

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 26, 2024

Hank Hughes, Chair - District 5
Camilla Bustamante, Vice Chair - District 3
Justin Greene - District 1
Anna T. Hamilton - District 4
Anna Hansen - District 2

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1. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:03 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 County Clerk Katharine Clark and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Hank Hughes, Chair
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Vice Chair
Commissioner Justin Greene [via Webex]
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 Sarah Meadows of the Community Development Department.

Commissioner Bustamante requested a moment of silence for Oklahoma Senator Fred Harris, active in Native American issues. Commissioner Hansen added her comments and asked for a moment of silence for Martha Rotunno from the Agua Fria Village.

G. Approval of Agenda

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

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Mr. Chair and Commissioners, there are no recommended changes to the agenda as presented from staff. I would note that we posted the initial agenda for today's meeting on Tuesday, November 19th and the final amended agenda was posted on Friday, November 22nd in excess of 72 hours prior to today's meeting as required by the Open Meetings Act.

The substantive changes between the two agendas were to add Consent Agenda item 5. E as well as Miscellaneous Action items 7. H through 7. N. But again, there are no recommended changes to the amended agenda from staff.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to at the moment table 3. A, request approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners, and I will table it until further notice.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Do you need a second?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: If you're seconding it I concur. I'm a co-author with Commissioner Hansen to remove that or table that from the agenda from today's meeting.

CHAIR HUGHES: Or maybe just approve the agenda with the tabling of that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd move to approve the agenda with that item tabled.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion. Commissioner Hansen seconded.

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

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

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I want to take a moment to acknowledge two employees who are celebrating five-year anniversaries with Santa Fe County. They are Gia Black in the Project and Facilities Management Division of Public Works, and Brian Brandle with the Sheriff's Department. I want to thank them and recognize their continuous years of service with the County.

We have four County employees who are retiring during the month of November. We want to acknowledge their many years of service and wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives. Those retirees are Erle Wright in the Growth Management Department, GIS Division, Frank Gallegos, Jr. in Fire Admin, Michael Gzaskow in the Adult Detention Facility, and Rick Lovato in the Growth Management Department. So again, I want to thank them for their many years of service to the County and wish them well in their retirement.

On the other end of the spectrum I do want to welcome to the team several new employees who began their career with us during the month of October. In the Corrections Department in various capacities we have Michaelray Martinez, Miranda Solis, and Brenda Suarez. In addition, we have Kiana Pederson who also joined the

Corrections Department.

On the County Manager's Office, Randy Baca joined the Finance Division as an accountant. We had several individuals join the Fire Department. In the Wildland Division, Logan Coulombe, Joshua Hileman, Jose Ramirez Carrillo, and Reeze Salsbury.

In the Public Works Department I want to welcome back Ryan Ward who all of you know or have met recently as the Director of Roads, Fleet, Solid Waste and Traffic Division. In the Sheriff's Department, Tracy Baca joined the Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff's Deputy III. In our Utilities Division, Christopher McAllister joined the team as Utilities Maintenance Worker, and in the Community Development Department, Ms. Sarah Meadows, who you've all met, and Brickman House joined the Community Development team.

Finally, in the County Clerk's Office, Jeannie Sena and in the Public Works Department, Randolph Noakes, I believe is the name. So again, I want to recognize those years of service, the retirements as well as new employees joining our team. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, and congratulations to everybody, especially those hired. Happy to see all the new employees.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: We have a special award from Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So after eight years of being here, Erle Wright has been one of the most honored employees and support to me and I am so honored to be able to work with him. So I made up my own little certificate of appreciation that I would like to present to him. I know you're here, Erle. I saw you. You have been a true champion to the County and your work has been amazing. I had to just do something to thank you and it's just a small little token, but I just want you to know how much you mean to me and I appreciate it. And I always think about you and two dollar bills.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, now, Manager Shaffer, the other recognitions of employees for awards and accreditations?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Two awards and achievements that we wanted to recognize. First we wanted to acknowledge that Fire Department Chief Jacob Black recently completed the executive fire officer program at the National Fire Academy. This multi-year development program equips fire officers to address emerging issues in their departments and communities and gain leadership skills they can use to strengthen their organization and help make their community more resilient. Chief Black's capstone research project focused on navigating insurance retention for homeowners in the wildland-urban interface. So again, congratulations, Chief Black on this significant achievement.

Also I wanted to recognize our marketing coordinator and Tourism Division. The New Mexico Hospitality Association Top Hat Awards recognizes the best in hospitality and tourism from around the State of New Mexico. This year Santa Fe County Tourism won best digital campaign for its nomination 2023-2024, authentic Santa Fe County experiences digital display and digital video campaign. Santa Fe County tied with

Tourism Santa Fe in this category which is very competitive with numerous entries and ten finalists. So again, it was an extremely challenging award around this year. So Santa Fe County Tourism was fortunate to work with the advertising agency of record, Sunny 505, and the New Mexico Tourism Department's cooperative marketing grant program on this digital campaign. So congratulations to Lisa, who I believe is online on this significant award and all of her efforts in this important area to the County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Congratulations.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Those are the two awards and achievements that we wanted to recognize. Again, congratulations to Chief Black and Lisa Katonak. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. Congratulations to Chief Black and Lisa Katonak.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. **Request Approval of October 29, 2024 Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

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

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

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

A. **TABLED**

Recess and Reconvene: Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton, second by Commissioner Hansen and unanimous voice vote, the Board of County Commissioners temporarily recessed and convened as the Board of Finance at 2:18, reconvening as the Board of County Commissioners at 2:31 with all five Commissioners present.

5. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Final Order for Case No. 21-5142. Esencia Holdings LLC, Applicant, and JenkinsGavin, Inc., Agent, Applied for Amendments of Conditions of Approval of the Esencia Conceptual Plan for a 710-Lot Residential Subdivision Consisting of 277 Acres, More or Less. The Property is Located at the End of Camino Vista Grande and at the End of Vista del Monte (South of the Intersection of Avenida del Sur and A Van Nu Po) Within the Community College District, Within Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 9 East (Commission District 5) (Growth Management Department/Kenneth Quintana, Case Manager) (APPROVED 5-0)**

B. **Resolution No. 2024-__, a Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Calendar Year 2025 in Accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings**

Act, Applicable to All Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and to the Meetings of County Boards and Committees Created and Appointed by the BCC; Establishing Permissible Meeting Locations and a Webcast and Broadcast Policy; and Requiring Meeting Agendas (County Attorney's Office/Jeff Young) **ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**

- C. **Resolution No. 2024-152, a Resolution Authorizing Holidays, Closings of County Offices, and the 2025 Santa Fe County Employee Calendar and Repealing Resolution No. 2024-149 (Human Resources and Risk Management Division/Valerie Aghaei Park)**
- D. **Resolution No. 2024-153, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$18,040 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Growth Management Department/Adeline Murthy)**
- E. **Resolution No. 2024-154, a Resolution to Grant the County Manager Authority to Execute a Lease on Behalf of Santa Fe County With the United States Postal Service (USPS) to Provide a Potential Location for a Post Office for the Residents of Chimayo and Surrounding Area (County Manager's Office/Leandro Cordova) (Item Added)**

CHAIR HUGHES: Any items that anyone wants to remove from the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: If it is possible to remove item B for discussion.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. We'll remove item B. Anything else?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item B.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

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

- 5. B. **Resolution No. 2024-155, a Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Calendar Year 2025 in Accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Applicable to All Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and to the Meetings of County Boards and Committees Created and Appointed by the BCC; Establishing Permissible Meeting Locations and a Webcast and Broadcast Policy; and Requiring Meeting Agendas (County Attorney's Office/Jeff Young)**

CHAIR HUGHES: Move to item 5. B. Attorney Young, can you address item 5. B, maybe explain to us what has changed in the Open Meetings Act.

JEFFREY YOUNG (County Attorney via Webex): Absolutely, Mr. Chair, and what I'd like to do is just sort of give a bit of a briefing on the Open Meetings Act. The Open Meetings Act, which can be found at NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 says that public business be conducted in full public view, that the actions of public bodies be taken openly, and that the deliberations of public bodies be open to the public. The Open Meetings requirement applies to any meeting of a quorum of any public body held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or taking any action that the body has authority to take.

So in this subject resolution we have identified the boards and committees subject to the Open Meetings Act requirements in the subject resolution. In terms of the resolution before you today it sets out what meetings are required to be open, to be public consistent with Section 10-15-1.D. In addition to the BCC we have at least 22 board or committees that are covered by the Open Meetings Act.

We have updated this year's resolution to include a few new committees such as the Public Arts Committee and Water Policy Advisory Committee. Boards and committees not covered are those what I would consider to be a joint variety which have their own noticing procedure, such as the Buckman Direct Diversion.

Second, the resolution sets out the BCC regular meeting schedule. There is a full calendar there available to the public with all of the dates. The resolution also outlines procedures for meeting notices and agendas for the BCC and BCC appointed boards and committee meetings, including regular, special, and emergency meetings. All the deadlines track the statute. The Open Meetings Act which was recently amended in the 2013 – amended most recently in the 2013 legislative session requires that with some exceptions public bodies must make the agendas of regular and special meetings available to the public at least 72 hours prior to the meetings and post the agenda's on the public body's website, if one is maintain, which of course we do and I believe we do a good job of that.

In today's age the website is an important tool for this information. However, we also post on the display panels at 240 Grant Avenue. One of the reasons why we use these panels is once we post notices and agendas on BoardDocs, that information is conveyed directly to those panels which is an efficient and effective way of communicating that information. One update we did add is when those are not operational we'll direct the public to other available computers, and if those are not working we will post the notice on the glass facing the parking lot.

Of course, the public is also well aware that they can request information at the information desk at the front of the building or contact Sara Smith in the County Manager's Office, both of those things.

Third the resolution identifies procedures for noticing an agenda for appointed County committees so those committees and boards can also set their own schedule with they do, some do annually. Otherwise you have to comply with the either regular or special or emergency meeting notice requirements. An important feature of the resolution is to explain how the public can participate in meetings and in recent years we've

streamlined virtual participation, so really all you need to go to is the “join meeting” link and you can participate via Webex. You can also participate via YouTube and Facebook, which a lot of counties out there don’t actually do that. So I think it’s a very good thing that we do that for public participation.

If the website or links are inoperable at the time of the meeting the meeting may be conducted in person only. Also, Santa Fe County does offer auxiliary aids and services available to those in chambers and that has happened on numerous occasions in my experience. During any public health emergency regular BCC meetings may be held entirely virtually and that has happened obviously with the COVID pandemic.

It’s also important to mention that there are penalties for violating the Open Meetings Act. Any person violating Section 10-15-1 or 10-15-2 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 for each offense if it is shown that they intentionally acted in a manner that violated the Act.

With that I would stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Attorney Young. Any questions?
Commissioner Greene, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. First I want to thank staff for accommodating our pueblo brothers and sisters with adjusting the calendar to adjust for the feast days. That was a request of mine and I am happy that we’ve done that. And then second, it’s just a general thing about public notice and transparency. I’m wondering if we could – and this may not be the place for it and it may be just a future resolution. Start to provide complete packets by Friday and not give ourselves the last few days over the weekend to update documents if something comes up in the last few days then maybe we should table the item and remove it for a future meeting. We have regular meetings every two weeks more or less and I would like to be able to not feel like we pushed something through without enough time for everybody to study these things and for us to have the community see these things. But thank you for the adjustment for the pueblos and maybe we can figure out how to get our packets put together at least by the Friday, and then have a pencils down moment and allow the community and all of us to be able to review things over the weekend. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Respectful of staff’s time, Commissioner Greene, I do also understand your request but I also want to recognize that when there have been last minute updates or changes to the agenda – I wouldn’t say complete changes, but something that would have to be tweaked in order for it to be heard on that day I am sincerely grateful for staff’s flexibility when it’s something that is time-sensitive. And I hope that we can continue to have that flexibility.

CHAIR HUGHES: Sounds like a future discussion.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It’s been to a minimum. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Could we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

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

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

6. **Appointments/Reappointments** - None were brought forward.

7. **Miscellaneous Action Items**

A. Resolution No. 2024-____, a Resolution Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 2013-60, and Establishing a Records Retention Schedule Tailored to the Records of Santa Fe County

NAOMI SOLOMON (Records Program Manager): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and County Commissioners. We did talk about a month ago because I was introducing the records retention schedule from Resolution 2013-60 and my strong feelings based on research that that one is outdated and wieldy [sic] in ways that need to be improved and so that's why I'm bringing you a new resolution to repeal Resolution 2013-60 and to replace it with this newer records retention schedule that I've got here as Exhibit B, I believe, because it will encourage our County staff to be able to index and database their records in ways that are more familiar with them.

We have had recent meetings over the last year and even before I got here Deputy County Attorney Rachel Brown had meetings with departments and elected officials' offices. So the record types that we've got on the newer exhibit are a lot more relevant with what the offices work with currently. I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Not a question, just want to acknowledge and thank you for the time effort and the level of expertise it took to update this. It's very impressive. Very grateful you're available to have done this, and I think it's really – these are the kinds of things that kind of get overlooked as being necessary for efficient functioning and it's really great that we finally have this coming forward.

MS. SOLOMON: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Well done.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other comments? The Clerk has a question. Okay, Katharine Clark.

KATHARINE CLARK (County Clerk): So, Mr. Chair, I did meet with Naomi but there are still a few things on here that are not quite right. For instance, provisional ballot envelopes do contain PII, so there are a couple of things here that I would like to make sure that we are adhering to voter privacy and things like that before we pass at least the Clerk portion of the retention schedule.

CHAIR HUGHES: Are you suggesting that we table it and pass it at a future meeting.

CLERK CLARK: Well, I would hate to table everyone else's work but the Clerk's Office stuff still needs work.

CHAIR HUGHES: Well, there's only one resolution, right?

MS. SOLOMON: And I'm happy to bring it back at a later date after I

make the requested adjustments with Clerk Clark.

CHAIR HUGHES: That seems logical. We've waited forever to revise it. One more meeting isn't going to hurt.

MS. SOLOMON: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I would like to see the Clerk work with Naomi to get this done by December 9th.

MS. SOLOMON: That's very doable. Yes.

CLERK CLARK: Just little things here and there.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. So move to table this until December 9th.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

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

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

B. Resolution No. 2024-156, A Resolution Establishing Rules of Procedure for Clean and Lien Ordinance Enforcement Hearings Pursuant to Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2023-04

CHAIR HUGHES: Peter Valencia.

PETER VALENCIA (Assistant County Attorney): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We are submitting on behalf of the County Attorney's Office. Also appearing with me should be Hearing Officer John Zigler by Webex, as well. He is the Hearing Officer that was recently appointed pursuant to Resolution 2024-118. We are submitting a set of promulgating rules for procedure for the Clean and Lien Ordinance, and this is related to the ordinance that passed last year cited as the Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, which allows the County to protect the health, welfare and safety of others by abating and correcting and removing nuisances throughout the county.

With respect to these procedures particularly this references Section 10 of the Property Nuisance Abatement Ordinance through administrative enforcement. We don't want to go through a criminal process; we want to go through administrative enforcement. What we would so is the code enforcement officer would attempt to work with the property owner. If that's not successful he would be able to submit a request to a property nuisance Hearing Office, which would be John Zigler who has already been appointed, and Section 10 requires him to promulgate rules which must be approved by the Commission in order to hold these hearings.

And basically they're fact-finding missions or evidentiary hearings and at the end of that the Hearing Officer, John Zigler, would either find that the code enforcement officer has met his burden or has not and if he has, he would draft up a resolution for the approval of the Board for any administrative enforcement at that point in time. And so he has crafted these rules which not only outline the parties but the order of proceedings for the rules including notice requirements that we have to give to the property owner to

ensure that they're notified, have an opportunity to participate, and just outlining the procedures as moving forward with those.

