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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:04 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 Anthony Currey of Sheriff's Office.

G. Approval of Agenda

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

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. The only proposed change to the amended agenda as presented is the withdrawal of Action Item 6. B. This was a proposed agreement with Terralogic Document Systems. I want to allow some additional time for coordination between our Growth Management Department, the folks working on our ERP procurement, as well as our records management team. Other than that change there are no proposed changes to

the agenda as presented, though I would note that the amended agenda for today's meeting was posted on Friday, September 20th at approximately 5:15 pm, which is in excess of the 72 hours required by the Open Meetings Act. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: A motion by Commissioner Hamilton seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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 and Commissioners. It's my pleasure and honor to acknowledge several County employees who are celebrating significant milestones with us in the month of September. The following employees are recognizing their fifth year anniversary with the County. They are Anne Garcia in the Finance Division, Andres Lopez at the Corrections Department, Nicolette Martinez in the County Assessor's Office, Roger Prucino in the County Attorney's Office, and Dwayne Colbenson in the Adult Detention Facility.

Celebrating 15 years with us is Axel Hernandez in our Road Maintenance Group at Public Works, so we want to acknowledge the continuous service to the County of those employees.

We also are recognizing two employees who are retiring from County Service during the month of September. They are William Baca in the Housing Authority Division, and Martin Arellano in the Sheriff's Department. So we wish them all the best as they end their career with Santa Fe County and move into the next chapter of their life.

For the month of August we had 22 new hires including many in the Public Safety realm. We had one new emergency communication specialist basic who was hired for the Regional Emergency Communications Center, Andres Rodriguez. In the Corrections Department we had Elizabeth Fox join the team as a booking clerk, and David Gallegos as a licensed practical nurse. We had several detention officers. They were Jered Hatathli, Adan Rivera, and Jacob Sotres. In addition, Arnold Lerma also jointed the Corrections Department as a maintenance technician.

In the County Assessor's Office, Ryan Baca joined the team as an appraiser trainees and we had two individuals join Public Works, Michele Caskey, who is the new real property supervisor, and Robert Hayes as a solid waste maintenance worker.

In the Sheriff's Department we had a total of eight lateral hires, including seven Sheriff Deputy IIIs and one Sheriff Deputy II. Those new deputies are Brian Archibeque, Donna Chavez, Brenda Ford, Gerald Lovato, Mitchel Myers, Rafael Rodriguez, Andres Sanchez and Eric Steen. So it's great to welcome so many experienced deputies to our ranks.

In the County Clerk's Department, Janeth Ochoa joined the team as a recording clerk. In the County Treasurer's Office, Ariana Gurule is working as a tax cashier, and finally, in the Fire Department, Veronica Folgate joined the Fire Department as a secretary senior, and excuse me. I'm not sure how he got moved around but there was an additional Sheriff Deputy III, Paul Blea.

So again, join me in welcoming all of those new hires, wishing our retired team members all the best, and acknowledging the continuous service of those who've dedicated five and fifteen years to County service. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Manager Shaffer. Any comments of the Board? I would just say it's great to see so many Sheriff's Deputies on board. Congratulations of course to the people with the years of service.

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

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm pleased to recognize the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office and the fact that it was awarded the 2024 Guardian Award for its tabulator security program called Project Bruno, and this award was made in the 39th Annual National Election Center Conference in Michigan. As I understand it, Project Bruno is the first of its kind pilot program designed to protect election tabulators from physical theft, tampering and unforeseen disruptions. It incorporates GPS tracking, GO fencing, something to do with acceleration, an accelerometer, sensors, and uninterruptable power supplies to ensure continuous security for tabulators left unattended at polling sites.

This is a significant recognition as Santa Fe County is the only county in the state to receive an award from this organization which is granted by fellow election administrators, so again, it's a meaningful honor within the field of election administrators and I'd welcome either the County Clerk, if she is online, or the Chief Deputy Clerk for the Bureau of Elections to speak, if they have any additional things that they would like to add.

ROSANGELA ORTIZ (Elections Bureau Chief): Good afternoon, Chair, Commissioners. Thank you for mentioning this because we get so deep into the elections that we forget that we're doing some pretty cool projects that not a lot of – so that institution gives awards to basically like, we call them the big leagues, so that Los Angeles counties of the world, the Denver counties of the world, and for us to be getting an award is really cool. So we're thankful.

Yes, an accelerometer, I had to figure out what that was. So it's basically, if it's moved within a certain range that we determine then we know that they're being moved illegally, right? And so if they're unplugged then we get an alert or messages. It's a text alert saying like, hey, this device was unplugged. Make sure that it's plugged so the next morning when you go to vote the machines are connected.

So, yes, the team worked really hard. We called it Project Bruno because at first when we were deploying it it was top secret. We didn't talk about Bruno. And so then finally when we won we had to share it with a lot of different counties that are interested in our different components that you get, tracking via accelerometer and then also the

smart plugs. And so we're really excited to work with local vendors. Our GPS program is out of Rio Rancho, and then the smart plugs is out of a small community in Denver, that area. So, yes. Thank you for mentioning this and we're excited to continue to work on different projects that can help solve the problems that we're all seeing but we don't have the time to work on. So we had the time and we had the support from all of the different County departments, IT, Finance, Purchasing, and everyone helped us to make sure that we got this project deployed and now it's award-winning. So thank you, everyone.

CHAIR HUGHES: Congratulations. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Congratulations, Rosangela and to the Elections Bureau. Can you do us all a favor in the community out there and tell us when early voting starts? Because that might be between now and our next meeting and let's get it out there.

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. So early voting will start at the Clerk's Office on October 8th. I hear there's going to be some gathering at the plaza and everyone's going to walk together to the polling site. So we're already preparing our poll judges to make sure that we're ready to go. We are also going to be working with our staff at the kiosk and then our vendor to make sure our set-up is as best as possible because we still expect 60,000 people coming through the Clerk's Office.

So we're working on parking; we're working on everything possible. However, expanded early voting does start October 19th and that's at the usual expanded early voting sites like the fairgrounds, Christian Life Church, Nancy Rodriguez Community Center. So in Santa Fe our Clerk wants to make sure that we vote as early as possible because election day is last minute voting. No one wants to wait to the last minute. So vote as early as you can at all our sites, and everything's available on santafe.vote. Polling sites, also ballot drop-off locations and important deadlines.

Ballots will also go out – absentee ballots will also go out October 8th.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Congratulations. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I just wanted to say congratulations.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 27, 2024**

CHAIR HUGHES: Any changes or comments from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, Mr. Chair. Move to approve the minutes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

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

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

3. **Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions** - None were presented

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution No. 2024-121, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Decrease to the Alcohol Programs Fund (241) in the Amount of \$5,304. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/LeAnne Rodriguez)**
- B. Resolution No. 2024-___, A Resolution to Budget An Increase to the Capital Outlay GRT Fund (313) in the Amount of \$10,411,553. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- C. Resolution No. 2024-122, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Capital Outlay GRT Fund (313) in the Amount of \$120,000. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Phillip Montano)**
- D. Request (1) Acceptance of Grant #24-ZI5036-51 Received from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration from the Firefighter Recruitment Fund in the Amount of \$787,500 and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Execute the Grant Agreement. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black) ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- E. Request Approval of Restated and Extended Memorandum of Agreement Between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe Regarding the Santa Fe Regional Film Office. (Community Development Department/Paul Olafson and Santa Fe Regional Film Office/Jennifer LaBar-Tapia) (Packet Material Added) ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I would like to respectfully remove items B, D, and E.

CHAIR HUGHES: B, D, and E. Okay. It leaves A and C.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I make a motion to approve on the Consent Agenda item A and item C.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. That was a motion by Commissioner Hansen seconded by Commissioner Greene.

The motion to approve items 4. A and 4. C passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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

4. B. Resolution No. 2024-123, a Resolution to Budget an Increase to the Capital Outlay GRT Fund (313) in the Amount of \$10,411,553

GABRIELA TRJILLO (Finance Division): Good afternoon, Chair, Commissioners. We are presenting the projects that were approved in the final budget but didn't make it on to the FY 25 budgeting system. And we're asking for your approval to

budget the projects which we spoke about which are the Arroyo Hondo Trail in the amount of \$1,100,000; Turquoise Trail bulk water, \$1 million; Santa Fe River Greenway, \$6 million; Santa Fe Rail Trail, \$1,774, 021; Los Pinos Road, \$252,537; northeast-southeast connector, \$199,995; and Public Works lift station, \$85,000.

So the FY 25 capital budget was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting on June 25, 2024, and at a special meeting on June 28, 2024. The presentations included all existing capital projects and their funding needs as well as a list of new proposed projects. The proposed FY2025 budget included \$11,126,553 for funding gaps, Exhibit, and \$11,444,260 for new projects, Exhibit C. The Board approved the final budget via the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-091, inclusive of capital projects in the amount of \$161,292,834.

