \$13,999,688.70, Exclusive of NM GRT, to Provide Construction Services for the Santa Fe River Greenway Trail Section B, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We're before the Board today to request approval of construction contact with Vital Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount of \$13,999,688,70 exclusive of tax, GRT, and to provide construction services for the Santa Fe River Greenway Trail, Section B, and delegation of signature authority to the County Manager to sign all purchase orders. The amount of this that was recorded here in this presentation is inclusive of the ten percent contingency for anything unforeseen.

We issued an IFB in May, invitation for bid. We received two bids. One from Vital Consulting Group, one from Meridian Contracting. They were very close bids within nine percent of each other and the engineer of record provide a recommendation that the bid that was received by Vital Consulting Group was the lowest and most responsive bid. And with that I'll stand for questions. I have Mike Hart, project manager here to answer any questions regarding project schedule deliverables, and I'll stand for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I want to stand up and yell yay, and celebrate. This is a huge project to be moving forward and I want to thank you, Mike for all your work in getting this to this place. I know my constituents in the Village of Agua

Fria will be extremely happy to hear this and I look forward to having a groundbreaking in the next month some time. Does that seem reasonable?

MIKE HART (Project Management): Yes, it does.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you so much for all your work and I'm really, really excited for the Santa Fe Greenway to be moving another mile down the road to San Ysidro Crossing and then since we already have a trail at San Ysidro to Calle del Oro Grant Road we will almost be at Caja del Rio to connect. So that's really exciting and thank you for all your work. And I'll make a motion if there's no other questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hansen. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second. Sorry.

CHAIR HUGHES: Second by Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen made a motion, Commissioner Hamilton seconded.

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

G. Request (1) Approval to Enter into Agreement with Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of M365 Cloud Licensing and Volume Microsoft Licensing Software for a Three-Year Term for a Total Amount of \$1,399,212.08, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. For the record, I need to correct the caption for this request. So I'm going to repeat the correct caption there. There was an error in the caption and the request. So we are requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Insight Public Sector for the purchase M365 Cloud Licensing and Volume Microsoft Licensing Software for a three-year term for a total amount of \$1,325,212.56, exclusive of tax, and we are asking for the delegation of signature authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders and also to sign the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft.

With that I have Daniel Sanchez, IT Director for any questions regarding this procurement.

CHAIR HUGHES: And you said it's a different price than listed in the agenda?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, that is correct. The amount was reduced. Mr. Sanchez can address that question. And the other issue is that the actual Microsoft Enterprise Agreement will be forthcoming from Microsoft if the Board approves the purchase order. And so that's why we added the delegation and that was missed in the caption.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Sure. Thank you. So was the price – one was inclusive of tax and the other was exclusive of tax? Is that the only difference there? I didn't do the math, but –

DANIEL SANCHEZ (IT Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, yes. The

original price included tax for the years two and three, not year one, so the recommendation from Bill Taylor was to do it exclusive of NMGRT just because taxes sometimes fluctuate and change. That way it matches the quote that we got from Microsoft.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Thank you for clarifying.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton made a motion.

Commissioner Hansen seconded it by a hair.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote with corrections made to the agenda caption. [See above.]

H. Resolution No. 2024-116, a Resolution Granting the County Manager Signature Authority to Execute on Behalf of Santa Fe County Any and All Documents Related to the Four Percent and Nine Percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Applications for the Affordable, Multifamily Housing Developments to Be Constructed on Camino de Jacobo, and the Authority to Appoint a Designee for this Purpose as May be Advantageous for the Efficient Execution and Submission of the Applications

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead Jordan. Explain that.

JORDAN BARELA (Housing Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. Good afternoon. I'm here today to present a resolution requesting approval of signature authority for the County Manager, or to delegate signature authority to the County Manager to execute any and all documents related to the four percent and nine percent low income housing tax credit applications for the new affordable multi-family development to be constructed on Camino de Jacobo, and in addition, to authorize the County Manager to appoint a designee for this purpose, as may be advantageous for the efficient execution and submission of the applications.

As the Board is aware, on July 30th, the Board approved two MOUs between TWG Development and the County which outlined the general partnership agreement for the development of these two LITEC projects on Camino de Jacobo. Subsequent to those approvals the County, along with TWG and the rest of the project team will be working to compile the application and pre-development documents necessary for the tax credit applications. I will say the collection of these application documents is rather extensive and just to put that in a little bit of perspective the checklist for each application is roughly 240 items.

But it is critical and imperative that the County as well as TWG make every effort to execute all the required documentation to be submitted to Housing New Mexico, formerly known as the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, in a timely fashion, because these applications are one, very competitive, and two, only open during the month of January. Failure to submit a full completed application would result in us

having to wait until January of 2026 to submit a new application, which is why we are trying to be pre-emptive with this request to request this delegation of signature authority.

And with that I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. Again, thank you. This is a really important project. I was fortunate enough to have a meeting with Representative Linda Serrato, where I really tried to explain to her this project that is in her district. I just want to say this because I think – we’re moving forward. We’re still going to need money from the legislature for numerous things but the more clear we are with the name of the project. Like they did not get that Nueva Acequia was an affordable housing project. That kind of went over their head. So the more specific we can be with legislators on what we ask the better off we’ll be also.

So this is another yay. I’m really excited about that and if there’s not any other questions I’ll make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I’ll second.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Comments? Yes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I do have a comment. I am very grateful for this and I’m expressing that from the constituents in the area who have taken advantage of this opportunity given the PFAS contamination. I’ve learned since that people who have used this specific fund if you will, the HREE, I don’t know if it funds, but the project, to get that started and have made improvements on their homes that have actually helped them out tremendously. So I’m very grateful for this, and I understand that you already have a second. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think you’re talking about a different –

CHAIR HUGHES: That’s the next item

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Oh.

CHAIR HUGHES: That’s all right. That’s an appropriate comment. I am very appreciative of this. This is an exciting point in the development of Nueva Acequia and very important. So do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve 6. H, a resolution granting the County Manager signature authority to execute on behalf of Santa Fe County any and all documents related to the four percent and nine percent low-income housing tax credit applications for the affordable, multifamily housing developments to be constructed on Camino de Jacobo, and the authority to appoint a designee for this purpose as may be advantageous for the efficient execution and submission of the applications. And you seconded?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I did second.

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

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

I. Resolution No. 2024-117, a Resolution Granting the County Manager Signature Authority to Execute on Behalf of Santa Fe County Any and All Documents Related to the Home Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Program, and the Authority to Appoint a Designee for the Purpose as May be Advantageous for the Efficient Implementation of the Program

CHAIR HUGHES: Again, Jordan.

MR. BARELA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Very similar resolution in terms in our request with this particular item, but CDD is requesting approval of the subject resolution which would allow or delegate signature authority to the Manager to execute all documents related to the Home Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency program and to authorize the County Manager to appoint a designee for this purpose as may be advantageous for the efficient implementation of the HREE program.

So just for background, when it comes to paperwork associated with this particular program the program was enacted under the New Mexico Affordable Housing Act and Affordable Housing rules. As such, there are specific provisions that a grantee must comply with under the law. One of the primary ones is an affordability period and that period varies between five, ten and fifteen years, depending on the amount of the grant being provided. However, for that period, the house has to remain affordable. It can't be sub-leased. If it is sold the principal balance has to be paid back to the County. So our ability to secure those grants in accordance with state law, we generally do that through affordability agreements with the grantee, affordable mortgages and affordable notes.

Right now – and this is just since the applications opened up on June 4th, we have income-qualified about 35 applicants, six full-blown rehab projects will be moving out to Procurement next week, and we have about 191 applications in the queue. So this is quite a bit of documentation as far as securing these grants. One of the issues that we run into particularly with construction projects also is if we approve a project, say, for \$40,000 and the affordability agreement, the mortgage, the note, all reflect that, if there is a change order through that process, for example on a roofing project. The roof's taken off and decking needs to be replaced that wasn't identified, we need to go back and amend all those documents and until those documents get amended we run into a little bit of an issue with construction timelines.

So being sure we have – or making sure we have the authority to quickly and efficiently execute those documents is necessary not only for the volume that we anticipate as far as people qualifying for the program, but once we get projects underway we do have the latitude to make adjustments to those documents to account for potential changes to the scope of work of the projects.

And with that I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Any comments? Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Go ahead, if you wanted to make the motion but I wanted to ask a question just about – do we have a real program to do some outreach on this? I know this is one of those things that I am sure that nobody knows

about. Right? And this is for the public's benefit and I think it's great that there's a hundred and something in the queue. It would be great to see them on a map and see – ask these people how they found out about it and then find out ways that we could get out there. Because I know in the north, in portions of my district, people have no idea and they are all eligible. Not all. But there's a lot of eligible folks up there that could benefit from this and so having some outreach program would be wonderful.

MR. BARELA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, to speak to the marketing side of this, I could say what we've done up to this point. And so once the program was released we certainly worked with the County's communication teams, Olivia and Daniel, to put out a media release in regard to that. A lot of the communication that we've been trying to get out has been going through the County CONNECT network, assuming that those are going to be points of contact in the system. So I have done specific presentations to all the navigators in relation to the program. So those are some things we've done in the interim.