That being said, I stand for any questions by the Commission or any other concerns.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you for this. I'm wanting to know the timeline between the first notification, second notification. You don't have to give me that much detail, but then when it's time for it to get to the Hearing Officer, does that go immediately to the Hearing Officer or is the subject notified that there will be action that will be taken and how much time when that happens does it get to a Hearing Officer? To our Hearing Officer?

MR. VALENCIA: So we try to work with them. This is under Section 8 of the compliance process of the ordinance and so I'm looking at that. And this is when there's not an imminent threat to public hearing. A written notice is provided and that is provided to the location of the premises and otherwise where the nuisance was observed. That directs the homeowner or the occupant to abate the nuisance within a reasonable time or provide notice within ten days of that notice. Furthermore, as outlined in the rules of procedure, after written notice has been proceeded we give the homeowner or the occupant 14 days prior notice, either by email or by physical mail of the hearing to give them adequate time of notice and to participate. Furthermore, the rules allow for the Hearing Officer for good cause to continue that if they're unable to attend on that certain date.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Anything else? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Peter. So they go through this hearing process, and we get no results. Then does it go to criminal?

MR. VALENCIA: This process is for administrative enforcement for the Commission. So what we do is the Hearing Officer, he gets notified – this is only when there's not an imminent public health threat. It's going to be a public health threat but it's not imminent and it's not immediately upon us. The Hearing Code Officer will work with the property owner. If that doesn't go forward he would submit this to the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer would do findings, submit them to the Commission, and draft up a resolution which would allow the Commission to draft a resolution to abate and basically remedy the situation, and then also have an enforcement to lien the property for any costs of that abatement.

And so basically these are just rules for that fact-finding procedure and then the resolution requires that the Hearing Officer, that he promulgate to present to the Board as basically here are my findings, here are my conclusions of law. We're asking that this property be cleaned or abated or anything else and we ask for this lien and sends that to the Board and then that would be the process for cleaning that piece of property up.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you. I think this is really an important step in the process that we need to make sure we have in line because we do have properties in the county that are definitely nuisances and some of them are

impacting residents in a really terrible manner.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'm sorry. I did forget one question. So the issue of threat to health and safety, there's reference in there, and I'm wondering how that determination is made. Does that include a residence that has been broken into, the windows are shattered and kids have a potential to go in there? That seems pretty extreme by I don't think that would necessary automatically fall into the health and safety. Does it fall into the health and safety concern? Or is that limited to an exposure of some type of environmental consequence, like petroleum gas is being left I tanks or something?

MR. VALENCIA: I think code enforcement would work on that on a case by case basis to determine if there's an imminent health threat and what are the health threats. And that's something that could be considered, if it's an attractive nuisance to children or other people that might be passing by, walking by the property.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, I'm glad to see this moving forward. I'm glad to see we're putting the procedure in place based on the ordinance we passed a couple years ago. So this is a good move. Anybody else?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll make a motion to approve the resolution establishing rules and procedure for a Clean and Lien Ordinance, enforcement, hearing pursuant to Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2023-04.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hansen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante. Any other comments?

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

7. C. **Resolution No. 2024-157, a Resolution Approving Proposed Loan Agreement, Restrictive Real Estate Covenants Agreement, and Mortgage and Security Agreement Between Santa Fe County and Cresta Ridge Apartments LLP to Support the Construction of a 240-Unit Multifamily, Affordable Housing Project Located Within Santa Fe County, Called "Cresta Ridge Apartments" and Authorizing the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the County Manager's Designee, or Any One of Them, to Execute All Necessary Loan Documents to Effect this Loan and Regulatory Requirements, as Approved by County Attorney [Exhibit 1:Resolution 2024-157 Text]**

CHAIR HUGHES: Paul Olafson.

PAUL OLAFSON (Community Development Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The item we have before you today is a resolution adopting loan agreements as the first round of our developer assistance program has been rolled out. And this is a set of agreements between Santa Fe County and Cresta Ranch, LLP. Cresta Ranch Apartments. The resolution also adopts these documents and allows the Chair, Vice Chair, County Manager or the Manager's designee or any one of these people

to execute all necessary loan documents to effect this loan and regulatory requirements as approved by the County Attorney.

So as you know, we started with the affordable housing program and the plan was adopted in 2023. On October 29th of this year we brought a list of proposed projects that could potentially be funded through this that the Board approved. Since then we've been working with the developer to reach these agreements and the subject resolution, which is Attachment A, outlines the required loan agreements and also authorizes the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the designee as able signatories.

This loan would be for \$1,320,000. It's a simple 1.5 percent annual interest rate. The term of the loan shall be 20 years. It will be evidenced by a promissory note the form of which is attached as a mortgage and security agreement along with restrictive real estate covenants. And prior to a disbursement of any DAP loan proceeds the borrower shall have met all conditions precedent for disbursement as required by the documents, and upon any event of default as defined the County shall have the right to proceed with remedies as set forth in these loan agreements.

The borrower shall pay the County's attorney's fees for preparation and review of loan documents, and in terms of the loan repayment, payments will be made by the borrower in an amount equal to 75 percent of positive annual cash flow after certain payments have been made to other lenders. This basically means that each year, an independent accounting firm will identify what cash the borrower has on hand after certain payments have been made, and 75 percent of those available cash proceeds will go towards the loan payment.

Affordable housing developments receive continuous cash flow from rental payments and federal and state association assistance and it is not anticipated that there will be a problem with loan repayment. It should be noted also that the County, through the developer assistance loan is basically a junior position on the project with MFA, construction lenders and lenders on other notes first in line.

Also we have a chart/table in here that outlines the different housing types that will come with this project, the number of bedrooms, number of baths, and then the AMI ranges.

And finally, the unit mix is targeted to provide a wide range of units to a diverse population and AMI ranges. Long-term affordable housing is expected to remain in place as required by other funding sources including but not limited to those imposed as part of the multi-family housing revenue bond transaction and federal regulations.

And finally, I want to make – in our resolution we added one sentence in the last “therefore” sentence, and it says Be it further resolved, at the top of page 3 there's a sentence added to – this is a very long sentence. I'll just read it as is. Be it further resolved that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the County Manager's designee, or any one of Them, each an authorized signatory, to execute the DAP loan documents and any other agreements and instruments deemed necessary or advisable by the authorized signatory to effect the DAP loan and any applicable or regulatory requirements – comma – and this is the new language – including, without limitation, an agreement pursuant to which the borrower grants to the County a right of first refusal to acquire the project at such time as the borrower offers the project for sale to any third party, – and then it continues on – as

such arger?? Agreements and instruments are approved by the County Attorney and further authorized the Chair, the Vice Chair, the County Manager, of the County Manager's designee, or any one of them to sign all necessary related loan transition documents as required for ongoing future maintenance and monitoring responsibilities as approved by the County Attorney.

And if I have a sec I'll locate the copies.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, and the upshot of that additional language is just to be very express and clear that we will be negotiating and executing a right of first refusal agreement as Mr. Olafson alluded to as part of the overall transaction documentation. So it is an avenue by which, assuming funding is available and the price is right that Santa Fe County could potentially acquire the property at such time as it is offered for sale after all required regulatory affordable periods have lapsed or otherwise. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Give us a second to read this, I think. Okay. It does say that the County has a right of first refusal to acquire the property. Any questions?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, I just also want to recognize that we have our bond counsel Peter Franklin is here today. I think he's still here. And I believe there's someone from Cresta online.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, if I may?

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. Thank you, Paul, for organizing this. A few points. One, I do appreciate the addition of the first right of refusal. I think that is a nice sort of quid pro quo for us to be able to secure this property if it gets to that point where they do want to sell it, we should be trying to take it over or buy it as a maybe, and to secure it as longer-term affordable housing.

The second question I have, how did we determine the 1.5 percent simple interest rate?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that was negotiations between the borrower and the County, term and rate, what we thought would fit best.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It had nothing to do with our cost of money, rolling or anything like that. We didn't base it on what our returns are, even as a government entity, that it had very – simple, and [inaudible] terms or whatever. It was just sort of pulled out of a hat?

MR. OLAFSON: MFA typically goes zero to three percent and we countered with the 1.5. We felt it was equitable for the County.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. It seems a little low to me, but I won't belabor it at this point. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: I think the lower the interest rate the more affordable the housing, so we probably reached a good agreement with them. Any other questions? Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. Move to approve.

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, additionally, I just want to ask you to clarify that move to approve as amended, for the resolution.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm sorry. It's actually amended from here. Yes. Move to approve with the resolution amendment as presented.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second

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

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

D. Resolution No. 2024-158, a Resolution to Lease Land to Nueva Acequia 4, LLLP for an Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing Development

MR. OLAFSON: So Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this item is a follow-up from our last meeting when we created the legal entities for the Nueva Acequia 4 and 9 project, and this is simply a one-year lease that transfers ownership to the LLLP so that we can apply for the four percent funding and the nine percent low income tax credit funding. The four is being submitted tomorrow, and it's a monstrosly huge [inaudible] But we need to get this done and leases signed so that we can apply with the four tomorrow.

And then I could go into further detail but I think we talked about it quite a bit last meeting. I would stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would move to approve the resolution for this lease.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

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

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

E. Resolution No. 2024-159, a Resolution to Lease Land to Nueva Acequia 9, LLLP for an Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing Development

CHAIR HUGHES: Same thing, I suppose.

MR. OLAFSON: Yes, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. This is the same item only for the 9 project which we intend to submit for in January.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve this lease as well.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

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

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote with Commissioner Hansen voting ex post facto. [See page 17]

F. Request Approval of Santa Fe County Tourism Event, Facilities, and Attractions (TEFA) Grant Awards

CHAIR HUGHES: Paul.

MR. OLAFSON: So this item is to request approval of a series of grants that were solicited through a NOFA through the Community Development office, and this is for tourism event, facilities and attractions grant. This is a brand new grant that we started through the lodgers' tax, and it's allowed through the state statutes, and our own ordinances. The notice requested applications from non-profits and it has to support a tourism-related facility or service.

Per our Ordinance No. 2023-02 the eligible activities are as follows. I'm going to read this. It's a little bland, but establishing, operating, purchasing, construction, otherwise acquiring, reconstructing, extending, improving, equipping, furnishing or acquiring real property or any interest in real property for the site or grounds for tourist-related facilities and attractions or tourist-related transportation systems of the County. That's one group of allowed uses. The second group is providing police and fire protection and sanitation service for tourist-related facilities, attractions, and events located in the County.

So Community Development put together a review team that included members from Community Development, Public Works, Finance, and the County Manager's Office. We received 11 proposals. Seven were reviewed as being compliant; four were not reviewed because they were asking for marketing and advertising money, which is now allowed under this program, but that is eligible under the other lodgers tax program that I think you saw just a couple weeks ago and made recommendations.

So we did the review and we scored them and then we didn't have enough money. So the total request was \$34,000 and so on but we only had 25. So we prorated the projects based on their evaluation scores and then assigned a dollar value to each one of those projects. So for example, Center Santa Fe requested \$5,000; we're recommending \$3,500. El Rancho de las Golondrinas, \$5,000; we're recommending \$3,500. Girls, Inc. asked for \$5,000; we're recommending \$3,000. International Folk Art requested \$5,000; we're recommending \$4,550. And Madrid Cultural Property Projects requested \$4,812 and we're recommending \$3,700. Santa Fe Playhouse requested \$5,000; we're recommending \$3,750. And finally Santa Fe Century requested \$5,000; we're recommending \$3,000.

And that's also important to note that there is additional funding, it just hasn't been budgeted, so if it were the Board's direction we could go and we could come back at a future date with a budget adjustment to fully fund all of these requests, if that were the Board's direction. But as is, we're asking the Board to just give authority or approval to move forward with these seven grants totaling \$25,000.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm in favor of giving you the \$34,812. Correct? For all of these grants, mainly because they're not big grants to begin with. All of these organizations do provide access for the public to events that I think it's really important that we show our support for. I don't know if I need to make an additional –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can I ask one additional question before you do?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I haven't made any motion or anything.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Are you done? Okay, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So in that regard, you said there is money in the budget. Whose budget?

MR. OLAFSON: I'm sorry. I meant to say in the lodgers' tax fund. When we collect annual lodgers' tax there is enough money in there to make that \$9,000 change. But it's not been budgeted directly to this program or this project.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. It's not a conflict that you said we didn't have enough money. It's just that it wasn't put in this budget.

MR. OLAFSON: Correct. And this is our first rodeo on this program so we didn't really know what to expect for interest or volume and I think we'll make improvements on the next round and we'll maybe ask for more budgeting too.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Because I think Commissioner Hansen has a good point. On the other hand, if I wanted to double-check to see if it was the case that staff was not recommending that because of the status of the budget or of your available funds or intentions for other alternative uses.

MR. OLAFSON: No. We just had a pot and we tried to be as fair and equitable in dividing it as possible.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Would you be happy to see this pot increased slightly or does that give you concern?

MR. OLAFSON: It does not give me concern as to having – but I think every one of the recipients would be gladly welcoming whatever we would offer them as well.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene, do you have any questions for Paul?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, ma'am. Thank you very much, Madam Chair and Paul. I was happy to see this new program come out. One of the concerns I had was I was made aware of this relatively late in the process and some of the programs that I knew could have taken advantage of this, even in the small amount, were not aware of this and were not really aware of this with enough time to submit for this. So I would hope that next year that we really cultivate the pipeline for this. Maybe we even put more money in it because this will be a popular program because it doesn't only go to marketing, it goes to other things, but there are a number of programs. So I just raise that concern, but congratulations for getting this to where it is this year. So thank you very much.

Lastly, I have a question. What would be in the budget for next year? What is – I think I asked this at the last meeting. What is in our lodgers' tax balance for programs such as this?

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I believe the collections over on line, in the previous year were about \$2.5 million overall. And that's stood between marketing and then kind of facilities and other operations they could be used for. And they could be used all of it for marketing, but at least 50 percent has to go towards marketing. And then there's other uses, like the ones I just listed as well as some others that could use this funding.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So this extra \$8,000 that we're talking about, or \$9,000 that we're talking about, it doesn't really significantly damage that balance and we would still have over \$1 million on this side of the ledger.

MR. OLAFSON: I can't speak to exactly on which side of the ledger, but to your first point, yes, there is funding that could be purposed towards this without impacting.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Commissioner Hansen, anything else on this?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll make a motion. So I would like to fully fund all of the organizations for \$34,812, and wish them all luck, and wish you luck. I think that it's important that we invest in our community.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen, do you want to register a yes vote on something you missed?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. On the Nueva Acequia item – B, was it? That I was not present. I would like to register yes.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. And we'll give Commissioner Bustamante a chance when she gets back.

7. **G. Request (1) Approval of Memorandum of Agreement No. 2025-0141-CDD/BT with Santa Fe Community College in the Amount of \$1,000,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, to Assist with the Funding for the Design and Construction of a Full-Service Film Backlot Facility, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)**

CHAIR HUGHES: Give us the description of that, Juan

JUAN TORRES (Economic Development): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. The Community Development Department requests approval of a memorandum of agreement #2025-0141-CD/BT between Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Community College to provide funding for the creation of a film and television city street back lot film set at Santa Fe Community College campus where students can

receive training in all aspects of film and television production.

The goal is to further economic development to benefit all residents and create a skilled workforce in the county and the State of New Mexico. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-143, the amount of the funding for the subject MOA requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Santa Fe Community College intends to transfer control of approximately fifty acres of its Santa Fe campus to Mosaica,, which is SFCC's research park act entity pursuant to the New Mexico University Research Park and Economic Development Act, for the development of a facility on the property for the film workforce training in the construction of set building. SFCC has partnered with the Stagecoach Foundation to manage and operate the facility with IATSE Local 480, the SFCC's School of Trades, Advanced Technologies and Sustainability, and Santa Fe Community College's Film and Digital Media Arts Department as partners in this effort. The Santa Fe Community College is requesting \$1,000,000 in funding from Santa Fe County to initiate and complete phase one and potentially part of phase two in order to begin the training program by the spring semester. The total project costs are estimated to be approximately \$4.139 million, and the Santa Fe Community College has identified other potential funding sources to complete the project.