In preparing the FY2025 final budget, the following seven projects were inadvertently not included although approved by the Board: gap funded projects, as I mentioned earlier, and the new project for the Public Works lift station. The budget error was an unfortunate result of the work-arounds and manual processes in place due to the limitations and underutilization of the currently accounting system. The Finance Division believes that errors such as these will be mitigated in the future with the use of the budgeting software, Cleargov and a new Enterprise Resource Planning system, which the County is prioritizing to create processes, efficiencies with necessary third-party interfaces to eliminate the manual processes and work-arounds creating patchwork results and errors like the ones above.

The Finance Division requests approval of the resolution to add the approved project budgets to the capital GRT fund 313. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much for explaining all of this. What were the limitations that were software-based and what were the ones that were underutilization based? Like how do you explain underutilization? Was it a lack of training? Was it – how did things fall through the gaps?

MS. TRUJILLO: So as the budget process goes through there's multiple approvals and multiple people that are looking at things, and so as – when it comes time to enter things into the system they're usually on other spreadsheets. And so moving them from one to another things get transposed or things just get forgotten, and unfortunately that's what happened.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Is there any consequence of this late addition to this or is this all sort of part of an accepted process by DFA or whoever this goes to?

MS. TRUJILLO: As long as we put this forth in a resolution and send it to DFA there's no consequences, as long as you guys approve it again.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to approve a resolution to budget an increase to the capital outlay GRT fund (313) in the amount of \$10,411,553.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by

Commissioner Hansen.

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

- 4. D. Request (1) Acceptance of Grant #24-ZI5036-51 Received from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration from the Firefighter Recruitment Fund in the Amount of \$787,500 and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Execute the Grant Agreement. (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Jacob Black)**

JACOB BLACK (Fire Chief): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The Fire Department is before you today requesting approval to accept and execute this agreement. At the June 11th meeting the Fire Department requested your approval to apply for a new grant from the New Mexico DFA for the specific purpose of recruiting and retaining firefighters. At that time we requested funding to support six full-time firefighters. At that time there was also some variance on what exactly the grant entails. This was a new grant from DFA.

With the grant award we were awarded \$787,500 to fund new positions over the next three years. \$450,000 of that is to be used for this fiscal year. Half of that, \$225,000 will be used for the salaries and benefits in year two. And the third year will be half of that with \$112,000 to go to salaries and benefits. And with that, we're here and seeking your approval to accept and execute this agreement.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Chief Black. Did we have an analysis that said that we needed these six positions? Were we sort of underfunded and recognized that we needed six new positions?

CHIEF BLACK: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, This was applied for in concert with what we had submitted with our previous budget request. We have done an analysis regarding our staffing in order to keep our fire stations open and we're requesting additional positions. So this is in alignment with our previous analysis and our previous budget requests and our intent was to apply for this funding to help offset those future budget requests.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. And then in terms of we get a year and a half worth of grant funding to get these people on board and then the remainder of their careers are out of our own pocket.

CHIEF BLACK: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, yes. This funding is distributed and to be used over three fiscal years and then the expectation is that the County picks up the remainder of the salaries and benefits and carries the positions on into the future years.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Are there any obligations to keep our staffing level at the new adjusted staffing level?

CHIEF BLACK: So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, the obligation is that we would be maintaining our current staffing levels with the additional.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: With the additional. So if, for whatever

reason, we are under – we lose our staffing. Let's say we have the vacancies but we can't fill them. Are we penalized? Is there any callback or is there any risk that we might have if we're unable to maintain these positions or this staffing level?

CHIEF BLACK: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, at this time we have not identified any of those penalties of that nature. The State Fire Marshal's Office and DFA does understand that staffing fire departments is a critical issue across the state and that it's very difficult for fire departments to main full levels of staffing. And this is what that grant is intended for. And so as we've worked with the State Fire Marshal's Office there is an understanding that staffing does ebb and flow and they do also understand that once we on-board a firefighter it takes a good six months to train them up and then it takes a while for them to really be operating independently. And so there is an understanding and we have a good working relationship with the State Fire Marshal.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. What is our current vacancy rate over in the Fire Department?

CHIEF BLACK: So Mr. Chair, Commissioners, good news. We actually started a cadet academy last week and we actually have been able to fill all of our vacancies. So as our firefighting vacancies, once this cadet class graduates, if everybody graduates successfully, then we will be at full capacity.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great job. Thank you. I'm glad I had a good easy questions and a solid answer there for you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to say thank you. I'm really happy with this grant and I know my constituents in Las Campanas will be happy to have their fire station fully staffed. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, I will make a motion to request acceptance of Grant #24-ZI5036-51 received from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration from the Firefighter Recruitment Fund in the Amount of \$787,500 and delegation of signature authority to the County Manager to execute the grant agreement.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

E. Request Approval of Restated and Extended Memorandum of Agreement Between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe Regarding the Santa Fe Regional Film Office (Community Development Department/Paul Olafson and Santa Fe Regional Film Office/Jennifer LaBar-Tapia) (Packet Material Added)

PAUL OLAFSON (Community Development Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this item is a request to move the physical office and the administrative management of the office from the County to the City. It also envisions consideration of increased funding in future fiscal years. And with that I would stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Paul. Thank you, Jen. I'm melancholy with this. So I guess the genesis of this and the most fundamental question is – to preface this, this is one of the best things that we do at the County and we're giving it up. In a world where sometimes we have some concerns about City management, mentioned by myself potentially and in the past and some of the other Commissioners here, why are we doing this? What is the real goal of this? Was there a threat from the City? Was there another real fundamental reason to do this? What do we get out of this? Why are we doing this and what do we get out of this?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I believe the office is a joint office and the difference between having it housed at the County versus the City is mostly ministerial or managerial, right? The office will still function as it does now. It will still service the entire the region, both the city and the county, and it will continue to develop and excel as Jennifer has been fantastic for it and will hopefully continue to support the film industry for the region.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Does Jennifer have to reapply at the City? Is there a risk to her or is there a guarantee that she gets the job?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, the memorandum of agreement provides for the transfer of existing personnel, along with accumulated leave. So no, there is not a risk.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. And in terms of accumulated leave, Ms. LaBar-Tapia has been with us for a very long time and she earns things based on seniority of maybe 20+ years here at the County. Is she going to be entering the City with the same leave and benefits that we have? I'm not asking about the money because that's one of the aspects that's a relatively easy aspect, but the other things – the leave aspects and seniority and all the things that she's earned here and she would be starting from day one at the City.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, the agreement provides that the City shall recognize and accrue on its books all of the director's accumulated leave and thereafter she would be governed by the City's policies. So that's how we proposed to address that particular issue relative to leave balances and the like. I hope that answers the question.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Sort of.

MANAGER SHAFFER: And I can't speak to their benefits package vis-à-vis the County's. That I wouldn't be able to address.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It would be something that I would want to protect Ms. LaBar-Tapia. If we're going to give this up we should be in this sort of joint partnership we should be protecting on all dimensions, not just sort of allowing them to pay her more, but I would hope that we were going to give her all the benefits that she had accrued here and make sure that the City was able to uphold that level that she had earned here as an exemplary employee.

Okay. I don't know the answer to that. Maybe Jen can answer that if she feels confident with that, that's great. How does this impact all the initiatives that we're talking about outside of the city? The city seems, to the best of my knowledge, to have only one film facility and the county has more than a half dozen I think I've heard. Probably seven,

eight, nine. How does that focus? Does it change or is there any risk to our success in that space.

JENNIFER LABAR-TAPIA (Film Office): So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, in terms of resources between the city and the county, in the city there are actually five sound stages with the old Shellabarger Center, now Aspect Studios, and then we also have Garson Studios over at the mid-town campus and that whole campus is also used as a back lot currently. In terms of resources in the county we do have seven western sets and we also have the stages over at Santa Fe Studios, and we have the studios up at Camel Rock in Tesuque.