There's certain more that can be done, and our hopes were that we actually are going out to RFP right now for a third party administrator to take a lot of the legwork as far as evaluating applications and doing the assessments. But once that is in place I think the media coordination – we can do more now but certainly we'll substantially pick that up once we have staff available to actually do that community outreach.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Wonderful. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: It is with great enthusiasm that I prematurely acknowledged the importance of this program, and that I motion to approve the resolution granting the County Manager signature authority to execute the HREE program.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

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

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

J. Request Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1, Sub-Phase 1B (Case No. 22-5130)

CHAIR HUGHES: Jessica Gonzales. Go ahead.

JESSICA GONZALES (Building & Development Services) Thank you, Mr. Chair. At its August 13, 2024, regular meeting, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved the preliminary and final plat for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1 Sub-Phase 1B, Case No. 22-5130, in SDA-1. Per Section 13.2.2.4 of the Sustainable Land Development Code, the Board is required to approve and execute the associated affordable housing agreements for this project. Due to an unforeseen delay in processing, these agreements were not finalized for presentation along with the rest of the case materials. Therefore, the Growth Management Department is requesting approval of the agreements at its August 27, 2024, regular meeting.

In accordance with Chapter 13, Section 13.2.1 of the SLDC, the applicant is

required to provide 15 affordable units. The agreement, Exhibit A, is part of the platting application of the preliminary and final plat for the subdivision that the Board has already approved. The proposed agreement has been signed by the applicant and the County Attorney's Office and reviewed and approved by the County's Affordable Housing Administrator.

Therefore we are asking the Board to approve the affordable housing agreement for the Esencia Subdivision, Phase 1, Sub-phase 1B.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. I think I tend to remember that we approved four Phase 1 approvals, right? Phase 1A, B, C and D.

MS. GONZALES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that is correct, and the next item, 6. K is for Phase 1, Sub-phases 1C and 1D.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. And there's no Phase 1A?

MS. GONZALES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, there is a Phase 1A for the infrastructure.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Gottcha. Okay. Thank you for clarifying that. I will make a motion to approve item 6. J, request approval of the affordable housing agreement for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1, Sub-Phase 1B, Case No. 22-5130.

CHAIR HUGHES: And I'll second it since this my district. Okay, we have a motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Hughes.

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

K. Request Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1, Sub-Phases 1C & 1D (Case No. 24-5090)

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

MS. GONZALES: At its August 13, 2024 regular meeting, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved the preliminary and final plat for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1, Sub-Phases 1C and 1D in SDA-1. Per Section 13.2.2.4 of the Sustainable Land Development Code, the Board is required to approve and execute the associated affordable housing agreement for this project. Due to an unforeseen delay in processing, this agreement was not finalized for presentation along with the rest of the case materials. Therefore, the Growth Management Department is requesting approval of the agreement at its August 27, 2024, regular meeting.

In accordance with Chapter 13, Section 13.2.1 of the SLDC, the applicant is required to provide twelve affordable units in Sub-Phase 1C and thirteen affordable units in Sub-Phase 1D. The agreements, Exhibits A and B, are part of the platting application of the preliminary and final plat for the subdivision that the Board has already approved. The proposed agreements have been signed by the applicant and the County Attorney's Office and reviewed and approved by the County's Affordable Housing Administrator.

Therefore, we are asking the Board to approve the affordable housing agreements for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1, Sub-phases 1C and 1D.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any questions? I'll go ahead and make a motion that we approve the affordable housing agreement for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 1,

Sub-phases 1C and 1D.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Seconded by Hansen. Okay. We have a motion by Hughes, seconded by Hansen.

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

- L. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2024-0265-PW/BT with INTERA, Inc in the Amount of \$555,567.11, Exclusive of NM GRT, to Provide Professional Consulting and Engineering Services Regarding Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Contaminates in Domestic Wells, and (2) the Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s).**

CHAIR HUGHES: Bill Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We're here before the Board for approval of a contract with INTERA Engineering, agreement #2024-0265 with INTERA, Inc. for a total amount of \$555,567.11, exclusive of tax for consulting and engineering services regarding certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance, otherwise known as PFAS, regarding contaminants in domestic wells, primarily in the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla area. It's known as PFAS, widely used chemicals that break down slowly over time and have contaminated our water sources in the area, and they are contracted to provide sampling, identifying of source, analysis and remediation of those contaminants in our domestic wells.

We did quite a robust procurement on this for an RFP, received four proposals. We went to short list two and had oral presentations and the selection committee is recommending award of the contract to INTERA, Inc. And with that, of course I have Mike [inaudible] here with the Public Works Utilities Director and we stand for any questions with regards to the project.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I actually just have a comment. I think this is a really invaluable piece of work that you guys have contracted to do. It's important. It will be useful for the public and for the – especially Commissioner Bustamante's constituents to know, but it will also be really valuable to the County, the range, the scope of the work that you have done to get this information in terms of planning not only this can be done in response to this but lessons learned that we'll be able to use because this is going to come up again and again. I think this is a really important thing to be moving forward with. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I too want to commend this effort. I'm impressed with the very clear, clean and straightforward proposal and the good work that we're expecting them to do. So thank you for putting this in place, and I do know that it will mean an awful lot to people who are looking forward to the results and seeing how and what can be done about this particular issue. So thank you for that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So I heard one word that you used in the description of this contract and it wasn't in here so I'm a little – you said remediation in this. And so is remediation a part of this scope as well? And what – they're going to do proposals? Are they actually going to do work on this because it wasn't in this scope. I think it's great if we get remediation as a part of this but I just wanted to make sure that our expectations are aligned.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioner Greene. Yes. In their proposal there are seven tasks, of their deliverables. I can't remember the task number but it is to provide options for the County and for our residents for remediation of the contaminants. It will be sort of a broad brush but recommendations for remediation. It's going to be quite an intense analysis of the geological formations and sourcing and working with DOD with their research of PFAS in those areas and doing monitoring wells, getting permission from landowners to actually go in and sample their water sources. But yes, they will be provide us with recommendations for remediation.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Wonderful. Thank you for clarifying that and I think this is definitely necessary for the communities that need this.

MR. TAYLOR: Also, Mr. Chair, if I may, I wanted to point out that the County did receive a grant in the amount of \$459,000 for this contract but we've already been in communication with NMED for additional funding and they were very receptive now that we have a contract, if approved today, in place that will make that process – Paul has been in communication with NMED with the additional funding for this contract.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, thank you, Bill. I was just going to mention NMED and thank them for the support on this project, because I think we have to be working hand in hand with the Environment Department. This is something that they are working on throughout the state. So thank you for mentioning that. I was about to bring it up, so we're good.

CHAIR HUGHES: I was wondering, if we find out who's responsible for the contamination can we hold them responsible for the cleanup. It's going to be rather more expensive, I think. Were we thinking of holding someone responsible?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, that's not part of the contract, but we are in communication with – there are things that will have to be disclosed and provided to the County and what the County does with that information is another step.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, also primary regulatory and enforcement responsibility relative to potentially responsible parties would like with New Mexico Environment Department. So I would just state that for everyone's edification, that that would be primarily the responsibility of NMED and they have in fact, working with the Attorney General's Office, pursued responsible parties in other parts of the state relative to PFAS contamination.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Anybody care to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I would like to make the motion to approve this contract.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: And for the sake of discussion, the national trend is to go to hold the manufacturers of the contaminants more so than the entities that were using them. I'm not saying that that would be the case here. Circumstances may change but that tends to be the national trend. Thank you.

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

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

M. Request Authorization to Apply to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for Grant(s) from the City Park Improvements Fund

CHAIR HUGHES: County Manager Office, Leandro.

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, first, I just wanted to let you know Maxx wasn't able to attend today. She had a previous engagement or opportunity to learn about some more grant funding potential for the County. So you've got me today.

In summary, in 2024, the New Mexico Legislature appropriated \$7.5 million to plan, design, construct, renovate, repair, furnish and equip improvements to city park facilities and infrastructure statewide. Santa Fe County and staff does intend to submit a \$400,000 application for Romero Park, Phase III, but that's not the issue before you today.

Before I move on I do want to just briefly talk about why staff and management feel we did not ask for permission from the Board to apply for this money. One, the project was already on our ICIP plan, had been approved by the Board. COLTPAC also recommended that the project be funded as part of the GO bond question. The BCC then also included this project into the bond question at the same time we heard the Board loud and clear to seek other potential funding opportunities if possible, and this came up and this seemed like a really good fit.

Maxx did lead staff collaboration with Public Works, Open Space. We went through all of our projects on the ICIP, narrowed it down to three and then narrowed it down to Romero Park. So we will be applying for that. The application is ready to go and it will be submitted tomorrow morning, but today we're here to ask for – I'll eventually probably turn it over to Commissioner Greene who has a lot more information, project-specific to Chimayo and the Plaza del Cerro.

So a little more background on the funding opportunity. Eligible entities that may apply are counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and special districts, and the project categories that are particularly well suited for the CPIF funding are construction of playgrounds, sports fields or walking/biking trails. Renovation of existing park facilities, such as picnic shelters, restrooms or community center, accessibility improvements to ensure parks are inclusive for people with disabilities, improvements to park safety features such as lighting for security measures, acquisition of additional park land for the benefit of the community, and sustainable park infrastructure projects such as water conservation features or energy efficient lighting.