The program is devised to create access to robust training with direct pathways to film union careers through IATSE 480's pathways to union membership that at a minimum require New Mexico residency for at least six months and age 18 and over. The ideal participants for this program are veterans, participants of the YouthWorks Habitat for Humanity building program, participants of the National Indian Youth Center, Early College Opportunities program, Santa Fe Community College Trades Programs, IATSE 480 members, tribal and rural communities, and people transitioning from an industry with cross-industry applications.

Funding for this project will come from uncommitted American Rescue Plan, ARPA, funds allocated for economic development. That would be a \$500,000 and the rest, the other \$500,000 would come from the County's Economic Development Fund, the uncommitted balance of which is \$5.182 million as of June 30, 2024.

I believe Jennifer LeBar Tapia is online, or she was trying to get online and we have members of the Santa Fe Community College as well as Stage Coach if there are any questions. I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: How could I forego an opportunity to say something to my former place of employment? What a beautiful location. An absolutely worthy project and how exciting it would be to have a back lot to build the film program. I will also take the opportunity every chance I got for the Community College to make a statement with regard to the Community College's ability – and I'm grateful to see that YouthWorks and others are being identified as the populations where people would be recruited, and every opportunity that Santa Fe Community has to recruit from those most in need in our community, rather than just from those coming out of high school and would already be destined to college. This provides another opportunity

to take those who might be coming out of our correctional facility or out of treatment and get them into something very exciting like film.

So I will take every opportunity to say that out loud. But this project, given the absolutely beauty of Santa Fe Community College, which is largely empty now. We just don't see a lot of people at the institution physically, as we did prior to COVID. And I think this really brings another opportunity to restrengthen a community that really was number one in the state for a long time. When we really started to take on film back during the Richardson administration and Santa Fe Community College, believe it or not, was the film hub even with the other academic institutions of NMSU and UNM.

So I encourage my colleagues at the dais and online to support the growth in support of Santa Fe Community College's ability to serve those in our community. So thank you for bringing that. That's more of a statement than it is a question, but I will sit up front here every chance I get to really look to Santa Fe Community College to work with those most in need in our community, and I think it's an absolutely exciting idea that I learned about working project that I have recently left for those people who are most in need in our community. So thank you, Mr. Torres, for bringing this forward. We look forward to great things happening at Santa Fe Community College as they always have.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Juan for bringing this forward. I'm happy to see that our ARPA money is being used for this. I think this is really important. I hope we spend every single dime of ARPA money that we have and I believe that we have and we've allocated it because as time moves forward we're not going to have those resources that we have had in the past.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, we certainly are on pace to have it all obligated by the end of the year deadline but it would be an error to say that it's all been expended. But we will be taking one last look between now and December 9th to ensure that we are on pace to meet all applicable deadlines. But I just wanted to state, it's not all been expended.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Well, let's spend it as soon as possible. Or at least get it encumbered. I have been a large supporter of the film industry for a long time, even before I was on the Commission. I think that it brings a tremendous amount of resources and jobs to our county. And I think that's really valuable. I agree with what Commissioner Bustamante said and more of a statement of yes, let's move forward with this and let's help everyone survive and thrive.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other questions? Go ahead, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Juan, for putting this together. I like that this is a partnership between the Stagecoach Foundation, the Community College and Santa Fe County. It seems that we're working public education and private non-profit in an effort to work together on a strategic aspect of our economic development and the Community College is a great place for this to land.

My one question and it doesn't have to be answered today. I think it was slightly answered by Manager Shaffer was just to make sure that we address all of our ARPA money. I think we have another month, more or less to obligate it and I hope that we can

get a report on what's coming up in the next meeting and make sure that we get it all obligated in the next few weeks. If we have to, we'll have a special meeting to get the last few pennies put in place, but I don't want any of it to go to waste. So thank you very much and good luck with the project.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Hopefully we don't want it to go back to the federal government.

MR. TORRES: I completely agree, Mr. Chair. So we do have all of the economic development funds allocated to projects and they are going through the process but as Manager Shaffer said we cannot tell the future but we have identified funding for projects and so hopefully everything will be completed before the end of this calendar year.

JAMES WYSONG: Good afternoon. My name's Dr. James Wysong and I'm academic dean at the college. I'm here also representing our president who's traveling. So I would stand for any questions that weren't covered in the discussion Mr. Torres laid out, and we are very excited about this because this is a great opportunity to provide training for a good paying job for people who are in Santa Fe and to Commissioner Bustamante's point, yes, we're actively working in your old area, by the way, right now, to work with incarcerated folks to get them into our – back into employment. In fact just the other day we were working on a grant for water treatment.

So, yes, we're the community's college and that's everybody in this community.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, if I may.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Dr. Wysong, I'm happy to see you. With the grant that I was working with, the federal grant that we have right now in our area, that also will support those efforts for another year. Santa Fe County has Community Services that does a lot of that connecting work, and really, the whole point of the Workforce Integration Network is the network part of it. So I just want to let you know about that asset. Jennifer Romero is the lead on some of those programs as well as Anne who is the leader over all it. Actually, I'm looking at the team over here. So forgive me all of you, but these are the folks who are working with the funds that the County gets to support these individuals, and the opportunity to bring that together and leverage that support, because it's not an easy lift, I learned over the last two years. But to really help someone and get them engaged in a way that they are working for our community instead of having problems within the community is a really awesome opportunity that you have.

And I will tell you for those, once this program came ahead we had individuals coming out of our correctional facility who were looking forward – I didn't know how fast this was going to happen but said that they would love to work in construction to just build a film set. I would love to do that. So it's an opportunity and working with a population that otherwise gets overlooked and just returns back to where they are. And I know that we have in your automotive program Julia Furry has worked with those populations as well before. So I'm grateful for the efforts that are being made and look forward to seeing something really fun out there. Thank you.

DR. WYSONG: Thank you, and to Commissioner Greene's point, the public-private partnership that we've entered into with our really good partners,

Stagecoach Foundation and the union IATSE Local 480, I think is also key because we can do a lot, but we can do a lot more together. So we're looking forward to that partnership bearing a lot of fruit.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you all very much. I think it's going to pass. I have a feeling, so we can stop discussion and go ahead with the motion. I guess since it's my district I'll make the motion to approve the memorandum of agreement with Santa Fe Community College.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll second.

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

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

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, it's 3:30. Did you want to take a break before public comment?

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, we might as well take a break and then come back to all these. So we'll take a break now.

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

9. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. The meeting is back in order. Called to session. We're going to go to 9. Matters of Public Concern to be heard at 3:45. Does anyone on in the audience wish to address us? I see one hand up, or two hands. Okay, the young lady first.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Mr. Chair, would you like me to display a timer?

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. You have three minutes each.

MAUREEN MESTAS: Thank you. Just before I introduce myself and get started, I gave some handouts to staff for the Commission and for the County Manager [Exhibit 2] Commission Chair, Commissioners, County Manager and County Clerk and staff, my name is Maureen Mestas and I know some of you, not all of you, but some of you are used to me being here in the capacity as a representative of clients for development, planning and entitlement projects that my company brings to the County. I'm not here in that capacity today. I'm here as a resident of Santa Fe County and I'm here with other members of the community that are sitting right behind me, and we wish to bring an issue to the County's attention, to the Commission's attention and it's not necessarily a problem so much as we have a solution we'd like to offer to the Commission.

The subject of our issue involves the Stanley Cyclone Center which was constructed by the County on behalf of the public as an equestrian event and activity venue that I'll just tell you everyone who is in this group that is interested in this issue is very, very grateful for, because you filled a very, very much needed void that needed to be addressed in our county because as horse owners – I grew up in Raton. I grew up on

the racetrack in Raton. My family's been here since almost before dirt and that was my childhood and horses were important to me. When the La Mesa Park Racetrack closed in 1992 that was my first experience of horse venues closing across the country, and it's only accelerated around the county.

In Santa Fe County we just lost two significant venues that we relied on. The Cyclone Center has filled a need and we are so grateful for it. What we are offering to the County is as an organized group, and the group that I have here with me today is Jeffrey Riding – if you'll just raise your hand – Tom Engle, Caroline and Victa Stevenson, Danny Saldana, and Justin Byron Cummings. And we have a membership in our group, and we call ourselves informally the friends of Cyclone Center because we are friends.

We have 20 people in this group of concerned horsemen and women and the combined experience of this group is over 700 years of owning horses, training horses, competing with horses, and just enjoying horses, and we'd like to offer to the Commission our collective knowledge and services to help develop the Cyclone Center into the kind of venue that we really need right now. And it has all the requisite features. It has an arena indoors, which we love for our climate. It has public activity amenities – the kitchen, the seating, the wonderful parking – everything about it is really great, but there are some areas that we'd like to help the County develop.

And we just would like the Commission's assistance. We sent a letter to Commissioner Bustamante and her staff back in March and we didn't receive a reply, and in your package is that letter that we sent to Commissioner Bustamante. We would really like to know who on staff, who among the Commissioners we can work with directly to address some of our issues and areas of development for the Cyclone Center and help with things like budget, presenting ideas and bringing the Cyclone Center into a facility that can really address everything we need as equestrians, as owners, competitors, trainers, everybody who enjoys horses, and our spectators who love horses.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. I'm sure someone will follow up with you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, I'm sure that we're not supposed to reply but I do want to assure you that I didn't see it. So my apologies, and I will follow up but I just don't recall that, and I know we don't usually have a conversation but I do want to apologize if it was overlooked.

MS. MESTAS: We know you're busy. We know you're busy. That's why we're here. That's why we're here because we really do appreciate everything you do and you're all very involved in our community, and Commissioner Bustamante, you've done a lot of things for our district, and we suspected probably it was something that just didn't get into your radar and we'd like to help out.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much.

MS. MESTAS: Thank you. Is there a way that you suggest that I follow up?

CHAIR HUGHES: Talk to her.

MS. MESTAS: Awesome. Thank you. Thank you very much for your time. It's greatly appreciated.

CHAIR HUGHES: And then the other person in the audience? Yes, come forward.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I pass.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Do we have anyone on line?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, we do have Chris Mechels on line.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

CHRIS MECHELS [Webex]: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'd like to speak to you today about an ongoing problem which you covered earlier today. The problem is the Open Meetings Act but it illustrates a much larger problem. The Open Meetings Act was discussed briefly and I appreciate Mr. Greene pulling it off the consent decree, but you missed the whole point when we discussed it with the County Attorney. Because the County Attorney actually generated the problem, so of course he didn't present it.

The problem with the Open Meetings Act that you just approved and should not have approved has been going on for two years now. If you read the act carefully it says you must post the final agenda 72 hours before the meeting. Well, actually, what you did and what you've done repeatedly is you posted today's meeting on Friday, which seems okay. It's 72 hours before, but you post the meeting at 6:40 pm. And you posted it, by the terms of the meeting, you posted it at the County Manager's Office. He happens to be closed. Of course he closes at 5:00. And you claim that you posted it on the panels. Well, the panels are in the County Administration Building and that closes at 5:00.

So what have you actually done? Your final agenda was posted at 6:40 when the County facilities were closed to the public, the very person you're supposed to be informing. And so what you end up with is their first access to it would be 8:00 am. [inaudible] That's hardly [inaudible] I look back, historically, you've been doing this for the last couple of years. You don't have to make those late postings. It's simply sloppy management. Do the posting – if you do the posting when you first put it up each week, you're within the 72 hours. When you do that final posting, and as posting, and you're supposed to be contacted within a closed, locked office building, that is just cynical as hell.

So I'm saying, it's not just this. The other thing I'm approaching you on is why doesn't the County Attorney and the BCC get the input from the public when you do this Open Meetings Act Resolution. The people who benefit from and are victims of your bad policies are the public, and that's the very people you want to allow to speak. You didn't lobby to speak today. You asked the County Attorney. I'm his victim, and he's describing what he's doing as if it's reasonable. It's not reasonable.

I'm asking, for years, involve the public [inaudible] Up in Los Alamos it's a matter of course. They have an open meeting. They involve the public and invite their input because it affects the public. Learn from that. Your whole agenda should be open to more public input because you have no staff. The public can be your – can serve the purpose of your staff and give you an offsetting opinion, because right now all you're doing is getting the opinion of the County Manager and you have no staff to comment on that or to rebut it. So you're in a very weak position and simply because you don't choose to have your own staff, and you won't let the public get involved in your meetings. So you're at the mercy of the staff from the County Manager and the Attorney, as I've demonstrated to you today. Your meeting today is illegal because you posted it – you didn't post it with – your final agenda within 72 hours. Your meeting you're having right now was not legally posted. End of story. Please, listen for a change. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Is there anyone else to offer comment on line?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, there are no more users on line.

CHAIR HUGHES: Not in the public either. We close public hearing.

7. H. Resolution No. 2024-160, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County's 2025 Legislative Capital Outlay Priorities

CHAIR HUGHES: Leandro.

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): I'm going to go ahead and read through the entire memo because although you may have seen the list, I want to make sure that the entire memo is read to you and give you some time to review it.

So what we're here today to do is provide a resolution identifying Santa Fe County's 2025 legislative capital outlay priorities. So the summary, this resolution will identify those projects for which Santa Fe County staff will submit capital outlay requests to the legislature and the Governor's Office. Each of the proposed capital outlay projects are on the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan or ICIP, approved by Resolution No. 2024-133.

Capital outlay requests for the selected projects will be submitted through the Governor's and Legislative Council Service's online capital outlay request forms. County staff and lobbyists will not submit requests or lobby for any other County capital outlay projects on the ICIP or otherwise. I'll just pause to let you know that our lobbyist is on line if we have any questions to him and Hvtce Miller is backing me up if we have any other questions about the process.

Sp the primary reasons for this targeted approach are as follows: the legislature rarely fully funds a project; capital outlay appropriations have expenditure deadlines, usually of four years; many projects on the ICIP are not yet developed to the point of having realistic project estimates; and requesting funding for numerous projects dilutes the County's lobbying message and is unlikely to increase the funding allocated by the legislature, given the limited amount allocated per legislator and the perceived need to spread the amount allocated among governmental entities within their areas.

The deadline for submitting a capital outlay project request to the legislature using the Legislative Council Service's online form is Friday, December 13, 2024, at 3:00 pm, and the deadline for submitting a capital outlay request to the Governor's Office using their online form is Friday December 20, 2024.

So a little bit of background: Annually, the Board adopts the County's ICIP for the next five years. We did that for the first time in July. The most recent ICIP was adopted by Resolution No. 2024-133 and that's accompanied in Exhibit C. In it, the Board established projects in ranking order. Capital outlay requests to the Governor's Office will be the top three ranked projects on the ICIP. This is in accordance with criteria established by the Governor's Office for capital outlay requests submitted to her office. The following table shows these top three ranked projects. And I'll go through the projects quickly.

Number one on the list was Glorieta Village Collection System, total estimated

project cost of \$2.2 million with a funding gap for the next phase of \$800,000. That will be our requested amount.

The next project is the Aamodt Rural Water Phase 1 distribution lines, total project cost of \$58.9 million. Our next phase and requested amount will be \$12.343632 million.

And the third project, Agua Fria Village Utility Sewer Expansion, total estimated project cost \$15,156,485, and our estimated funding gap for the next phase and our request will be \$7.5 million.

