

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**April 28, 2015**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

**A. Call to Order**

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:12 p.m. by Chair Robert Anaya in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. Roll Call**

Roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Robert Anaya, Chair  
Commissioner Miguel Chavez  
Commissioner Kathy Holian  
Commissioner Henry Roybal  
Commissioner Liz Stefanics

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Anaya recognized the presence of former first lady of Santa Fe, Celine Gonzales and Mayor Javier Gonzales, and former Mayor David Coss.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. State Pledge**

**E. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gus Martinez, the State Pledge by Gary Perea and the Moment of Reflection by Marcie Vialpando of the Assessor's Office.

**I. F. Approval of Agenda**

**1. Amendments**

**2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

CHAIR ANAYA: I have a few items before I'm going to turn it over to

the County Manager. Under item H, honoring our veterans and servicemen, we have one who we will be honoring today and that's former mayor George Abran Gonzales. So we will be bringing item II. C. 2 and VI. B. 4 and moving it to H.

Under the Consent Agenda and I'm going to ask the Commissioners if they have any. I'm going to pull II. B. 3 for a brief discussion and II. C. 5. Under page 3, at the end of Consent we're going to handle on behalf of the Commissioners some of the presentations requested by Commissioner Holian as well as items VI. B. 6 and VI. B. 7, which is master gardeners and the Boys and Girls Club presentations.

The other request I would have of Commissioners, Commissioner Holian, would you like to read on the record those items that you'd like to advance to be towards the beginning of the meeting as well, after Consent?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I would like to request that item VI. B. 3, 5 and 10 be moved to after item I. H.

CHAIR ANAYA: If we could, Commissioner, I'd like to group those all together with the presentations. So we have new employees and then just the presentation of the one award if we could do that before we do those. Commissioners, other items? Ms. Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, we had a couple of items added to the agenda since we posted the agenda last week. Item II. C. 8, a proclamation was added, and that's also the presentation of that item, VI. B. 10. Then under Matters from the County Attorney, item VII. A. 2, threatened or pending litigation was also added. And those are the only amendments we have to the agenda.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Ms. Miller. So I would entertain a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Holian, a second from Commissioner Stefanics. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**I. G. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of March 24, 2015, BCC Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I move approval of the March 24, 2015 BCC meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics moves approval, second by Commissioner Roybal. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**I. G. 2. Approval of March 31, 2015, BCC Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair I'd move approval of March 31, 2015 BCC meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion, Commissioner Stefanics, second Commissioner Holian to approve the March 31, 2015 minutes. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**I. H. Honoring Our Veterans and Service Men and Women**

**II. C. 2. Approval of a Proclamation to Honor the Life of the Honorable George Abran Gonzales**

**VI. B. 4. Presentation of a Proclamation to Honor the Life of the Honorable George Abran Gonzales**

CHAIR ANAYA: Now I'll first go to Commissioner Stefanics. Commissioner Stefanics and I are both bringing this item forward but we're all sharing in this item. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all I'd like to move approval of a proclamation to honor the life of the Honorable George Abran Gonzales.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Stefanics and I would respectfully second that motion. Let's read it in.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'll read the first page and leave the little bit of the second page for you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner, if we could, if you don't mind, let's go ahead and let's share in the reading. All Commissioners, if we could alternate whereas, Commissioners, until we get to the end.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. It is under II. C. 2. So Mr. Chair, do you want to just go down the line?

CHAIR ANAYA: We can. Go ahead and we'll start with you and just come this way. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County. A proclamation to honor the life of the honorable George Abran Gonzales.

Whereas, George Abran Gonzales was born on January 5, 1938 in his family home on Agua Fria Street in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Alejandro and Porfiria Gonzales;

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, he is survived by his loving wife,

Celine, his devoted sons Patrick and wife Karmella, Javier, Estevan and wife Adi-Risa, his brother Jose and wife Mary Gonzales, sisters Socorro Aragon, Olivia Bacon, Georgia Gutierrez and Tina Martinez, eleven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews;

CHAIR ANAYA: Whereas, at an early age he showed a passion for music which led to his becoming an accomplished musician and singer. He loved traditional Spanish music and composed his own music, and he was known for performing at gatherings with his guitar and tremendous baritone voice.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Whereas, Mr. Gonzales had a love for politics and helping people. He started his political career by being elected senior class president of Santa Fe High School and earned the highest award at the State Spanish elocution competition;

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Whereas, in the mid-1950s he married his sweetheart, Celine Vigil. They were together for 58 years;

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Whereas, he served in the Army National Guard and later attended the College of Santa Fe. He was elected for two terms on the Board of County Commissioners for Santa Fe County and at age 30 was elected Mayor of Santa Fe. He was youngest Mayor ever to serve the City of Holy Faith;

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, Mr. Gonzales was well known for his work in radio. His professional broadcasting career began in 1955 at the KTRC-AM radio station and he soon went to work at KDCE-AM. He later bought KDCE-AM from former Governor John Burroughs, turning it into the first all-Spanish radio station in northern New Mexico. He founded the FM station in Espanola, KBSO with his late brother Belarmino "Blackie" Gonzales;

CHAIR ANAYA: Whereas, in 1972, after his term as Mayor he ran for Congress but lost in the 1972 Democratic primary to Eugene Gallegos;

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Whereas, in 1991, after his political career he returned to his love of radio and bought the KSWV-AM radio station, Que Suave Radio, which his sons continue to operate as a family business;

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Whereas, Mr. Gonzales was knighted by El Morro de España, served as General Don Diego de Vargas at Fiestas, and served on the Santa Fe Fiesta Council as well as on numerous boards and commissions;

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Whereas, Mr. Gonzales was a wonderful and loving family man. His legacy includes his love for Santa Fe and its people. Through his music and radio he strengthened our sense of community and tradition, and his voice will be greatly missed;

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, we are saddened by his passing on March 24, 2015 and wish to express our condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues of the Honorable George A. Gonzales; and

CHAIR ANAYA: Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County recognizes his contributions to the State of New Mexico, to northern New Mexico, to Santa Fe, to the arts, to the radio broadcast community, to his heritage, to people in need, and to the Model Cities program to ensure that local residents have adequate services and housing.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does hereby proclaim and honor the life of the Honorable George Abran Gonzales. Adopted and approved and passed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2-15. Thank you to the Gonzales family.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. And out of respect, honor and admiration, I would ask Madam Clerk for a roll call vote on this item.

**The motion to approve the resolution honoring George Abran Gonzales passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Commissioner Anaya</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Holian</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Roybal</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Stefanics</b>	<b>Aye</b>

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. At this time I would defer to any comments from Commissioners. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I know that many of the family came and I'd love to have them speak, any or all of them, but I would like you all to know that George was especially kind to me. In my first days of politics, he said, you can do this, and go for it. And this was before it was popular for individuals who had moved to the community of Santa Fe to get involved in politics, but he did it. The radio station also has dedicated quite a bit of time to Santa Fe County and this wasn't just because he was associated in Santa Fe County. It's because he believed in the community knowing what went on, and especially our health show that was run every Friday morning, and tried to engage the community in healthy living and knowing about the services that were here in this community.

His family carries on the legacy. You all are doing very important things in this community and I hope that you are proud, not just of George Gonzales but of each other. And thank you very much for coming today.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, to the Gonzales family and I know the extended family because that's a pretty – fairly broad net that the Gonzales family casts with all the cousins and relatives. And so the proclamation scratches the surface. There's not enough room on maybe the two pages to really talk about the life of the individual, George Gonzales, and I know that during the rosary and the funeral there were a lot of stories that were shared by members of the community that remembered the Model Cities and renewal and the changes that that brought to the city. Commissioner Stefanics mentioned about how typically we embrace people from different cultures and newcomers that are willing to make a contribution to our community. Mr. Gonzales was always willing to encourage those that were interested in participating and making a contribution to their community, not only those of us who

grew up here but those that were relocated here, but again, willing to make that contribution. He understood the importance and the significance of that participation and especially the democratic process. So my personal condolences again to the family, to Ms. Gonzales and the extended family. Thank you for all that you've done and I know you will continue to make the contribution that you've made and I don't see that stopping any time soon. So thank you again.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I personally did not know George Abran Gonzales and I am very truly sorry that I didn't. What comes out in this tribute though is a lot of things about him – his love of music, his love of Santa Fe, his love of politics starting with running for class president and winning at Santa Fe High. Also his love of our culture and heritage which was always showcased on that wonderful radio station, KDCE. But most of all what comes out is his love for the people here in Santa Fe County and his love for his family and friends. My heart especially goes out to his family, his wife and his friends, his close friends, but I will end by saying that his was truly a life that was well lived to the fullest. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Well, I'd like to start off by saying that I'm sorry for your loss and George Gonzales was a great loss to all of Santa Fe and its people, but I'd like to thank God for the time that he was here and the legacy he left behind. Thank you for sharing your dad with us and your husband and uncle. Thank you, guys.

CHAIR ANAYA: Celine, Ms. Gonzales, Pat, Estevan, Javier – Mayor, Antonio, aunts. From my family to yours from the bottom of our heart, I thank you for sharing the former Mayor and Commissioner and all of the other titles previously mentioned with us. I consider him a dear friend to me, considered him a dear friend to the family and we'll miss him so very much. And of all the things I thought about in the eulogy, they spoke of the music. And of all the things and memories I thought about was primero, segundo, when singing and playing. He was very methodical in his music but very inclusive in his music regardless of the tone, good, bad or indifferent. And so for that we thank him and we'll miss him very much. And I would like to ask Celine and all of the family members that would like to please come forward, all those that want to say some words, please come forward at this time, Mayor Coss with others that want to speak as well.

JAVIER GONZALES: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Thank you. It was said earlier that my dad had a lot of voices. A great voice in politics, a wonderful voice on the radio and when you heard him sing it was magical. For all of us reflecting on this life the most powerful voice came out when he fought for the underserved and the underrepresented. And it's an incredible legacy for all of us as a community to own up to, to understand and recognize that there are people without a voice, there are people who often don't find their needs addressed and what was consistent in all the stories that people told me about my dad was that they were all people that didn't have that voice or didn't have that chance in life, or just needed a break. And it was incredible to hear that.

You should all know that my dad was a very faithful watcher to all of you. He did

it during the time that KSWV was broadcasting the meeting but every time that there was a replay of the County Commission meetings my dad was sitting in front of the TV watching it. There were countless discussions I'm sure he had with my mom trying to understand what went on here and certainly he did the same over at the City. So he was attentive all the way to the very end as to what government was doing.

Commissioner Stefanics said and spoke a little bit about his legacy and the truth is our family hopefully is a reflection of his legacy. My mom's compassion and kindness continues to be shown by people who come and see her. My father's commitment to public service – hopefully I'm able to honor that legacy daily in my position as Mayor of our City, and certainly what he loved so much, which was his radio station, Patricio and Estevan taking up that armor and wanting to honor that legacy by making sure the radio always remained accessible to our community. So on behalf of my mother, Celina, and my brothers and all la Familia Gonzales, we are honored by the act that each of you took today through your voice to honor my father for his contributions and it means more than any of you would ever know to allow us to come over here and to be able to hear the beautiful words that you recited on his life and we all just want to say very humbly thank you for recognizing our dad in the manner that you did. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mayor. Other comments anybody would like to make? Mr. Martinez.

LARRY MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'll be very brief. I'm Larry Martinez. I'm the co-host of Health para Todos on KSWV radio and I had the – I almost hate to admit this but I was involved in his campaign for mayor many years ago, but I had also the privilege of being able to work with George Gonzales in my capacity as being one of the co-hosts on the radio show. And I know we often use the term great very loosely but I can honestly say here today that George Gonzales was a great man. I cannot think of any other individual in this community who represents what the community is all about, what Santa Fe is. George Gonzales was Santa Fe and Santa Fe was George Gonzales. We are certainly going to miss him. I think one good example of his love for this community as Commissioner Stefanics said earlier about the radio program was his commitment to healthy and people living in a healthy way, and despite the fact that I know we clown around on the radio program every now and then to make it a little more entertaining, he held us to a standard of excellence and of providing vital and important information to this community to try to make it a healthier community.