It just depends on any given year how much film production is done in the city limits or in the county. This past six months it was pretty equal. We had Dark Winds filming up at Camel Rock for a good five to seven months, and then we also had The Lost Bus which is a huge Apple production that was here for eight months over at mid-town. So it's pretty equal this first two quarters of the year. It just really depends on the year. Sometimes when westerns are really hot then all of our western sets are getting booked up. Or the zombie movies or anything like that. So it just kind of depends on what the trends are of the industry. Depends on where it's going to go, whether it be city or county.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Do we have to have a liaison now? So currently we don't have a liaison, you, because you're our staff member on our team to serve as that liaison, but now we would have to have a liaison. Do we have that person designated? Is that going to be a position that needs to be hired into? What is our – what is the consequence? Does that suddenly trade apples for apples but suddenly that is the difference in your pay that the City's now paying that we're now going to have to have somebody to fill that role since now you're over there.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, in terms of the liaison, really what that has always been from day one is just having a representative both on the City side and the County side. There are already currently employees at either or City or County so how it's always been, falling under the Community Development Department I was here and having a liaison over at the City would be my point of contact and who I'd really talk to at the City and usually it was someone like Rich Brown who's now retired, who's the equivalent to Paul Olafson of the Community Development Department. So whatever that looks like internally on the County side, it would either remain Paul, because I would still work closely with this department, because it is tourism. It is economic development. It's pretty lateral, the two different departments, but Paul Olafson would probably be my point of contact on the County side just to keep him in the loop with everything. That's how it's been done in the previous years. I would just keep the City in the loop with everything that was going on, and that would be through Rich Brown's shop.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So at this point you're expecting it to be Paul, your County contact here.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Or whoever. You can designate somebody if that's – whatever works out I guess. So that capacity is not an issue. Paul, you already work 250 hours a week. You can do a few more hours. So that's wonderful.

Okay. And then there's a promise at the City to hire you a deputy, I hope.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Yes. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, there is – HR is already working on getting that job posted this next week.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That is amazing because we did not do that level of support and I'm happy to see they're doing that. Okay. I hope that they provide you with not only the accrued and earned time off and also that you don't go back to new employee status that suddenly makes you only earn whatever the new employee is versus somebody with 20 years of experience and tenure at the County. I hope you're happy with this. We're very sad to see you go.

CHAIR HUGHES: She's not going very far.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: I'm literally going about 500 feet away from my current office.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, but haven't you see their offices over there. You have a much nicer office here.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: I know. I do have a nice office.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Well, we'll visit you. Come invite us over. We'll still visit you over there. We're going to miss you, nonetheless and if there's anything we can do here to help the film initiatives in the county, please reach out any time please.

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, thank you. Thank you for all the support over the years, and nothing will change in terms of our communication with the Commissioners and with County Management and also with County staff that I have to deal with on a regular basis with film permitting and those kinds of things. So I'll still be very much around.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I hope we can work on some support for Native American film in the north. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Commissioner Hansen, first then Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just really want to thank you Jen for everything you did at the County. You were my first liaison and my first contact when I started here eight years ago, so I will – not that I see you all the time since you've been over at Catron, but I'm grateful to have worked with you for these past eight years and I know that you will continue to take good care of the County. I'm not worried about that at all. I believe that this is a good model for City-County government and we need more models like this. So I appreciate you being the lead to move back and forth. Just because you're going to the City now doesn't mean that in the future this office won't get back over here also. One never knows what can happen. So I just want to say that I'll miss you and I'll still come and visit you and when I'm no longer a Commissioner I'll still come and visit you over at the City. So thank you for everything and good luck. But I know you're not going far so I look forward to seeing you around the corner.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Jennifer, you have an office that's very amenable and welcoming. Are you going to have similar resources at the City? Will you have a welcoming, inviting, appropriate area or what support of support are you getting from the City that you've had provided by the County?

MS. LABAR-TAPIA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, so that was one of the requests, to please not put me in a broom closet, and they are not putting me in a broom closet. I actually will be over at the conventional center, which is one of their newest builds over there. So I will be in the convention center for the immediate future for right now and then I know that they're in the works of moving some departments back over to the railyard area and it's going to free up some space over at City Hall and it sounds like they're going to be remodeling a lot of that area and I might be maybe moved over there. But in terms of the immediate, yes, it's welcoming because it will be at the convention center. There is somebody that handles the front for any staff in the back of the center. So there's a little conference area and a table in the office that I'll be provided for now.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair,

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to request approval of restated and extended memorandum of agreement between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe regarding the Santa Fe Regional Film Office.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

5. Appointments/Reappointments

None were brought forward.

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Resolution No. 2024-124, a Resolution Declaring the Intent of Santa Fe County, Subject to the Satisfaction of Certain Conditions, to Consider for Adoption an Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Obligations in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000,000 in Connection with a Proposed Project Located within the County, for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of a 312-Unit Multifamily Affordable Housing Complex to be Known as Turquoise Trail, through the Development of the Project Site and the Operation of the Project in the Manner Set Forth in the Project Plan**

CHAIR HUGHES: Paul.

MR. OLAFSON: Good afternoon. With me today along with County staff is Peter Franklin, the County's bond counsel, and Ron Mehl, who is a senior vice president with Dominion, the developer/applicant. So before you today is a request to adopt an inducement resolution which would allow for pass-through funding for a new multi-family housing project that would be located at 4608 Highway 14. It's basically the property directly across from Rancho Viejo Boulevard where it intersects with Hwy. 14.

The request is for up to \$7 million in multi-family housing revenue obligation financing to acquire, design, construct and equip a 312-unit multi-family affordable housing complex located where I just said – 4608 Highway 14. The project will be approximately 17.6 acres on a total of a 26.46-acre site, and it will have approximately 13 buildings to house the 312 units. About 46.5 percent of the total site will be reserved for open space. It will serve residents with incomes below 60 percent of AMI, area median income, and the unit mix will consist of two-, three-, and four-bedroom units with two bathrooms.

It will feature a clubhouse, ramadas, a tot lot, solar carports and a community lawn with picnic size grilling areas.

The applicant, Dominion, has approximately 38,000 units across over 22 states in operation now, and the preliminary site plan is also attached with this memo. Pursuant to Ordinance 1998-1, the County Manager has appointed a project review team that included Deputy County Manager Cordova, County Attorney Young, Assistant County Attorney Prucino, Growth Management Department designee Jordan Yutzy, Finance Department designee Rob Corabi, Economic Development Manager, Juan Torres, along with advisory members from the Community Development Department, Public Works Department, the Growth Management Department, and the Affordable Housing Division.

This memo is quite detailed and I'll summarize the review team findings. I'll try and go through it relatively quickly but I'll stand for questions, obviously, at the end. If the transaction for the inducement resolution is ultimately consummated the County will issue multi-family housing revenue bonds for the benefit of the project. This is conduit financing and is not an obligation of the County and no County revenues will be pledged to repay the debt.

In order for the revenue bonds to be tax advantaged the State Board of Finance will have to allocate a portion of the multi-family tax-advantaged volume cap to the bonds. The County will own the project and lease it to the applicant, which will make the project exempt from property tax. Property tax abatement is a significant factor to help the project pencil and out and be successful. The potential loss of property tax over the first ten years of the project is about \$31,000 and that will be offset by increasing gross receipts tax expected to be approximately \$321,620 over the construction period alone of the project. And the total project will be approximately \$130 million.

So with that I'm going to kind of run through the review team comments and analysis and stand for questions. So under project use and design, under land use criteria, the project as presented to date conforms with both the SLDC and the SGMP. The applicant has obtained two variances, one for height and one for the number of units per building. And the applicant has met the affordable housing requirements of the SLDC. The applicant and the owner of the adjacent parcel will need to enter into some sort of agreement whereby they can develop an access road, basically a frontage road to Highway 14 that will cross both properties and be accessible from either side, one at the intersection of Highway 14 and Rancho Viejo Boulevard and another entrance at the – there's a planned roundabout on the other project.

It did mention it meets both the SLDC and SGMP goals for affordable housing. Under water use the project calls for 77.76 acre-feet per year for the 312 units and there is a utility line extension and development agreement with the County already in place.

Under environmental impacts, it is not anticipated the project will have a negative environmental impact and additionally, all energy standards for multi-family projects as outlined in the SLDC will be followed. A home energy rating system, or HERS rating of 60 or lower for the project, planned full voltaic solar systems on most of the carports, use of efficient ion water meters and planned 16 electric vehicle charging stations.

Under infrastructure criteria, the County's final approval requires the applicant to enter into a subdivision improvement agreement and all appropriate infrastructure both on and off site must be completed by the applicant, and that includes utility line extension for water, sewer and electric. Any improvements for the intersection at Highway 14 and Avenida Rancho Viejo and an onsite multi-use trail that will connect with the adjacent property and well as the County's train network. And then the interior road, that is basically the frontage road I mentioned earlier.

Under design criteria, the project is consistent with both the zoning for the property and the SGMP with the exception of the access issues and the two variances. Demolition – there is no proposed demolition; this is a vacant parcel. Relocation – there will be no relocation; it's a vacant parcel.

Under economic benefits, the competition criteria, the proposed development is not anticipated to lead to increased competition with other like apartments in the area because the greater Santa Fe area is in an affordable housing crisis and a true shortage. It will be, as I mention again, 100 percent low income.

Under job criteria, the applicant has committed to doing their best to hire as much locally for both construction and ongoing management of the property. Additionally, the ongoing management of the property, once construction is completed, would include five new permanent jobs.