In addition to the top three projects on the ICIP, County staff developed criteria to identify projects for which to seek funding. Given the issues identified above relatively to legislative Capital outlay, County staff generally recommend that the County seek capital outlay funding for: highly ranked projects that further core governmental services and needs, such as water and wastewater, affordable housing, and recreational amenities; projects of countywide significance; projects that the County can usefully deploy any amount of money provided, either because of the phasing of the project or because the project can expand to absorb the funding; projects for which voters have expressed strong support; and/or projects that leverage County and other funds.

So the next list of recommended projects that resulted from staff's efforts using the above criteria are as follows: Avenida Azul Path, plan, design and construct, total estimated project cost of \$3 million with the next funding phase and ask of \$2.87 million.

Santa Fe River Trail, Caja del Oro to Cottonwood Drive, \$10.5 million, total project cost, with a \$7 million ask for the next phase. Public housing upgrades for Santa Cruz, total project cost of \$5,440,618, and an estimated funding gap and request for the next phase for \$1,179,477. Also public housing upgrades for our Valle Vista site, total project cost of just over \$3.7 million with the estimated funding gap of \$754,130, and also public housing upgrades for our Camino de Jacobo site, total estimated project cost of almost \$4 million, and the next estimated funding gap, \$389,883.

We also would add Nueva Acequia multi-family development infrastructure with a total gap cost of \$10 million, and that would be our full request. Rail Trail Segment 7, which we've talked about in the past of potentially breaking into 7A and 7B, we're estimating \$7.5 million for 7A and requesting \$2.5 million of that. Romero Park, Phase 3 improvements, total project cost, \$4.125 million, and we're estimating \$2,090,000 as the next phase. And improvements to roads countywide, \$10 million ask and \$10 million total project. And also the Village of Galisteo monument signs, \$100,000 estimated cost and ask for those signs.

More detailed project descriptions are contained within Exhibit B. Please note that County staff considered the potential availability of general obligation bond proceeds to decide how much to request for the following projects: Rail Trail Segment 7, Romero Park Phase 3 improvements, and the Santa Fe River Trail, design and acquisition of real property from Caja del Oro to Cottonwood Drive. The requested amount would help address the fact that costs often are in excess of preliminary and our other estimates.

So at this time our recommended action is to approve the subject resolution to include any further or different projects for which the Board wants County staff to submit capital outlay requests and myself or our lobbyist or Mr. Miller will stand for questions at this time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much. I think the list looks good, but what I am going to suggest, especially for Nueva Acequia multi-family development infrastructure is that somewhere you get affordable housing in that list, because otherwise the legislators have no idea what you're talking about, because they have told me that directly. They say to me, what are you talking about? What's Nueva Acequia? They don't know. It doesn't matter how many times we tell them, if it's not on paper it's not going to fly. So I think that's important.

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CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I too like the winnowing down of this to be as specific as possible, and the generalized roads could have a little laundry list of what could be on there and if somebody wanted to specifically target a road because it was important for that legislator's district that might improve the odds of some, because we have a pretty wide delegation, so they may say, well I'd like to put my money towards this one in the southern part of the country, or this one in the northern part, or this one in the middle – whichever. So I think there is some value to that.

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scoping that goes into some of these early things. I know that we've talked about or even budgeted some money to really put those forward, but I really want us to prioritize completing those so that we do have accurate numbers, realistic project estimates. And that will go a long ways to us confidently putting numbers forward and giving confidence to legislators to know that we can complete the projects. And so I know that that's been something that we've recognized as a deficiency and something that we've thrown money at. Now, deploying that money to make sure that we have those PERs and other preliminary scopes put together is very important. I look forward to going to the legislature and going and getting a lot of money because we need it and it'd be great to get it this year. So thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. What's the pleasure of the Board? Oh, one more question.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can I make just one more comment? Just for the record, in defense of the staff, I respectfully disagree a little bit with the part of the previous comment. It's not a deficiency that not everything in the ICIP has a full PER. It's a reflection of the fact that projects are added constantly to the ICIP. So a project that's not in today, the process of gathering the information on that project and developing it and developing the costs, doing the first evaluation and then proceeding to a PER is just initiated. So to a great extent what that bullet point reflects is the fact that there are projects that have been on the ICIP for a long time and have been fully developed and some that have just been added and some that are halfway in between, and there is no way to change that. That is the logical process.

And so just because something is on the ICIP doesn't mean if it was put on last month that it's ready to have full funding requested for it. It doesn't mean that project is in any way forgotten. For the public I want that to be really clear, I think that with great effort from both up here and County staff we've developed what is a pretty functional and fair process that the staff works pretty hard on. Like just because a project is maybe new on the list, relatively new on the list and isn't recommended for that particular year doesn't mean that it's in any way been forgotten. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I agree with Commissioner Hamilton, and I think when we go to the legislature, if anybody reads the paper and listens to Senator Munoz, he wants projects that can be completed. So it's better for us to take projects to the legislature that have their PER done, have all the work upfront done, so that we can like actually move forward with those projects. I would like to of course see more sustainability projects on here and other things, but I think at the moment the list that we have is good.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is that a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, if I may follow up on both of those two comments?

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much. So as I go through the list in Exhibit A, I see it's a laundry list and it's pretty long, and I see one, two, three, four, five, six – six projects, seven projects, that are under \$150,000, which to me are pretty small, and scoped out and accomplishable with that budget. Those should all be given an opportunity to just clean it off; let's get that done, right? Whether it's a Public

Works lift station or whether it's a trail by Public Works, or whether it's a monument in Tesuque, Galisteo, or Glorieta, all of those little, tiny projects should be given as an opportunity for legislators and for us to just get it done, right? Just like we're saying. We want things that can be fully funded. So anything under \$100,000 or \$150,000 would make a great opportunity for us to just put on a little baby list or make sure that we can say let's go get those funded and out the door, and then we can accomplish and whittle away at our list.

Anyway, that would be a little recommendation that I would have.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I don't necessarily want to see ten projects under \$100,000 being put in instead of one million dollar project that has been on the list for longer and needs to be done. Those \$100,000 projects come up and they will get done, but it doesn't mean – there's no virtue in completing them just because they're cheap and it seems opportunistic to sell them to legislators. Sorry. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. Well, in that case what is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I would like to make a motion to approve a resolution identifying Santa Fe County 2025 legislative capital outlay priorities.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, I'm sorry to interject. And that would be with the change both to Exhibit A to the resolution and the resolution itself to insert affordable housing in the Nueva Acequia multi-family development infrastructure, and affordable housing would go between "family" and "development".

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. And the second accepts that as well.

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

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

MR. CORDOVA: Can I make one more comment? On Nueva Acequia specifically, I appreciate everybody's comments. This is a great example and we're going to ask your help to show how much work you've done over the last year to advance Nueva Acequia from where it was last year when we went to ask to where it is this year. We really are asking for the \$10 million gap. The rest of it we're working really hard to create the capital stack to get the project done. So that's, I think, one of our selling points on that particular project and I really wanted to tout that and tout the hard work of staff and the Board to get us to this point where a year later, we're asking for what we know is the true gap.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, as we move forward and before we hear more presentations and we've just approved this one. I am sitting here reeling with something that I did bring up to the County Manager last year, or in my first year which was last year. I had a legislator who will go unnamed who said there are a lot of counties I serve who don't have money. Don't ask me for money. And the interesting part of that conversation is that today we sat and listened to in a separate meeting the report from our Treasurer that showed quite a bit of money that Santa Fe County has. This particular legislator said, some of these counties have nothing. So I'm asking at this time, because there are people who are paying attention to these meetings, and we saw that in the order of \$400 and some million, which is a large number, which I'm tripping and falling all over just in itself, but as we move forward and saying we need this money to do this, we need this money to do this. And I don't know if I'm the only person bearing this question, but when I have a particular legislator ask me, or tell me, frankly, don't ask me for money. Santa Fe County has plenty of money, I really need to understand and I'm hearing and I see that this money can be used and will be used for these very worthy projects, but I beg to understand better what this particular legislator was saying to me and how we answer that in public forum. I would address that question specifically to the County Manager. Thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioner Bustamante. I think I have met with that particular legislator and have explained in great detail what the County's fund balance consists of relative to uncommitted and unassigned amounts in the general fund, as well as the reserve policy upon which those amounts are based. The headline figure of \$400 million and change, those are cash assets available for investment which doesn't readily translate into uncommitted, unassigned funds that are available for expenditure or commitment by the Board.

Those include hundreds of millions of dollars of projects that are in various states of completion, as well as monies that the Board has reserved for a variety of rainy day purposes. So I can certainly help package that as we get ready for the legislative reception with our legislators and make sure that we have all of those points outline for both our legislators as well as for the public.

Finally, I would just note that we are in the process of contracting with an entity to do a risk-based analysis of our reserve policy to bring that forward in the new year before the next budget cycle to have a dialogue about what appropriate levels of reserves are. So I hope that addresses the question.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer and I'm grateful for the explanation. I'm also very grateful to be working with and for a very healthy county government that has assured that in those cases that what for the reasons that we have to have reserves, for the projects that we already have dollars committed, and this is why we move forward and ask for this, and I'm grateful at this time as we pass these to have that clarified in my head as I sat here going back through that conversation a year ago. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Just a note. I met with County Manager Shaffer and Yvonne Herrera recently to go over all that and it was very helpful to understand where each of said money is.

I. Resolution No. 2024-161, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County 2025 Legislative Priorities Related to Public Health and Social Services

CHAIR HUGHES: Community Services Director Ryan.

ANNE RYAN (Community Services Director): Mr. Chair,

Commissioners, good afternoon. Here before you requesting approval of a subject resolution identifying legislative priorities for 2025 related to public health and social services, for which specifically we have five. The first is for our Senior Services, and if awarded, we would target three primary areas that also tie directly to our strategic plan. Number one, that's transportation, and the transportation is prioritized for seniors in need of medical transportation, such as dialysis appointments, doctors appointments and related, in addition to home delivered meals.

What we have seen post-COVID is that prior to COVID, our congregate meal services were higher in ratio than to our home delivered meal services. Post-COVID that's reversed, and so we need additional funding to help support that increased demand and expansion.

We also are targeting as part of our strategic plan more outreach and opportunities and access for health and wellness services targeting this particular population. We were just recently at the CSV community needs assessment where this was also quite prominent but in the Edgewood area and the more rural areas it's hard to find certified health and wellness instructors. So that would be the second tied to Senior Services.

And then the third would be food security and nutrition for actual food product and ideally locally sourced. So that's the first of the five.

The second is our CONNECT program which certainly the BCC is familiar with along with the local public, but these funds would actually look more specifically at what's referred to as flexible funding for esteemed providers of those services, and it's exactly as it indicates. Rather than box them into it may only be used for source X or situation. They need that on the ground discretion when somebody is transitioning out of the jail and needs something that maybe we didn't think of to be able to ensure that they can rapidly provide that.

The third of the five is for our engage program, which is our Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, which only continues to expand. That, as the Commission might recall was originally funded through seed money through the state's Behavior Health Services Department who served as the fiscal agent for those federal funds statewide. For their own reasons they decided not to reapply and leaving those with successful programs to find those funding sources, which we are, and we are leveraging but could use that state help.

The fifth and final is the AOT, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment that many of you are very familiar with attached to this particular memo today for legislative priorities. It includes the Santa Fe County letter to Leader Wirth for the July 18th special session which details that \$250,000 ask. That has not changed. We actively participate in those meetings. It looks as though this is going to be a regionally based pilot. Right now our numbers have not changed. As we move further along in the process they might, but for now we stand behind that letter that was submitted by the County Manager.

And then finally, something that's been a consistent theme and as a grantee of the DWI prevention funds to ensure that we have a strong seat at the table to increase the excise tax which then could result in a greater funding source statewide for all programs in terms of prevention. And with that I stand for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to thank you for the report. Also, your monthly reports I find always very helpful to know everything you're doing but I think all of these are good projects. If any of them could use ARPA money we should think about that right now. Of course ask the legislature for money but they don't always fund everything. So I think that if there's anything on this list that we could use some of the ARPA money that we haven't allocated we should look at that, and I completely otherwise support everything. The increase in alcohol excise tax is definitely something that should be happening. It should have happened a long time ago.

MS. RYAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, thank you for that and please know that you will see ARPA funds fully encumbered by the end of the year and you'll hear more about that specific to Community Services next meeting.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Great. Thank you. I appreciate that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. This is a great list and it hits all the marks that were commented on before which include being specific enough. It's really clear and I really hope this helps in our quest to get funds for these programs, what the requests are for and how it fits into an already existing framework of structure. And so I strongly support this. And I just want to comment that I think our community is incredibly lucky to have such an incredible Community Services Department that we've made in my time here so much progress in how we support our community and especially the needy in our community. Fabulous job.

MS. RYAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I am just as proud to join such an esteemed team, including the community and the providers. Thank you for saying that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, and my only wish was that you could ask for more money for all of these, but that's okay.

MS. RYAN: Look who we're competing with.

CHAIR HUGHES: Could we have a motion on this?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, Mr. Chair. You go.

CHAIR HUGHES: Somebody go.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd like to move to approve this request for Community Services legislative priorities.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I'll second.

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

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

J. Resolution No. 2024-162, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County 2025 Legislative Priorities for Affordable Housing

CHAIR HUGHES: Denise Benavidez.

DENISE BENAVIDEZ (Affordable Housing/Community Development): Thank you so much, Chair Hughes, Commissioners. Today I come before you requesting approval of a resolution identifying Santa Fe County 2025 legislative priorities for affordable housing. As we all know, there is a critical need for affordable housing throughout the county as well as the state of New Mexico. We've identified nine areas that we feel are extremely important.

The first one of course is providing gap funding for the County's 159-unit 100 percent affordable multi-family Nueva Acequia for a nine percent low income housing tax credit project. As you heard, Deputy County Manager Leandro Cordova mentioned, we do have a gap of financing of a little bit over \$4 million. That is critical to the completion of our project. However, we do have a couple of other funding sources that we can look into if necessary. But that is our first priority.

Item number two is to adequately fund the State of New Mexico Housing Trust Fund. New Mexico's Housing Trust Fund was established in 2005. New Mexico taxpayers have realized a tremendous return on their investment. As we all know, providing housing adds to our economy, promotes education and health. So it's critical for us to recognize and support funding of the New Mexico Housing Trust Fund.

Number three for us is increase funding for the State Linkages program in the amount of \$5 million per year. The State Linkages supportive housing program is extremely important. It assists with behavioral health initiatives. Those initiatives are assisted for homeless population, those of very low income, those with no income, so it's an extremely important program and we feel like it's one that needs to be funded to the tune of about \$5 million.

The next initiative is funding support for Santa Fe County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Santa Fe County's Affordable Housing is also critical for us ensuring that affordable housing continues in the county. It assists us in assisting developers in our developer assistance fund, our down payment assistance fund and our inclusionary zoning fund. Both of those programs, inclusionary zoning and down payment affect the actual clients that we supply affordable housing to, and the developer assistance is critical in funding infrastructure to help incentivize that affordable housing.

The next initiative for us is prevent source of income discrimination for rentals. Rental is something that the Affordable Housing Department, now with the newly hired Affordable Housing Administrator, would like to dabble more into. We haven't done that much on the rental side, except for our public housing, so sources of income right now that are discriminatory that we need to target are those tenants with vouchers, voucher holders, in addition to any voucher based type of funding. Some of these sources of income discrimination affects renters of color, disabilities, elderly renters, and women.

And the next initiative is prohibition of unreasonable and annual rental rate increases for rentals within our state. Currently there is no law that does not stop landlords from increasing the annual rate to rentals. Right now they can increase their

rates to whatever they want. There's nothing to stop them. There's no law currently, and so that's something that we feel really is critical to assisting those that are in rentals that can barely afford the rent currently today. So we feel that that's really important.