And we certainly are going to miss him but I think the greatest tribute that can be made to him is just to take a look at his family. What a wonderful. Each and every one of us is dear to us. We all grieved when we lost Anthony who was a student intern back in the days when Patricio and he were early on in government. But they are wonderful people who care about their community and I think we love them and we know they love us. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Martinez. Mayor Coss.

DAVID COSS: I wasn't going to say anything but I do want to thank the County Commission for this event and this honoring of George. If you do, and I know all of you know this, if you do politics in Santa Fe you know KSWV radio and if you know KSWV radio then you know familia in Santa Fe and you see the whole family operating

and everywhere you go there's a KSWV mike saying what's going on? Can I take your picture and again it's familia.

So everything that I've accomplished in Santa Fe or that I've been able to experience, I just see George behind us and that family behind us organizing that, pushing for that, and I'll always thank George and the familia for being there, Pat with the coffee every morning, because George insisted that the Mayor had to go on the radio show every Wednesday at 8:00 in the morning, and that's early for me. But George said do it and so we did. I just can't thank him enough for that and for what this family has meant to Santa Fe. I was so happy to see George when Javier did his last State of the City speech and the pride in his face is something I'll always remember. So thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mayor. I couldn't resist. It's all about familia with this family but when it's about Pat it's about carrilla. I'd like to ask the family if they'd come forward so we could present this proclamation to them.

[Photographs were taken.]

- II. C. 1. **Approval of a Proclamation Honoring Norma McCallan, Activist, Environmentalist, Santa Fe Living Treasure**
- VI. B. 3. **Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Norma McCallan, Activist, Environmentalist, Santa Fe Living Treasure**

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay, Commissioner Holian, we're going to hold off on presentations from staff and I'm going to alternate with you on the other proclamations. So I'll let you go ahead and go first.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to start with the proclamation for Norma McCallan. I would just like to say that she has contributed so much to our community. Thank you, Norma. Norma is one of those remarkable people who moved here, fell in love with the place and immediately got involved in giving back to her community. In Norma's case she's been involved in many, many environmental causes over the years. The important thing being that we can keep our land, air and water health so that it will continue to nurture us.

She's also been very involved in trail hikes, she's led hikes, and also contributed to the Sierra Club book called *Day Hikes in the Santa Fe Area* a number of times. And she just reminded me of an honor that she just very recently got, which I think is very cool. She got an honor from the Great Old Broads for Wilderness. The honor was that she was named ageless advocate for wilderness. So with that I would first like to read the proclamation, then I would like to give the Commissioners to add anything that they would like, and there maybe be some people here who would also like to say a few words about Norma, and then I will give Norma a chance to speak. So with that, I'll read the proclamation.

Santa Fe County proclamation, a proclamation honoring Norma McCallan, activist, environmentalist, Santa Fe living treasure.

Whereas, Norma McCallan came to Santa Fe in 1975 and was completely smitten by the landscape, history and culture of New Mexico and the progressive nature of New Mexico and of Santa Fe;

Whereas, she began working at the New Mexico State Library upon her arrival;

Whereas, upon working at the library she first ran the library's bookmobile and books my mail programs and then move to the reference desk, state documents and the Southwest reference desk;

Whereas, in holding these positions she got to know New Mexico in a way that few people ever do, and that knowledge has served her well in her environmental activism;

Whereas, her love for the outdoors led her to the Sierra Club where she found a group that shared her interest in outings and the environment;

Whereas, soon after joining the Sierra Club she was asked to become outings chair and went on to fill almost every other position in the club;

Whereas, she has contributed many articles on environmental issues to the *Rio Grande Sierran*, the local club newsletter;

Whereas, during her 37 years with the Sierra Club in Santa Fe Norma has serve on the Chapter & Group executive committees and many different positions;

Whereas, she has contributed new hikes to almost every one of the seven editions of the Sierra Club hike book, *Day Hikes in the Santa Fe Area*, and has advocated for numerous environmental initiatives;

Whereas, Norma has led close to 450 hikes and outings;

Whereas, she has worked on several environmental initiatives, Valle Vidal, otherwise known as the Yellowstone of New Mexico, the San Juan Basin Badlands, the Buckman Bosque restoration, and Columbine Hondo, also known as the Rio Grande del Norte;

Whereas, at home, out in the community, or hiking beautiful trails, Norma is truly a living treasure who enriches Santa Fe immeasurably;

Whereas, as an outdoor advocate, Norma is now in her 80s and shays, "What keeps me going is working on things bigger than you are."

Now, therefore, be it resolves by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners, by this proclamation, recognize her contributions to Santa Fe and honor Norma McCallan, activist, leader, Santa Fe Living Treasure, adopted, approved and passed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

So, Mr. Chair, if others would like to make comments?

CHAIR ANAYA: Other comments from Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, did Commissioner Holian move, because I would be proud to second that.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay, I move for approval of the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: And, Mr. Chair, I second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Holian, a second

from Commissioner Stefanics. Comments from Commission? Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Commissioner Holian, for bringing this forward. I would like to thank Norma very much for all of her contributions and I imagine there will still be many more. A few weeks ago we had some friends visiting and we pulled out the Day Hikes book and we realized that the two editions that we had were very old and we knew that there were going to be other hikes in those books so it is something that is on our agenda to get. But thank you for your work, not only for the Sierra Club but for the environment everywhere, throughout our community and in a wider sense. We need activists who believe that this is important and that is what you exhibit. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Many of us know that the City and the County have invested quite a bit of time and money in our trail systems. We know that these trail systems are no recognized nationally and probably internationally on some levels. But we know – we knew what we had before the recognition and I think it was people like Norma that really put us where we are in a sense as far as paying attention to our trail system and to the outdoors and to being a steward of our resource. And so it's one thing to use and enjoy the trails but it's another thing to educate people about the trails, not only how to use them but how to maintain the trails. So, Norma, thank you for the work that you've done and hope that you continue for many years to come. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I too know Norma on a personal basis. I've known her for about a year now and in that short timeframe she's made a great impact on my life and on a lot of – just education that she's brought forward and things that I've learned from her has been great. I had the honor of being present when she was given the living treasure, for that ceremony, when she was awarded the living treasure and it was a great honor to be there and again, it's a great honor to have you here today and I really appreciate you. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much for your work. Attaining knowledge and wisdom is one thing but sharing it is a whole different thing and you've done that, and thank you so much for that. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I would like to ask anybody else who is here who would like to make a few remarks to come forward. Susan

SUSAN MARTIN: Mr. Chair and Commission, my name is Susan Martin and I'm here in my capacity as the political chair for the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, which is all of New Mexico and El Paso, and it's absolutely true that Norma has been quite a force in protecting wilderness and doing the trails book so that we can enjoy the wilderness and the beautiful views. But I also have to tell you that Norma has done quite a bit of hiking in places that are not quite as beautiful, like the South Valley of Albuquerque, all over the state, the County of Santa Fe, north and south throughout the state for local, county, federal officials, she's on a first-name basis with our Senators and

she's beyond a treasure; she's a gem and she's indefatigable and she also doesn't know how to say no. I admire her and thank you very much for giving her this honor.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Susan.

TOM GORMAN: Commissioners, my name is Tom Gorman. I'm also a volunteer with the Sierra Club and I've worked very closely with Norma for the past ten years. She and I share committee positions as public lands people, working on public lands issues all over the state but mostly in northern New Mexico. And I've gotten to know Norma very well. In fact most people recognize me as her driver these days. I drive her to many of our meetings and it's a real pleasure for me to do that. But I think – I've seen her receive these honors as a living treasure and those who make a difference and she's a true inspiration for those of us in the Sierra Club. Her energy level, even though she's struggling with a lot of health issues is amazing to us and her corporate knowledge of things to do with the environment and what the Sierra Club stands for is just amazing. So this is a very fitting honor for her here today. And I would like that to add that to all of the other things that she's had in the past, but it's been such a pleasure to work with her. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. One more.

MR. COSS: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'm now with the Sierra Club and I'm just so honored to be serving with Norma. I was never in a campaign, literally, in 35 years, where Norma hadn't already hit those doors, stuffed those envelopes, done that work. She's very much like you on the Commission. She sees the work and she goes and she does it. She's a person that shows up and testifies for wildlife, for wilderness, for trails, for this community, and it's been a joy to be in the Club now and see and start to know even more the legacy of Norma in New Mexico. It's something remarkable to behold. Because she shows up. She doesn't shirk from the work. She just shows up and she starts to do the work. And she's been doing it for all of us for many years now so I really appreciate this. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mayor Coss. Okay, Norma. You're on. And are you going to bring your special staff?

NORMA MCCALLAN: I have to show off this staff. The Great Old Broads for Wilderness, as its name implies, a lot of you may not know about it but it's a group of older women, feisty older women, who are willing to get out and work for the environment, and their logo is this rather hunched over lady walking along with a great big wooden staff. So when I got this at the Wilderness Convention or workshop in Albuquerque honoring the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last fall they presented me with this pole. I must say, I'm not going to take it up a trail; it's a bit heavy. But it's a lot of fun.

So I just wanted to thank all of you on the County Commission for so honoring me. I feel extremely humbled by it and a totally unexpected honor, especially Kathy Holian who I believe initiated this. I deeply love Santa Fe. This is my 40<sup>th</sup> year of living here. I love its people, its landscape, its history, and I just feel so grateful that I was able to move here with a job in hand. Many people come, they can't find work and they leave. But I've enjoyed every minute of being here and I intend to continue to enjoy them as long as I possibly can and work for it. And I want to thank the County Commission in general over the years for taking some very positive steps to protect our environment.

I remember their work on the Pegasus gold mine, which was a big threat some years ago in the Ortiz Mountains and how they realized we do not want a gold mine. Gold mines are extremely polluting of groundwater. We don't need another one; there was already one there that had died and so they worked up a number of ordinances that would make it very difficult for a mine to pollute our water and the Environmental Law Center initiated a lawsuit against them. That was enough that those two factors – they never built the mine and they left and the property there down in the Ortiz Mountains was given to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. I think it's now owned by the County but they still act as its stewards and it's a great place. They take people on hikes. It's a great place to visit. And I'm so deeply thankful that it's not another gold mine that we all can see from our backyards.

And then later there was the threat of mining in the Galisteo Basin and the County was very good in making sure they were legally correct in initiating a number of ordinances that would make it very difficult for a drilling company to come in. They didn't say you can't drill for oil but they made it so complicated that so far nobody has even tried to do that and I imagine that will continue to be the case.

And then the more recent work on keeping out the proposed mine, the gravel mine that would destroy the face of La Bajada, and now later – and I'm sorry I won't be able to be here – but now later in this meeting tonight you're going to hear about – not hear about but discuss your ordinance that will limit the weight of trucks that can go on proposed various County roads where it would be very inappropriate to have heavy truck industrial traffic moving back and forth, and that was brought about by my colleagues in the Lamy area, when they found out that this company actually wanted to transport oil and gas from the Four Corners, mostly oil, all the way around to the little Lamy station in rural New Mexico to put them on a trail to go who knows where. It's totally impractical, and that little community has really gotten involved and this ordinance will help to keep that from ever happening.