The impact on the Santa Fe County economy – an impact analysis was created by Impact Data Source for this project and the analysis is attached as Attachment D, I believe, to the packet and it notes that it will be approximately \$5,115,780 in present value in fiscal net benefits through job creation and taxes over the first ten years of the project.

And under criterion commitment to Santa Fe County, the applicant must commit to remaining in the county for the period of the bonds and the applicant has made that commitment.

Local ownership, import substitution, this criterion is not applicable to goods and services but the project will provide new, decent, safe and sanitary apartments to be used as affordable living accommodations for persons of low and moderate income. By increasing the housing inventory in the county and reducing the number of workers who will commute to Santa Fe the project is anticipated to result in greater spending within the county for meals, groceries, entertainment, etc.

On economic incentives criterion, the tax note revenue loss as I mentioned earlier is approximately \$31,000, will be offset by the \$321,620 in GRT just for the construction and then ongoing GRT that may be paid by the residents of the project as well as the development of commercial properties in the area will also generate additional GRTs.

Under project feasibility, again, the applicant proposed to use four percent LIHTC to help leverage funding, and that's through NMFA. They also plan to apply through NMFA for the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund for \$2 million, and development to that is backed by Dominion, which, as I mentioned earlier, has thousands of units on line in

22 states.

Under cost criterion, the actual cost of the project will be – this is an estimate - \$130,044, 341 which far exceeds the proposed bonding. Again, the applicant’s record – they have successfully constructed several multi-family affordable housing projects in several states, approximately 38,000 units as I mentioned, across 22 states. The equity investment, the applicant will utilize the four percent non-competitive low income housing tax credits to generate equity for the project at approximately \$55 million.

Under management criteria, Dominion proposed to use their in-house Dominion management services, and again, that arm of the entity has experienced management in multiple projects over many states

So in conclusion for next steps, if the Board adopts the inducement resolution, and subject to other conditions, the developer and owner of the parcel abutting the project site entering into an agreement to provide a point of ingress and egress for residents that satisfies the requirements of the SLDC and resolution of any other issues concerning permitting, water availability or as otherwise identified by County staff), County staff will one, publish title and general summary of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the IRBs, and two, work with the applicant to develop the ordinance and other documents necessary to implement the IRBs.

And then additional steps anticipated for the development include work on an application with the State Board of Finance for an allocation of the volume cap, the ground lease agreement between the County and the applicant, project-based vouchers may be considered for the project. Developer assistance from the County to the development may be considered and land use entitlements will be finalized via administrative processes in Growth Management.

Action recommended by staff is the Project Review Team believes that the project meets the criteria of Ordinance No. 1998-01, subject to: one, confirming the feasibility of the project after the final terms of the bank loans are known, and two, preparation of mutually agreeable project documents. Accordingly, the Project Review Team conditionally recommends approval of the Inducement Resolution and of the project.

And I’m sorry that was quite long but there’s a lot to cover. So with that I would stand for questions and again, we have our bond counsel here as well as the project developer representative.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I know this might be premature but how many stories is this building – these buildings going to be?

MR. OLAFSON: Three stories.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. And how many parks are there going to be?

RON MEHL: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, Ron Mehl with Dominion Development. Thank you for having me today. There’s a number of greenspace open areas within the development. We have one large park behind our community center where we’ll have tot lots for various ages, so it’s kind of a variety of different areas throughout the property. I would say about three large areas that will allow our residents to play with their kids or kids to play with each other and outdoor space and recreation.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: But all within –

MR. MEHL: All within the development.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And then outside the development you'll build a trail and other – will there be any other amenities outside the building?

MR. MEHL: We'll be connecting the trail and then we'll be paying any park dedication fees that we're required to pay with the County like any other development.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. And will we see this project again? Once we approve this then everything is going to be done administratively and the Commission will not see this again? Is that what I understand?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, yes. That's correct.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. So how many solar carports are you going to have?

MR. MEHL: We've got a lot of carports. We're working with a solar consultant to determine the best locations for those. So I'd say it's about 80 percent of those solar carports have solar generating capacity on them.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

MR. MEHL: I think it's about 70 stalls, 70 or 80 stalls that will have that capacity on them.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Seventy or eighty stalls and you have 300 and –

MR. MEHL: 312 homes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. And what is this building going to look like?

MR. MEHL: A great question. We are getting ready to break ground on another development in Rio Rancho using similar architecture. It's territorial architecture, so it will fit with the vernacular of the community, the colors. It will have vigas and our architect is familiar with this type of –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It will be brown?

MR. MEHL: It will be brown.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That makes me happy.

MR. MEHL: Okay. Great.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Because the white and gray buildings across the road are incredibly ugly. So I hope this will be a better viewscape. I think this is a much better use of this piece of land than a truck stop, which originally tried to be there, so I think this is a more beneficial use to the community. But I want to make sure that the residents will have amenities, so to speak. Like there will be a community room?

MR. MEHL: Absolutely. We will have an exercise facility. We will have, again, lots of outdoor spaces. Our professional management team will be there within that community space. We're talking about doing – well, we do be doing a bus stop for pickups and drop-offs as well as – in proximity to our management office for security reasons and the mail kiosks will all be right there as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I'll yield. I'm not giving up my –

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. So you mentioned a bus stop. Is this serviced by the City or the blue bus?

MR. MEHL: We'll be working with the school district on where that will be. Typically we like to do it within the community. Sometimes school districts don't like coming into the development itself, so that may be something that's on the edge or our – on our property but outside the gates that kind of go into it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. More specifically, not for schools but for the general public. We have two systems. We have a City bus system that does extend out to the county in some unique cases, like the Community College District, which this is a part of, and have you worked with them to develop a route that would allow – this is kind of workforce housing, affordable housing, but workforce housing, to get this able to access jobs and get into – or education or other things.

MR. MEHL: That's a great question. We have not worked with the Community College as of yet. We certainly will and intend to.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Or the City bus system.

MR. MEHL: And the City. We'll commit to –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: The blue bus does go down there.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Does go down Highway 14?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. The blue bus –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Is it like once a day or it's like a regular route? So it's just got to be convenient for people.

MR. MEHL: Certainly.

CHAIR HUGHES: It's more than once a day. I think they're working that out still.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. I would recommend working – maybe this is something that we need to work on because we've just approved hundreds of homes down this route that are going to probably need some public transit and having some connection to your facility there.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Greene, I would note that the property is along an existing on-demand City of Santa Fe Trails bus route that I believe goes from the Santa Fe Place Mall down New Mexico 14 on to Rancho Viejo Boulevard into Rancho Viejo proper and IAIA. It currently is on demand, so the route already exists. And so, yes, we will certainly encourage and work with the developer to see if this increased housing density warrants the continuous service rather than on demand.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Thank you very much. That's great to hear. And then you mentioned that there will be fitness facilities, indoor and outdoor?

MR. MEHL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So indoor there will be a workout room of some capacity.

MR. MEHL: Yes. Very typical standard community room amenity for Dominion where we have free weights, machines, cardiovascular, all that sort of thing.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. We should cut down those trips to go to the gym and things like that and let people come home and sort of do that, so that's wonderful. How about a dog park? Is any of those outdoor spaces going to be fenced for dogs?

MR. MEHL: We are not fencing any specific area for a dog park but we will have waste stations throughout the property and we are a dog-friendly developer and this will be a dog-friendly community.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. And I'm looking at the site plan. I do not necessarily see specific trails delineated on this. Are all the trails outside of your development? Or there's some within the development so families could safely within the development do laps or whatever.

MR. MEHL: Yes. We have quite a few sidewalks and walking areas within the development for people to gather as well as walk throughout our development itself and they will connect up to the regional trails.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Just as my design background says that sidewalks are not trails and especially sidewalks with hard corners are not meant for kids on bikes and for people to bike. It's not really trails. It's really just access to apartments and I see them literally with bumpers of cars overlapping the sidewalks so I don't know that I would consider them trails.

MR. MEHL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So I would hope you could incorporate a good lap around the property so the folks could walk the kid in a stroller around, walk the dog around the outside. Even if you don't have a dog park you at least have an internal system in there. That would make it a little better there.

And then the community room, is there an ability to add a room for sort of childcare facilities? So we have a ton of money for pre-K in the state of New Mexico and yet one of the problems is that we don't have the facilities and when you have 300-some homes that are all two bedrooms and up you're basically looking at families. And it would be great to have at least a pre-K room that can double on the weekends for family events and things like that but to be able to have a way for – should the need arise and with 300 families in there the need will arise to have a little pre-K spot for families to drop their kids off. These are working families. They need a place to sort of drop off their kids at 2:00 in the afternoon until they get home at 5:00. I'm wondering if that's something that can be incorporated into this.

MR. MEHL: That is not something that we have experience in as far as managing pre-K work and managing the space for it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Not managing the space just providing space.