Number seven is authorize courts to delay eviction for reasonable periods while tenants actively pursue rental assistance from programs for which they appear to be eligible. Right now the courts can only delay an eviction hearing by up to seven days. That is a really short turnaround time when clients are trying to qualify for rental assistance programs. Sometimes the qualification period goes far beyond that seven days. So that is another initiative that we highly support.

Number eight is increase transparency and accountability in landlord-tenant agreements. This is something that we recently seen HUD target and add to some of their policies because of there not being that transparency for both sides, the landlord and the tenant. Something that can assist is to adopt fair screening procedures to provide accommodations for people with disabilities, to use official forms and legal documents, comply with anti-discrimination laws to name just a few.

And our last initiative is to fund strategic workforce housing for critical employees in difficult to fill positions such as fire responders, teachers, and healthcare workers. We recently did a pilot program in which we provided four townhalls and all of them were occupied currently with teachers. We would like to continue that initiative with additional funding to provide up to 55 additional units, and we would like to create a rent-to-own program in which we could qualify them during the rental stage to become buyer ready. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I love it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I agree, and I'm wondering, for those that are action oriented and asking for support to check on rentals, etc. The discrimination issues, etc. Are we working – or what other local government entities are we working with within the state and have we already had preliminary conversations with any legislators who are working on these initiatives as well, or willing to do that with us?

MS. BENAVIDEZ: Commissioner Bustamante, as of yet we have not. We have not actively dabbled on the rental side, mainly because of shortages of employees. However, now that we've brought on our Affordable housing Administrator and we do have one other position that we're going to fill in the form of an Affordable Housing Coordinator, we feel like we can definitely target partners, some of which will be Habitat for Humanity who has already reached out and who is currently in the process of some property that was donated to them. We've recently rezoned it for them from commercial to residential. Those will be some duplexes. But they are looking to partner with the County on a program that will target lower income renters as well as single-family homes. They have a ton of money. They don't have any land, so that's a partnership that we hope to create.

I know Commissioner Greene has asked us to form partnerships with the schools. That's also something that we would like to definitely look at. There's also a partnership that we feel can be built in having a conversation with our State Land Commissioner, so that's another area that we could possible dabble in and partner with. And so those are

just some of the examples that we're looking at. But currently today we hope to move that forward and I think we can move it forward fairly quickly. So those are just some of the ideas that we currently have.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Denise. I do want to thank you for the pretty comprehensive list and specifically call out item #11, the strategic workforce housing. I think that the more that we can offer our new employees, especially in these hard to fill positions, that it serves a multi-level purpose for us by helping recruit but most importantly helping us retain people, because they're going to be established living in our community, and the strategic workforce housing.

The school districts are doing it for their population. I think that if we partner with them and spread it out all over the county we can do a great job by having police and firemen living, and medical workers and teachers all living amongst us, and it becomes the ultimate inclusionary housing in very small impact, low impact ways. So thank you very much for including that on the list and I appreciate the whole list.

MS. BENAVIDEZ: Commissioner Greene, we definitely have heard you and we are also looking at some very low interest rate loans that possibly can assist some of those types of individuals with actual housing. Because not all of them have the credit fixes that are needed. Some of them are buyer-ready, right? So we want to be able to target both sides. And so we hope to be able to do that going forward in the future.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's amazing. Let's take away all of the excuses for living in Rio Rancho, nothing against Rio Rancho, but we want to support people living amongst us. So wonderful. Thank you.

MS. BENAVIDEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. I notice you skipped over items 4 and 5 which were related to Linkages, and I just wanted to highlight making Linkages be project-based would be a big improvement to the program. You could support the project instead of just being floating vouchers that float around everywhere and you know how much trouble people have using floating vouchers. And that is an idea that is also idea of Daniel Werwath, who works for the Governor now, so it has, hopefully, some change of getting approved.

The other one is my idea, which probably won't get around this time but making Linkages pay market rent. So I realized a long time ago all our vouchers pay below market rent, which meant people are stuck in ghettos of poor people, and they do much better if they're able to rent anywhere. And so that's sort of a future-looking goal of making Linkages vouchers pay market rate rent instead of just affordable rent. Anyway.

MS. BENAVIDEZ: Thank you so much, Chair Hughes. That is huge. One of the other things that we're discussing currently today, as I work through with the Housing Authority staff is some education. Because one of the things that we do not do is allow some of our employees to actually go out there and search for places that are vacant, that are for rent, that will utilize some of our vouchers. So that we can cut down on that long list that we have of people that are waiting.

So I think furthering education amongst our staff is also huge and allowing them the opportunity to do some of these types of programs. And the other one is in talking to

each out and working together, department to department, which we do quite a bit now, but I feel like the Housing Authority was kind of like a little untapped little gold mine for us because the FSS program, once somebody graduates from that program they're buyer-ready. But they're not coming to us, the other side, the affordable housing, so that we can get them into the home that they've now been made buyer-ready for.

So that's another program that we're currently discussing as well, and there's clients out there that, as we heard earlier, during the Housing Board meeting that FFA – and have graduated, and the list is long. So ready to be contacting those individuals to see if they're interested in a home, and so that we can start working together with them to get them into a home. As we develop those homes, construct them, we will be ready to get these individuals into those homes of their dreams. That's our goal.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Well, thank you for all the good work on that and with that, I'd like to make a motion to approve the legislative priorities for affordable housing.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, by a hair.

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

K. Resolution No. 2024-163, a Resolution Establishing Santa Fe County 2025 State Legislative Priorities for Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

CHAIR HUGHES: Jacqueline.

JACQUELINE BEAM (Sustainability): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to present on this resolution establishing Santa Fe County's 2025 state legislative priorities for environmental sustainability and climate action. The subject resolution outlines Santa Fe County's legislative priorities regarding sustainability and climate action for Santa Fe County in the 2025 New Mexico State Legislature's annual regular session and urges the New Mexico Legislature and Governor to enact legislation during the 2025 Legislative Session that would – and I will summarize the list. It's rather extensive. I think we have 13 items.

To advance environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action; promote clean water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local levels; provide economic access and benefits for low-income households, while increasing their ability to access utilities, use cleaner forms of energy for electricity and transportation, and/or increase the energy efficiency of their residences; result in one or more of the following: the incentivizing of EV ownership and usage, decreasing emissions from transportation, expanding the development of EV charging infrastructure and increasing access to low/no carbon transportation options. And this is especially so for low income households.

And number five, encourage reductions in the building sector emissions through the incentivizing of energy efficiency improvements and building electrification, also especially for lower income households and multi-family residences; advance the

sustainability and climate action goals of the County, including conservation and protection of natural resources, carbon neutrality, climate resilience, economic vitality, increased quality of life, and social equity; provide adequate funding and support for state departments tasked with implementing climate policies and programs and protecting the environment, such as the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department; support the prioritization of funding and funding mechanisms for infrastructure projects, energy projects, and economic development opportunities that enhance local communities and advance community resiliency and climate action; provide capital outlay for facility energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy to include photovoltaic solar, and resiliency improvements; create and advance pollinator-friendly initiatives, to include incentivizing the planting of pollinator-friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, and supporting coordinated, regional, statewide, and national action to protect pollinator species in order to implement the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2020-51; improve the New Mexico Energy Grid including increased micro-grid access and renewable energy sourcing, and the ability to operate independently from the national grid; provide and grow program at the state level, comparable to Solarize Santa Fe, to assist individuals with questions about and funding of solar installation in homes; and finally, prioritize oil and gas reform to ensure clean air, water, and soil, through capping requirements of legacy wells, increased methane emissions regulation, requirement of wildlife, and wetland sensitive area protection and buffers, transition to renewable energy, and codification of net zero methane emissions.

Further, the resolution expresses the Board's support for comprehensive climate legislation that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the state level for 2050; the state's adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks rules; banning single-use plastic and polystyrene products within the state including an Extended Producer Responsibility or EPR law for packaging; and the creation and enactment of surface water rules, as well as New Mexico Governor's executive order expanding and investing in climate-ready and infrastructure work goals.

And finally, residential and commercial electrification and energy efficiency upgrade programs; training and certification of contractors for energy audits and projects in commercial and residential buildings; and a green amendment to the New Mexico Constitution. It's a lot of work.

With that I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Jacqueline, I think you included almost everything. I don't think that this Board has actually taken a vote on the strategic water supply plan that the Governor is talking about but I do think it is something we should keep an eye on somehow just because one doesn't know what will happen with that.

So I don't think we need to add anything to your list. I think we have enough to keep everybody busy. But I just wanted to bring that up because I think it is something that will be on the session.

MS. BEAM: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, it is noted.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. Yeah, I agree with Commissioner Hansen, most everything is here. I am very impressed that you've detailed all of this and I think under your leadership that our perception and implementation of how you go about making sustainability and resilience a reality has been greatly advanced and I really appreciate that. I am – everything on here is really important. I was impressed and pleased to see the energy grid piece which has seldom – it's talked about but hasn't been on there very much. So I really, really support this.

I do think that water is an additional issue that is going to be a big challenge. And as we progress would like to see some of that. I know that you are dealing with some of that and this is intended to be the legislative support and not everything that you do and I do recognize that difference. And I also just wanted to offer the not condolences exactly more like moral support for how much more challenging that this is going to be in the near future and I'm glad to see you nevertheless bucking up with this approach to the legislature which I think is really critical. Excellent job.

MS. BEAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Jacqueline. I like the list a lot but I want to sort of add two aspects that I think are somewhat missing in this. And either in item number two or as an additional line. To give you some context as we've all heard about the Bishop's Lodge wastewater situation with the dumping of water or the potential of dumping water into the Little Tesuque Creek and then the reversal in to putting it into a leach field. That was a relatively successful step in the right direction here but one of the things that became apparent in this is that New Mexico is one of two or three – I think it's down to two states in the country, that don't have its own produced water standards, that we rely on the federal standards. And now that we have a federal government that might, you know, not sort of align with us and sort of weaken the laws of the EPA and the Clean Water Act, I think that this is the time for the State of New Mexico to create its own water standards. And so if I were to either put an addition line in there say an item #14, would be to, adopt statewide clean water standards above the federal standards that include standards for but not limited to PFAS, nitrates and the byproducts of the oil and gas industry. Very specifically speaking about that to the legislature, to say that Santa Fe County is in support of them doing that hard work. Some of that could be done by adopting other state standards or some version of that. But when that 47 or 48 other states that have figured this out and we're one of the last ones, I think that's something that we need to show support for especially given what going – what's happening in Washington right now.

Secondly, given what's happening in Washington right now, I would add a line that says, Take steps to mitigate the reversal of federal programs in the Inflation Reduction Act with programs and funding that provide continuity of funding for the infrastructure should these programs be disbanded.

So those two things sort of speak about one, really addressing what could happen in DC and how we need to up our game to support what we believe in in New Mexico and the gap that we with our clean water standards.

So I put that out there to add those two statements into this. I think they're

important. I have spoken to the chair of the Water, Energy & Minerals interim committee which is our own very own representative Matthew McQueen and he's trying to get his head around this as to what can be done here. And so I really recommend that we encourage him to do this and since he is part of our delegation having a statement from Santa Fe County would go a long way to saying that we want to support some statewide clean water standards.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Greene, I think it says in here support the writing of water rules; right? Did I not read that in here, Jacqueline?

MS. BEAM: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, number two states, Promote clean water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local levels. And that is an area that we could slip-in to include water standards or language to that effect.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I don't know if there's other states that have produce water standards. But what we don't have is we don't have primacy here. What is happening at the New Mexico Environment Department is they are working on rules right now for Waters of New Mexico which goes along with Waters of the U.S. which is clearly going to be gutted even more than it already is. But –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's why I want to be specific to create standards. You know, something loose in saying promote is nice but create standards is specific and that's what laws and lawmakers do.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: But that's what they're doing right now. They are working on – they got money last session to work on the rules in the New Mexico Environment Department. This is something I have been advocating for for the last eight years. So right here it says, Provide adequate funding and support for state departments tasked with implementing climate policy and programs, protecting the environment...you know, that covers, I would think part of the Water of the U.S. or Waters of New Mexico. And I thought there was another place where you talked about so that it is covered. It can be loosely incorporated because the strategic water plan the Governor is working on is about produced water. And that is what it's about, produced water not the waters of New Mexico. That is a different standard that we're working on. So there's a couple of different areas.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yeah, we could wordsmith it. I just want to really encourage people, people/us, to encourage the legislature to mandate a statewide standard for PFAS, nitrates, not just produced water from oil and gas but also to include wastewater treatment facilities as we're seeing whether it's in the Tesuque valley or the Santa Fe River valley downstream or wherever we don't have those standards. And being very specific about our desire to see standards developed is not a bad way to get something started.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you and thank you, Jacqueline. Given the current – pardon the play on words, the pun – the current climate that we're about to become affected by given the changes that we have been promised by the current president elect there are number of things that I am not seeing here. And I don't know that this is something and I am not trying to add to your list, I think it is great

that we are working towards energy efficiency. But as we see the EPA regulations relaxed-if not completely removed, we don't know what's going to happen and local food is going to be even more critical. So resilience is operative to almost everything when we look what it's going to cost if we really do have the promise that we will not beat the tariffs to Mexico and a lot of our green food – so we do eat locally green vegetables and foods but I think there's going to have to be an opportunity to have more of that and ensure that the quality of our soils, etc. are protected. So food resilience, what kind of canopies do we have to keep things cooler.

I will share that in 2004 when I was on the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission for a number of years from that point, we had a lot of hyperbole at the time. I say that because I was on the Commission for more than five years and we had people who told us that in five years Florida would be under water. We had a lot of things that we needed to move really fast. We haven't seen Florida under water but frankly we're getting closer to, at that time hyperbolic concern. These are not unreal issues so I am grateful for this. I have people argue with me about an NSF grant for earthworms and why are we studying earthworms. Because they have to do with our soil.

So I am grateful for the work that you do and I echo what Commissioner Hansen has said in how challenging your position is and how much we all need to support this. And given that we don't live on an island but we will in some respect. And, frankly, given the map we do in some respect. All of that said, thank you for what's up and thank you for everything that you've put before us and thank you for continued work on these other issues of resilience as we move forward because they will continue to become more critical if things work the way they have been promised or stated to do so. So thank you, Jacqueline.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hamilton, do you have a comment? I was thinking that Commissioner Greene you were given the opportunity to insert lots of words to the agenda, to this, Jacqueline, is there something simple that we could put in to cover that – produce water you were thinking?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, can I –

CHAIR HUGHES: Let Jacqueline answer my question.

MS. BEAM: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'm hearing four different additions that would need to be added to the list and I believe there are within these 13 areas that we could do that if it is the pleasure of the Board to add: produce water standards requirements which includes oil and gas industry related contaminate; regulations, take steps to mitigate IRA sponsored programs that might due to new administration challenges be withdrawn; and waters of New Mexico that the state is already working on right now and; local food and resilience protection.

Many of these areas are broadly covered in this list but if that's what the Board would like to see then I am happy to add those areas.

CHAIR HUGHES: It seems that none of them detract from this.

MS. BEAM: No.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'd like to make a motion to support this resolution establishing Santa Fe County 2025 state legislative priorities for environmental

sustainability and climate action and add the four broad definitions that you added into this resolution.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second but I would like to be very specific with adoption of statewide clean water standards for the water aspect of it.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, under discussion.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay, so that's a bit of a problem because the state does have clean water standards and so what you're suggesting sounds more specific. But I think it potentially muddies the water. Produced water standards, drinking water standards and service water standards are all different. And no there aren't currently PFAS standards but, in fact, EPA has been working for years as I've reviewed a couple thousand pages of proposed regulations for them on PFAS. So if and when those would be included into the regulatory part of the Clean Water Act they would probably be adopted by the state. But I'm not sure the NM ED is in the position to independently develop PFAS standards. I think adding something general along those lines is more effective than trying to be so specific. And that's just my opinion.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And I agree with you. It is better to be general because then it gives Hvtce and people who are lobbying for us more latitude to advocate on our behalf.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for that point. I am okay not being specific about the details but more be specific about develop statewide clean water standards above the federal standards so that we can have primacy and that we can have our own water so that if they gut or don't do anything with PFAS that we do it. Or if they don't do it or gut the nitrates or the produced water standards that we have our own standards for the State of New Mexico and that we really say, now is our time to do this. Otherwise we wait two more years and we wait four years for the feds to do it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So, James Kenney, Secretary Kenney is working on those –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: But that's – my apologies.