And application criteria include a project description, project timeline, a budget, environmental considerations, public engagement, project sustainability and beautification.

So more specific to the project in question, Plaza del Cerro in Chimayo, Commissioner Greene was approached by the Chimayo Cultural Preservation Association about pursuing a \$250,000 CPIF grant for a master plan for the Plaza del Cerro including a waste management system, additional classroom and community gathering space. For the record, the Plaza del Cerro is not on our ICIP. It is not required through for us to be able to submit the application, however, we were told that there may be more points if it is on the ICIP. And the Plaza del Cerro, is, to the best of staff's knowledge, owned by several different parties, private individuals and entities, so the County could definitely apply for planning funds. However, any suggestions or recommendations from that planning may make it difficult for us to implement without site control and ownership of the property.

So at this time the recommended action is consideration, direction on the request that the County submit an additional application for the \$250,000 CPIF grant for the Plaza del Cerro master plan, and I think Commissioner Greene might have more to add to the project itself.

And I stand for any questions that I might be able to answer.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Leandro. As many of you have heard, Chimayo is near and dear to me and in my district and the plaza up there, the Plaza del Cerro is, if you've ever been there, is an unbelievably beautiful historic piece of architecture that is in desperate need of renovation. And the Chimayo Cultural Preservation Association has been doing this basically through fundraising over the last few years, maybe even decades at this point.

They approached me relatively recently, about a week ago, a little more than a week ago, and had identified this as a potential grant opportunity and I've spoken to some folks at DFA and they encouraged us to apply but also moderated the eligibility. So there's some County owned land in the plaza. There is the road. It is a County road that goes through the plaza, and there's a little strip of land that is also next to it, and the folks at the Cultural Preservation Association own two large tracts and are negotiating on a third large tract right now that might be eligible for this grant funding.

And so we're working – they are working – we are working with the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and their grant writers to put something together in time to be able to apply for this grant and we would like – I would like – they would like to ask the Board's support to put this grant in. We are not limited to one grant per jurisdiction. We could apply for any – all sorts of number of grants and the idea here is to narrow it down to something, most likely under \$250,000 at this point, but to do improvements to access in the master planning for the plaza over there. And so all on County property.

CHAIR HUGHES: Questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So I'm not sure I know where the plaza in Chimayo is. I've been to Chimayo a lot.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It's an amazingly hidden place. It is

unbelievably – it is one of the older – it was the northernmost outpost of the Spanish –
COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Except that it's completely grown in,
right?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It is completely enclosed and completely
grown in. Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So this is not a project that's like on the
ICIP or has been reviewed by the County, is it?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: No. But this would be building the planning
for future projects. It's more of a planning grant.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So this hasn't been like – Romero Park
is something that we deal – something that is under – I'm just asking how this got to this
point of getting money to do it when we haven't – it hasn't been reviewed or vetted, like
through a County process, so all the other projects that we have that might be funded by
this, all our open space parks. This funding is specifically for open space and parks.
That's what it's limited to?

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, that isn't all. There
is also infrastructure that's allowed to be requested through this funding source, but it's
primarily parks and park infrastructure.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So what were the projects, the other
County projects? You said you reviewed a bunch of projects. You got down to three and
then you got to one. Can you like give a brief précis of what we did to get to Romero?

MR. CORDOVA: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton.
So first, Maxx attended the kickoff webinar or seminar that DFA hosted to kind of give
her the parameters of this, what would be best suited for these types of projects and at
that time it was mentioned that being on the ICIP was a huge benefit. It also checked the
box of public engagement for us and then we had already gone out to the public and we
could affirmatively say, yes, we did that. So from there we took all our open space, trail
and park projects that were on the ICIP, and that was the basis for our first discussion.

We brought together Public Works project team as well as Open Space and Trails
planning team, myself. We went through the projects. We kind of vetted them out. We
talked about where they were at in terms of their approval and their ability to get
completed. We also talked about the recent approvals of the GO bond and the idea that
these could potentially offset some of those costs that could then be put toward another
project that's in the queue. And so we narrowed it down to three, which were the River
Greenway, the Rail Trail, and Romero Park.

We chose Romero Park for a couple reasons but because there's a sub-phase
specific to the pickleball courts which is already designed and available for us to put in a
different location. Site is already evaluated and part of the overall master plan, and it's
also – this appropriation was created by Senator Rodriguez so they felt like there was just
a little extra synergy on top of all the other reasons it was able to be completed quickly,
take the money, turn it around, and free up those funds for additional projects if it is
approved by the voters.

So it's also independent of the other projects within that phase, so it doesn't – we
don't need to complete the multi-purpose field to be able to complete this portion. So if
we were granted these funds we would be able to independently deploy then and create

the sub-phase.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So in that respect, we chose to go down to one – applying for one park space. Is that a reflection of like resources, like – that’s not the word I want to use – capability. There’s a regular word for it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Capacity.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Capacity for us to do it. Thank you so much. I knew it was an easy word. The reason I’m asking is because – one of the things you said is we went to the ICIP to see what projects we had on there that needed doing. And so we picked one and this funding would do a specific and quasi-independent component of that, of the whole project that’s on the ICIP. Right? A do-able component. That is we wanted to do a second project we could go back to the ICIP list where all the projects have been vetted and they’ve gone through this whole ranking and evaluation process.

MR. CORDOVA: So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes, we did consider a couple different things. Either applying for multiple projects or asking for a lot more money potentially towards the entire phase or entire segment. The discussion was this being the very first funding cycle for this particular funding opportunity, and there only being \$7.5 million for the entire state, all 33 counties and 109 municipalities and all tribal, we felt like we wanted to approach this thoughtfully so that we could take another bit at the apple if it was refunded again and there’s more money put in next time, we would go back again with probably a larger ask, maybe more asks, and also being able to demonstrate success. That was our real goal is to get this done, completed, and go back and show them, hey, we could do this again.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent answer. I’m just really concerned that we put in this second proposal and only one of them gets funded and this second proposal is the one that gets funded. I’m sure the people in Chimayo would be happy, but I wouldn’t. I wouldn’t because that’s not an ICIP project. The ICIP has a really – the County has a really good process for expeditiously putting new projects on. Right? Getting vetted. But if we actually thought it was a good idea to put in two projects I would say I want to find another component of a project that’s been on the list, that has gone through the County vetting, and that we have the capability and the staff time to do.

Just because money’s out there doesn’t mean that we can grab it all and actually do something with it. And I am very concerned that you start taking a shotgun in addition to what I just said, that you start taking a shotgun approach to things, they’re going to go, we’re not going to give the County money for anything because they don’t actually have the capacity to do both of these things. Capacity is – it may be a good timeline to be able to say, we’re letting money go by that we could do, but there are real practical considerations to having the staff capacity, the management time and what now.

So once again, I frankly object to having a project and voting to support a project that wasn’t put through the County system. Everybody else is required to do that. The reasons aren’t to hold back good ideas. The County is incredibly – I am incredibly supportive of good ideas. I just feel like the reason is for planning, the same reason we do strategic planning so that we look at what we’re going after for the next period of time and work backwards from there and we can staff correctly and we can actually finish what we start, which historically, a couple of decades ago just wasn’t done. There were

shotgun approaches to everything and things seldom got finished in a very cogent manner. And I really don't recommend we go back to that. At this point that's kind of my input.

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, if I may, back to the question of capacity. This particular project, I'm not sure how much help the County would have to offer. In my mind as I read it, it does appear it's more of a planning effort, so I did reach out to Planning about whether they have the capacity. Currently they would not be able to just jump into this project as they have different community plans that they've prioritized and a few in the queue. They did suggest the idea of potentially having the Chimayo community get back in line. They completed their community planning in 2015 after three years of effort, and this would potentially be an opportunity for them to get back in line and continue those efforts of planning that they did at that time. So just to that question, yes, it isn't an immediate capacity if that was the department that needed to take the lead on this project.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: There is or is not?

MR. CORDOVA: Not immediately.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Not immediately?

MR. CORDOVA: Yes. Not immediately.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Like I said, I am not against giving this help to getting this on the list and to putting it in the queue and considering it in an appropriate priority. And part of that priority is temporal priority. Like what can we do now and what do we do in the near future? I think it's fabulous to have a lot of ideas but I really feel pretty strongly about doing it in a structured manner.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I personally agree with Commissioner Hamilton because I feel like we all have projects that we really care about and that we want to get moved through and to have something just jumped in and without any planning and without working through the process. We created this process so we didn't have a conglomerate of miscellaneous projects thrown at County staff and we created that process so that there was an orderly manner and I recognize that Commissioner Greene, you want to do things for your district, but we all want to do things for our district. And what we want to do though is do it in a manner where our staff and our County staff vet the project, figure out the best way and put it in the list.

If you look at the reports that have been uploaded for us to read, Public Works has a huge long list of reports of projects that they're working on. Planning has a whole long list of projects that they're working on and for something that doesn't have any vetting yet to just move and jump up to the front seems wrong.