MR. MEHL: We do have room for that within our community building that people could use for that space. We can certainly look into that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Please do, because there are some specifications, design specifications – certain types of bathrooms, certain types of kitchenettes, certain types of design standards that are for childcare facilities. And so to elevate that design to make sure that this can be a one-stop shop for families that can't afford to – that don't have transportation. The kids go to school on the bus but then they get dropped off at noon or whatever time they get out of school, and they know that there's a safe place for the kids to go and the apartment isn't necessarily the place.

MR. MEHL: We'll work with our architect who I'm sure has experience in that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That would be wonderful. Whatever amenities you can onsite would be great. Once you're at 300 homes you're a critical mass and our inducement should also include your offer of amenities to pass on that inducement to the community you're serving, that we're both serving.

MR. MEHL: Understood.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, thank you. I'm just going to harp a little bit further on the childcare issue because it is an incredibly serious problem here in northern New Mexico. The lack of good childcare, and there's a few hoops that people have to go through to become licensed childcare providers, but coming up with a space and a place inside this development would be really of extreme benefit, not only to the residents but to you as a management company noticing and becoming aware of the problems that we have. One of the greatest things that happened during the pandemic was the childcare tax credit that really helped working families lift themselves out of poverty and even this is affordable housing or workforce housing, this is another important part of helping to lift people out of poverty and making sure that their children are protected and safe.

So I will just pile on on that idea because I think it's really important. And the more amenities that you offer, the better. It concerns me I'm not going to see this again or the Commission is not going to see this again but that means I have to trust my Land Use Administrator and make sure that she's paying attention to the things that we are saying here from the dais, and that she hears that and that she is able to incorporate that into this project, because if we are really unhappy when this gets built and it doesn't look like anything that we look like, she's going to be the one we're going to have to go to, and you, also.

So I'm just saying those things ahead of time.

CHAIR HUGHES: And I have a couple questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll stop for now.

CHAIR HUGHES: Do you want to go first? Commissioner Bustamante, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am as well concerned that we won't be seeing it again. I know the controversy of what was planned there before. At the risk of making assumptions I'm going to go ahead and assume that all the posting and any public comment, everything has been there to get full community review in an effective way that allowed for people to see. Since we don't or we can't see what those buildings are going to look like, and if community members – again, I don't want to wake up one of these days when people call me and say what are those big buildings looking like? What is that going on out there? I make the assumption the community members have seen these drafts and some modeling of what these buildings will look like and there won't be big controversy over the next big development at that location.

MR. MEHL: Your assumptions are correct. We have had neighborhood meetings and shared all of the development plans, elevations, renderings and those sorts of things with Community Development as well as the neighborhood, and posted, done

all the required things.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I appreciate that. I wish we could have seen the same renderings. It would have been helpful.

MR. MEHL: I'm more than happy to send them around to the group. I'm happy to do that.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'd be happy to see them.

MR. MEHL: Great. We'll commit to doing that. We're very proud of them actually.

CHAIR HUGHES: I had two questions. One is how far of a walk is it to the rail station? Is the rail station also an accessible transportation into town.

MR. MEHL: I'm not sure of the exact distance. I do know that our trail has been requested by the County to connect to that which we will be doing, but I'm not sure of the exact distance. But it is a walk; it's not a drive.

CHAIR HUGHES: A walk to the train station because that does a fair number of runs into town so that's pretty handy for someone who works in town.

MR. MEHL: It's a nice amenity.

CHAIR HUGHES: Also what percentage of income are you using for affordable housing? Are you making it all available to 60 percent affordable or are you doing it a differentiation?

MR. MEHL: This will be 100 percent 60 percent AMI. Now, we don't discriminate on income. We accept Section 8 vouchers, all those things that go along.

CHAIR HUGHES: So vouchers will be accepted.

MR. MEHL: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. And it's all 60 percent, not 80, 60, 40?

MR. MEHL: No. This is not an income averaging deal. This is a straight 60 percent AMI development.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, just to answer your question, it is about a mile of a walk to the train station.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Well, that's a nice walk in the morning.

MR. MEHL: It's a good walk.

CHAIR HUGHES: For some people. Any other questions? It's in my district. I'll make the motion that we pass a resolution declaring the intent of Santa Fe County, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, to consider for adoption an ordinance authorizing issuance of multifamily housing revenue obligations in a principal amount not to exceed \$70,000,000, etc.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: It passed.

MR. MEHL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Congratulations.

- B. WITHDRAWN**
- C. Request (1) Approval of Multiple Source Professional Services Agreements, Nos. 2024-0240-CORR/APS A-F to Provide Temporary Nursing Services for the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility for an Indefinite Quantity, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to the Sign Purchase Orders**

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead, Bill Taylor.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. It's a pleasure to be here. We're here before the Board to ask approval of multiple awards of contracts with various temporary nursing firms. Purchasing issued an RFP, request for proposals. We received six proposals that were evaluated by the committee. They felt were acceptable, responsive proposals and wished to enter into contracts with each. This is to meet a critical shortage in nursing staff requirements for Correctional facility such as ours and nationwide, as we've all heard about. This has been the subject of a great need for the Adult Detention Facility to fill those positions that are vacant for nursing practitioners and such. They have a variety of registered nurse, licensed, practical nurses and nurse practitioners on their ambit of temporary nursing services. With that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Bill. How many people typically utilize this in our system at the jail?

MR. TAYLOR: It is for the Adult Detention Facility medical services.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: This is a generalized population or it's nursing services for seniors?

ASHLEY HANNAN (Health Services Administrator): I can answer that. I appreciate you guys having me here today. So Commissioner Greene, we are the Adult Correctional Facility, so for the adult jail. And so these nursing services are for our healthcare population, so we're serving all of our incarcerated population here in the county.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. It wasn't made clear to me. I thought it was for nursing homes, sort of like adult senior care. So it's for anybody – okay. That solves all the other questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll motion to approve.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante moves to approve. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

D. Resolution No. 2024-125, a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Sign All Documents Necessary to Execute a New Lease to Replace Lease Agreement No. 2017-0211-HHS-KE Between Santa Fe County and La Familia Medical Center and to Authorize Its Submission to New Mexico State Board of Finance for Approval

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

MICHELE CASKEY (Real Property Supervisor): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I am your new real property supervisor with Public Works. Happy to meet you all and be here today. So I am here regarding the County medical and dental facility on Caja del Oro Grant Road that the County built in 1999 to house La Familia Medical Clinic. So the clinic has been actively operating there for 25 years under a lease agreement where La Familia pays us a dollar a year in exchange for continuing to operate a medical and dental facility there serving low income and uninsured residents of Santa Fe County. And they have done that.

Their lease expires at the end of this year and per the original agreement La Familia did give us notice that they have exercised their option to renew the lease for another 25 years under the same terms and during this last period of time, this 25-year period of time the statutes have changed. There is now a requirement that a 25-year lease go in front of the Board of Finance and because the Board of Finance didn't approve the original lease they won't approve a renewal. So we are executing a new lease or asking for your permission for us to execute a new lease with La Familia that would be respectful of the same terms of the original lease but also respectful of the new statute which will require some different wording and reporting to the Board of Finance.

So that's why we're here because we can't issue them a renewal. We need to make a new lease and so we're asking for your approval to let the County Manager sign such a lease.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I fully support – this is my district, District 2, and I fully support the work that La Familia has done for the past 25 years. It has been of great benefit to our community and I'm happy that we're creating a brand new lease because 25 years ago things were very different. And welcome to the County. I look forward to working with you on a couple other things in the next couple of months, but I just want to say that I'm in support of this and I'll wait to see if there's any other questions before I make a motion.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. I too really appreciate what La Familia does and I'm honored to have La Familia, one of your other centers, in my district, even though it's in the city. So this is wonderful. The question I have is when we track – you're providing services in lieu of lease so how does that track? And then is that a gap? Like if somebody is covered by Medicaid or Medicare is it the gap in between that you're providing the services? Or are you providing the services on the whole amount and then potentially getting reimbursed for part of it through Medicaid and Medicare?

MS. CASKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene. With the

new lease La Familia will be reporting to us quarterly about the amount of in-kind services that they provide. And so that could be where they have not been reimbursed or that there is a shortfall in insurance or these types of things. And so they already provide us the report annually, and now we'll be asking for it quarterly. We will also be having a market rate appraisal done so we know kind of what the benchmark is for the value of services that they are providing. We'll have a dollar amount, benchmark services for them to meet.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And the compensation that we – we generalize the County gains, earns on this, is based on that gap? If they're insured through some social program, if Medicaid pays 75 percent, do we "earn" the 25 percent or are we being charged earning that 100 percent, and that you guys get the cash?