CHAIR HUGHES: Can we at least come to the wording. I think Jacqueline stated for general projects –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: What Commissioner Greene just did is as a compromise is fine as far as I can tell. You know, to encourage the state to take action that protects the state in light of potential future federal changes is specifically general to my point.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Are we clear on the motion – I guess.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Are you clear, Jacqueline?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: As the Mississippi.

MS. BEAM: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I am as clear as I think I can be and I believe I understand what is wanted and desired as an addition, the four additions.

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

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

L. Resolution No. 2024-164, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County 2025 Legislative Priorities for Community Development

CHAIR HUGHES: Paul Olafson.

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, as we were discussing, these are proposals to priorities for this year's legislative session. I'll outline them briefly. Number one, to adequately fund the New Mexico Tourism Department, including sustained enhancement of the cooperative marketing programs and support of local marketing campaigns. We have been the recipient of many of those grants and enhancing them would be beneficial.

Provide local governments with broadband planning money, matching funds for federal grant opportunities, and capital outlay funding for broadband projects. As we know, this has been a big topic in the state and there is quite a bit of money here but they also say that it's not nearly enough to really reach everyone, so we're asking for more broadband. Provide funding for local governments for projects pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act. And again, that's just trying to promote jobs and job creation through the LEDA process.

Adequately fund the New Mexico Economic Development Department, including by increasing grant funding opportunities through its Arts and Cultural Division and Outdoor Recreation Division.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So Paul, right here, I want to add creative industries.

MR. OLAFSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Like I think that means the creative industries is under the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

MR. OLAFSON: Understood.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. OLAFSON: Okay, continuing, number five, increase funding for the Job Training Incentive Program, that's the JTIP. Number six, maintain the competitiveness of film incentives that benefit the Santa Fe region. Number seven, fund grant writing and technical assistance services for local governments statewide, including through the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. We've worked with them in the past and they've been very helpful with us. Then lastly, increase support for the transfer of technology developed in laboratories to businesses. So again, that's just trying to help entrepreneurial business development in the region.

Lastly, I just want to emphasize that this is not an all-inclusive list and it is meant as suggestions to stimulate discussions with the legislative body but also any policies or issues that the Commission wanted to pursue outside of these would not be impacted.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Paul?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion to approve a resolution.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Hang tight. Let's make sure that Commissioner Greene didn't have any questions. Commissioner Greene, did you have any questions for Mr. Olafson.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'm good. Thank you for asking.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: A resolution identifying Santa Fe County's 2025 legislative priorities for Community Development, including adding the creative industries under number four.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second. It's a strong list.

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

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

M. Resolution No. 2024-165, a Resolution Identifying General Santa Fe County 2025 Legislative Priorities

CHAIR HUGHES: Hvtce.

HVTCE MILLER (Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The particular resolution that I am presenting is the Santa Fe County 2025 general legislative priorities. And so this resolution is provided to include any of the items that the Commission may want to have as a legislative priorities but isn't particularly represented in the departmental priority resolutions.

And so for this year's general legislative priorities we have two items. The first item is preservation of County revenue: oppose any tax reform or other legislation that negatively impacts County revenue, such as by reducing tax rates or the tax base, or restricting the permissible uses of revenue. So this goes to the point that localities remain in control of their own destiny, basically, by providing or having the means to provide for its own unique needs of its local residents.

The second item is capital outlay reform. Support for capital outlay reform that would improve the vetting and full funding of capital outlay projects. This was just brought up from our first item, the capital outlay priorities. We as a County always run into the issue of what do we select as a project and what do we think is a good idea? Or what do we think that the legislature thinks is a good idea, or the Governor's Office things is a good idea, and what are they going to fund? Most likely, in past cases, not fully, but to a substantial amount. It would be great if there could be changes made saying that yes, you're going to get full funding for a certain project and we know going forward into our budgeting process and into our project planning that we could rely on capital outlay for a full funding source of allocation.

So those are the two items that we have on here this year and they're very important to isolate out as a particular legislative topic. But just to keep in mind, as we go forth in the legislative session, there's going to be specific pieces of legislation that we'll bring forth to the Commission and get your opinion as whether to support or to oppose, so this won't be the last time that we'll be able to support or oppose particular legislation for the County as a whole.

And with that, if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

N. Resolution No. 2024-166, a Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2025 Legislative Priorities

CHAIR HUGHES: County Clerk Clark.

CLERK CLARK: Hello, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. These are the New Mexico Association of Counties' 2025 legislative priorities. As your elected representative to the New Mexico Association of Counties I'm here to present those. We, as the executive committee voted on these priorities as being our top priorities though several priorities came through from different affiliates, they just didn't make the posted note battle on the wall of which priorities would be the top five.

So these priorities are HB-2, appropriations, detention reimbursement fund. Fully fund County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act fund to reimburse counties for the actual cost of housing state inmates. As you may know, several counties have found that quite burdensome. According to the New Mexico sentencing Commission, the five-year average cost to house New Mexico Corrections Department inmates is \$8.2 million, and the current fund is \$5 million, so they're trying to close that funding gap.

The second thing of course is always the courthouse funding. Counties are expected to house various courts, but of course as we start adding more and more district judges that becomes quite expensive, especially for large counties. So they would like to authorize continued funding to the Administrative Office of the Courts for construction and renovation of state district courthouses. Counties maintain that courthouses are a state responsibility and the rising cost of construction, security and IT necessitate a shared revenue stream.

Detention recruitment and retention – authorize continued funding for the newly formed corrections workforce capacity building fund administered by DFA. Adequate detention staff are essential to safe, well operated detention facilities, which is directly correlated to a safe community.

Firefighter/EMS recruitment fund – authorize continued funding for the fire and EMS recruitment fund administered by DFA for the fire departments to staff, recruit, and retain career and volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. We have seen a call volume increase by as much as 50 percent. Response systems are quite overburdened and the average age of the New Mexico firefighter volunteer is 65. So we're going to see a cliff of volunteers basically aging out of the system, and so we need a way to recruit more volunteer firefighters.

Emergency medical services – ensure that SB-151, the 2024 regular session as

amended by Senate Tax authorizing a redirect of ten percent of the premium tax from the health insurance business to the EMS fund is implemented as stated, and that's going to help shore up funding for EMS.

And then the 700 megahertz radios – authorize continued funding for the monthly operational cost of 700 megahertz radios to build out state interconnectivity infrastructure. In a county as large as ours we have often seen interdepartmental concerns about how people are going to respond to 911, and so this is part of that concern of making sure that we have coverage across the county.

Equitable disclosure – this is something pushed forward by the assessors and the Assessors Affiliate. Treat residential and non-residential property transfers equitably to allow for accurate valuation of non-residential real property. Information would be used for statistical and analytical purposes only.

And then of course always a priority in the New Mexico Association of Counties is IPRA improvements. Amend the Inspection of Public Records Act to exempt from disclosing specific information and prohibit certain requests used to compromise and obstruct critical local government services. One example give during the meeting is that there is a gentleman who likes to request the tattoos of certain female inmates and wants to know everything about those inmates based on the kinds of tattoos they have. And so they felt that there are certain things that probably should not be IPRA-able.

And then resources to support border related humanitarian and crime efforts. Appropriate \$5 million to counties for services provided to state and federal agencies to support border humanitarian and crime efforts. This funding would be used to combat drug and human trafficking networks to coordinate with community services that provide food, transportation, shelter and family location and to coordinate with state and federal agencies on information sharing and coordination of state law enforcement activities.

So these are the priorities that the overall board chose. Of course there were many more that didn't make the overall vote. And I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Not a question so much but it seems like a really good list. There are several things here that are obviously really critical. I bet it was quite a job to winnow down. I'm sure there were a lot of other things, but this is a very strong list.

CLERK CLARK: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Commissioner Hamilton moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bustamante.

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

8. Presentations

A. **Presentation Concerning Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility**

Technology Advancements: Enhancing Security, Efficiency, and Rehabilitation

WAYNE ELLIS (Corrections): Good day, Mr. Chair and Board. I just wanted to express my gratitude for the support that you guys have shown us over the course of the year. And we are pleased to present just a reflection of the technologies that we've been able to update the facility with to bring us more into the current environment and better serve our community.

We understand that at the facility, at the jail, we do provide services to a very fragile community that we're all aware of. Likewise, we are clear on recognizing the fact that this community usually does spend a short stay and returns to be more productive members of our community. At least that's our goal.

With the technologies that we've implemented, we're going to show some of how we've improved our services over time. We realize that this is just a chart on roughly a two-year average population within the facility. It ranges anywhere from 239 as our low, up to about 295. Average daily population broken down per month. With that population, those numbers, it's hard for us to physically have programs that are dedicated and provide high quality services which we strive to do.

With the current technologies, they're really revolutionizing kind of our industry as a whole. They're improving our security. They're improving our medical services and our overall ability to provide rehabilitation programs and processes for these individuals.

In our medical department specifically, we've added the LifePak defibrillators, which are defibrillators now that are actually connected to our newly installed robust wi-fi which provides us with signals to ensure that these lifesaving devices are actually up to date, the batteries are always changed. It gives us maintenance reports and really overall improves that. The Emerald Cell is actually one of the devices that we recently acquired which allows us to do full comprehensive medical blood work, which allows our provider to either make better diagnoses or more informed diagnoses, as well as provides the opportunity for him to pre-screen or find conditions that maybe haven't been identified before.

The Lucas 3 machines are again, emergency lifesaving devices. What they do is they help us with our CPR. Once the Lucas device shows up it actually ensures that we get proper depths on chest compressions as well as the proper rhythmic ratio per minute with the 32 chest compressions that we utilize within the facility.

The Accuvein and the Sonosite, the Accuvein is actually used for a lot of times of our IV users in order to ensure that we can get IV medications in for those individuals. They slowly collapse their veins making it harder and harder. The Accuvein ensures that we assist the medical to get more accurate sticks and the Sonosite actually helps us with any kind of ultrasounds that we may do, tracking pregnancies or whatever information that we might need that allows our practitioner the full range of information that he can get from that.

Lastly in the medical department we've implemented up to six tablets which again helps us eliminate a lot of the paper waste, probably reams and reams of paper. This is helping us reduce inside the facility as well as it help the doctor to have those medical charts in an easy form that he can carry and provide digital photos of any kind of

treatment so we can track progress of any type of wound care that he might be providing at the time.

When it comes to the rehabilitation and the communication we've actually employed inmate tablets throughout the facility. We've ensured that we have enough tablets that every single individual inside the facility will be able to access their own tablet. These tablets allow for video visitations, inmate phone calls, provides a variation of programming, which I'll cover in the next slide. It digitizes their mail so they no longer have to require mail-in services, which reduces the delay. It also allows us from a security standpoint to reduce one access point for introduction of contraband, and it makes just the overall communication with the outside faster. It gives electronic library access for the law library, which we were down to one machine that we used to have to pass around unit to unit. Now every inmate actually has that exact system that they can access at any point in time, as well as the entertainment, such as movies, games, e-books, messaging – things of that nature. It kind of ends up endless on the capability side and then we, as a facility, get to determine what we feel is appropriate for the security side.

Our programming is actually run through. It's called Endovo. It's actually a pretty robust programming. It provides all of the education portions and programs and rehabilitation. It's actually designed and I think one of their claims was that it was one of the largest online programming services that's specifically designed to target inmate populations. As you can see, over the course of the time, the tablets and this Endovo allows us to track, which from our perspective, it allows us to see what services they're actually seeking out themselves, which will allow us to better define what programming they are actively seeking.

Life skills, that consists of job-finding, job-seeking, trade skills. Finances actually tends to be our largest programming that's used about 42 percent and following that is academic at 25 percent which covers everything from basic reading and basic math to GED preparation, all the way up to college prep. It's all accessible inside that tablet. And right there in the yellow, it's pretty amazing, because we can track the number of hours that are actually getting utilized, and then less than three months we've recorded over 19,000+ hours of programming done through the tablet system from that population inside the facility.

So they're actually really putting it to use and identifying the specific target interests that they have for the programming.

When it comes to our security enhancements, we've installed a great robust wi-fi system throughout the facility, not only to support the tablets but to also support some of these security enhancements. We've contracted out with Guardian RFID. What this is it's a device that's about the size of your smart phone. It actually looks just like a smart phone. They open up an app and what this does is it gives officers accurate tracking of their unit checks. It helps us see, gives them five-minute warnings when their next timed unit check needs to come up. On top of that they're able to go through and they scan each location throughout that unit check, which allows us from a management standpoint to ensure that they're walking the entire unit all the time.

Likewise, they're able to put in their own personal notes, set up their own tasks to ensure that they complete their daily tasks or anything that they identify. They can be pro-active with the welfare checks. If they've checked on someone and they feel like, oh,

that was unusual movement, but they don't necessarily – they can actually make notes and on their next unit check, check for that same type of criteria to see if they identify anything unusual that they might want to follow up on. It's really reduced the paperwork, probably, again, reams and reams of security paperwork now that we've been able to reduce with this as we've turned most of our daily forms done on the floor into electronic forms that they're actually doing and recording through advice. So it's allowed us tons of paper waste had been reduced and we're really proud of that.

When it comes to inmate tracking we can now track our inmates completely throughout the facility, every movement. When we send them to kitchen for the cooks or when we send them out to court, each individual inmate is actually scanned tracked, and we can track their movement throughout the facility and determine where they are at any given time by individual inmate without having to go through piles of paperwork to determine where an out-count might exist.

On top of that, we've replaced our entire paper logs, which I'm sure you all have seen on your tours, books about two inches thick that we just continually keep paper logs, because now that is all done electronically. They can make whatever notes on the unit checks as they're scanning through the tags to ensure that the unit checks, and we can now as supervisors, we can pull up those unit checks and see what notes they made during the day and ensure that that paperwork's done.

All of these technologies have really been supported by a very extensive wi-fi network that we installed and Mr. Sanchez is going to present you on the technical aspect of that part of the project.

DANIEL SANCHEZ (IT): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, thank you for letting us be here. To continue the security enhancements, the wireless network that we put in place from a security perspective, we're able to monitor a lot of authorized non-authorized devices within the network. If there's any contraband at the back end where there's not supposed to be you can report those to the warden, deputy warden.

We can segment the network, allowing us to isolate the data according. So for example, if there's a vendor who needs access or someone visiting in the conference room, we can run a guest network on that specific access point that's in the conference room and not anywhere else. So we can really isolate the data accordingly.

Mr. Chair and Commissioners, I'd like to introduce Jaison Dixon. He's our IT Supervisor in the Public Safety area, very critical to the area over there to get all that stuff done, and also Brian Hardy. He is our IT security network – Jaison, do you want to say a few words?

JAISON DIXON (Public Safety IT): Good evening, Commissioners. I've been here roughly almost 17 years now. But definitely wanted to give the warden and deputy warden kudos and patience for us to get this implementation for the wi-fi enhancement increase over time. It took a little time, with the partnership with IT Connect it was a smooth transition. So I just wanted to say that. Thank you.