And it's not that it's not worthwhile and not that it's not important because we all love Chimayo. It's a cultural center for all of us and we all want to see it be supported and moved forward. Like we all love Chimayo. At the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area we consider that one of the important areas and I know that Jake Barrow who works with Cornerstones has probably worked on this project for a long time. So we own a small piece of it and it needs to go through the process that we have set forth for all the other processes and projects that we have. So that's how I feel about it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'm prepared to make –

CHAIR HUGHES: I'll just express my comments. First of all, I have seen the Plaza of Chimayo and I think we should support going ahead. I don't know that we should apply for a grant or force the County to apply for a grant right now. It seems like we may need to clarify the ownership first or somehow get that all in County control.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So part of the grant planning, the grant application process that was happening over a little bit of last week and this week has been clarifying all of those things and what we're seeking today is not an obligation to apply but authorization that if everything comes together by the grant application date at the end of the week that we would scale it to the right size for the County to be able to achieve in partnership with the Chimayo Cultural Preservation Association and all of the organizations up there. I do not think it's going to end up being \$250,000 because of the original scope of this we were looking at doing some of the – or they were looking at doing this on some what was private property. Now we're looking at just doing a planning grant that would be more on the planning side and a little bit of infrastructure and it would probably be about half the size or slightly even smaller than that.

I get it. There's a process here but there's also – our process hasn't adapted to an ICIP list that is a year old and this grant came up six months ago. Not even six months ago. Two months ago. So I understand, but you have to be opportunistic and dynamic to take opportunities. The plaza has gone through or its Chimayo community has a community plan from 2015. The fact that no Commissioners or the previous Commissions haven't supported moving forward with things up there is before my time. And so I am taking advantage of the time and the opportunities that are here to bring something forward with the community that has asked me to put this forward.

And I ask for the opportunity to bring this forward and to put a small, little planning grant together. I get it. It's not a big project. Honestly, I'll tell you: I love the pickleball community, but if you speak to the pickleball community they're not beating down the doors for courts over at Romero Park. There are a bunch of courts that are being built in the City of Santa Fe and for us to then say, oh, we need ours too when there's other courts within a couple miles of there when some other remote community up in Chimayo is certainly underserved. I think this is an opportunity for us to go approach these communities that are underserved and to put our money where our mouth is and to support their initiatives.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So I just want to clarify something though. Like supporting underserved communities is really important, but it's poorly advised to circumvent a process for doing it through the ICIP because there are a lot of underserved communities around and it allows that process to set priorities across all these opportunities. And for the record, the ICIP is not a year old. Just because something – we approve something annually to be turned into the state, that ICIP has things added to it all the time. You can turn things in any time and anything on the ICIP, if a grant opportunity comes up, it can be pulled off the ICIP and people – County staff and the Commissioners can all look at how it's ranked, why it's ranked that way and what not. So it has become part of the County planning process and things can be pulled off and we can be opportunistic, but not as a free for all. All our constituents understand the County

manages its ICIP in a much more dynamic basis and we put a lot more effort into that then just once a year so that we can refer to it as an unresponsive list. I don't think that's the case at all.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I concur with everything that's been said. I'm really not happy about the second attempt to just circumvent a process and I don't see how anyone would circumvent the process and expect the process to contain integrity. I do see the importance but then the process is to get it on the ICIP and work through the process with Commissioners who also have priorities in their area.

I think one thing that I've always recognized is that we're supposed to work together as a Commission as opposed to going rogue and going off on our own. I understand being bold but this isn't how we do it by circumventing process. So I –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I don't think I was circumventing process I was –

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'm sorry. I have the floor. And this is the experience that we've had. So Mr. Chair, when you're ready to hear a motion I'm prepared to do something or you may. It's up to you.

CHAIR HUGHES: I think we're not ready to support this particular resolution but we do want to support planning and process in Chimayo. So maybe if we don't give you authorization to do this particular grant, I think we want to support the planning process going forward. I hear that the staff is concerned about this and doesn't feel like they have the capacity to do it. But couldn't Chimayo themselves apply for this or not?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: They cannot. It needs to be a municipality, as it says in the memo. It needs to be a municipality, county, tribal government or special district.

CHAIR HUGHES: They aren't a special district?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: They are not.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So there is next year. They're still planning and upgrading things.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I plan on putting this on the ICIP list or proposing it to be on the ICIP list soon.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: This grant closes in a week, or not even. I think three days and North Central has been helping the community up there with this grant proposal. If it fails it fails. I get it, and I tried and I don't think I was going rogue. I was going on behalf of my constituents to put something forward and we put it on the agenda to try to be supportive of the community effort up there. If you've ever worked with the folks of the community organization, the cultural organization up there, it's pretty amazing what they do, literally hand to mouth. Cornerstones as you mentioned, they grant raise at a very tight budget and they go by and restore the old houses on the plaza there. That is the heart of their work right now. You should go visit it; you'd be amazed.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Actually I have been there. After you started describing it. David's shown me through it a couple of times and it's very cool.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It is.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Commissioner Bustamante, you wanted to make a motion. Or would someone else? Commissioner Hamilton? Who wants to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll make a motion. I make a motion to support the staff submitting the \$400,000 application for Romero Park.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I don't think that was the item on the agenda. The item at hand.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It's for the City Parks Improvement.

CHAIR HUGHES: They already – in submitting that. They just needed direction on Chimayo.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Adding Chimayo. I'm sorry. Yes, sure. I'd like to make a motion that this authorization to apply to the New Mexico Department of Finance in the interest of supporting the park improvements is not approved, and that this move forward for future consideration as it is recognized to be an important project.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I don't really understand. We're not moving forward, but Romero Park can move forward because it's already approved, right?

CHAIR HUGHES: Right.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: My apologies. I –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hansen.

The motion to not grant authorization passed by majority [4-1] voice vote with Commissioner Greene voting against.

7. Presentations

A. Presentation on Broadband Activities

CHAIR HUGHES: Sara, I think we ordered dinner too early.

MR. TORRES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, my name is Juan Torres. I'm the economic development manager. I promised you a broadband update earlier in the summer and so following up on that promise. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of broadband activities between September 2023 and August of 2024. In September of 2023 Noah Tomas-Parris joined Santa Fe County on a one-year Vista Volunteer AmeriCorps assignment. The assignment was to help expand broadband access, infrastructure, and services in Santa Fe County. The attached presentation and the presentation we're about to give summarizes some of the work that Noah done for the County over the last year.

The federal agency for national service and volunteerism, AmeriCorps, provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities. The Vista

Volunteer program is administered through the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. This report will conclude Noah's Vista service to Santa Fe County and I turn it over to Noah Tomas-Parris

NOAH TOMAS-PARRIS: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, as Juan Torres said, my name's Noah Tomas-Parris. I was an AmeriCorps Vista member for the past year and this report more or less summarizes all of the broadband activities that I have been involved with in the county. So to provide some background on the history of internet service, in the internet's infancy it began as being transmitted through phone lines as the demand for data grew it was transmitted through higher capacity data lines such as data cell and cable and today, the federal government, in this case the National Telecommunications and Information Administration is approaching broadband with fiber-optic cable as the modern and future standards of internet access going forward.

As far as Santa Fe County's involvement in broadband goes, in 2009 the County was part of a joint NTIA grant with Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Española and the various pueblos in the region to develop a middle-mile fiber network which became known as REDI-Net in 2011 through a joint powers agreement. This middle-mile network partners with local ISPs in the region to provide internet access to the residents of the region. It runs all the up from Dixon in Rio Arriba County down to central Santa Fe County.

Just to quickly run through the benefits of broadband, there are educational impacts, economic impacts, broadband access is associated with economic growth, public health access through tele-health, energy efficiency through smart grids and election security as the Clerk's Office depends on broadband to continually update its database on election days.

So in terms of what has been done to improve broadband on the part of the County, in the summer of 2023 the County convened a broadband working group which is comprised of various department directors including IT, GIS and Public Works. Recent activities that have been done throughout the year have included applying for the grant writing engineering and planning grant, or the GWEP grant which was released by OBAE, which is the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion. We have put out an RFP for a broadband plan that has been issued and a final selection is pending, and continuously following the BEAD program, or the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program, which is a \$42.5 billion one-time pot of funding that is being managed by NTIA and being distributed by the states, in New Mexico's case, OBAE.

Challenging addresses. So as part of the BEAD funding process, various states are required to do a challenge process which involves essentially publishing a map of all of the addresses that different ISPs claimed as being served, unserved or underserved, and different community organizations such as local governments had the opportunity to look at these maps and determine whether there were any claims that they believed were inaccurate. For instance, if there are any addresses that were listed as served but that the community organization believed it was unserved or underserved. The community organization could submit challenge and basically say these claims are inaccurate. There's not enough internet connectivity in these areas.

Thanks to OBEA technical assistance the broadband working group was able to determine that various wireless companies were inaccurately claiming service in northern and central Santa Fe County and the broadband working group submitted a challenge that

argued that the technology that these internet companies were planning to deploy in these various areas were not adequate to provide the services that is being claimed. In addition, a challenge was launched for several community anchor institutions, also known as CAIs which are classified as locations that provide vital services to the communities. The County challenged various locations that were being used as polling sites and argued that their status as polling site meant that they should be eligible for CAI funding from the BEAD process.