MANAGER SHAFFER: If I could – I'm sorry to interject, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene. Typically, I believe what we've included in our own leases and what model language from the Board of Finance and from the Department of Finance and Administration require is that you back out any other payments you receive. You can't get paid multiple times from various sources. So I think that was your question.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Absolutely.

MANAGER SHAFFER: They can't charge Medicaid then turn around and say we want you to pay – credit us full freight, basically, for our rental obligation.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarifying that, Greg and County Manager. That is basically my main question. I think I have one more question. Is this location serviced by any of the bus systems or any transportation systems here? Either blue bus or City bus?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Agua Fria, which is less than 500 yards, the bus goes along the road to Agua Fria. Whether it goes across Caja del Oro Grant Road, I'm not sure, but La Familia is close enough to Agua Fria to walk.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. For people who are healthy. Great.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Possibly there's also on demand from the blue bus. Also with another possibility

CHAIR HUGHES: I don't think so.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: You don't think so?

CHAIR HUGHES: Not at that location.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And then does the City contribute anything to help with this facility?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Not this facility but the facility in your district is in the city.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Is on City property.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I believe that is on City land.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And probably has a similar arrangement?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Great.

CHAIR HUGHES: I'm just curious exactly where it is. Where this location –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Oh, it's right across – it's right at the edge or Romero Park. So if you're going down Caja del Oro Grant Road, and you go past the

river, and you're heading up to Romero Park, it's on the left, right there.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Right by Nancy Rodriguez.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Well, closer to –

CHAIR HUGHES: Close to Nancy Rodriguez.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's in the same complex as the Romero Park area, and it's closer to the river.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Our new trail system in the next phase.

CHAIR HUGHES: I think we're ready for a motion.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. We are on miscellaneous item 6. D. I will make a motion to pass a resolution delegating authority to the County Manager to sign all documents necessary to execute a new lease to replace Lease Agreement No. 2017-0211-HHS-KE between Santa Fe County and La Familia Medical Center and to authorize its submission to New Mexico State Board of Finance for Approval.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

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

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

6. E. Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Santa Fe County and the Office of the Secretary of State for Costs of the November 5, 2024, General Election

CHAIR HUGHES: We'll do 6. E and then we'll take a break and then we'll have public hearing. Go ahead.

MS. ORTIZ: Chair, Commissioners, good afternoon again. We're here to ask your approval of this memorandum of \$650,000. In addition to that there are \$100,000 that we received in a grant from the Institute of Responsive Government for election costs. Some of these costs reimbursed by the Secretary of State include poll workers so the Election Board, Absentee Board, early and election day. Also, our election technicians, any election publications as well as polling place signage and building requirements, postage, tabulator delivery. We rent Penske trucks and a lot of – a lot goes into actually delivery tabulators to polling sites. Any office supplies and other, that is our temporary support staff and any overtime for County employees is all reimbursed by the Secretary of State.

That number, as you see, is \$650,000, and this is something that we get reimbursed from the Secretary of State. Any questions?

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any questions? A motion? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So this reimburses the salaries for all the add-on workers. Does it pay for like core staff as well?

MS. ORTIZ: So we get overtime for our staff and any temporary staff that is hired. If you go visit our office now you'll see a lot of new faces, and there are same

day voter registration agents. We have a backlog of voter registrations and they all assist. And so any overtime, in addition to any temporary staff, full and overtime gets reimbursed.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So for this you estimated what you have now and what you're going to add, everything between now and November or whenever it is. I don't know what Tuesday's date is. Including extras you think you might need because things are getting busier?

MS. ORTIZ: Jenny is really good at doing this analysis.

JENNIFER WILSON: Hi. So this is an estimate based off the previous election, and we provided all of our documentation to the Secretary of State for our expenses for the primary, and they gave us the same amount. They advanced us the same amount for the general election. Should we spend more than that in expenses that are covered under the MOU, there's a possibility that they would also reimburse us for those. But based off of our budgeting we estimate it will be \$650,000 in reimbursable costs.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So you did try to anticipate – I'm wondering – it sounds silly but you know numbers of new people registering have increased when they tell everybody to go out and register.

MS. WILSON: Correct.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So between the time of doing the budget and should you need extra people, is that there in this estimate?

MS. WILSON: In addition to the anticipated amount that we were going to get reimbursed by the SOS we also do have a separate budget for the Board of Elections Department within the Clerk's Office for non-reimbursable expenses. So there are some additional things in there, including – there was an initial \$100,000 approved in advertising this year as part of the FY25 budget, so that's not reimbursable, but those were additional costs that we anticipated for this presidential election and so again, we did budget for those.

MS. ORTIZ: And Chair and Commissioners, I want to add that turnout doesn't really raise the money we spend. We basically plan for the same amount, right? So we have one poll judge and clerks and the staff and machines and tabulators at the polling site. So turnout doesn't really increase our funds. It's just the human aspect, like how many people we have to hire to make sure to be at the polling site. That's the part that increases a little bit with turnout, but not as much as the temporary staff that will also increase because there's a lot going on. So for that we have increased some sites. We have decreased in other sites. So we're confident that the \$650,000 will be enough and if not, we always can ask the Secretary of State to reimburse us for more if we do spend more.

CHAIR HUGHES: Are we ready for a motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have one more question.

MANAGER SHAFFER: I think if I could, what I understand the County Clerk's Office to be saying is that with the \$650,000, with the \$100,000 additional grant money and with the existing allocation in the budget to the Bureau of Elections, they should have all of their election costs covered. If they were to somehow be bumping up against that, then that would be a conversation we'd have to have with the Board to prevent them from overspending their budget without the Board knowing that they were

doing so at the risk of not being reimbursed.

If the Deputy Clerks disagree with my summary please correct me, but I believe that may have been where you were going.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It is. It's the idea that anticipating things now because usually when a big office gives, like the Secretary of State approves a budget it's like there's an expectation of staying within it until you get to extenuating circumstances, which you don't kind of plan for. They should be extenuating. It shouldn't be like just built in that way. So that's great now. That answers my question. Thank you.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll make the motion. I make a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between Santa Fe County and the Office of the Secretary of State for costs of the November 5, 2024 general election.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

[The Commission recessed from 3:30 to 3:45.]

7. **Presentations** - None were brought forward.

8. **Matters of Public Concern**

CHAIR HUGHES: We'll do four minutes for each person. Let's go ahead and get started. The first speaker is Mr. Robertson, road safety in District 5. Go ahead, and your interpreter will speak for you, I guess.

INTERPRETER FOR MR. ROBERTSON: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you so much for inviting me to be here today. So I am here to discuss about the traffic situation on County Road 44 and County Road 44 East. And so this map shows the road that I'm speaking of here. So it's Shenandoah Trail, and really that's County Road 44, and it turns into North Fork, and that's County Road 44 East.

And this road here is New Mexico 14 and there's about eight miles, it's about eight miles south of the highway. Are you familiar with this area? I'm hoping that the public is familiar as well. Hello. Hello, everyone. Thank you for coming today. Okay, so I do have several pictures here and these pictures show several different accidents, and I've lived there for 40 years. I was born here in Santa Fe, by the way, born and raised, and these pictures here show lots of terrible accidents and I could have easily added another board, but I just wanted to really make my point with several photos here.

And the traffic has increased in the past 40 years that I've lived here, of course. Before this was a gravel road, a dirt road and about ten years ago everything kind of blew up, and they put in a pavement, which was quite good. That was very, very nice to have pavement, so I really do thank the County for paving those roads, and I do want to mention that this road is also very narrow, and I've seen people bicycling, which is quite scary when you're driving to try to pass them. Really, I'm shocked that people bike on

that road and people also walk along this road quite often, and I've seen children walking along this road as well.

And there is a sign that shows that children are playing along this road. The sign is right there. And so the road stops and turns to gravel right on the other side there, so it does become a dirt road. I do want to show you something else. Do I still have a little bit of time left? Okay, so I'm wondering if there's any questions about what I'm showing here. Do you all have any questions, Commissioners?

CHAIR HUGHES: We're not allowed to ask questions in this forum.

INTERPRETER: Okay. I do understand. I'm on several boards myself so I do understand that. Okay. So really, there has been many accidents so I am very concerned about all of our neighbors that live in this area and since I've moved there there's been quite a few new houses that have been built. There's kids riding on ATVs. I remember one time right here in this area one kid was decapitated on an ATV in that area. It was horrific. And so lots of folks do speed along this road and the road does go downhill and people go quite fast around that curve there.

I'm just wanted to let you know you can look at all of these photos and I'm going to flip around this board here and then I will summarize things.

Thank you very much. Thank you. So I do want to say thank you to everyone, all of the constituents, staff and everyone that has helped me today to be able to be here. So thank you, thank you so much. Really appreciate it.