MR. SANCHEZ: I won't ask Brian to come speak because he really doesn't enjoy that. So over the next few slides I'm just going to go over some network and overall IT efficiency. So we're always trying to reduce network complexity. In the past we had challenges with vendors implementing and installing multiple layers of their technology [inaudible] so by going to a single network it allows us to really keep from

signal overlap to get performance, vendor support issues. So going to the single network has really been beneficial for us as well. A lot of times there's finger-pointing whenever you try to troubleshoot something and there's a root cause that nobody wants to really accept and address.

So again, our current approach is a single unified network. It's going to reduce congestion, interference from multiple wireless systems, reduce support troubleshooting time, increase network reliability and performance, and it really allows us to convert the network for future needs and services for the facility.

And to improve overall efficiency, IT staff is able to monitor the network remotely, allowing for less people to have to be on site to manage and monitor the network. It also helps us increase our response time or our after-hours support. We have 24/7 support at the facility for public safety so this helps us troubleshoot some of the network issues from wherever they are.

Additional wireless access points in the facility allows staff to access critical data in real time throughout the department, selecting data as needed as they're going through the pods and get the information that they need, and they can do that through any Santa Fe County-approved mobile devices. The wireless system, one other benefit to wireless systems, they can be expanded without a whole lot of additional physical cabling in the environment, which is really ideal for future growth and lowering installation and maintenance cost.

After the infrastructure is installed and after the deputy warden and staff have rolled out the nice program that they have network utilization as increased by 43 percent, which really just shows the fact that they are utilizing the system and really it's benefiting the environment and the inmates.

So again, the single wireless network is able to allow for local vendors, applications, again, really targeting the fact that it will allow for future growth. Additional key benefits include cost savings by avoiding the purchase of additional or redundant equipment, initial setup time costs, overall maintenance and support costs, and really helps ease the on-boarding, off-boarding of vendors. Like I mentioned previously, they kind of bring their own equipment in so we have to rip out the old ones, bring in the new. Sometimes they would abandon it, so it becomes a very, very convolute bunch of infrastructure that we don't need.

It also helps the overall energy footprint without multiple vendors bringing their own equipment in. We have that one network.

Some additional technical benefits – single wireless network prevents overlap, reduces interference and helps optimize performance. Again, that way that can have less hiccups, less challenges, connecting to the network. The wireless network helps us with the management, instead of having multiple networks. Having said all these changes, help improve uptime and reliable connection for mission-critical applications and inmate programs. So again, it's really to help the facility and the inmates. And with that I'll turn it back over to the deputy warden. He's going to talk about some of the feedback he's received from the inmates.

MR. ELLIS: Again, I spend a lot of time in the back speaking with the individuals. It really is about the end user in the population that we serve. In general, I go around and I converse with them when I see them actively using the tablets and ask them

what they like best about it, if they've noticed a change. The general consensus is they really do appreciate the advancements in the technology. I get a lot of statements like it fills my time. I feel productive while I'm here. At least I'm doing something. In general, we get a lot of statements like that.

Some of the statements that I really find the most interesting is the Endovo program itself actually runs off an incentive program. So the more programs they do, the more programs they participate in, they can earn rewards to get movies and things like that for entertainment. And a lot of times what they tell me is they find interest in topics that they didn't know and then they end up not using the rewards until they complete finish the course because they found a new interest that they were unaware of prior. I always find that super positive from my perspective being inside the facility.

One thing that I didn't point out is that this Endovo program that they do use, actually gives them certificates for every program that they do complete, and when they get out they can continue to log in. They create a user account and they can continue to log in when they get out and print and have access to all the course completions for whatever reason that they might want it. If it's just simply for the ownership of a cert or maybe to use on job applications or anything like that. And again, we're just barely getting into the benefits that we might find from this technology but we're really excited to present it.

At this time I stand for any questions that you guys might have.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you for improving the lives of the inmates.

MR. ELLIS: Thank you for the opportunity.

CHAIR HUGHES: I have a quick question for you.

MR. ELLIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HUGHES: So you said you could track the inmates as they move through the jail or whatever. Do they wear a watch or what device do they have that allows you to track them?

MR. ELLIS: It's not necessarily like GPS tracking. What happens is when an inmate leaves a unit we're able to scan the RFID. It's just kind of like a bar code. We're able to scan them, and then as they make movement and enter into another unit we're able to scan it and check if they're in. We can set up timeframes on that. I expect you to be in this unit within three minutes and if they don't show up – we really don't run into that problem because we're able to – we escort everywhere within the facility so we don't get any kind of free movement detouring off. But it really adds a capability to the supervisor, like the lieutenant that's not necessarily on the floor watching inmates come in and out, if he needs to know where an inmate is immediately, he can just pull it up on his device and if he is checked out to kitchen or checked out to court he'll be able to see that immediately.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, thank you. I was just having trouble picturing it.

MR. ELLIS: Yes, so it's not quite GPS.

CHAIR HUGHES: I wondered about that. Thanks for the presentation and thanks for moving ahead. So every inmate now has a tablet, right?

MR. ELLIS: Every inmate has access to a tablet. We made sure that we

built it robust enough that even as potential population increases we have the capability to continue to add tablets to ensure that there's no fighting over resources.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, that sounds great. Any other questions? Thank you very much.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, I would just really want to thank everybody that was involved in making some of this a reality. Deputy County Manager Elias Bernardino, IT, the programmatic staff at the jail, the vendors that we worked with on this project, to see it all summarized in a power point may make it seem like it's easy-peazy lemon squeezy, but to put wi-fi in a now almost 30-year-old building was a significant information technology success story. So I just want to thank, again, everybody who was involved including Jaison and Daniel and again the whole team. Thank you.

MR. ELLIS: There's no drywall. It's drill through concrete and rebar everywhere you go.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I can't pass up the opportunity to yet again, and I'll do it every chance I get for the open-mindedness and ability to implement things that are going to make a difference in the lives of the inmates, and people who are being incarcerated in hopes that things will make a difference in their lives that they won't return. So I thank you. This is a commendable effort in putting this together and it doesn't go unnoticed. So thank you sincerely for your open ability to get things going that otherwise people would say, well, you know, we just can't do that; it would be too hard. There are 100 reasons to say no, and I just haven't had that experience with you guys at all. You're: let's try it. So thank you so much.

MR. ELLIS: It's just a reflection of the support we get from the County Manager and everyone else. We really do strive to improve the lives of these individuals and it's the true passion of the team that we have at the facility. It truly is. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

10. Matters from the County Manager

A. Miscellaneous Updates

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I'll be brief. I just want to remind everyone that we did post notice that the final regular BCC meeting of this year will be held on Monday, December 9th beginning at 2:00 pm. That rescheduling occurred, as you know, so that we could accommodate attendance by both sitting Commissioners and incoming Commissioners and myself and other County staff at the Better Informed Public Officials Conference beginning that Tuesday, 12/10, I believe, through 12/12 in Albuquerque. I also want to make sure that it is on your calendars, the legislative reception with our state delegation on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. Once again, we'll utilize the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center to host that event.

I did want to update the Board publicly that we have entered into a contingent purchase agreement for all of Building 5 in the Rodeo Park East Business Condominium for office space for the District Attorney. We are going through the appraisal process

relative to the purchase price, as well as due diligence relative to the building itself.

The potential availability of the existing building housed by the District Attorney is being factored into a space use study that we are working on with the First Judicial District Court and the availability of that building may in fact free up some space within the existing courthouse for additional judicial officers, and as Madam Clerk mentioned, that relates directly to the legislative priority to have the legislature continue to fund and share in the cost of needed courthouse renovations and augmentations.

Finally, I did want to note that we did close on a second CPACE financing, approximate amount of \$10.2 million for the Modern Elder Academy in the Galisteo area, and so that was our second CPACE transaction. So those are my miscellaneous updates for the Board and I'd be happy to answer any questions on any of those items.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you for the updates. Are there any questions?
No questions.

11. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Let's start over on this end.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So December 2nd is my last Agua Fria Village meeting and we're having a small, little party, so anybody in the village or in District 2, you're welcome to come. I had a really nice time at the North Central New Mexico Economic Development board where they also honored by time as a member of that board, although I have been an alternate for a good four years or something like that. I show up because they always need a quorum and in the past sometimes the primary person did not always show up. So it was very fund and we're lucky to have the North Central New Mexico Economic Development COG in our area and they do really a lot of good and they are going, asking the legislature for more grant money, which they give out on a regular basis and I find that a really good program.

That's really all I have to say.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. We'll move to Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A few things. As I mentioned at our last meeting I attended the Solar Energy and Power meeting in Durango last Monday and it was very informative, addressed information that is top of mind for many of our constituents, including power storage. And there will be a follow-up meeting on the 20th through 22nd in Denver. The Solar Power and Energy Storage Mountain West Conference. The meeting last Monday was more of a regional meeting with people from New Mexico and that were from Workforce Solutions and about job creation, training, as well as entities who want to have utility-sized solar and discussion among elected officials, both at the city and at the county level on how to assure that any installations are safe and be able to assuage community concerns. So that was very informative and I look forward to the meeting in January.

The other issues have been, I did attend the PRC meeting this week, so from that solar meeting I learned that there is an open meeting with the Public Regulatory

Commission I think it's the second to last Thursday of every month regarding the power issue in the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla area, where if one looks at the map, everything in our county is either green or yellow with one big red dot, and that is – it's not even a dot. They've made sure that it actually conforms to the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla area, where it's residential, which is where the energy is, so nobody really made sure it was conforming. That's just all.

But the bottom line is it's red, and that means there is limited or vulnerable electrical, and I've discussed it before. So I had an opportunity to speak during public comment in the interest of getting support for accountability, and we'll be following up with the PRC, as well as attending additional PRC meetings.

One thing that also asked of me to mention at tonight's meeting and I'm so grateful for all of the efforts that the County made and has and continues to make with regard to the branches and branches away from power lines and clearing things where we are able and is appropriate for us. Not on private property but getting rid of the branches on the power lines and anywhere near those. But another part of this opportunity is to get a good inventory of where a lot of these downed branches may have ended up. As the melt went so did some of these branches and there is a big concern because we are anticipating a La Niña season where we don't expect to see a lot more moisture or snowfall this winter, and it's going to get dry. All of this is going to be in places where we may or may not be able to access it, but if we could get a county inventory of where these hazards exist we're going to be able to be pro-active in addressing a fire hazard, which we've had this conversation before. So it's really about getting the inventory of these downed branches and any places where they may have ended up post-fall that didn't stay right where they were. And I had a few examples given to me in some of the more bosque areas. Yes, in the La Cienega area but that is also the case in Galisteo and parts of near the Edgewood area.

To that end we have a request on the table and our Utilities staff will be meeting with the Town of Edgewood in the interest of pursuing a joint water utility in the interest of getting the water that is available from Stanley. It is being held for this purpose. It gives us an opportunity to actually be part of the development that is mostly in Edgewood, where meanwhile Edgewood is Santa Fe County, and a lot of the development is in Edgewood, and when the resources go, it has been brought to my attention with some good examples – and I'm sorry; I don't have them before me today. But Torrance County with Moriarty benefits from basically the population that we have in Edgewood. If we are part of a water utility and we are part of that growth, those assets, the GRT, etc., benefits Santa Fe County.

So that's part of what's going on in District 3 and more to come. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just want to remind everybody that the last Coffee with the Commish, it's a big opportunity; don't miss it, is Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:30 at the Hondo Station 2. And we'll do our usual sit-down and talking and we will also be of course doing the introduction of the new incoming Commissioner – I think many people have met him, but it's a little bit of a more casual community oriented transfer of information and power. So that's next Tuesday and I hope everybody can be there.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Well, I just want to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving that's coming up.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Absolutely. Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR HUGHES: And December 3rd is also Hour with Hank, so District 5 will compete with District 4 for attendance. Mine is online.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Any matters from other elected officials? County Clerk.

CLERK CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So today the statewide Canvassing Board certified our 2024 general election, so yay, we're done with that. We of course are now rolling into our re-check process which we we're done with and we'll be submitting that on Monday to verify our voting machines. As you know, we get a random poll. They actually do it with eight dice and then they come up with a formula that assigns certain precincts from certain counties, and we had to hand tally about 900 ballots for both the presidential race and the CD 3 race. So we are done with that hand tallying process and we'll be submitting the paperwork on Monday, so then that will be the sort of closing through all of these checks and balances to make sure that we got the right result in Santa Fe County.

And of course then we'll be rolling right into the legislative session with the Clerks' legislative priorities. In December, I'm going to be doing to DC to be the local election official representative for the National Association of Counties on an intergovernmental forum discussing the lessons learned from the 2024 election with the National Association of Secretaries of State, and the National Association of Election Directors, as well as SISA and a few others that are going to be on a panel, and I'm honored to represent all local election officials in all the jurisdictions and being the elected official from Santa Fe County.

I'm also helping with the Cook County Clerk-elect, Monica Gordon, has asked me to be on her transition team, so we're going to be having some discussions about getting the ball running and sort of hitting the ground running. As you may know, Monica was a county commissioner and then ran for county clerk, so we're going to be working on her strategic plan for her first term.

What else? We have two positions open in our office for elections, as folks are going to graduate school and moving out of state so if you are interested in working the exciting career of elections, we are not having a primary election this year. We're going to have kind of a quiet roll into the regular local election in the fall, so it's a good time to start in the Clerk's Office and learn how to run elections when we don't have a back-to-back really busy even-numbered year. So we are already seeing folks running for some of those positions and so we're going to try during our quieter spring season to work on getting some goals across the finish line. Things like our reorganization, our new warehouse, some of our strategic goals that we've been too busy to work on while we've

been trying to get that election across the finish line. So we're hoping to knock a lot of that stuff off our list, including moving to our new recording software, GovOS. I think we've had our initial meeting. And so we're trying to get that across the finish line July 1st.

So yes, we're planning on having a very non-sleepy spring. So thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Daniel, is there anybody else on line? Any other elected officials? Okay.

12. 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. Acquisition of Real Property Interests for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System **TABLED**

CHAIR HUGHES: Attorney Young.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. We do have one item on the list. However, given Commissioner Greene's absence and the fact that it does affect his district, I would recommend that we table this item and return to it when we can have a full discussion.

MANAGER SHAFFER: And that would both with regard to item 12. A and 12. B, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR HUGHES: I guess I can entertain a motion to table the items.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Bustamante, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. That's to table both 12. A and 12. B.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Sure.

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

- 12. B.** Resolution No. 2024-___, a Resolution Authorizing the County Attorney

to Initiate and Prosecute Condemnation Proceedings to Acquire Specified
Real Property Interests for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System
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13. Informational Items / Reports

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

There were no comments or questions on the informational items.