And I have to agree with something Kathy said. I just can't imagine sitting home and knitting and watching daytime TV dramas or something. It does keep me going. I just had my 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday and it gives you an inspiration to do something that's a lot bigger than you and a lot more important than your individual life. And I couldn't have done any of it without all my colleagues in the Sierra Club, some of whom are here tonight. Alone, I would have done nothing. With them it gives you the strength and the sense you're not alone in this world, thinking that this is an absolute environmental outrage and to move ahead. So I thank you very deeply. It's a huge honor to be here.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Norma, and may you have many trails ahead of you. And I would like for us to come down and present you with a proclamation and maybe take a photograph.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, we have a motion on the floor and a second.

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

[Photographs were taken.]

- II. C 8. Approval of a Proclamation Honoring Caroline Rotich, Winner of the 2015 Boston Marathon (Women’s Division)**  
**VI. B. 10. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring Caroline Rotich, Winner of the 2015 Boston Marathon (Women’s Division)**  
*[Exhibit 1: Staff Memo]*

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay, Commissioners. We’re going to go back to Commissioner Holian. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all I now want to present the proclamation for our marathon winner and also say thank you to her for her patience. She is here with us today. I would first like to say a few opening remarks. Congratulations, Caroline. It was a huge achievement to win the Boston Marathon. I know that it took an incredible amount of hard work and training to do that and it was actually very thrilling for me to learn that someone who lives in our community won the Boston Marathon. That is very exciting.

Now, I confess that I did not know that you were here and that you were training here until after you won the marathon and I suspect that that was probably the same for a lot of people in our community. There was a great quote from your coach, Ryan Bolton, in the *New York Times* article where he said, “She lives like a monk and a runner, which are sort of the same thing.”

Anyway, I thought I’d mention a few interesting facts about the Boston Marathon, particularly with regard to women. While it began in 1897 women were not allowed to officially compete in the marathon until 1972. That was 75 years after it started. In 1966 there was the first woman who ran on her own volition, ran in the race and finished the race, and as with many other male-dominated activities in our country, women could not be held back from that point going forward. So more and more women began unofficially running in the Boston Marathon, and finally, in 1972 the women’s division of the Boston Marathon was created officially.

And I’m happy to say that in 1996 the women who ran the race in those years between 1966 and 1972 were officially recognized as having won. Now, just to show you how far we’ve come over the years, in 2015 46 percent of the entrants in the Boston Marathon were women. Forty-six percent. So that means, by my calculation, that Caroline Rotich came in first among roughly 9,000 women in the Boston Marathon. So this is an incredible achievement. So again, I would like to read the proclamation and then maybe ask Caroline to come up and say a few words and anybody else who would like to say a few words to feel free.

Santa Fe County proclamation: A proclamation honoring Caroline Rotich, winner of the 2015 Boston Marathon, Women’s Division.

Whereas, Caroline Rotich was born in Nyuahururu, Kenya;

Whereas, she earned a sports scholarship to attend school in Japan at the Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School, an institution known for long-distance running;

Whereas, she is fluent in English, Japanese and Kiswah;

Whereas, after graduation she won the 2004 Diecemiglia del Garda in Italy, and the Half Marathon Marvejols-Mede in 2005, and ran her first full-length competitive marathon at the Nairobi Marathon in 2006, finishing in 11<sup>th</sup> place;

Whereas, in 2009 she moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to train with the Harambee Project;

Whereas, she won her first full marathon in 2009 at the Las Vegas Marathon with a time of 2:29:47, also winning the “Battle of the Sexes” race against the men;

Whereas, in 2010 she won the Grandma’s Half Marathon and the Boston Half Marathon and finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the New York City Marathon;

Whereas, she was selected to be on the Kenyan national team and competed in the 2011 world championships;

Whereas, in 2011 she ran a personal best and course record of 1:08:62 and won the New York City Half Marathon;

Whereas, in 2012 she ran a personal best of 2:23:22 in the Chicago Marathon;

Whereas, she improved her best time at the 2013 New York City Half Marathon with a time of 1:09:09 and won the Prague Marathon in May of 2013;

Whereas, on April 20, 2015, Caroline won the 2015 Boston Marathon in 2:24:55, marking a proud moment for runners in Santa Fe and New Mexico;

Whereas, Caroline Rotich continues to live and train in Santa Fe with the Harambee Project.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners by this proclamation that the Board recognizes her accomplishment as a phenomenal runner and honors Caroline Rotich, winner of the 2015 Boston Marathon Women’s Division. And it is approved, adopted and passed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015. Mr. Chair, with that I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion from Commissioner Holian, second from Commissioner Stefanics.

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

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, first I would like to invite any of you who would like to make a comment to please do so.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to thank you very much for being a role model. A model for not only children but also for women. And for people in our state, running and physical activity is a way to think about other things than some of the circumstances that are presented, whether it’s drugs, alcohol, problems at home. So thank you again for being a model and putting some alternatives out there for our children and youth. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also wanted to say congratulations and thank you for representing our state and Santa Fe. We really appreciate that and being a role model and an inspiration to all young women athletes to go out there and do their best. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Caroline, I can only imagine the path that's taken you from your birthplace to Santa Fe, New Mexico. But it's through your hard work and dedication that you've been able to achieve this accomplishment and bring recognition to Santa Fe and to New Mexico. So thank you for all of your dedication to get you to this point and to bring us here together this afternoon. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Caroline, I was at work when one of my colleagues ran in my office and said someone from Santa Fe won the Boston Marathon. That's awesome. And I reiterated the same. So congratulations. The floor is yours, if you'd like to say a few words.

CAROLINE ROTICH: Thank you. I want to thank you Santa Fe City for welcoming me in this place because it's another place I feel like I'm home when I'm here, getting out every day and going for a run, I feel like this is the place I want to be, and for letting me be here and getting a chance to accomplish and get my dream come true every time I get out there, I feel like I'm home and I'm safe and thank you so much for everything and I'm going to continue to just follow my dream and see how far I'm going to go here in Santa Fe. So thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Caroline, and I hope we can do a picture now.

[Photographs were taken.]

**I. I. Employee Recognition**  
**1. Introduction of New Employees.**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I'd like to introduce the new County employees. In your packet there's a list of employees that were hired between March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>, but I just want to go through those real quickly and also two employees, one that's not on the list and one that is, I wanted to introduce them if they're still here. First off, the Administrative Services Department, procurement specialist senior, Marissa Yniguez. So Marissa, if you'd stand up please. So she's new here. And then in Growth Management, our transportation planner, a new transportation planner, Ray Matthew. Is Ray here? There he is. So welcome to them.

Also, I just wanted to point out we have a new animal control officer, Daniel Salazar and Commissioner Chavez, you asked me previously how many animal control officers? There are six.

CHAIR ANAYA: Six. Thank you.

MS. MILLER: Also, Sheriff's deputy II, Paul Columbe, a Sheriff's records clerk, Bernice Roybal, administrative assistant in our Legal Department, Mary

Velasquez, then a detention officer at the Public Safety adult facility, Leonard Garcia. Also, a couple of people in our Emergency Communications Department, two new specialist trainees, Felice Chavez and Brandon Martinez, and two call takers, Sabrina Varela and Melissa Weiss. Life skills worker at our youth facility, Brenda Ison. Ryan Erickson, an equipment operator at Public Works. Last meeting you met Gerry Schoeppner, our new hydrologist. Also, we have a new maintenance worker, Jose Casias, and a new road maintenance worker, Tim Romero.

So those are all of our new employees that were hired between March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> and we welcome them to the County.

**I. I. 2. Recognition of Years of Service for Santa Fe County Employees for April 2015**

MS. MILLER: I wanted to then go on to employees that have reached a milestone in their employment at Santa Fe County. This will give a recognition and a pen to those employees who've completed years of service in five-year increments. We just want to recognize the value of employees who stay with Santa Fe County and hope that they continue to stay with the County. So just in appreciation for those employees who contribute to the County and have made it a long career for them, we have Jessica Narvaiz in Corrections, a registered nurse. She has five years of service. Anthony Romero in the Bureau of Elections, a voter registration clerk with five years of service. In Public Works, Mark Aragon, solid waste foreman has 15 years with Santa Fe County, and then also Phillip Pacheco in the Assessor's, GIS specialist, has 15 years, and then in the County Manager's Office, I think he's around here somewhere, Rudy Garcia. I think he has in total more than 15 years but he has 15 years this time. And then in the Clerk's Office, Marcella Salazar tops it off with 25 years.

So I just would like to thank those employees for their continued service to Santa Fe County.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, and let's give them all a round of applause one more time. Just food for thought, I knew Rudy when his hair was black and I had more. Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Actually, there was one other, and I don't know if he's still – is Joe from Housing still here? I did want to recognize him and you had mentioned that this morning.

CHAIR ANAYA: He is, and I think what I'd like to do is go ahead and go with the Employee of the Quarter and then when we come up for a picture we'll have Joseph come up as well.

MS. MILLER: Okay. Great.

**I. I. 3. Santa Fe County Employee of the Quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards (January 2015-March 2015)**

MS. MILLER: So as you know, we do an Employee of the Quarter and we have a pretty robust Employee of the Quarter program. It's to recognize employees who

make significant contributions to the County for the previous three months. The significant contribution may include providing excellent service to customers, developing and implementing new programs which will benefit the overall organization, providing exemplary performance to the County in their daily job performance, demonstrating a willingness to work above and beyond the call of duty, or some other contribution which the nominators believe to be above and beyond their regular work.

Each recognition team selects on department or elected office employee of the quarter for their team, and then the six departments or elected offices' employees that are nominated go in for consideration for the Countywide Employee of the Quarter process.

So the six employees that were selected for the third quarter are as follows: For the Public Safety group, including our RECC, Nancy Calhoun, administrative assistant at RECC is the nominee. Nancy consistently goes above and beyond in the performance or the duties of her position and in assisting other employees within the RECC. She's always willing to complete extra tasks including but not limited to staff scheduling, inventory, accounts/payable and other tasks she is asked to help with. Her coworkers and supervisors rely on her to ensure deadlines are met and operations within the RECC are kept organized. So, Nancy, are you here? Come on up front if you would please. Here's a certificate of appreciation. Additionally, all of the employees that are nominated in the six groups get two hours of administrative leave so there's a letter for you to turn in when you would like to take that with your timesheet.

In Community Services, Sandy Lucero, the accounting tech senior. Sandy consistently goes above and beyond her assigned responsibilities to help the Housing Division provide a high level of customer service. She is instrumental in providing training to new employees and educating clients of how the housing programs work. She has always been a team player and the Housing Authority is a better agency because of the attention to detail she provides to her work. So, Sandy if you would come up as well. Are you here? Okay, she might not still be here. Anyway, congratulations to Sandy as well.

Then in the Sheriff's group, sheriff deputy II, Robert J. Garcia, not to be confused with Sheriff Garcia. As the Sheriff's group nominee Deputy Garcia continuously stands out in his commitment to the County DWI program and to his job. He displays complete professionalism and superior knowledge of his position leading the department in the number of DWI arrests for the past three years. As a result of his work ethic and dedication the roads in Santa Fe County are much safer to travel. So Deputy Garcia, if you would please come forward as well.

Under the Support Services group, from the Human Resources Division, Rebecca Trujillo or Becky Trujillo, the HR administrator senior. Becky's been with us since 1991 so she's put in more than just one quarter's worth of hard work. She's put in years at the County. Rebecca works tirelessly in every aspect of her job. She handles a large work load and always takes extra care to ensure she completes tasks accurately and within established deadlines. She's instrumental in providing information to her co-workers and sharing the knowledge she has gained during her 33 ½ year tenure with Santa Fe County. So thank you to Becky Trujillo. Is Becky here?