So in summary, this here will be a great solution. This is Governor Miles Road. I think you all are familiar with Governor Milles, so this is east of Cerrillos Road. And so when you're driving east on Governor Miles they have these wide speed humps. I'm not sure why they're called speed bumps. I'm not sure why they're called that. They should be called slow down bumps. But it does work well with I think 25 miles per hour. I've tested it and you can go over at 25 miles an hour and it's quite comfortable for people and I think it's even comfortable for school buses too to go over the speed humps.

On North Fork there are school buses and also those trucks, big, heavy trucks that go down North Fork as well, and they do speed down that road. And my time is up. Okay, well, this is my solution would be to add some speed humps along that road there on County Road 44 and County Road 44 East. So thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen, for your time. I really appreciate it, and have a good afternoon. And thank you for the meeting.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much, sir. Okay, next can we have Tom Kennedy? All right, Mr. Kennedy, go ahead.

TOM KENNEDY: Hey, good afternoon. Some of you may recognize my name but not my face. Back in May I became a whistleblower on a developer which violated a number of responsibilities under the developmental permit, and I was told that there was a meeting amongst Commissioners and ultimately Land Use sent some people to investigate my allegations. Basically what has happened is that in 2006 was one of these meetings that there were requirements for the developmental permit that were completely ignored. It has to do with the water issues as well as the infrastructure issues.

My concern is the water issues. The County Commissioners at that time required a number of responsibilities on the developer as it related to filtering water, as well as collateral releases that were dependent upon completion. We ultimately discovered, when

I became a whistleblower in May that none of these things were done. As I say, Land Use came out on two different occasions and confirmed the fact that there were five wells out there, three of them were never drilled. They were all released.

The well that serves my property was drilled. However, it was – the filtration system that was required by the County which was an RO system was never installed. About a week ago I was able to figure out what the filtration system was and I would suggest you not laugh at this but it is Chemizorb, which is basically industrial strength kitty litter which is supposed to be filtering radionuclides. There were multiple water samples done by a hydrologist that confirmed radionuclides which were basically gross alpha, beta alpha uranium that were in the water. There was never a water sample provided to the hydrologist or the County which was required by the Commissioners at that time.

I have taken this up with the AG here in New Mexico and all this was going on we agreed to mutual transparency. In other words, I know where all the skeletons are. You guys have a development that you have to either determine has met the requirements, has not met the requirements, needs to meet the requirements, or needs additional financial security.

At this time you have no financial security whatsoever. I was told that no permits were going to be issued until this was resolved. This week one of the collateral releases that happened in 2007 was trenching for domestic waterlines for two miles. That took place. There were no permits issued and the reason it took place is because he's putting a new road in and they won't be able to get under that road for the domestic water wells. Again, no permits were issued. He needed a permit for maintaining the roads. No permits were issued.

I was told that no permits were going to be issued until this was all resolved. I simply have a question that I know you can't answer and I've got 39 seconds. Is there a desire in the county to have mutual transparency to work together to resolve this? I am the only person that knows where all these skeletons are. We've got five wells out there that are producing that will be producing toxic water unless somebody decides that they're going to take the responsibility and hold him accountable. I have 18 seconds to spare.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much.

MR. KENNEDY: Thank you for your time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is there anyone else in the room who wishes to make a public comment? No, so we'll go to online. And our first person is Sid Monroe.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Mr. Chair, it appears Sid Monroe is not online.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Then we will go to Chris Mechels. Is he online?

CHRIS MECHELS: Yes. I'm here.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

MR. MECHELS: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'm here again today to, as I have in the past, to address issues of governance, because the issue that I've raised with you is going back to 2010 the County Commission appears to have given all its power over to the County Manager. I'm just sort of setting it out and it's not doing any real effective job of oversight. I've suggested in the past that you take your responsibility

back and that would involve modifying the Code of Conduct to take the responsibility from the City [sic] Manager and reclaim it.

I have an interesting case here today which serves to validate these concerns. Immediately prior to this break that you took you considered an MOU, a memorandum of understanding between the County Clerk and the Secretary of State for the upcoming election. I suggest that none of you ever looked at that; you just voted on it. What's actually going on if you look closely at that MOU is the fact that it's three weeks overdue. That has to be brought and approved 60 days before the election which is well past. So on its face they failed to comply with the law.

If you look at it a bit further there's an appendix on it which tells you what the money is to be spent for in some detail, and I looked at that appendix and it's full of – it's riddled with errors. I stopped counting the errors in the appendix at five and just thought if you want to check it yourself it's easily verified.

So what you've got here is the Secretary of State, presented a document three weeks late, riddled with errors, and you didn't notice it. But I suspect and I've suggested in the past is the reason you don't notice it is because you just don't have a staff. You don't have an attorney. You don't have a staff reporting you who can look at this, so what you end up with is you end up approving pretty much blindly what's brought before you. And I guess in an ideal world the County Manager would be such a paragon that it wouldn't be a concern but the current County Manager isn't. And so what you're doing week after week is your passing items brought before you and you have no idea, or no accurate idea of what's in them, so you just blindly pass on them.

This really must stop. The case today with this MOU is just one of many. There was another item that you passed on earlier in the agenda today where the head of Finance brought you a bill to raise the limit of \$10 million. The reason is because they messed up before and forgot to put it in a previous item. So you've got people that are just coming before you with bills that say, if you look at them you should reject them because they're just not well done or the ideas are wrong. But you don't have the time personally, nor do you have the staff, nor do you have an attorney, to catch all these errors. So what happens is you're proceeding on a blind assumption, the County Manager and the County Clerk, and the rest of these people that are bringing you – you have no idea, no way to vet what you're being asked to do.

But this is – can't you see this is totally intractable. If you're going to serve the interests of the public there must be some way that you know that the quality of the material being brought to you has actually been vetted and that it's accurate. The other thing you're missing is you don't have a – you're not getting the opposing opinion. They're bringing you bills that support what they want from you but they don't give you the alternative view which is always necessary.

The thing is, go back. Be adults. Reverse what you did in 2010. Take back your power and act – and begin to govern responsibly. Thank you for your attention.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much. Do we have anyone else online that have their hands raised?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, there are no other users online indicating that they'd like to speak.

9. Matters from the County Manager
A. Miscellaneous Updates

CHAIR HUGHES: Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I do want to remind the Board as well as the general public that our 2024 strategic planning summit is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, beginning at 9:00 am each day. We will be setting up in roundtable discussion style in the Commission chambers. Packet material has been provided to the Board in hard copy and pdf. documents are on BoardDocs.

In addition, I wanted to alert the Board to the fact that we will be undergoing a formal name change with regard – and remind the Board as it came up during budget discussions, that we'll be undergoing an official change of address with regard to the County Administration Complex, which was formerly addressed as 100 Catron. There will be a variety of addresses assigned to the County Administration Complex to account for various access points, including the underground parking garage, but we will be issuing a press release and otherwise doing outreach to inform the public of that address change.

Looking forward, we are planning for the Better Informed Public Officials Conference that is being provided by New Mexico Counties from December 10th to December 12th. We do have budget, both for our new incoming Commissioners as well as Commissioners whose terms will be extending into 2025, should any of you desire to attend.

And finally, the County's ordinance with regard to single-use plastic bans did go into effect yesterday, September 23, 2024, and we have been doing a variety of outreach relative to that ordinance to help ensure compliance with the effective date of it. And that's it for my miscellaneous updates. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: 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: Commissioner Bustamante, I think it's your turn to go first.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do have one thing that I'd like question whether or not it should be part of our strategic planning. We're approaching a year since we discussed the online – and this is a land use issue – a process where people can follow applications online. When we discussed this there was something already in the works for this purpose, so that people can track them. People are aware of what's been applied for. We see a timeline. We get feedback. I understand that there was a platform that was being evaluated for this purpose and hearing again that we don't have – I don't want to go with a negative – that we have more opportunity for continued transparency.

But I'd like to either put this on the strategic planning process, or make sure it gets up off the ground because it appears to be something that we had said was going to happen but for some reason we're not seeing that particular platform available so that people can actually see what applications are in, what the status of their application is, if somebody had a question about what's going on. These things exist and I ask for that to be moved forward. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just wanted to thank everybody for the absolutely lovely birthday wishes and for the chocolate cake which was quite delightful.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I've had a busy couple of weeks but the most exciting thing was that I was invited to be on *In Focus* for PBS on our land and I was interviewed about the electrical power line across the Caja del Rio, myself and Hilario Romero were interviewed by Laura Paskus and then former Governor Mark Mitchell did an interview with her also. So it was great that *In Focus* highlighted the concerns of the power line across the Caja del Rio, and I was honored to be on the show and I'll be sending that out on my newsletter. So if you didn't get a chance to see it you can click on it on the newsletter and see it.

Also, on September 12th and 13th I attended an energy symposium held at the Santa Claran. Representative Tara Lujan put that on. Staff, our Sustainability staff attended also and Beth Beloff and I were on a panel for the Coalition of Sustainable Communities of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Climate Investment Center. So we got to get that information out to other people.