14. Concluding Business

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Bustamante, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by:



Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners




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**SANTA FE COUNTY
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RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED LOAN AGREEMENT, RESTRICTIVE REAL ESTATE COVENANTS AGREEMENT, AND MORTGAGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (COLLECTIVELY, THE “LOAN DOCUMENTS”) BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY AND CRESTA RIDGE APARTMENTS LLP TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 240-UNIT MULTIFAMILY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN SANTA FE COUNTY, CALLED “CRESTA RIDGE APARTMENTS” AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, THE VICE-CHAIR, THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR THE COUNTY MANAGER’S DESIGNEE, OR ANY ONE OF THEM, TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY RELATED LOAN TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED FOR ONGOING FUTURE MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES AS APPROVED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) adopted the County’s Affordable Housing Plan, Resolution No. 2023-083 (“Affordable Housing Plan Resolution”), and Housing Assistance Grant Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2023-05 (“Housing Assistance Grant Ordinance”), pursuant to the New Mexico Affordable Housing Act (NMSA 1978, § 6-27-1, *et seq.*) and the Affordable Housing Act Rules; and

WHEREAS, the BCC adopted Resolution 2023-106, which approved the Developer Assistance Program Regulations (the “DAP Regulations”), implementing the Affordable Housing Plan and Affordable Housing Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, the County received applications in response to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued for affordable housing loans pursuant to the DAP for affordable rental housing projects that serve households at or below 80% of Area Median Income for the Santa Fe Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2024, the BCC approved moving forward with award of DAP funding to Cresta Ridge Apartments LLP (“Borrower”) for a 240-unit multifamily, affordable housing project located within Santa Fe County, called “Cresta Ridge Apartments” (the “Project”), in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,320,000.00) (the “DAP Loan”); and

WHEREAS, the DAP Regulations require all funding awards be made as low-interest loans, repayable from cash flow only and secured by an appropriate security instrument, which may include, but are not limited to: notes, mortgages, liens, restrictive covenants, land use restriction agreements, development and disposition agreements, or other similar documents, and for an affordability period not less than 20 years for affordable housing funds greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00); and

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WHEREAS, the additional financing provided by the senior lenders for the Project will require the County to subordinate its loan and promissory note as a condition of the additional financing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the DAP Loan, forms of a DAP Loan Agreement, a DAP Restrictive Real Estate Covenants Agreement, and a DAP Mortgage and Security Agreement, including a form of Note (collectively, the “DAP Loan Documents”), have been presented to the Board for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the BCC wishes to ensure a timely and expedited process for execution and delivery of the DAP Loan Documents for the Project, and wishes to grant the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the County Manager’s Designee, or any one of them, with signatory authority to execute the DAP Loan Documents and make such minor, non-substantive corrections, revisions or other adjustments necessary or advisable for the purpose of making the DAP Loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The DAP Loan shall be in an original principal amount of One Million Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,320,000.00).
2. The DAP Loan shall bear simple interest at 1.5% annually.
3. The term of the DAP Loan shall be 20 years from the date the County has issued a certificate of occupancy for Cresta Ridge Apartments.
4. The DAP Loan will be evidenced by a promissory note executed by Borrower in favor of the County, the form of which is attached to the DAP Mortgage and Security Agreement (the “DAP Mortgage”). As further consideration for the DAP Loan, the County and Borrower shall enter into the DAP Restrictive Real Estate Covenants Agreement (the “Restrictive Covenants Agreement”). The DAP Mortgage and DAP Restrictive Covenants Agreement shall be recorded against the Project.
5. Prior to disbursement of any DAP Loan Proceeds, Borrower shall have met all conditions precedent for disbursement required pursuant to the DAP Loan Documents.
6. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default as defined by the DAP Loan Documents, the County shall have the right to proceed with remedies set forth in the DAP Loan Documents, including, but not limited to acceleration of the Promissory Note, specific performance, and right to cure at Borrower’s expense, subject to the provisions of Subordination Agreement (as defined in the DAP Loan Agreement).
7. The Borrower shall pay the County’s attorney fees for preparation and review of the Loan Documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the County Manager’s Designee, or any one of them (each an “Authorized Signatory”), to execute the DAP Loan Documents and any other agreements and instruments deemed necessary or advisable by the Authorized Signatory to effect

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the DAP Loan and any applicable regulatory requirements, including, without limitation, an agreement pursuant to which the Borrower grants to the County a right of first refusal to acquire the Project at such time as the Borrower offers the Project for sale to any third party, as such other agreements and instruments are approved by the County Attorney, and further authorize the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the County Manager, or the County Manager's Designee, or any one of them, to sign all necessary related loan transaction documents as required for ongoing future maintenance and monitoring responsibilities as approved by the County Attorney.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
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By: _____
Hank Hughes, Chair

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Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: _____

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Jeff Young
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Brian Nenninger

From: pferdfrau@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:46 PM
To: Brian Nenninger
Subject: FW: Cyclone Center

On Monday, November 25, 2024, 9:01 AM, mjratgdf@aol.com <mjratgdf@aol.com> wrote:

Good morning Brittany,
Glad to make the connection to you and Commissioner Bustamante.
Our group is very anxious to get our ideas in front of the County.
I have enclosed a letter to the Commissioner in this email and hope that you, she and other officials who have control over the direction of the Cyclone Center can get a meeting at the Center to discuss the ideas presented here and others that interested equestrians may bring forward while looking at the actual facility.

Dear Ms Bustmante:
This letter is generated from a group of horsemen whose commonality is that we all use the Cyclone Center in Stanley New Mexico for our various equestrian pursuits and all have come to the conclusion individually and collectively that with very little investment of money and material the center could greatly expand its usefulness to the community.
First let me outline why this matters:
There are very few public facilities that can support shows, clinics, expositions, Symposia; that offer the quality of the Cyclone Center.
With its great indoor space, good footing and the equipment to maintain the footing, bathrooms, spectator access, classrooms it already has huge potential.
It's location in the County and proximity to hotels, restaurants, gas stations all within 10 miles; its proximity to the airport within in 40 minutes for access to judges, clinicians; and its availability to riders from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Santa Rosa & even Roswell make it extremely attractive to organizers of potential events.
One other thing you have going for the Center currently is Terri Werner. She manages the Center, is pleasant, efficient and extremely helpful.
What would make it more useable for the equestrian community would be the addition of, at minimum, a warmup area designated by some kind of fencing with prepared footing, a 2nd outdoor arena fenced with prepared footing which doubles the ability of organizers to schedule for broader experiences and increased participation.
Designated areas for parking trailers and an area for parking spectators. Currently all of that - warmup, trailer parking, spectator parking, access to the indoor arena- occurs along the entrance drive and at best is a traffic hazard and at worst is a huge liability.
In all of our dreams permanent stabling would be fantastic but is secondary to the expansion of the competition facilities and the organization of the free space around the Center for safety.
Each one of the groups using the Center will have more specific ideas but everyone agrees on the above as making the Cyclone Center a premiere equestrian facility.

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This group has all expressed interest in the time and effort to meet and bring to bear their expertise on this potential project.

We appreciate your attention and interest and look forward to meeting you to explore possibilities for the Cyclone Center.

Thank you,

Jeffray Ryding

Owner Goose Downs Farm in Galisteo and Executive Director of the Eventing X Games Series

Nancy Ambrosiano President Event Organizing Committee Inc;

Master of Fox Hounds Caza Ladron

Tom Angle Owner/ Manager Goose Downs Farm; VP Event Organizing Committee Inc.

Lindsay Lechner. Owner/ Trainer Lechner Equestrian; District

District Commissioner of the Santa Fe Pony Club a

Chapter of the United States Pony Club.org

Maureen Mestas Owner / Trainer Hell Canyon Farm; President

Dressage Club of New Mexico

Kristina Pardue. Organizer of the NMDA Schooling Show held at the Cyclone Center

Kathleen Russell Owner / Trainer Hobo Farm

Danny Sal Da Na. Owner /Trainer Apacheworks Dressage

Katrin Silva. Owner/Trainer Katrin Silva Dressage

Caroline Stevenson. Owner/Head Instructor Invicta Farms

Laura Simpson. Owner/ Trainer Lakeview Stables, Albuquerque

Organizer "Ride On Route 66" Hunter /Jumper Show

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Maribeth St Cyr President. New Mexico Dressage Association

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RE: Stanley Cyclone Center, Request a Meeting to Plan Improvements

November 26, 2024

The Honorable Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners,

First, thank you for this opportunity to submit a letter as I am unable to attend today's Commissioner Meeting in person. Also, thank you for your support of the Stanley Cyclone Center, an equestrian, livestock, and event venue located at 22 W Kinsell Ave, Stanley, NM 87056.

I am writing you as a community member who has been involved with the Santa Fe Pony Club and Equestrian Eventing across Regions IX and X, as is my family. We usually must travel out-of-state for events, at great expense and time, due to the ongoing loss of local venues across New Mexico.

So, it was with great excitement that so many of us in the equestrian community have welcomed the completion of the Stanley Hurricane Center. I had the pleasure of coordinating an equestrian Dressage event there last year, sponsored by the New Mexico Dressage Association, supported by the Dressage Club of New Mexico, and recognized by the Western Dressage Association. We had many competitors, spectators, and large volunteer support.

The Stanley Cyclone Center facility itself is fabulous, and the interior is planned out wonderfully for multiple purposes. However, the development of the outdoors of the acreage is deficient and inadequate, and a deterrence to the facility being used more efficiently and accessible.

The parking needs to be improved, but more importantly, the outdoor spaces need to be developed! It is as if this fabulous facility was plopped right down in a field, with some parking available. Competitors had to warm up in a field amidst the trailers, not safe for footing and not safe for each other. Developed outdoor arenas are essential for safe warmup and training before the competitions.

With significant improvements to the outdoor spaces, this Center would attract many more participants and event planners. We see so many potentials for the use of this space — from Show Jumping, Dressage, Arabian events, Games Eventing, Clinics, and Derby Days. With development and improvements, this facility will attract many more events, furthering economic development and recreation opportunities in New Mexico.

I am requesting that the commission meet with a group of dedicated equestrians to discuss potential plans together for how this facility and space may be developed to better suit its potential for many uses. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kristina Pardue | 2 Fonda Place, Santa Fe, NM 87508 | (415) 290-6984

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From: pferdfrau@gmail.com
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On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:35 AM, mjratgdf@aol.com <mjratgdf@aol.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern

As a New Mexico professional Horsetrainer since 1996 I have a huge concern in the development and availability of local facilities that are suitable to host Horse Shows and other events.

The horse industry in New Mexico is actually quite large... however we are having to travel Out of State in order to give the opportunity to show and train our Horse's.

I beg the state/ county or whoever is involved in the development of public facilities to make upgrading these facilities including the Cyclone center so that they can be useful for the local community.

By traveling out of state to complete our local dollars go to Colorado and Arizona. I would be happy to be involved in consulting or in a variety of capacities to make the Cyclone Center (and also Expo New Mexico) more useful facilities.

As well as developing a successful business training horses I have been involved in developing my own farm and worked to try to upgrade Expo (and worked to bring back several jumper shows there)

Thank you for making this a priority/ so that we can stay In State more often.

Laura Simpson

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From: pferdfrau@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:44 PM
To: Brian Nenninger
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On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:56 AM, mjratgdf@aol.com <mjratgdf@aol.com> wrote:

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On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:22 AM, Julia Skains <drskains@yahoo.com> wrote:

To the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners:
The Stanley cyclone center is a fantastic equestrian center for our community. I am in favor of further development of this site to serve a much larger equestrian population. We would like to use the facility and the surrounding acres for horse sport activities such as dressage competitions and eventing and jumping activities. These activities would mean further development of the surrounding acreage as is being presented to you today. Those of us in the horse community would be happy to help in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Julia Skains DVM

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From: pferdfrau@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Brian Nenninger
Subject: FW: letter for Santa Fe County

On Monday, November 25, 2024, 9:32 PM, New Mexico Dressage Association
<nmdressageassociation@gmail.com> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Maribeth St Cyr. I currently hold the position of President of the New Mexico Dressage Association, a non-profit group supporting the expansion of Dressage to equestrians in New Mexico.

As an organization that focuses on education and competition, we have grown increasingly concerned at the lack of affordable equestrian venues. Considering the width and breadth of equestrian sports practiced here, it is surprising that more facilities that accommodate horses with stabling, warm up arenas, competition areas and event space are not more plentiful.

NMDA supports expanding Stanley Cyclone Center to a facility that would accommodate multi day events with stabling, trailer and RV facilities and outdoor arenas in addition to the existing indoor arena.

Please consider myself and the NMDA membership, citizens that live throughout New Mexico, as supporters of these improvements.

Sincerely,

Maribeth St Cyr
President-NMDA

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On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 11:18 AM, Nancy Ambrosiano <nancyambro@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners,

Greetings, and thank you for your time. I am writing in support of an expansion of equestrian facilities at the excellent Cyclone Center in Stanley. To that end, scheduling a meeting with some of the local equestrian organizations would be an excellent first step.

Having the Cyclone Center add just a few facilities upgrades would hugely improve its useability for the wide range of equestrian disciplines that northern New Mexico supports: Jumping, dressage, reining, roping, eventing, breed shows and educational activities among them. The facility as it stands is a very good start, but it is currently insufficient for some disciplines, and well-thought-out improvements would have a dramatically improved effect on its usability. This is why a meeting with some equestrian community leaders would be of value.

I speak as someone with leadership roles in the Event Organizing Committee, Caza Ladrón Hunt, Los Alamos Pony Club, and Pajarito Riding Club, all of which would be delighted to schedule activities at the Cyclone Center.

Thank you very much for your time and attention, and I greatly hope a meeting can be scheduled to determine a positive path forward for this excellent facility.

Nancy Ambrosiano

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On Monday, November 25, 2024, 10:00 PM, Katrin Silva <silvakatz@icloud.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners Greene, Hansen, Hamilton, Bustamante, and Hughes,

I am a horse trainer and riding instructor based in Santa Fe County. Over the years, I've built a loyal and enthusiastic clientele here. My students and I have always enjoyed participating in local dressage and all-breed shows, but lately, this has become a difficult thing to do. There just aren't any horse shows in Santa Fe county anymore - at least not the kind local horse owners can participate in without breaking the bank. .

I am old enough to remember good-sized horse shows at the NNMHA arena by the rodeo grounds. Now, that arena has been sold. More recently, we were frequent guests at the low-key but extremely well organized Eventing X-Games, but the facility hosting these competitions has now changed owners, too.

We need a new venue for local competitions. Cyclone Center could easily become that venue. It's a great place for clinics. I know this from personal experience because I've given a clinic there a couple of years ago. However, as of right now, Cyclone Center is not a great or even fully adequate venue for competitions of any kind. I know this, too, from personal experience. NMDA tried to hold a couple of dressage schooling shows there, which I found challenging as a participant. There is no outdoor warmup ring of any kind, and only a narrow sliver of warmup space in the indoor. Warming up horses outside the arena involves dodging traffic and gopher holes simultaneously. This is a problem, especially for people with inexperienced horses.

It would not take much at all to make the Cyclone Arena suitable for all sorts of competitive events. It just needs an outdoor warmup space with decent footing, maybe a lungeing area, and last but not least a designated parking area that's not in the middle of people working their horses. The indoor arena is beautiful already. With a few finishing touches, Cyclone could be the competition venue we so desperately need in Santa Fe County.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Katrin Silva

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On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:09 AM, Julie Wilson <equi-mas@cybermesa.com> wrote:

As a Santa Fe County resident and a member of the horse community I would like to express my support for improvements to the Cyclone Center that will make it more useful as an equestrian event center. As it is the covered arena is used but is limited to what it could be. Adding warm-up areas and hard surface parking will make it even more attractive to riders and horse groups both within and outside SF county. As it is, use for horse shows or larger groups for events suffers from not having safe warm-up space. Safety and security needs a fenced pen with surface that can be maintained for riding. We have a thriving equestrian community in Santa Fe County but need places to hold events in support of our horse businesses, specifically horse trainers of several disciplines, horse boarders and horse organizations. The horse organizations include 4-H for youngsters, New Mexico Horsemen's Association, NM Backcountry Horsemen, numerous horse breed Associations and their specific events. I live in the far north of SF County but drive south to use the Cyclone Center. The Cyclone Center is such a good start to serve the horse community and these additions will make even better thank you for considering our concerns.

Julie Wilson 116 Camino del Canon, Cundiyo, NM

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To Santa Fe county,

My name is Kathleen Russell. I own and operate Hobo Training, doing business in Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Los Alamos, Los Alamos County, Bernalillo county and Torrance County.

I would like to address the importance of the Stanley Cyclone Center in Stanley, New Mexico, Santa Fe county. The development of this facility was a site for sore eyes. It has been very valuable to me to train all year long and to also have it available for horse shows. Any upgrades and improvements would be appreciated by the facility itself and by the surrounding horse community.



I apologize for not being at the meeting today (11/26/24), I have some family matters in Colorado. I need to attend. I wanted to show my support for any upcoming discussions regarding upgrades and improvements to the Stanley Cyclone Center

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathleen Russell

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