Then from the elected officials group, elected offices group, from the Clerk's Office, Marcella Salazar, administrative manager. As I just said, Marcella's been with the

County for 25 years, since 1990. Marcella is an exceptional employee with diverse skills and a professional demeanor. She is always willing to tackle the most difficult situations in the Clerk's Office. She is a role model to her coworkers and her excellent customer service skills have been instrumental in the success of the Clerk's Office. She a loyal and dedicated employee and inspires other staff to be positive and efficient. So thank you, Marcella.

And then the sixth employee, and unfortunately, she's out sick today, but that is no indication of how hard she works for us. From the Public Works group, Gabi Trujillo, the administrative manager for Public Works. Gabriella is consistently a high performer who acts as a technical resource for administrative matters to staff throughout the Public Works Department. In this quarter she took on additional budget responsibilities and helped to untangle a number of complicated issues. Her attention to detail and professionalism has garnered the respect of her coworkers. So, thank you, Gabi.

So with that, as you know, we always pick one of those six and we select a group of three that don't actually supervise directly or even indirectly the six employees and the individual who was selected for this quarter's Employee of the Quarter is Marcella Salazar. So with that, Commissioners, we put her name on a plaque and additionally, I would like to give this to the Chair to present to Marcella.

CHAIR ANAYA: We have to put Marcella on the spot first, though. I would like to first congratulate all of the nominees and for your work and your respective departments, for your daily work and ongoing service to the County and to the constituents and the public at large, thank you so much. Let's give all of them another round of applause please. And Marcella, the floor is yours. An excellent County employee and a dear friend as well. Marcella.

MARCELLA SALAZAR (Clerk's Office): Thank you. Good day, Commissioners. First of all, I would like to thank Geraldine and Vicki for nominating me and I would also like to thank our County Manager, Katherine Miller and you, Commissioners. It's an honor to be nominated and awarded as Employee of the Quarter and yes, I've been employed here at Santa Fe County for 25 years. I've given all my service to the Clerk's Office. I work with a great team of employees in my office. They're all here today so I thank them, and also all the employees of Santa Fe County. I want to thank all of them. I've enjoyed my employment here.

To me it's been about learning, sharing knowledge with others and just growing, growing as an organization. I would call it just getting the job done and lastly I would like to thank the public that I serve every single day. It's been my heart here at the County. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Madam Clerk.

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Chair Anaya, I don't want to contradict Marcella but actually she had six nominations within the office. Not only I and Vicki Trujillo, our chief deputy clerk, but she had six. She's been an incredible employee for so many years. She's an exceptional employee. She has training sessions going on for staff for her to pass on her intellectual knowledge, her job experience to all the other staff in the office. She is the type of employee that we all would like, in the departments or elected offices because she is a true believer in customer service in the public service. Thank you, Marcella. You're an incredible employee.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I would like Joseph Gonzales to come forward at this time. I wanted to acknowledge him for being selected for the New Mexico National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials state maintenance person of the year. Joseph Gonzales.

JOSEPH GONZALES (Housing Authority): I'm kind of nervous standing here in front of the Commission representing Housing. I'm just honored to receive this maintenance employee of the year award and I'm very thankful for everything that Santa Fe County has done for me. They've helped me. It's just been a very wonderful place to work and I love Santa Fe. Every morning I come to Santa Fe I feel like I'm home. I'm always being treated with a lot of respect from the people of Santa Fe. I just enjoy my job and I enjoy doing what I do and thank you all very much for all your support and for helping me. Thank you again.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Joseph. So we have our nominees, Joseph Gonzales and our Employee of the Quarter, Marcella. Congratulations. One more round of applause and we'll take a picture.

[Photographs were taken.]

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Final Orders

1. **BCC CASE # PCEV 14-5450 Kelly Wilson Vacation of Easement.** Kelly Wilson, Applicant, (Paramount Surveys, Inc.) Paul Rodriguez, Agent, Request Approval to Vacate a Thirty-Eight Foot (38') Wide Private Access and Utility Easement on One Lot Totaling 2.50 Acres. The Easement will be Relocated On-Site. The Property is Located at 177B Los Pinos Road, within Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, (Commission District 3) (Approved 5-0) Miguel "Mike" Romero, Case Manager
2. **BCC CASE # PCEV 14-5410 Richard Berman Vacation of Easement.** Richard Berman, Applicant, (Paramount Surveys, Inc.) Paul Rodriguez, Agent, Request Approval to Vacate Three (3) Platted Drainage Easements on One Lot Totaling 1.397 Acres. The Property is Located at 35 Blue Canyon Way, within Section 20, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, (Commission District 2) (Approved 5-0) Miguel "Mike" Romero, Case Manager

### B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution No. 2015-56, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Fire Operations Fund (244) to Budget a Monetary Donation Made to the Santa Fe County Fire Department/\$6,000 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
2. **Resolution No. 2015-57, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Capital Outlay GRT Fund (313) to Budget a Donation**

**from the Eldorado Community Improvement Association to Build and Improve Trails in the Eldorado Subdivision in Santa Fe County in the Amount of \$40,000 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**

3. **Resolution No. 2015-58, a Resolution Clarifying and Amending Resolution No. 2014-112 Concerning the Lease of Santa Fe County's Top of The World Farm Water Rights (County Attorney's Office /Gregory S. Shaffer) [See discussion below. See also Page 47.]**
4. **Resolution No. 2015-59, a Resolution Determining Reasonable Notice for Public Meetings During May Through December, 2015, of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and for Boards and Committees Appointed by or Acting Under the Authority of the Board of County Commissioners; Establishing Permissible Meeting Locations and a Webcast and Broadcast Policy; and Rescinding Parts of Resolution No. 2014-137 (County Attorney's Office/Gregory S. Shaffer)**

**C. Miscellaneous**

3. **Approval of a Proclamation Honoring the Life of Bill Baxter, Historian, Writer, Community Activist (Commissioners Holian and Stefanics)**
4. **Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$88,312.80 (Community Services Department/Rachel O'Connor)**
5. **Request Authorization of the Use of District 3 Capital Funds, Per Capital Outlay Policy, Allocating \$70,000 for Capital Projects; \$20,000 for Playground Equipment at the La Cienega Community Center, and \$50,000 for Improvements and Renovations to the City of Santa Fe for the Boys and Girls Club Southside Facility (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo) [See discussion below.]**
6. **Ratification of Letter of Support – First Choice Community Healthcare Incorporated (County Manager's Office/Tony Flores) [Exhibit 2]**
7. **Ratification of Letter of Support for Presbyterian Healthcare Services (County Manager's Office/Tony Flores)**

**Discussion:**

- B. 3. **Resolution No. 2015-\_\_\_, A Resolution Clarifying and Amending Resolution No. 2014-112 Concerning the Lease of Santa Fe County's Top of the World Farm Water Rights (County Attorney's Office/Gregory S. Shaffer)**

CHAIR ANAYA: I pulled two items. II. B. 3 is a resolution concerning

the Top of the World. Ms. Miller or Mr. Shaffer, if you could just provide a brief snapshot. I've had several calls from some of the elected officials in the Cuesta area and I just wanted you to give a brief summary of what we're doing on this item, resolution B. 3, Top of the World.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, in September of 2014 the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2014-112 which authorized the County Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the County a sale document that would sell the Top of the World farm and then a separate transaction that would temporarily lease the County's Top of the World farm water rights to the would-be purchaser of the farm to be used until such time as they were needed by the County for the regional water system contemplated by the settlement agreement in the Aamodt litigation.

Pursuant to that resolution the County Manager did in fact go forward and negotiate the sale and temporary lease of the water rights. The purchaser and the lessee under those transactions was a company by the name of Agua Nueva, LLC. Pursuant to state law the two transactions were submitted to the New Mexico State Board of Finance for approval in March. As I understand it, the Board of Finance, the members present, unanimously approved the two transactions subject to certain conditions, one of which was the adoption of a resolution that would clean up any arguable, or avoid any arguable ambiguity about how much water rights the County Manager had been authorized to lease.

Long story short, the resolution from 2014 used a rounded figure of 611 acre-feet per year consumptive use which was consistent with the Aamodt settlement agreement. The actual amount is slightly higher at 611.5 acre-feet, so the resolution in front of you would clarify that minor point so that the lease with Agua Nueva could go forward to close. So to sum up, the real property in Taos County known as the Top of the World farm is not needed for any County purposes and the direction of the Board was to sell it because it's not needed for any County purposes. The appurtenant water rights that are still owned by the County will ultimately be needed and utilized for the regional water system contemplated under the Aamodt settlement.

The temporary lease to the purchaser of the farm would allow those water rights to be put to beneficial use until that time and provide a revenue stream to the County in the form of a minimum of \$30,000 per year for the lease of those water rights. So I hope that provides an overview and synopsis of where we are, how we got here and what this resolution would accomplish. I stand for any questions, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Gregory, could you just add – if you did, I apologize if this was already stated, but could you mention the members that are mentioned in the settlement?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, if I understand the question correctly, you're asking for the parties to the Aamodt settlement agreement?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes.

MR. SHAFFER: That would be the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefonso, the County of Santa Fe, the City of Santa Fe, the State of New Mexico, and the United States government.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**C. 5. Request Authorization of the Use of District 3 Capital Funds, Per Capital Outlay Policy, Allocating \$70,000 for Capital Projects; \$20,000 for Playground Equipment at the La Cienega Community Center, and \$50,000 for Improvements and Renovations to the City of Santa Fe for the Boys and Girls Club Southside Facility (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez and thank you for reading that into the record. I appreciate that, Mr. Shaffer. The other item that I have is 5. It's authorization on District 3 capital funds, \$20,000 to continue the playground work that's going to move to completion, the library project, and fire station renovation project. I appreciate the Fire Department, the staff and the County Manager for their diligence and efforts in the community for working on that project.

The other \$50,000, the City of Santa Fe has established a partnership with the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club to utilize an existing facility in the Tierra Contenta Subdivision and I'm going to allocate \$50,000 to help with the renovations to make that a functional South Side Boys and Girls Club that I know that we've talked about on many occasions and continually try and support those efforts in that endeavor. So I just wanted to bring that up.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I have a question for you or for staff about that. So the Boys and Girls Club South Side, is that the one that Mr. Abeyta was talking about on the property south of Walmart? Is this in Tierra Contenta?

CHAIR ANAYA: I can answer that, Commissioner. They have a piece of property that they acquired independently as a non-profit that's by the Walmart that they're still planning on trying to figure out if they're going to use for fields or another purpose. But the City of Santa Fe had an existing facility in Tierra Contenta, across the street from the South Side library.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Zona del Sol?

CHAIR ANAYA: Zona del Sol, that they're going to be converting into the South Side Boys and Girls Club. So these funds will go to the City of Santa Fe for the purpose of helping renovations to make that functional, and they're going to have it operational for this summer.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: So Mr. Chair, Ms. Miller, one of you, it is a City-owned facility? Is that correct?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, I spoke to the City Manager. He said that is a City-owned facility and they lease it to the Boys and Girls Club.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: And Mr. Chair, Ms. Miller, they're planning to upgrade – I have no objections to the funds. I just want to make sure that they're planning to upgrade it themselves?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, we would have an agreement with the City of Santa Fe to provide funding for them to renovate, for the City to renovate that Boys and Girls Club. That's how we would have to do the arrangement and then they would work through whatever renovations the Boys and Girls Club would want and include that in their lease.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: So, Mr. Chair, I don't know if you've thought about this, but whether or not they should match our funds? The City?

CHAIR ANAYA: I believe, based on utilizing the project, the City is going to be working to provide resources as well and help them out. But it's a good partnership that we're establishing and I'm looking forward to going forward. Any other comments? Thank you, Commissioners. Is there a motion on the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move approval of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Vice Chair Chavez and Commissioner Roybal. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

[Clerk Salazar provided the numbers for the approved resolutions and ordinances throughout the meeting.]