Then on Saturday I had Coffee and Tea under the Trees, even though it was a little blustery, but the constituents in the Agua Fria Village went out and got a MainStreet grant on their own and so we talked about the Agua Fria History, Cultural Center that we are interested in developing there and we will talk more about that at the strategic planning.

And then yesterday I went to the annual Canyon Road picnic at the Water History Park and Museum as part of being on the River Commission because there was quite a bit of concern and still is about the Two-Mile Pond. And since I sit on the City of Santa Fe River Commission we did a tour on August 15th of that Two-Mile Dam, Two-Mile Pond area and so I reported it to – I gave them an update and we have a number of new members on the River Commission and almost all of them are hydrologists. The River Commission now probably has at least seven hydrologists on it.

Then on Monday night, September 30th, there will be a meeting at the Harold Runnels Building about the petroleum plume that have been in existence since the 1950s if not before and a number of my constituents are concerned about it. It is between the School for the Deaf and the Railyard area. So if any of you would like to join us I believe it starts at 5:30 to 7:00 and it's at the Harold Runnels Building and it's hosted by NMED.

And that's all I have for the moment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Busy couple weeks for myself as well. Not in any particular order, but just from my notes. I want to thank the Tesuque Valley Community Organization or Association for inviting me to their board

meeting last night. We shared some items of interest and one of the areas of commonality that we all have to deal with here that is of high concern in the Tesuque area is about the loss of fire insurance. And so this is something that we're all dealing with. I know Commissioner Hamilton is spearheading a little bit of this on our behalf. This affects my district as well and the Tesuque community up there seems to be losing their fire insurance coverage. And so one of the solutions is fire hydrants, and so that was one of the opportunities that we could start working on with the Aamodt settlement and how we build out that facility there.

Also up in the north, I'm putting together a meeting to meet with some of the leadership in the community cultural and historical preservation of the Chimayo area, the plaza restoration and the historical society up there. We're going to be having a meeting to work on some of the early planning plans to help them with their plaza restoration and maybe some other projects up in the area up there.

I serve as the vice chair on REDI-Net and we met two weeks ago. We had a presentation about the BEAD funding programs and the roll-outs. One of the areas that is of interest, and if anybody wants to work with me in the next week, we have one week to produce a commentary to provide comment on the project area, PAU project areas/units. And these area units are the areas that will be able to be bid upon by ISPs, internet service providers, or the County or whoever wants to go build something out. And some of these make some sense and a bunch of them don't make very much sense. And so it is a good idea for us all to sit down and look at these maps and say, wow, this doesn't make sense. Could you break this up or could you combine these two areas because this makes more sense. These are decisions being made by the state without the knowledge that we have of our community and how some logical service areas would make sense. So if you'd like to reach out to me and to look at the maps I'd be happy to sit down with any of the Commissioners to help provide comment on that, because it might provide better opportunities to bring broadband to parts of our area.

Bishop's Lodge, a little report on that. Bishop's Lodge Resort has received a permit from the County to develop a wastewater system, a leach field. That was the goal of the community to receive a no-discharge solution here. They are in the process of building that out and have applied to the New Mexico Environment Department to get a groundwater permit extending or renewing or whatever the actual solution is here, but it's a new or revised groundwater discharge permit. So this would reduce or eliminate the need to discharge into the Little Tesuque Creek and this is what the community was looking for so I think there's a little bit of a happy dance attached to that.

I also attended the Hispano Chambers' Forty Under Forty event, which was very inspiring and very aspirational. Inspiring because it was great to see a lot of young professionals doing great work in our community. Santa Fe has been getting a reputation of getting pretty old, but it was nice to see a whole bunch of under forty-year-olds actually doing great things in the community and it was great to see that recognition. I was really happy to know and have worked with nine of the 40 professionals there, and I was like, wow. I actually know some young people. This is great. But on the other side of it it was also aspirational because it's been a long time since I was under 40 so it was great to sort of wish for those things.

As the chair of the MPO this year, the MPO had a statewide meeting last week

and I welcome the statewide folks from all of the MPOs in the state that came up to Santa Fe as well as a bunch of folks from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, as they came in for a day-long conference to discuss the common issues that they're having and some new opportunities that are coming down the pike, both with state and federal funding. And that was great to see everybody all excited and they were very appreciative that we hosted this and they sent their love to everybody here.

And not quite last, but I would also like to thank the County for supporting the spay and neuter clinic that was hosted about a week ago. There were over 150 dogs and cats that were spayed and neutered. People came from all over the county. It was held at Nambe Pueblo, but there were folks that came up from Edgewood, even a family that came up from Albuquerque. They did not receive the subsidized rates that Santa Fe County made possible to the residents of Santa Fe County, but nonetheless, they were accommodated by the group there and they just paid full freight. That was still pretty affordable but it wasn't at the super-subsidized rate that the county did. It was amazing. It was really wonderful. I went out there one of the days and saw a handful of friends and constituents and residents that I knew that were out there and the cutest dogs you could ever see. It was pretty cute and happy.

And lastly, I want to send out a big monumental birthday to my liaison, Ambra Baca, is going to be very important milestone of birthdays that will remain unmentioned here. But later this week, and she deserves a big happy birthday from all of us and from me, so Happy Birthday, Ambra and thank you very much for what you do for Santa Fe County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I forgot to mention that we had this great event out at Los Luceros for the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area. It's our second annual culture and creative art show, which was very well attended and it was a beautiful show. It was a juried show by a number of really special artists in northern New Mexico who you might now see otherwise because many of them don't have galleries. But the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area is doing trainings for artists to learn how to promote their work.

And then I also wanted to share with the Commission that I have invited Ted Wyka, who is the national nuclear security administration manager at the Los Alamos field office, and I asked him to come and give a presentation to us. He presents to the Los Alamos County board and I thought this was an opportune time, so he has agreed to come to one of our meetings in October where we can ask him questions and talk to him about pit production and the power line and a number of other things that are going on on the NNSA side. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I just have a few things. The ECIA, Eldorado Community Improvement Association, is doing a community wildfire protection plan, which relates to all this insurance stuff, although we're not in – none of District 5 I think is in the wildfire danger area or the severe danger area, but they're still concerned.

Route 4, I think we are having several protections done on Bonanza Creek Road and Shenandoah Road but they're not going further up than that, but they're right at Route 14.

The plastic ban went into effect yesterday and I went to shop at the supermart, just

to make sure they were obeying it and they were. The lady in front of me complained that she wanted a plastic bag and the cashier very politely directed her to aisle 10 to buy one. They aren't giving them out for free.

And then finally I did attend the Rio Transit District's 20th anniversary celebration at which they had some very lovely hoop dancers perform, and it was really amazing. So that's it for me.

10. B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations – None were presented

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. Lease of County Property for Use as a Post Office

CHAIR HUGHES: Attorney Young, would you like to lead us in?

JEFF YOUNG (County Attorney via Webex): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I would ask that we go into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) and that's specifically including lease of County property for use as a post office.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to go into executive session to discuss the items that the County Attorney has laid out.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Roll call, please.

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 4:23 to 4:38.]

CHAIR HUGHES: Can I have a motion to take us out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, I move that we come out of executive session, stating that we only spoke about the items that the County Attorney and that we went into executive session to discuss, and no decisions were made.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. 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: Is there one more motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: There is. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am going to make a motion that we prepare a resolution rescinding Resolution 2024-90, which was the resolution to pursue a post office at the Bennie J. Chavez Center in Chimayo, and to bring that forward at the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

12. Informational Items/Reports

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I wanted to say something about the reports. I know there isn't anybody here, but I wanted to thank everybody for the reports because I did read them and they're really informative and I highly recommend that my fellow Commissioners read the reports.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you.

13. Concluding Business

A. Announcements

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday morning at 9:00 am for strategic planning.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Don't we have a ribbon-cutting also?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Oh, that also what I forgot. I have a ribbon-cutting tomorrow morning. I hope you will all come at 11:00 at San Ysidro Crossing. I couldn't remember all the things on my list. But it's a groundbreaking, it's not a ribbon-cutting. It's a groundbreaking for the next section, Section B of Santa Fe River Trail. I have invited all my River Commissioners also and I hope some of them come. I also invited a number of City Councilors selected.


CHAIR HUGHES: I may not make it tomorrow because my son is getting married tomorrow afternoon.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: A very good excuse.

B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Bustamante and second by Commissioner Hamilton, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved by:



Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

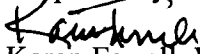


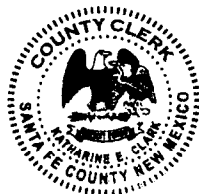
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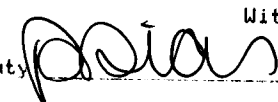
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