Here is a map of the different challenged areas. The working group challenged 1,800 addresses in total. These areas included Galisteo Eldorado, Lamy, Rio en Medio and Chupadero. They were challenged by census blocks and eight census blocks were challenged in total.

As part of the challenge process, as we were looking through what to challenge or not to challenge, the working group decided to release a public survey aiming to gather feedback from residents of the county and the next few slides go over some of the findings from that. In the three weeks it was open it received 500 submissions, and of those 500 submissions about 350 respondents said that their internet was either too slow, inconsistent or not affordable.

Of the respondents that submitted speed tests, it was found that only 25 percent of the speed tests submitted, or a little more than 25 percent had speeds that qualified under the federal standard as being served, and that federal standard, for reference is 100 megabytes of download speed and 20 megabytes per second of upload speed. So around 70 to 75 percent of respondents had internet speeds that qualified as either underserved or unserved by federal standards.

Here is a chart that shows that two-thirds of respondents used tele-medicine via their home internet network and for some other key findings from the feedback section, there was a consistent theme of reliability. Many respondents reported frequent outages, slow speeds and inconsistent service across various providers. Around 73 percent of respondents were interested in being contacted in the future about their internet needs, and 28 percent of respondents had household members with an internet-based business. And those were all the findings for the public survey.

In terms of what's next for broadband, the federal government recently approved OBEA's initial proposal for the BEAD process in late July starting a one-year clock for program implementation. And so it's very likely that the pre-application phase for the BEAD funding grants will begin in September and there will be a final award of funding that's anticipated to be in the summer of 2025. And the broadband working group is continuing to follow this process to figure out what opportunities there may be to take advantage of this BEAD funding.

For future broadband planning goals, the highest priority for the working group right now is to complete the County's GWEP funded strategic broadband plan to include a clear roadmap for best practices for broadband access, examining options and possibilities to develop partnerships with private industry or internet service providers and public entities to expand broadband access in the county, and to provide one-, three- and five-year broadband goals with milestones and metrics.

Here is an anticipated timeline. The final timeline would have to be negotiated with the vendor that is selected, but the hope is to have a full plan that is developed in six

months that would include research and stakeholder engagement for the first half and the drafting and completion of the broadband plan in the second half, culminating in a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners for a final plan.

And that is the end of the presentation and what has been done on broadband so far in the past year. Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks. This is incredibly useful because there is obviously a tremendous amount of interest in moving broadband forward and there were, like one of the earliest grants a few years ago that was applied for and there were objections from ISP providers which were in my opinion largely basis. This survey information really summarizes the responses from people who wrote in. It makes complete sense to me.

So I have two questions. One is is this information going to be able to be used by people responding to our RFP in terms of where to focus and how to design something for the County? The other question is, there are additional communities, certainly in my district that I think are underserved and I thought responded to this survey stuff, including Glorieta and Cañoncito, and La Cueva, that area. So if those communities aren't reflected here, like maybe there were fewer respondents. I don't know what they – are those areas going to be excluded from planning? So, okay. Paul is shaking his head no. So the question is how do you think this is going to be used by the respondents to the RFP?

MR. TORRES: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hamilton. So all the information will be provided to the selected vendor and we will be working with that vendor to incorporate the responses.

We intend to continue the public outreach as soon as is permissible. Right now we're going to have, hopefully a new economic development person on line in the next few weeks. So we realize the value of this survey and the amazing responses. So we're going to potentially – I'm looking at getting a firm to formally continue that on an ongoing basis to collect information so that we can continuously get feedback on those needs. Because I think we were all very surprised about the demand and the reliability issues. So we intend to keep doing that and we intend to follow up on those areas.

In terms of the BEAD funding, again, the areas that are selected for funding, and we were only able to challenge eight areas. So the funding that we might ask for would have to be in those eight areas because of the rules of the BEAD funding. It was a question of, there were ISPs that said we have this covered and we had to challenge that assertion. And we were successful so far. They've been upheld in those eight areas. So any opportunities in those eight areas could conceivably be an application for BEAD funding.

So we're on track and prepared to do that in any of those areas where that might make sense. We're also in addition working directly with Plateau, which received an NTIA award for expanding broadband down Highway 14 to try to maximize and leverage that award and figure out how we can – because part of that award required that they would make more than 1000 feet of that expansion in the community anchor institutions available for connection. So we're actively working with Plateau to identify the entire area going down 14 in Santa Fe County where that might make sense and we hope to have some more preliminary information from them on the costs that we can bring back

to this body for consideration during the BEAD funding process.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Well, I'm thrilled to see those eight areas listed. I agree completely with the results. They're underserved areas. I'm a little distressed that the Greater Glorieta/Cañoncito, the whole eastern area of my district is not included here, and I get the impression that some of the objections to that are you can get satellite different service and they claim they serve the area by satellite. And it's not adequate service. You guys listed the Clerk's Office needing support for the voting areas and still have problems with inconsistent broadband service out in that area because it's inconsistent service and it's very expensive. So I hope that in the future there is an opportunity for the areas that aren't listed in your –

MR. TORRES: Commissioner Hamilton and Mr. Chair, agreed 100 percent that Glorieta area we looked at very closely. It's a complicated issue because there's been a number of awards granted through different agencies and so the map that showed that the area was covered was taking into account awards that have been given but have not actually deployed. So in the next three years there are awards from a number of different agencies including the PRC, the FCC. It makes it a very complicated situation to say what area is covered. They're being considered covered because they got an award that in the next three years they're going to deploy fiber.

But I think that if we do continue diligently surveying and continue to have that communication with the public we'll be able to get enough accurate information to hold them accountable to say, okay, you've got this award and maybe you're not doing it. It's going to take a little bit of time, but that's what's complicating – it's kind of a moving freight train.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I get it. I hate to be understanding because I have all these constituents, including myself, who keep coming to me. I have to do it by looking in a mirror and going, I have a hard time working. People work at home a lot. There are times their kids have to do schooling from home and they can't do it. So there's a tremendous need. I guess the other question is how, once you do the planning – sorry. Once you pick a contractor to do the planning, how much is – you can't do the whole county all at once so is part of the proposal going to be how priorities are set?

MR. TORRES: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton and Mr. Chair. Part of the RFP was for the vendor to identify high priority areas that we can go immediately for and kind of establish so that we can see where we can put our best efforts. Right now our communications with the NTIA awardee Plateau in that area directly affect the Glorieta area, and I think, again, we're having conversations, but I think that that area has a very good chance of getting much, much better coverage. There's a network in Lamy called the Argon Net and connection to that network potentially provides a direct connection between north and south Santa Fe County, so that – and that would create a redundancy between going out from Denver on one side through the Argon network.

So redundancies are the key part of the backbone of broadband. So there's a lot of opportunities that we think in the next couple years I hope to have some more exciting information about deploying broadband in more rural parts of Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. That will be really great. And Noah, I hope the internship was useful and exciting. Thank you for all your work on this. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any other comments, questions?
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Sure. I'll take it over. Noah, first off, thank you. This has been a great year to watch you grow up as a professional under our watch. This is a great internship program and I have to thank North Central for sending you our way. So congratulations. Thank you. This has been fun to watch and it's been great work with you on this and thank you for mentoring him and the two of you have brought him up to be – hopefully you stick around with us, if there's a position that we have for you I hope we can find a place for you here.

To answer a little bit of Commissioner Hamilton's. So I think we, during the challenge process a couple things came up. First, as Juan mentioned, there were some areas that were in theory already claimed. So we went to challenge – there were 31 areas in the county that were not in the City of Santa Fe. They were not tribal. They were not – and the 31 areas got whittled down to eight. And that was a little bit of a disappointment to me because – and one of those would have been Glorieta. Absolutely. And one of them would have been La Cienega and one of them would have been some of these areas that were not claimed by Plateau in District 3 and certainly Glorieta was one of them in District 4. Probably the least – ironically the District 5 actually had some challenges that were potentially – even though they seemed to be one of the better served areas. They just – there was sort of an irony there.

Late in the game we discovered that sort of the goalposts had moved, and so we had done speed tests and our survey had gotten speed tests from 400-some people out of the 500. And then we discovered, like within a day before the challenges were due, that they needed speed tests on three days. And so this really cut our challenge opportunity down. And so we had other ways of challenging but this limited us to these eight areas.

That being said, I think that we can do some pretty good work in those eight areas and also the Village of Pecos just received a GWEP grant and some of the folks at REDI-Net are starting to talk to Pecos to say how can we potentially, how can REDI-Net help them plan and connect to some connection that would then go through Glorieta. Right? So there's going to be other ways that we can do this and this is where we can now leverage either County money or federal money or state money. There's lots of little pools for this and hopefully this contractor that comes on hits the ground running and sort of prioritizes a whole bunch of different projects, because in theory, the clock is already running on the one-year timeline that Noah mentioned that the state has. And so that timeline, these grants have to be at least granted within a year.