**VI. B. 6. Presentation by Jacqueline S. Baca, Bob Zimmerman and Kathryn Bender with Santa Fe County Master Gardener Association (SFMGA) [Exhibit 3: Report on Dietary Guidelines; Exhibit 4: Master Gardeners Pamphlet]**

JACQUELINE BACA: Good afternoon, Chairman Anaya, Commissioners. Thank you very much for allowing us to come and present to you today. I'm really excited to share with you some of the wonderful work that we're doing through the cooperative extension service. My name is Jacqueline Baca. I'm the 4-H home economist, and I am the interim County director right now. And I do believe we have a presentation prepared, so if we could have that up on the screen. Thank you. So to get started I really wanted to give an overview of what the cooperative extension does. We are going to be specifically focusing on our agricultural program but I want to make sure everybody understands how we fit within the extension with the university.

We are through New Mexico State University and we are the third component of this land grant institution. Education and research and extension, so we are the third component of the university. Every county has an extension program within the county. Each extension program works very closely with the county to provide programming to the residents of Santa Fe County.

Santa Fe County CES provides practical, research-based knowledge to the residents of Santa Fe County to help improve their quality of life. There are three overall

program areas in which we provide programming. That includes agriculture, home economics and 4-H youth development. As I mentioned before we are really going to focus more on the agriculture side for today's presentation. There are four areas within this program that we provide educational programs and support to the residents of Santa Fe County. That includes energy and water, natural resources, farm and ranch, and yard and garden. For today I would like for us to really focus in on that yard and garden program.

Commissioners, I had included in your packet a pamphlet on our master gardeners program. I also have a pamphlet on our County master gardeners program. So, Mr. Chair, with your permission I'd like to pass these out to everybody.

So our Santa Fe County master gardeners. When putting together this presentation I really thought I have got to invite some of our master gardeners with this presentation because when it comes down to it they are the ones that do the work in this program. So with that, I would like to invite forward two of our master gardeners to introduce themselves and kind of continue and give you all a little more information about the wonderful work they're doing through their program.

BOB ZIMMERMAN: Good afternoon. I'm Bob Zimmerman, past president of the Master Gardener Association and currently the education chair for the Master Gardener program. It began in the sixties when home gardening took off and everybody started growing tomatoes and corn in their backyards and kept calling up the extension agent and that just kind of overwhelmed the agent who was dealing with all the other agricultural areas. So we are really an extension of the extension service. We take the home gardening load off the plate of the extension agent.

We are directly connected with NMSU. It is a 16-week program and we currently have 140 active master gardeners and right now 64 trainees. It's a 16-week program, very intensive, taught by professors at NMSU and with our local experts.

Following the program our interns and all members do a 30-hour a year volunteer service. We have a number of programs. We have over 10 programs throughout the city and in the county. We have an Ask a Master Gardener program. You may see these around town, on the weekends at the farmers market, at different nurseries, at different community events. You've got a question? We're there to help answer. We also have an online master gardener questioning box. If you have a problem with growing something, a problem with disease or whatever you can type in your question and we'll help answer that.

We also maintain the gardens up at the Audubon Center which is a wonderful educational facility here in Santa Fe. We work with the City to maintain the Cornell Rose Garden. It's a beautiful place in the summertime for events. We work with the community schools. One in particular is Gonzalez Elementary. We work with them in their gardening projects with the students. Our new project is with the New Mexico Wildlife Center, which is up in the Espanola area, right near there, and we're helping them establish that as a viable educational center for the community. And we have the gardens at El Zaguan, this historic garden on Canyon road, the historic garden with the Historic Santa Fe Association. We're helping to rebuild the garden and make that a more water-wise and true to Santa Fe type garden.

And our other project is – one of our other projects is the Garden Journal radio

show every Saturday on KSFR 101. We do a 30-minute show. I'm one of the hosts and we bring in people from all walks of life to talk about gardening and just sort of environmental issues in our community. And I'd like to introduce Kathy Bender.

KATHY BENDER: Chairman, Commissioners, I'm Kathy Bender and I am the current secretary for the Master Gardeners Association board. The projects located at the fairgrounds, we have a cactus garden, we have a composting demo site. We have an herb garden, the National Earth-kind rose field trial, the xeric garden, and we've started a new project that we're working with the Commissioners and the County on, we just call campus development. I would really recommend and suggest that everyone get a chance to go out to the fairgrounds and walk around and look at some of these gardens. They're really spectacular and they're like little botanical areas around the fairgrounds that just sort of brighten up the location.

The SCAT, the Santa Fe Compost Action Team is a new program that the master gardeners have started. It started three years ago and we just celebrated a third class of graduates from this compost certification class and there are currently 24 SCAT members, so the SCAT sets up information tables just like the Ask a Master Gardener tables but we set up at many events throughout the year, sharing the benefits of home composting, which are lessening the impact to the landfills, being the most widespread saving money making your own soil amendments, improving your soil quality and lessening water usage in your own yards, and knowing what's going into your vegetables.

The events that we attend include Earth Day locations at the Genoveva Chavez Center, the Santa Fe Community College, the Santa Fe City Community Day, the Santa Fe Master Gardener Association garden fair, the Santa Fe County Fair, Harvest Days at Santa Fe Community College and Las Golondrinas, and America Recycles Day. Last year through these tables SCAT spoke to just under 1,000 residents at these events.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: The purpose of all these programs is community outreach. We're not just a little club. Our whole purpose, and it's been developing now for the last four or five years really going out and reaching out into all parts of the community by having these different events and inviting them also to the events at the fairgrounds. Our demonstration gardens, we have programs where we invite the public in to learn about the different aspects and different types of gardening here. And through our community outreach we have our website, which is [sfmga.org](http://sfmga.org). It's easy to remember. You can just google Santa Fe Master Gardeners; it will pop right up. There's a wealth of information there. In there is a monthly newsletter. It's written by our members and it's also linked. You can just type in a particular item, like aphids or something like that, and all of the articles will pop up that have been written about it. If you have a question it's a good way to get information on it.

I mentioned our Garden Journal radio show. It's an interesting program where we deal with items of interest and at the end of each month we have our wonderful Tomato Lady come on to tell us what to do in our gardens for the following month. Always good information source there.

MS. BENDER: So I mentioned the campus development project earlier on and this is a really exciting new project that we're working – the master gardeners is working with the County Extension Office and the County. It's a project to expand the opportunity for water catchment from the barns and the other buildings which will serve

to further showcase the County's efforts towards environmental stewardship as well as to minimize erosion from uncontrolled run off when we do have large rain events. This project will allow the Master Gardeners Association to water the demo areas and the gardens with collected runoff, offer demonstrations and educational opportunities to master gardeners, interns and the public on water catchment, conservation and drip irrigation installation.

We're also working with the County Extension Office to enhance the esthetics of the campus by initially planting trees on the north side of the barns to shade the area for the County Fair attendees and folks that part their RVs in this location during the County Fair and other County events, and provide the Master Gardeners Association with educational opportunities to master gardeners and interns and the public on planting trees and caring for newly planted trees.

Some of the other ideas that we have is to plant some shrubs around the fairgrounds and just soften the look of the fairgrounds and really make it a more enjoyable place for folks to go and walk around.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Finally, our signature program, the spring garden fair is coming up on Saturday. It's our 11<sup>th</sup> annual. We have over 40 exhibitors, three lecturers, demonstrations. You can learn how to make your own rain barrel or repot orchids or whatever. There'll be demonstrations on that. Last year we had over 1,500 visitors and I'd encourage all of you to come on out. We have a wonderful junior gardener program. A wonderful program with the kids. It's very festive and you learn a lot there too. So I encourage all of you to come out and I want to also mention Norma McCallan will be there with the Sierra Club at the booth. She comes every year. She's a wonderful supporter too. Thank you so much and I'll see you at the fair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much. Jackie, do you have some other thoughts or do you want to take comments from Commissioners?

MS. BACA: If I could just share a few of our big impacts that we've really seen through the work that our master gardeners are doing. They really have done a phenomenal job. We have 140 volunteers, all of whom have completed 48 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer work per year. This really is a wonderful example of putting that research based knowledge from the university to work. It is in the classroom that our volunteers learn the information and then really get it out into the community in helping our residents of Santa Fe to implement some of these wonderful ideas.

Last year our master gardeners provided over 9,200 hours of volunteer service, which means they are giving way more than that minimum of 30 hours of volunteer time. According the independent sector's value of volunteer time this equates to \$212,244. That is a lot that this particular group is giving to Santa Fe County and really helping the residents of our county to improve their quality of life in the area of gardening.

Some other really exciting things I wanted to share with you in regards to impacts. So through the work of our master gardeners residents of Santa Fe County are learning concepts in reduction of water use through appropriate plant selection, water harvesting, and efficient drip irrigation systems, reduction in household waste through composting techniques, and producing nutritious food for personal consumption. It is these types of learning experiences that support our county's Sustainable Growth

Management Plan. Implementation of these concepts by the participants of the programs lead to a decrease in the amount of water used in Santa Fe County, a decrease in the waste in our landfills, and addresses food security issues within the county. I am very proud of the work that our master gardeners have done for us here in Santa Fe County.

I am also happy of the support that we have received from all of you Commissioners. Without the support of you there is no way we could have these types of programs continue within our county and make these types of impacts for the residents of Santa Fe County as well as our community here in Santa Fe.

I have some exciting news. We are currently without an agriculture agent. We have been running a little over a year now with this position vacant. It is our master gardeners that have really helped us to maintain these programs and ensure that we are still providing services to our residents that have questions in these areas of gardening and horticulture. We have gone through the interview process and are just awaiting approval from campus to hire an agriculture agent and then we will be fully staffed once again in the extension office, so I'm very excited to have that. And I'm excited to introduce a new person to you, hopefully within the month to add to our staff there in the Cooperative Extension Service.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and thank you for all the information. I don't know if you know that our County staff has a picnic at the fairgrounds almost every year and during the fair we have many presentations. We have games. We have an equipment road-eo, but you cannot miss the demonstration gardens. So I just want you to know that many people do take advantage of viewing and going through the demonstration gardens. Sometimes it's very hot and maybe not as many people go in but a lot do.

The second item is I'm wondering if we already do this, and if not I don't see Ms. Miller here, if we are linking your newsletter and information on the County website. And if not, I think it would be very timely in the summertime, because we have more and more people interested in community gardens, interested in gardening themselves, interested in water harvesting and it would be a good connection. So I'll make sure that – I know that our Deputy County Manager is in the back. He'll hear it and write it down and we'll make sure that our PIO gets in touch as well. Thank you very much for the presentation. Oh, and we always worry about those big, green worms that eat up our tomatoes. But I understand they came from the moths and this was not a bad year for moths yet. Are the moths still coming?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: They're still around.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all, thank you, Ms. Baca, Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Bender for your presentation. Gardening is a topic that is near and dear to my heart. I've probably been a gardener since I was one year old because I was born on a farm. And I want you to know that my husband and I do total water collection for our gardening, and we have a really great compost pile with worms. So we're all set.

But I wanted to ask you one question. Do you have any seed saver programs that you support?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, we work with Homegrown New Mexico which is a sister group, separate from us, but they do seed saving programs and we do joint programs with this. We also have seed exchanges too.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And when would those occur?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: We've already had a couple but probably, because it's the spring and our other programs it will probably come up later in the summer. There's a website for it and there's a calendar so you can see what's going on.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Great. Well, I just want to commend you on all your initiative. It's great for our community. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to thank Ms. Baca, Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Bender also for your part of the presentation. I want to personally thank all of the volunteers that you mentioned, because I know in a lot of cases without that volunteer help you wouldn't be able to do a lot of the work that's needed to be done. I'd like the focus on home economics, the 4-H youth development which I know the County supports a lot and the connection with the schools, because that sort of brings it full circle.