And so if we have somebody that comes onboard with us right now, let's say within the next 30 days, we're already a month down, next 30 days we're two months down and we have a 6 ½ month time we're going to have to be ready, locked and loaded to really put forth proposals to address these eight areas, other community anchor institutions, and there's different methods. These eight areas might be eligible for fiber, which is expensive, which we could use BEAD funding to do, but these other areas such as Glorieta, maybe fiber is not actually the best solution there. And so maybe it ends up becoming a fixed wireless solution. But just at a higher level than what is in some of these areas. So there's a lot of different solutions out there and part of this is partnering with these private organizations.

We had a meeting about a week ago with a group that is talking about coming into the Santa Fe area and wanted to see what were areas that they can start poking around in to see where they could build in. They were really focused in the Santa Fe metro area and they were talking about going about as far as Las Campanas and the Agua Fria Village and into the La Cienega area. We encouraged them to start looking at places like Glorieta and we encouraged them to start looking at some of these other adjacent areas here.

This has been great to watch you grow up on our watch. So this has been wonderful. Thank you very much, Noah. This is really great. Good job. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair. Just one really quick response to that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I wouldn't put a whole lot of stock in fixed wireless in the Glorieta area. We can't even get – we are replete with dead zones for Fire Department, Emergency Management communications at a really high level of infrastructure. Forget –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Understand. But just to that point, the fixed wireless and all of these cell phone and all of these telecommunications need a backbone. And so if we can build, or if we and some other private partner or whoever it is, builds fiber up the train tracks from Lamy to Glorieta and past Glorieta, there would be the ability to put a significant number of fixed wireless or cell phone towers, or other new next generation infrastructure that would make the sort of weak backboned fixed wireless solution be much better. And so Glorieta Camps is working on a project and there are a few others that could work, especially when we start to pair it in – work with Pecos in San Miguel County.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That would be great. They definitely need it. They're one of the biggest dead zones in the area. And they really need it. Okay, thanks. Sorry, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Noah. That was great, but like Commissioner Greene said, I live in the city. I think my broadband is lousy. Just to be honest. My constituents who live in Las Campanas have lousy broadband and so do the people in the Village of Agua Fria. So it's like we do have a larger problem in New Mexico and in Santa Fe and whatever we can do to help is great, and so I really appreciate your presentation and thank you for your time spent here at Santa Fe County. And I'm sure we are all grateful.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. One comment – I can't tell whether I'm included or not. Eldorado, some areas have problems and some don't. I think that's interesting. It's not that there's no internet there. Perhaps there's not high speed internet but it's very interesting. Thank you very much. Thank you for your help.

MR. TOMAS-PARRIS: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, there are a couple things that I do want to clarify. First, regarding the challenge process. While it did get past the initial phase of the adjudication process, it is still in the rebuttal period where the ISPs whose claims have been challenged by us will have an opportunity to rebut it and the OBEA is currently reviewing those rebuttals and is expected to make a final

determination soon. I just want to make it clear while those addresses have been challenged it's not a guarantee that those challenges will be upheld or to put it possibly bluntly that OBEA would side with our perspective or our arguments.

Regarding the BEAD funding, I just want to make it clear that while the BEAD funding us by far the largest source of broadband funding at the moment it is not at all the only source of funding and that is one of the things that the broadband working group has done. They've looked at other sources of funding and whether or not that could be a good fit and hopefully the broadband planner would be able to help identify how best to go after smaller broadband grants that could still do a lot of good or what broadband grants might be a best fit for the County.

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to kind of echo what Commissioner Greene said. It was wonderful to have Noah here. He did a tremendous amount of work in very complex – like fixing the wheels on the bus as the bus was moving, because this was all coming out and the state and OBEA, they were inventing it. So it was wonderful to have him here and all his energy. And I also want to compliment Juan for helping Noah get into our culture in the County and navigate and it's just been wonderful and I want to wish Noah happy trails and best of luck in his next journeys.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Paul and thank you, Noah.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: One last point, if I may.

CHAIR HUGHES: One last point, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. And I saw the PAUs, the project area units, were released within – I got an email about them today. And so I think that there's some – I know you're off the clock, but it's now on our plate to start identifying some of these and I think there's an opportunity. Let's hope we get this contractor on faster or put you on a little 30-day or something like that. So whatever works. But it's exciting. Things are moving quick. Thank you very much again.

MR. TOMAS-PARRIS: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

B. Presentation on the Santa Fe County Lodgers' Tax Program

CHAIR HUGHES: Lisa Katonak.

LISA KATONAK (Marketing Coordinator): Good evening, Commissioners. This evening I have to my left Ms. Dezaree Vega-Garcia. She is the CEO of Sunny 505, and I have Mr. Dave Hayduk with me who is the senior strategist for Sunny 505.

This evening we are going to be providing a presentation and an update regarding the Santa Fe County lodgers' tax collection performance for fiscal year 24, as well as discuss Santa Fe County's marketing strategies and initiatives, as well as discuss our projected outlook for fiscal year 25. Our marketing strategy is that we are all travelers. We seek true, authentic and immersive experiences that combine with adventure and culture. We utilize the great imagery that is Santa Fe County, that is New Mexico True.

Santa Fe County has been a partner of New Mexico True since 2015, leveraging the New Mexico True brand. The New Mexico True brand is smart marketing with a proven record. Leveraging the large New Mexico Tourism Department's budget, along

with their media buys allows us and our media placement to target key market areas and enhance and increase our Santa Fe County tourism's own advertising efforts.

With nine consecutive years of record-breaking growth the New Mexico True brand has increased the number of visitors to our state and the amount of dollars spent during those stays. On this slide, the lodgers' tax collection performance shows that year after year we continue to grow the lodgers' tax. This year was another record-breaking collection for Santa Fe County. Our fiscal year 2024 completed with a collection of over \$2,484,285. This is an over 62 percent increase from the previous fiscal year 23, making it an outstanding year. Doing a comparison of the lodging properties collection alone, Santa Fe County lodging properties saw over 30 percent growth in the collection for FY24, and this is very positive news.

Our new fiscal year collection is starting off with our month of July, off to a strong start with another record-breaking month for the month of July at \$274,492,000.

Santa Fe County tourism utilizes various marketing and advertising tools and tactics to implement a successful marketing strategy. Ms. Vega-Garcia will be going into all those tools as we utilize for success.

DEZAREE VEGA-GARCIA: Thank you, Lisa. Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Lisa talked a little bit about our engagement with the New Mexico True brand. This is really the secret sauce of that brand. New Mexico True goes in and they inspire travelers to come to New Mexico, and then we come as Santa Fe County and give them an option to consider us as one of their travel destinations, and then we work to convert them by getting them to come our website, engage with our lodging properties and engage with our events.

As part of our partnership with New Mexico True Tourism Department we opt into their cooperative program, so they do a two to one match for our advertising dollars. We love this because it makes it so that we're able to expand upon our existing advertising budget and we can opt into programs that we might not necessarily be able to afford because we're maximizing the buying power of the state.

In fiscal year 2024 we had an unprecedented match of two to one for our mixed media program with the co-op program, and then we came in and successfully had another record-breaking year in our 2025 fiscal grant award from the state. And I believe our program that we opted into the state last year was one of the most successful that they had. So that was a really big win for us.

We focus on a lot of digital and we love digital because it gives us the opportunity to change out our assets consistently. You'll see our various campaigns, whether it's happening in January, February, March, April, May or June we change out based on what's happening at the time. So skiing for the winter, activities for outdoors in the fall, spa in the summer, and we focus on very specific GO targeted markets, and that's Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, California and then Oklahoma.

Our advertising spend is made up of about 85 percent digital, because that's a really strong tactic for us and we're able to track it, and as you can see, we can change out all that copy and the content really, really easily. And then 15 percent of our marketing is traditional print.

These are some of our print campaign assets that we have done over the past summer, the past year. *Condé Nast Traveler* was one of our first forays into that

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publication and it proved to be really successful for us, and we've also done some work with *Texas Monthly* and of course our state's *New Mexico Travel Guide* is a great location for Santa Fe County as well.

We consistently do public relations. This is an opportunity for us to really tell the story of Santa Fe County because there's so many different things to talk about within the county. So public relations really gives us that edge to be able to do that. You can see some of the stories that we've been able to garner since 2029 – 30 Valentine's Day getaway ideas in the US; ten New Mexico places to check off your bucket list in 2025, and we work closely with Lisa to identify stories and we pitch those monthly.

We have a three-tiered social media campaign that we focus on, so we do Facebook, X, which was formerly Twitter, and then Instagram. And we really focus on creating very interesting content, being creative with the content, and then measuring all that engagement because it's not necessarily enough to push out the content. We want to make sure people are engaging with us and like what we're talking to them about.

With that, I'm going to toss it over to Dave to talk about our travel guide.

DAVE HAYDUK: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, it's good to be here with you again and I'd like to thank you for your service of what you do for us in Santa Fe County so thank you. The *Santa Fe County Travel Guide*, that's one of those tools in the marketing toolbox that continues to be good for us in promoting Santa Fe County. This year we're going to have a brand new look on our travel guide. I'll make sure you get a copy once it's delivered and done, but I think you'll be real proud of the assets that it showcases, the assets that we have here in Santa Fe County. So we don't ever want to forget about that because love to sit and read and look and still touch and feel where they want to go to make that decision to book a trip. So the travel guide continues to be a good asset for us.

Darley Newman is a collaborator that we work with that does a television show, a travel host, that she does travel shows that air through various channels and she kind of gives a nice new flair about Santa Fe County that you don't quite get. So Darley really does a good job for us to kind of bring out another aspect to Santa Fe County and she does it in her own words.

Another tool in the toolbox, this is our workhorse. The website does everything for us. Once we bring people and get them excited about book that trip and come to Santa Fe County, they'll go to the website and find out more and that's a great thing, because you can see how much increase that we've had over the year of people coming to the website. We've also got a new addition coming up very soon, is a visitor engagement tool. That will be on the website. So once I decide I'm going to Santa Fe County I can kind of put an itinerary together of where I want to go in Santa Fe County, who I want to see, what I want to do and how I'm going to visit those assets.

And lastly, I'd like to just share with you our opt-in email database of people that love what we love in Santa Fe County. So we use our e-newsletter to send them updated information about key assets, key topics, and maybe even some great events that we have going on in Santa Fe County that will give them a reason to come back to Santa Fe County, book another trip, and spend some time with us. So that e-newsletter and insider blog works real well for another tool in the toolbox. Back to Lisa.

MS. KATONAK: So we had a very successful lodgers' tax grant program

for fiscal year 24. We had 18 organizations that were awarded. This is a reimbursable grant to support organizations, both government entities and non-profit organizations to support their tourism assets as far as tourism attractions, marketing their events and their festivals. So as you can see based on this list of grant program recipients, we have anywhere from the Santa Fe Opera, arts, culture, environmental. We also have the Wildlife West Nature Park down in Edgewood, and we also support some of our industry clusters, like the Santa Fe Film Institute and the Santa Fe Century.

And I am also going to announce that our Santa Fe County lodgers' tax Advisory Board will be opening up the fiscal year 25 grant cycle very soon. The grant program will provide for grant funds totaling the amount of \$200,000 for the new fiscal year.

MS. VEGA-GARICA: Some of our ongoing projects include expanding into San Francisco which is something that the state is doing so we're kind of tag-teaming on that and we're already seeing a lot of traffic on the website from San Francisco. We also are wrapping up our photo shoot that we did in the summer. It was a video and photo shoot. The visitor engagement platform that Dave referenced, we also just wrapped up our summer media blitz which was a cohesive ad campaign of both digital, out of home and print. And then we're going to be doing some more data collection. Because we do a great job collecting data on the website but there's a lot more tools that are available to us. So we're doing some investigation to see what those might be that are the right fit for us.

With that I think we'll stand for questions,

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So thank you, once again, for supporting the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, *Land, Water, People, Time*, and for the beautiful ad that you put in the magazine this year, which I highly approve of, everyone. It's quite spectacular and I think it does a good job of representing Santa Fe County, and I love, if you haven't had a chance to see the copy, we had a pre-publication party at Robin Martin's house where we distributed a few of the magazines and then they were distributed in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* in the City of Santa Fe for the first time. So we have expanded our distribution so I'm grateful that Santa Fe County supports this great organization that I'm honored to serve on.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I just want to make a comment.

Having been born here, multi-generational, and it's hard when all of a sudden you realize where you grew up is sort of a carnival. And I remember kind of resenting the tourist stuff. And then I got into what industry is and how beautiful an industry that tourism can be. How beautiful tourism can be, especially, and you've done a beautiful job of celebrating a place that is – this gets real personal. It's my *querencia*, if you will. My heart's in it. And I think the New Mexico True, the way you get it out there to have people come and appreciate our community for what it is and how it's been is something that I really cherish and value because it also allows, as a multi-generational person, a celebration of all that. And it's just so precious.

So I'm grateful for your good work. Thank you.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner Bustamante.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other comments? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Lisa and thank you to the team. A couple questions. One, why not Arizona? It was not on your targeted areas, and since we have a direct flight from Arizona it would seem like that would be a – and it is drivable. It's like a –

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner Greene, for your question. So Arizona actually is one of our target markets. It's not completely across the board within all of our campaigns, but what we are finding is that when Arizona is hitting over 120 degree weather they like to move elsewhere. So we definitely do target them. We targeted them for the SWAI Indian Market and for some of our larger festivals. So they are included in part of the mix. We do take into account some of the data and the direct flights, so that is also key.

Now, in the new fiscal year 25, through our media planning efforts, Arizona is one of those markets. So I think they just dropped it off.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Great. Good.

MS. KATONAK: It's by campaign.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: During Indian Market I ran into like so many people from Colorado, and sort of the common thing was why don't we do this more often, right? We are – it's not like California where you actually have to like book an airplane. It is like, you can say, let's go to Santa Fe for the weekend. And so there's that spontaneity aspect of what Santa Fe can do. So if I'm trying to market to people that have to fly here, I'm marketing events that are 30 to 60 days, 90 days out. You're going to have to plan this thing. But then there's the last minute nature of Denver and that area and you can just decide to just – it's Thursday, Honey, what are we doing tomorrow? Right? And it's Santa Fe and Santa Fe County as a whole has a great opportunity to really market into that as like the spontaneity aspect.

I'm sure you're doing something not that but really it's different than going to California or New York or even Oklahoma. Oklahoma, nine hours to me, I don't drive that without really wanting to do that. But I can go to Denver and think about it tomorrow. I wish I did it more. It's sort of that reminder. Every time I go to Colorado I go, I need to do this more often. We should do the same thing.

And then two more questions. So one, how do you track the success of the travel guide. Because to me, I'm already here. The travel guide might make it a better experience, but honestly that's not luring people here. They're already sort of getting out there and I may not be that generation, and I'm still pretty old in this thing, so I don't pick up magazines anymore. I don't know that people do. And so I have a vacation rental and I clean up and recycle lots of magazines, and I never see it anywhere. I see the Collector's Guide everywhere. So I'm wondering if we're really having that impact and whether it's a necessary tool in this day and age. It's probably pretty expensive too. So I don't know what you do to actually prove to us and prove to yourself that it's effective, but it seems like a generation ago's tool.

MS. KATONAK: Okay. Thank you so much, Commissioner Greene, for those questions. So I completely agree with you on the drive markets and the fly markets. Sometimes there is some overlap in regard to those targets, because we advertise to the drive and to the fly. So combined, there is more spontaneity, as you indicate, for the

traveler to drive down from, say, Colorado for the weekend and spend a nice long weekend for Labor Day.

In regard to the travel guide, so we do have the travel guide. It is currently as a print publication, but we also have it as a .pdf publication for downloading off of our website. We understand that it is an endeavor with productions and printing costs and such. However, what we have found is that people really love the hard copy. They still love hard copy. As a matter of fact I get many phone calls from short-term rental owners in Santa Fe saying I have guests. I would like to have some guides for my guests.

I have people from Colorado that call and they say we're going to be booking a family vacation. We're having a combined generational vacation with several others in Santa Fe. We're all meeting in Santa Fe. Can you send us some guides? So we get from every element or from every spectrum different requests, understanding of course we can't print as many as we'd like, but at the same time we do target those key markets and we do have it accessible via certified folder for those who do want the hard copy.

And then we also utilize, through our website, some of the new tools, which is the itinerary program or planning on our website, and then they can use it as their own personal itinerary so that they can plan accordingly. So it is like mobile so they don't necessary need the hard copy but people do like the hard copy so that they can take it with them. They can share with others. They can share the photos. They can circle all the things they want to do when they come to Santa Fe County. Dave.

MR. HAYDUK: I might just add real quick, I went and talked to the visitor center here on the plaza, and I asked them about the guide, our Santa Fe County Guide, and they said that's the one they use most to recommend to travels that come in the visitors center that have been on the plaza. They've done the plaza. Now, they're looking for something more to do. So our guide is a handout that then gives them these itineraries and things to do to visit our county with all the great assets that are outside of the plaza. So that's another beautiful use of the guide and also when you mention people are in Colorado, sitting, wondering, okay, Hon, what are we going to do this weekend? Either you go to the website, or, if you had one of the guides that you picked up while you were here, you just go through there and you see the events that are coming up and the things that maybe you hadn't done in the county. So it's also a tool that we use for that as well. It's very visual.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I get it. This is really visual too. I can imagine that if somebody, once they request something – I want somebody to curate my trip. This, a book, is nice, but it is, for lack of a better term, a dumb guide. You have to sort of dig through it and do these things. So imagine if we went things – what's going on in Santa Fe today? And he says, how old are you? And it starts to say, what are your interests? I like wine. Or I like beer. Or I like art. Or I like outdoors things. And it starts to tailor these things. And so you have these guests that come in and you really make their experience based on our expertise, right? Literally, you guys are our experts. You know everything that's going on.

And so somebody doesn't have to dig through it and sort of maybe find things. But you say I'm coming next weekend. I'm 55 years old. I really like gallery tours. And it says, great. Fabulous. There's something dynamic and then we know who those people are. And we can push information to them and have that thing that says, oh, guess what.