You talked a little bit about sustainability and when we can grow our food locally I think we're saving, we're reducing our carbon footprint because of the miles that most of our food travels from the farm to our table. So if it's a shorter distance then there's a smaller carbon footprint. So the more we can grow on a local level the better off we are. I try to do what I can. I have some raised beds in my yard and so far I have some lettuce, radishes and some snow peas. That's about it right now, but I think that I still have some time left. It's a lot of work but I encourage others to give it a try and certainly with your help and your expertise we ought to be able to find out more about those bugs that compete with our harvest. So thank you for all the work that you do.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I too would like to say thank you, Ms. Baca and all the volunteers. The work you have done is great and I really appreciate it but even more importantly the education that you provide to our youth is invaluable. So thank you guys. Appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Just coincidentally, I did, over the weekend have to do some shopping for garden hoses and things like that to do gardening and I ended up at Tractor Supply. And a portion of their proceeds are going to 4-H clubs. Not all of the money is staying in the county and the state but a large portion of it is. So anyway, I just wanted to mention our other corporate sponsors because without their help I don't think we would be as successful either.

CHAIR ANAYA: I echo the sentiment of my colleagues and stand as a steadfast supporter of master gardeners and I know there's some projects that we're going

to talk about that I might be able to help with that I'm going to work with you on, but I thank you so much for coming and presenting and providing the service that you do for the public and your many, many volunteer hours that you provide as well. Thank you.

**VI. B. 7. Presentation by Tim Sheahan, President & CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Central New Mexico [Exhibit 5: Informational Packet]**

CHAIR ANAYA: I'd like to ask Mr. Tom Sullivan, the Superintendent of the Moriarty-Edgewood schools to please come forward at this time and he has a guest as well and I would acknowledge in our audience Representative Matthew McQueen, Representative Jim Trujillo, and former Governor Dorame is here as well. So let's give them a round of applause if we could. Mr. Sullivan, the floor is yours.

TOM SULLIVAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. I am Tom Sullivan. I am superintendent of schools, Moriarty-Edgewood School District, and I certainly appreciate the time that you're offering us this afternoon to talk a little bit about a Boys and Girls Club initiative in that region. The Moriarty-Edgewood District actually serves students in five counties. It's bisected by Interstate 40 and Route 66. We have facilities in three counties, in eastern Bernalillo, in southern Santa Fe and in Torrance County. We stretch literally from Sedillo Hill to Clines Corners.

The population centers, however, cluster around the Town of Edgewood and the City of Moriarty. And we happen to have a facility literally midway between those two communities on Old 66 that we're in position to make available to Central New Mexico Boys and Girls Club as a satellite branch. It would be an ideal facility. It has administrative space, a multi-purpose gymnasium space, classrooms that can easily be converted into a computer lab, crafts space, a library, study rooms and such.

In the packet that you just received there's a two-page excerpt from a much larger document that was prepared by the Boys and Girls Club. I think they use it nationally to determine the need for a club in a particular community. We just excerpted one key page from the larger packet that we prepared and submitted to the Boys and Girls Club a while back, and I think it makes a compelling case for the need to have a program like this to serve the youth of southern Santa Fe County and northern Torrance County in particular.

There are a number of at-risk youth that are begging for programming of this nature. I think the folks here with me this afternoon, Mr. Tim Sheahan, who is the executive director and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Central New Mexico and Ms. Gabriella Anaya, who is the board chair of the local Boys and Girls Club initiative there in Moriarty and has been kind of our guiding force. I'd like to invite them to just address some of the programming issues and some of the other needs maybe that they can help identify. But thank you again very much for your time and interest.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Sullivan.

TIM SHEAHAN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya and fellow Commissioners. Thank you very much for allowing us to come speak to you today. I'm Tim Sheahan. I'm the president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central New Mexico. It was nice to my colleague in the back of the room earlier today for Santa Fe. I don't need to tell you a lot about Boys and Girls Clubs because I know you're great

supporters of Boys and Girls Clubs already up here in Santa Fe. But I just want to tell you that currently – so I'm the CEO of the Central New Mexico, which is basically the Albuquerque-Rio Rancho area right now. Bernalillo and Sandoval County. And this community came to us and asked us, we'd like to have a Boys and Girls Club up in the Moriarty-Edgewood area.

And so we have done our research on it. We've worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, our national office. There's definitely a need. There's 2,500 kids in that school district up there and most of them don't have a place to go after school. And as we all know, our children in New Mexico are rated – I hate to say it – at the bottom of the stack for a lot of things, and one of the biggest things is education and that's one of the things the Boys and Girls Club works on these days, academic success. We want to be sure that these kids are ready to go, graduate from high school, continue on to whether it be college, job, technical, whatever it may be. But we help these kids through homework assistance, through computer education. We do STEM programs, all kinds of different things.

And then also – that's one of our key areas. Character development is another one that's helping kids basically maintain and grow throughout their age so they can really be part of this community and heavily involved. But more importantly in this room right now also we talk about not just character development because as I say, they could be the ones sitting up in your chairs in a few years, but healthy lifestyles. We need to be sure that these kids have healthy lifestyles. And that's not just running around. That's not just exercising, but it's also eating well, knowing nutrition, knowing – we have a program called Triple Play that actually is an anti-bullying program.

So kids – it's pretty rough for kids growing up these days, ages five to 18 that we serve, and with this anti-bullying program right now we're really helping these kids to help them for the future, because it's a rough road out there for these kids. So I just want to tell you that's what we're all about. I have, as CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Central New Mexico, I've actually been – I'm a product of Boys Clubs years ago as a kid, and actually next month I'll be receiving my 40<sup>th</sup> year pin for serving Boys and Girls Clubs around the country.

So we have a great organization and we would hope that you would look at supporting us in this community and I'm going to turn this over to Gabriella real quick, and then we will get out of your hair.

**GABRIELLA ANAYA:** Thank you for letting us come and speak with you today. I'm actually the lady that kind of started the program. We didn't really necessarily know what we needed to do. My daughter and I lived in Atlanta and she attended a Boys and Girls Club when she was there. I'm a widow, single mom and so just seeing the difference in structure and having a really great place for her to go that wasn't day care that was helping with homework. When we moved back to New Mexico to be closer to family I wanted – I grew up in the Moriarty-Edgewood School District and when I was growing up we had a lot of different programs – DARE, different task force and different afterschool programs that no longer exist due to budgets and due to a lot of – a lot of people have actually moved out of the district just because when the economy went down the smaller communities, when people would commute from Albuquerque – or live out in Moriarty-Edgewood area and commute to Albuquerque for work, now

they're just living in Albuquerque because that commute is too much of a financial strain.

So we've seen the school significantly decrease. So when we looked at what we needed to do to try to figure out something for these kids that can be a positive, I know for myself I'm blessed to have my parents take care of my daughter when I'm away with work or whatever. A lot of the kids in the district do not have that option. A couple of the statistics that are in that form that you guys have there, one of the ones that has been glaring for us and the Mayor and I have discussed it probably every meeting is there's an eight percent homeless population in our school district. What that means is not only do they go couch-surfing but they also probably aren't getting meals, evening meals. Their meals are going to be what's provided at school.

So this is going to be a program that can help those kids as well. There's a lot of at-risk. Like I said there's not any programs in the community, and so we've actually spoken with the City of Moriarty and we've gotten some support from them as far as financial to get our club up and running and we're also working with Torrance County as well. That's why we're here speaking to you because kids come from all these different communities and we're trying to get as much support as we can so that we can open it up to as many children as we possibly can.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you very much. Commissioners, this Commission has supported youth programs within the Moriarty-Edgewood School District and we're working collectively to figure out how this might be part of that support we provide. But I have been in communication, Commissioner Stefanics, you brought up earlier matching funds. Torrance County is analyzing matching funds. City of Moriarty, Google has stepped up and they're going to work with us on this project as well, but it's a collective project. We seek some support from Bernalillo County as well and for sure the schools that have already stepped up as you said, Mr. Sullivan. I want to thank the school board for their desire and will. And so it's a collective effort and we'll continue to have communications and see how we can collectively make it come to fruition and work in the community.

MS. ANAYA: Financially wise, just to kind of – so there's at least a number that's out there, we're really hoping to get \$20,000 from the Santa Fe County, if that's something that's feasible. It's just going to go to – our overall budget is \$100,000 per year and obviously, when we fund this program we want to make it something that's sustainable. We don't want to open it up and get it launched and have all these kids excited and then in two years say, oh, sorry. We can't keep it funded. So that's kind of in our minds \$20,000 would be a huge blessing for this program so that's kind of what we're hoping for for you guys.

CHAIR ANAYA: We very much appreciate the presentation. Any questions or comments from Commissioners? Thank you so much for coming. Appreciate it.

- II. C. 3. Approval of a Proclamation Honoring the Life of Bill Baxter, Historian, Writer, Community Activist**
- VI. B. 5. Presentation of a Proclamation Honoring the Life of Bill Baxter, Historian, Writer, Community Activist**

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is the proclamation for Bill Baxter and I believe we have some pictures that will hopefully appear on the screen soon. Some wonderful pictures that were taken by a friend of his. First of all I would really like to thank all of you who came to hear this proclamation and I really thank you for your patience. I was hoping this would be heard earlier in the meeting but we had a lot to do today and a lot of people coming for the various presentations that we made.

Commissioner Stefanics and I are co-sponsors of this proclamation so I would like to ask if she would read it and then we will all hopefully make a few comments.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner Holian, and we did already move and approve this on the Consent Calendar, so that's why you won't see a motion again, because we've already passed it. Santa Fe County proclamation, a proclamation honoring the life of Bill Baxter, historian, writer, community activist.

Whereas, Bill Baxter was first introduced to New Mexico as a Boy Scout when he visited in the 1950s. He was born in California in 1943 and grew up working at his family's Chevron station in Pismo Beach, California;

Whereas, he earned a degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. After university he served in the army in Vietnam, worked in Liberia and Ethiopia with the Peace Corps, and then lived in San Francisco for several decades where he installed computer systems;

Whereas, he married Ardeth Baxter. She was his wife and companion for 44 years. They moved to New Mexico in 1997;

Whereas, while living in Santa Fe he was a docent, lecturer, writer, and community activist. He advocated for the public acquisition of a number of important historical sites in Santa Fe County, including the Chalchihuitl, a former turquoise mine, Thornton Ranch, Ortiz Mountains, and the land that became Cerrillos Hills State Park;

Whereas, he wrote *The Gold of the Ortiz Mountains, A Story of New Mexico and the West's First Major Gold Rush*, published by Lone Butte Press in 2004, as well as several other books about the history of the area. A book about the history of New Mexico mining which he said is a tale of human greed and survival;

Whereas, he served on Santa Fe County's Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee, COLTPAC, and created a 14,000-page public database of information about the history of Cerrillos, New Mexico, available at [www.cerrillosnewmexico.com](http://www.cerrillosnewmexico.com);

Whereas, he was appointed to COLTPAC in 2004, serving for two two-year terms until December 2008;

Whereas, even after his appointment ended he regularly attended COLTPAC meetings, often as the lone member of the public;

Whereas, in 2012, *The Santa Fe New Mexican* named him one of its 10 Who

Made a Difference, and earlier this year memorialized his life in an article;

Whereas, Bill was known as modest, funny, generous and warm, he will be remembered as a man with twinkly blue eyes and a bushy white beard.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that by this proclamation the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners does hereby proclaim, recognize and honor the life of Bill Baxter, historian, writer, community activist, approved, adopted and passed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

And as I mentioned we've already voted on this in Consent. But Mr. Chair, I'd like to share that I've had many a hike with Bill Baxter in the San Marcos area, educating me about the ruins, the village, the Native American trash that was left that are artifacts today, and with many admonishments of what we could do and not do on these lands. Bill was quite a character but he really knew how the land should be preserved. Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR ANAYA: Go ahead, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to say it's one of the big regrets of my life that we did not present this proclamation to Bill in person. He was an extraordinary member of our community. His knowledge of New Mexico's history, of Santa Fe County's history was absolutely unsurpassed. I know that when I gave some opening remarks when I was chair for the New Mexico Association of Counties legislative conference I called on Bill Baxter to find out some interesting tidbits about Santa Fe County that I could pass along. And I learned that Santa Fe has been a county since 1852, which is far longer than New Mexico has been a state. And interestingly, the borders of Santa Fe County are about the same now as they were when it was established in 1852.

Also I learned that Billy the Kid spent some quality time in Santa Fe County's jail for a while, and at that time the County jail was over where the Collected Works is now. I also went on a number of hikes, field trips organized by COLTPAC. For example, I went on a field trip at Mt. Chalchihuitl and I learned a lot of interesting things from Bill about the turquoise mining that occurred there. It actually started literally thousands of years ago in that area, and that's turquoise all over the north and South American continents from that particular mine, Mt. Chalchihuitl. I also learned that you don't pick up dark rocks there and then put your fingers in your mouth because they've got lead in them. I have to admit that I did pick up one of those rocks and then I spent the rest of the afternoon obsessing about whether I had lead poisoning or not.

But in any event, Bill had many, many roles in our community. He was a historian, a lecturer, a writer, a community activist on saving places in our county that are important to our heritage. So I imagine some of the other Commissioners might want to say a few words and then if anybody is here who would like to say a few words about Bill I would invite them to come forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: No, I just wanted to extend my appreciation to the friends and family of Mr. Baxter and only say that a historian, a writer and a community activity. I don't know what better combination you could have but this individual obviously took those disciplines and made a contribution to our history by

documenting a lot of that and sometimes it's the history – our local history is not always taught in our schools so at least this is one way that we can capture it and maybe it will be presented at a later time. But just thanks to his friends and family. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I never had the opportunity to meet Bill but I really appreciated all his work. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. I echo the sentiments of my colleagues and have fond memories of listening to Mr. Baxter on KSFR and have a special memory when I was actually running for County Commissioner, I was on the program after he was on the program and enjoyed listening to his history and I guess to sum it up, to just sit back listen and learn were the things that you did when you were around and he was speaking, so thank you, Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Matthew.

MATTHEW MCQUEEN: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I'm Matthew McQueen and I had the pleasure of serving with Bill on COLTPAC. I was in COLTPAC for a term of eight years including part of the time that Bill was on there And Bill was a real asset to have in the committee room and of course where he really shined was out in the field. And it's always a treat for me to get out of the office and go hiking in Santa Fe County and of course if you were with Bill it was not only a treat it was also an education. I too got the tour of Mt. Chalchihuitl and the San Marcos Pueblo site and the tank burn site in the Ortiz Mountains and the Galisteo Basin, and he just was a pleasure to be around. My life is richer for having known Bill and I already miss him very much. Thank you for doing this.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Matthew.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Representative.

DEVIN BENT: Commissioners, my name is Devin Bent. I'm currently on COLTPAC and I thought it might be appropriate. I don't think anyone else is here from COLTPAC right now to express the gratitude that we felt. Bill continued to serve for years. He wasn't a member but he would show up and he shared his knowledge with us. I remember one – I have a bad foot; I didn't go on many trips with Bill but I remember one and we went up there and it was a piece of property that COLTPAC was looking at and the person touring us would say such and such and then Bill would say, well, you know it really can't be a turquoise mine because such and such and such and such. He was very knowledgeable. He was very nice and he helped me a lot because I was not only new to COLTPAC but new to the county.

So I just thought I would write down a few things. I exchanged a lot of emails with Bill trying to get up to speed and the things I thought about him was that he was always knowledgeable, always friendly, always helpful, always modest and always with a sense of humor. And I hope that's the way we could all remember Bill. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Bent. I will present the proclamation to his wife Ardeth when I get it framed. Just to let you know that the proclamation will go to the appropriate person.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much, Commissioner Holian. Thank you.

### **III. SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Stefanics, second by Commissioner Chavez, and unanimous vote, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County temporarily recessed and reconvened as the Santa Fe County Board of Finance at 4:38 p.m..

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call**

Roll was called by County Clerk Salazar and indicated a quorum with all five Commissioners present.

- C. Presentation of the County's Investment Report for the Five Months Ending March 31, 2015**
- D. Presentation of the County Treasurer's Long-Term Plans**

CHAIR ANAYA: Mr. Treasurer, first and foremost, thank you for indulging the Commission and being so patient with us. We had quite a lot on the agenda but thank you for being patient with us. I apologize for the delay.

PATRICK VARELA (County Treasurer): No problem. Before I begin, last week I had a brief conversation with Commissioner Stefanics and I usually do an action item and I asked for a motion for approval for the long term and I failed to do it; I had a death in the family so I think I didn't disseminate that information. I don't know if I need to go still make that motion.

CHAIR ANAYA: I think what we'll probably need to do is notice it on – you could provide us a report and then we can notice it as an action item on a future meeting. Greg, does that work?

TREASURER VARELA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. I'm presenting our first quarter financial report. A first item is there are still volatile market conditions that's been impacting several different factors. In fact the economy [inaudible] conditions. We did attend an economic seminar. Madam Manager was along with that, so we're predicting, the feds are predicting a slow upward market growth and a tightening of the fed funds, meaning the quantitative easing has stopped. So the printing of money has stopped and they're predicting that the fed is going to start timing the funds, meaning interest rates will be rising – slowly, but they'll be rising.

Stale treasury rate, we've been measuring those as the Investment Committee. We've been monitoring that by the three-year treasury and a lagging of the custodial services. Many of you don't know but we went out for bid, an RFP for custodial services, which Charles Schwab has been the custodian for the past few years. They didn't get it. The one that got is named Fifth Third and we're slowing transitioning over to them. And right now, so our portfolio is switching over to them and the money that has been at Charles Schwab, some of it's there and some of it is in a different money market.

Our fixed income portfolio, on the second slide, shows how we have different portfolios. Our operations portfolio, which is the blue one, has \$82,122,647.90. Our GO bond 2011 has \$9,877,179.19. Our general obligation bond 2013 has \$9,096,488.21. Our core portfolio which is the one that we created last year last was long term is \$32,601,575.80, and that's as of March 31, 2015.

Our other balances, we have a total of \$10,837,439.98 in our other banks' CDs; \$21,396,885.99 in our LANB accounts; First National Bank of Santa Fe has \$9,027,604.49; our Wells account has \$30,013,777.43; and our LGIP has \$26,904.21. Our goal, and I'll state that later, but our LGIP grew by \$26,000. I'll explain that later. Also, LANB is our bank services, that is going out to bid for RFP, they chose not to be our bank for this term because they are going through some changes so they didn't go out to bid so there will be a different bank for our banking services.

Right now, our liquid earnings at LANB are making ten basis points and nine of that is credits from the FDIC so it's a total of 19 basis points that we're getting. Our First National Bank of Santa Fe is getting ten basis points and Wells is 21 basis points a month.

We base that on the treasuries – we're measuring off the three-year. They are all well under 100 basis points or one percent. They've been maintaining that pretty much throughout the year. There was a spike in February where the AGG market or the bond market kind of went down, but they went back up. Our AGG market right now has been maintaining about 110 to 111. That means when on the chart, when the bond market is up the treasury rate is always down and you can see from that graph that we had a phenomenal day on January 31<sup>st</sup> when it reached almost the 112. It's dropped down for the whole month of March and it's climbing back up and it's maintained the same 110 area for the past month.

We've been buying either fixed incomes or treasuries off of this graph. And we've been buying agencies because they pay a little bit more, and those are the US agencies. So our total balance combined is \$202,949,292.07.

Our delinquencies for the year to date, we have collected \$967,885.39. For the month of March alone we collected \$457,960.54. We are pretty much the leaders in the state right now on delinquency collections and this is just to note we are being looked at as one of the best counties with our investment portfolio. I just got a report of that the other day.

From the last Board of Finance meeting Commissioner Stefanics had a good idea for a white paper. We've been working on it over the past and I want to go over it. You'll see some different color font and that came out of Commissioner Anaya's idea. What that's going to be is we put it on our website. It's going to be a hot link so when they click on that it will go to the direct statute or for the GIOA or GFOA sites. So it's going to be, as it is a white paper standing alone like a page, a page and a half. So it's just what we do and the practice we do, myself and of course the committee because I include the Investment Committee in everything.

So the introduction is the Santa Fe County Treasurer invests in public monies in accordance to the Santa Fe County investment policy and pursuant to New Mexico statute, NMSA 6-10-10. The County Treasurer consults with the Santa Fe County

Investment Committee on all investment activity and reports the status on a monthly basis. The Treasurer invests on the safety, liquidity and yield principle, safety being the most important in the methodology. The Treasurer will only invest in short-term investments, five years being the maximum maturity of the investment with three years being the average.

Santa Fe County Treasurer, statewide, are restricted to certain allowable investments pursuant to New Mexico State Statute 6-10-10. US agencies, fixed income, government money markets, certificates of deposit and municipal bonds are permissible investments according to the Santa Fe County investment policy. Santa Fe County has a core portfolio that contains long-term investments that were inherited and segregated from the operational part of the portfolio. Investment policies are meant to be revisited because of the market conditions. Ours is revisited yearly along with approved broker-dealers. An action and strategy plan is presented to the Board of Finance on a quarterly basis. The Treasurer and Finance work together on cash flow needs and distributions on a daily basis.

Charles Schwab is the current custodial of all agencies, municipals and treasuries. First National Bank and Wells Fargo hold liquidity. Guadalupe Credit Union, New Mexico Bank and Trust, Community Bank and Washington Federal all hold certificates of deposit for the County in the maximum amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance, or FDIC, which is \$250,000.

In conclusion, the Santa Fe County Treasurer uses the best practices from GFOA and GIOA to ensure the public money is safe and there is always liquidity money available for cash flow purposes, natural disasters and any unforeseen circumstances that may occur. Investments are laddered so that they mature in a timely manner to meet cash flow needs. The members of the Investment Committee are County Treasurer, Finance Director, County Manager, County Attorney, two County Commissioners and a member from the private sector, all of which are informed with all transactions and balances of the County's portfolio.

Going on I'm going to go over a list of our holdings. Our first one, we have segregated it when we did our schedule so the one that's on the screen has our muni's. They're all New Mexico municipals, municipalities, and a little of brief history on the New Mexico muni's. They sell well, maintained and they're A+ or A average out, they are hard to purchase so we have to put bids on them. The ones we have gotten our New Mexico Finance Authority which are really strong and are hard to achieve in getting and it seems we have just the amount of five right now. So I can bid up to \$2 million and I may get only half a million for them because it's a bidding process.

Other holdings we have are fixed income, which is currently in the Charles Schwab account. They're listed there with CUSIP numbers, the amount of par value, face value and what we are getting in interest, and the maturity dates, and whether we're paid annually, semi-annually or monthly.

The last one on there actually, I wanted to go over that, was the LGIP before I got into office and many of you were on the board, I believe. We had lost several hundred thousand dollars in the LGIP, and we had written it off. Our last balance in the LGIP was only \$641.74. When the new State Treasurer came into office, when he came in office

and about the same time there was an economic release that a lot of the Lehmann Brothers' insurance was going to be distributing funds back to some of the municipalities that lost in the Lehmann Brothers' fiasco. I asked him before he took office and he said he was going to take care of that right away and he did. He actually gave the County back – we have now a total of \$26,904.21. That will be the final amount and I have talked over with the Manager and the Finance Director and they're going to figure out how to write off what was written off in the amount that's in there now is going to be distributed back to I believe the operating funds. Am I correct in that, Madam Manager?