The Madrid Studio Tour is this weekend. Or whatever – the Galisteo Studio Tour. Whichever is coming up this weekend. And start to be just a little more dynamic in our digital tools in a way to give people literally a smart, curated, like what a concierge does. Like, oh, you're at our hotel today? What's going on today? I could just hand them something. That's fine. But I think that there's an opportunity to really show that we –

MS. KATONAK: And Commissioner Greene, thank you so much for those comments. There are a couple of things that we already have in our toolbox. We have our events calendar on the website. So as you scroll through you're looking at say an art event. The website automatically populates some other similar things that might be of interest to the viewer or to the potential visitor. So it curates and suggests lodging, potential lodging, and other activities that you want to incorporate on your visit.

We also have curated itineraries, as Mr. Hayduk mentioned, and some of those we print out and we deliver them to the concierge desks at the hotels, and those are popular for the visitors. Because it's a no-brainer. Nobody wants to have to work during their vacation and study – where do I want to go? What do I want to do? So those are no-brainers where the concierge says, oh, you want to go to Madrid? Here. I have an itinerary for you. You're interested in outdoor adventure? Here. I have an itinerary for you. You want to go to Chimayo? And so they have different itineraries that we have curated that we provide to them that they can distribute to the visitor.

And so we also have another tool in our toolbox which is a platform that will be incorporated into our website that will be providing a little bit more advanced, shall I say work within itineraries and assisting visitors and travelers with those wishes.

MS. VEGA-GARCIA: Commissioner Greene, they'll be able to download it from the website and then build out their itineraries based on their likes. Like they like wine or they like beer or they like to be outdoors. So they'll build out their itineraries and then they'll get pings if they're close to it, or they'll get push notifications that will indicate, hey, come over to this particular area. There's a special going on. So that's the visitor engagement platform that we're working on that we spoke about.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's fantastic. One last thing, because it drives me a little nuts because I see your things all the time on Facebook, which is good, except there's one thing that drives me nuts, which is a style guide sort of detail. If you go back a few slides you'll see one of these Facebook slides and you see the fact that Facebook puts your sort of brand, logo, medallion in round. So if you look at the bottom left there, that is a format that is the format for Facebook. Until they change it to square, you've got a square logo in a round hole, And so nothing drives me nuttier than you guys are graphic design, branding, image people. I know Commissioner Hansen always wants us to use the Santa Fe County logo, and there are issues with New Mexico True. We'll go yell at New Mexico True and say you're forcing us to put a round or whatever – a square peg in a round hole. What can we do? It doesn't have to be the Santa Fe County logo per se. But we certainly shouldn't be cutting off half of the thing. It looks like we just don't know what we're looking at.

So anyway, it's a little design thing that I look at and just go grrr.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: But thank you. Everything looks great. And the pictures look fabulous. But that one little thing bugs me. So thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It bugs me also but so does New Mexico True. I think we need work and help.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. I'm just impressed by the increase of visits to the website and other support and also I like you pictures, not the logo. The various pictures of Santa Fe are very pretty. Thank you. I'm also impressed by the number of tourists that are around all year-round now. Not just in the summer. You go outside the door of this office any time of the year and there's going to be people wandering around with their maps. So that's pretty impressive. So thank you.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Chairman. And just in closing remarks, in regard to tourism year-round, due to your efforts for approving the lodgers' tax funding for year-round advertising, marketing and promotional efforts has really made a huge difference in our campaign and our programs. So thank you so much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.

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: I think I'll start on this side.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I don't actually have anything.

CHAIR HUGHES: I'll start on this side then.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: You can think of something between now and then if there's something. But thank you, Mr. Chair. One of the things that I want to bring up that I'm pretty happy about is – well, first off, I'll end with that. So last week we had a meeting up in Rio en Medio and I want to thank staff. Lots of folks from Santa Fe County came up to Rio en Medio to start to talk about the potential planning that needs to go on in the Rio en Medio area. And some folks really initiated this meeting to talk about reopening one of the trails, the Rio en Medio Trail that's been closed for a few years now. But it spurred some conversation about everything from broadband to roads to fire protection and all of the different things that a community up in the hills needs to look at. So that was the first of a good step. I think the community up there is going to take some steps to help organize themselves and ask us to help plan for their community.

Also in the Tesuque area, one of the things that was announced yesterday and was in the paper today was that the Bishop's Lodge has decided to forego their EPA discharge permit into the Little Tesuque Creek. This was something that the community was pretty adamant about. The pueblo was concerned about it. Actually two pueblos were concerned about it and the resort has taken the steps to suspend the EPA permit and pending approvals, the NMED, the New Mexico Environment Department, has said that they will rescind their permit application. So this is a great victory for the Tesuque Valley as well as a win for the Bishop's Lodge resort as they have seen the light and are going to make a pro-active mood to fix their wastewater situation that they have and do something that is much more sustainable and acceptable in the community.

Besides that, I think that's it. I was pretty happy to be a part of helping to bridge

the gap with Tesuque community and Bishop's Lodge and so I'll leave it there. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So this last week I had a Coffee and Tea under the Trees at Reunity and Chief Joye from the City of Santa Fe attended along with Deputy Orr from Santa Fe County, Elias Bernardino from the County, and Representative Tara Lujan. We had a really good discussion about crime issues in the city and the county and how they affect the village. We also talked about the continually ongoing problem that I have at 2500 Lopez Lane. It's incredibly frustrating to me, the situation at Lopez Lane because of the court system and the amount of time it takes to get anything done. Anyhow, I hope to have better news about that in the weeks to come.

On September 21st my next Coffee and Tea we are going to have MainStreet do a presentation on the arts and culture center that we are planning to work on in the village. The Village of Agua Fria got a grant from MainStreet to do planning and design of a cultural center, along with a memorial that the state legislature passed in support of a history center and cultural center in the Village of Agua Fria.

And then tomorrow there is an EPA meeting on WIPP expansion at the Hilton Hotel. It's tomorrow afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00, I believe. Or maybe it's 2:00 to 6:00. I don't have everything right in front of me, but the information is available. And I think that's all I have at the moment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: The WPAC, and a big thanks to Sara and all of the staff who are participating in that, is well on its way in getting completely an understanding of all the ground they need to cover with regard to existing policies, existing ordinances, etc. The Bishop's Lodge is going to make things a little bit easier because as things arise they want to address those issues, but the good news is that's one that's off their plate and they can continue to evaluate all the existing resource that they have available to them with regard to policies, etc. that already exist and looking at their priorities. I have to commend staff for the presentations that they've done and really telling the committee what the staff's priorities are and what elements they could possibly support. So that's well underway.

And then this Saturday is the Fiesta de los Cerrillos, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, featuring Joe West and Friends, tamales, hot dogs, watermelon, car show, kids games, and there is actually even burro games on 1st Street. So for those of you who have not participated in a burro game, I recommend that you put your burro shirt on and get out there.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Where is this again?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: This is in Cerrillos. Cerrillos on the 31st. So that's this Saturday. And it's just going to be a lot of fund and they'll have music and dancing, etc. So everyone's invited to go to that. So thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. I think I might go to that. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, but like, do you have to run away from the burros, like the bulls? That's all. Thanks.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Yes. District 5, we have the ribbon-cutting

for the Northeast-Southeast Connector Thursday and I'm very excited about that. That's a big project, the biggest project we have ever done and it's finally finished. Hooray. And that's it.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Do we have comments from other elected officials? Anyone on line? No one with their hand raised. Okay.

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. Performance Evaluation of the County Manager**
 - 2. Potential Acquisition of Real Property for Governmental Office Space**
 - 3. *Andrea Deleon, et. al., v. David S. Rosen, MD , et. al., First Judicial District Court, Case No. D-101-CV-2024-01937***
 - 4. Pursuit of Injunction Against Non-Compliant Short-Term Rental**
 - 5. Breach of Settlement Agreement and Related Agreements Related to Annexation**

CHAIR HUGHES: Attorney Young, do you want to tell us what we're going to discuss?

JEFF YOUNG (County Attorney – via Webex): Yes, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. This evening 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 these items are specifically including – there's five items:

performance evaluation of the County Manager; potential acquisition of real property for governmental office spaces; *Andrea Deleon v. David S. Rosen, MD and others*, that's in the First Judicial District Court, Case No. D-101-CV-2024-01937; pursuit of an injunction against non-compliant short-term rental; and breach of settlement agreement and related agreements related to annexation.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. Would someone care to make a motion to go into executive session?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I so move. I move we go into executive session.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. 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 6:15 to 8:11.]

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. I guess we're ready to come back on. Can we have a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move that we come out of executive session, stating that we only discussed what was discussed what we went into executive session for.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

B. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen, do you have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to authorize the County Attorney or designee to pursue appropriate legal action including but not limited to an injunction related to code violations in the operation of a short-term rental without a license or permit on the property located at 13 Blue Corn Trace, Madrid, New Mexico.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote with Commissioner Greene abstaining.

12. Public Hearings

No public hearings were held.

13. Informational Items / Reports

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

There were no comments or questions on the informational items.

14. Concluding Business

A. Announcements

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any announcements?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Happy Zozobra everybody. We didn't mention it. Zozobra is Friday night. See you there, or be square.

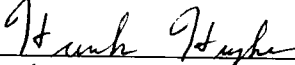
CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you for the reminder. The 100th is going to special, I'm sure.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's 100 and I know that not all of you are attending because Chief Moya said you didn't pick up your tickets.

B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Bustamante, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved by:



Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



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KATHARINE E. CLARK
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

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