MS. MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Treasurer, we're working with our auditors to make sure that we have the appropriate entries for it since we had written some off and then still have to – and then got some back. And it's across different funds, so we have to make sure with all of the different funds it's handled appropriately.

TREASURER VARELA: They're listed and several general obligation bonds follow – there are different ones and we'll work with Finance and find out where they're going to be distributed to.

Investment plans for the next quarter are again, investing in short-term treasuries and notes, whatever is most viable for the County; invest in short-term bullets and government agencies, which we have been doing; investing in collateralized money markets, and still maintaining a liquidity cushion for any emergency purposes or operation. This is where I would ask for a motion but right now I'm going to yield for any questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Treasurer. I have just a few comments. I appreciate the report. I appreciate the monthly meetings that we have with the Investment Committee, Vice Chairman Chavez and I and the Manager and the Finance Director and your deputy and your team worked closely with us analyzing our investments on a regular basis. I think the white paper is going to provide some clear direction as to what we do with our resources in the County that you've clearly articulated but also it gives them a foundation of what the federal and statutory requirements are, as well as our own investment policy. So there's a lot of information that's easily accessible to the public for them to review and see. If they have any questions they're able to come to you and to us to seek answers to those questions. But you take the investment and the garnering dividends that we get from those investments very seriously. I know you do and we as the whole team do, and so I just thank you for those efforts that you do on a daily basis.

TREASURER VARELA: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to thank Patrick. I want to thank you and your office and your staff for the work that you're doing. I know you've done some outreach to the public as well, and I think the white paper to me is important because it will make it easier for the public to understand the function of your office and how you are investing the public money and hoping for that rate of return so that we can be solid in our investment, solid in our returns, and that will enable us to continue to provide, be solvent, and be able to provide the services that we provide to our county residents. So I'm hoping that that will all be part of it.

TREASURER VARELA: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you very much for the presentation. I appreciate your incorporating some of our comments and ideas from the last meeting, and I have had that opportunity to review the white paper and I think putting it on the web will allow the public to understand how your office is managing their money, our money, and I think it engenders trust. So thank you very much for doing that.

In terms of your investments, are there any here that would be considered – I know you're not doing anything illegal, so I'm not suggesting that. Is there anything here that's questionable that somebody might say why are you putting your money there? So for example, I was looking at the Albuquerque, and I went, oh, my gosh. Albuquerque. But I was thinking really Bernalillo. And I see it's a GO bond so it's a safe product, but I'm just thinking is there anything of what's listed here that might be questioned by the State Auditor or DFA for anything?

TREASURER VARELA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, no. There is always question about – and these have been brought by former treasurers is the mortgage-backed securities and also the TVA or Tennessee Valley Authority. Those are agencies. They are backed by the government, by the full faith by the government. The only instrument that is fully backed is a treasury. The mortgage-backed securities, which are the Fannie Maes and Freddie Macs have been bought for decades and they're backed of course by the mortgages in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. There has been banter back and forth that they're going to start depreciating those funds [inaudible] that's going to be my instrument. The Tennessee Valley Authority came out of the Tennessee Valley Act of 1933 and what that was, it was an act in the Tennessee Valley to distribute that power to that area of the region. That is the only bond action that is made by the government. So the Tennessee Valley is in fact a government backed security.

Sometime we have to explain to them though, there have been questions about it and that [inaudible] and if you're aware [inaudible] treasurers of the state. There have been questions – what happened in Bernalillo [inaudible] understand where they're coming from. The best thing to do is always answer the questions, because for a start [inaudible] Now, there are other agencies that do fund missiles or nuclear projects. I'm not into that so I try to stay more on the green side. So I keep to these ones only.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

TREASURER VARELA: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Treasurer. Do you have any other thoughts?

TREASURER VARELA: No. Just it's a pleasure working with all of you as the Board of Commissioners and my Investment Committee. I always get good input from everybody. I think with the feedback I just got from NMAC makes me think that we're in the right direction and we're being a model for other counties. We are doing something right.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Treasurer. We don't have a crystal ball but we do have a good, competent team that you're leading related to investments, working with the Manager and also the contracted assistance that we receive as well. So thank you so much for your presentation.

TREASURER VARELA: Thank you.

**III. E. Adjourn and Reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County**

Commissioner Holian moved to adjourn as the Board of Finance and Commissioner Roybal seconded the motion. By unanimous motion the Commission adjourned as the Board of Finance and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners at 5:00 with all five Commissioners present.

[The Board recessed from 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.]

**VI. B. 8. Acknowledgement and Congratulations to the Santa Fe High School Cheerleading Squad, the 2015 Champions of the AAAAAA (6A) Spirit Competition**

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, we have some champions in the house today. So we want to congratulate you and we want to talk a little about each of the programs but first I'd like to call forward Coach Christie Baca from the Santa Fe High Varsity cheerleaders. Christie, if you could go to the microphone and Christie is the coach of the 2015 state champions of the 6A Spirit Competition. Another round of applause. So Christie, I'm going to give you a chance to tell us about the program. A know we're going to have a video that we're going to watch and then I want you to introduce us to your team.

CHRISTIE BACA: First of all, I'd like to tell you that all of this is not possible without a wonderful assistant coach, Ms. Gina Branch, which I'd like to have come up here. Gina Branch and I have been coaching together for over ten years. A little story about our background in coaching is I moved here about 17 years ago and my daughter was in gymnastics and we wanted to combine cheerleading and gymnastics together so Gina Branch and I, we formed what's called Santa Fe Spirit, which is an all-star cheerleading squad. We started at the Boys and Girls Club. Al Padilla and Chris Cavazos graciously leant us the Boys and Girls Club facility to start. The program started with maybe ten girls, grew to 15, grew to 25, then 40, then 50. I think it went to about 85 girls. It was a great program.

So a lot of these girls that you see here have been cheerleading since they were probably seven, eight years old. So they've been trained in gymnastics and stunting and dance, and the reason why they're here is they have a great passion for competitive cheerleading. So I explained it all in the little description, the bio for the cheerleaders. But I'd like for Gina Branch to say a few words about Santa Fe High.

GINA BRANCH: As you can tell, we're both a little nervous but we

would like to thank you for allowing this opportunity and for recognizing our girls in our program that we worked so very hard – we work very, very hard to have this type of accomplishment. We're very proud of all of our girls, our parents, and like I said, thank you for allowing us this opportunity to show us off. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: So before we go to the video, do you have a team captain or a few captains?

MS. BACA: No, we don't but we have two precious seniors with us, Aryanna Smith and Mikayla Trujillo. Last year we graduated 11 seniors, so this year was actually a really big building year, and actually two of the cheerleaders from last year actually cheered for New Mexico State University. Oh, and Kelsey, another will be cheering for UNM this coming year. So they move on and they work towards the goal of cheering at a collegiate level, which now college cheerleaders can actually get stipends for school. So that's really important.

So Mikayla and Aryanna will be graduating this year. There are only two seniors on the team and we have ten juniors, I believe three sophomores and ten freshman. So we're a very young squad.

As you know, Santa Fe High was 4A last year and we competed 4A against a lot of great schools. I believe there were 15 schools – Roswell, Centennial. There were other big schools, and we came up with the state championship and then Santa Fe moved to 6A and we were devastated and scared because we were going to be competing against a lot of the big schools in Albuquerque, such as Cleveland, Rio Rancho, Eldorado, La Cueva – so many huge schools that these schools look up. They see them perform, they see them compete, and they just are in awe by all these Albuquerque schools. And so they just worked really, really hard. I think I calculated the hours of how many hours we practiced in one year. It's like 350 hours, not including the games that we attend that we cheer for – football, girls basketball, boys basketball and volleyball.

So when we went this year it was really nerve wracking. A lot of tension. A lot of nervousness, but a lot of determination and a lot of team bonding and these girls are family. They grew up together and they perform so well together. And so when we heard our name being called for first place it was phenomenal.

CHAIR ANAYA: Well, thank you, coach. We'll go to Commissioners and then we're going to watch a video and then I'll get my fellow colleagues to read off the names, if that works for you.

MS. BACA: That works great.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So Coach Baca, I know you talked a little bit about the competitive spirit that these young women have to demonstrate in this kind of format, which is very encouraging, but I would imagine that they also have to meet requirements, grade point average, because they're doing all of this in addition to their full schedule. So could you talk a little bit about that side of it?

MS. BRANCH: Actually, I'm going to take the role on that one. The girls that we have on the team are required to uphold a 2.0 grade point average. We always ask that the girls strive for more than a 2.0 because we believe first and foremost that they're

student-athletes, and student is the emphasis on that. So we always strive to make sure that our girls have the best grades. We always keep on top of them. We're always asking them for progress reports and to make sure that everything is caught up and they need to do that in order to be able to compete because if one girl falls behind in their grades or their grades fall, what happens is the whole team actually loses. If you don't make grades you'll have to sit out. And with that person sitting out we can't practice as a team. Everybody's an individual but we all work together as a team. So grades and being a student-athlete are very important to our program.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other comments? Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So it's my understanding that guys won state back to back? Is that right? And you rebuilt your program after losing 11 seniors, that's really remarkable. That really shows the type of quality of coaches that you guys are, and the dedication that these athletes have had. I'm just curious. How many of you girls were in the state – won state last year? How many year.

MS. BACA: Everyone but the team freshmen.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Wow. I want to say congratulations and just remind you guys not everybody – you guys all had a common goals that your worked towards, and not everybody gets the honor to make that achievement so congratulations again.

MS. BACA: Our motto last year was one team, one dream. We have it on our rings. I was going to say new team, but it's one team, one dream.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to congratulate everyone, coaches and girls, for your hard work and your dedication, and I hope that you're on a continued winning streak for the future as well. Thank you again for being here and I'm glad we're able to honor you.

MS. BACA: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to commend you on your huge achievement. I know it took a lot of work and practice to put together your routines and really get them down. I'm dying to see the video but I'm wondering, are you going to do a little live thing here?

MS. BACA: We could, but we didn't practice in a while.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Just sort of a –

MS. BACA: Yes, we can do a demonstration of what they do. I don't see why not.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'd like that. I really would.

MS. BACA: It depends on what they do. Or a cheer.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: At least a cheer.

MS. BACA: Or a chant, yes. Something like that. So on the routines, we

have two routines. When you go to state you take a day one routine and a day two. The day one is an all cheer routine. Basically it's a crowd involvement cheer where you involve signs and you have to get the attention of the crowd going. So it's all about crowd participation, how the girls can get their crowd to participate as a game day, as if they were out there supporting a team and getting their crowd involved to cheer on their team. So it's called a game-day cheer. It's really short. It's a minute and fifteen seconds, requires a lot of signs, movement, a lot of yelling, synchronized everything.

And then day two is a little bit more difficult. It's a two minute and 30 second routine that is extremely winding. It's involving gymnastics, stunting, basket tossing, which is you throw up the girls in the air, pyramids, dancing. It's a mixture of everything. So a lot of it has to do with all about synchronization. And of course the whole team smiling.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent. We're ready for that video.

[A video was shown.]

MS. BACA: After day one they rank the teams, and so they don't tell you what your ranking is they just give you the highest score that day and when we got our score we were .06 behind the leader.

[A video was shown.]

CHAIR ANAYA: That was awesome. So we're going to read in the names. We're going to start with you, Commissioner Stefanics and just work our way around the horn here.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: So, Mr. Chair, do you want me to read them all? So these are certificates of recognition from the Board of County Commissioners. First one, Mariah Garcia, Christiana Nava, Bethany Ocampo, Davina Ortiz, Marisol Tapia, Savannah Martinez, Santana Baca and Shayla Graham.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Next we have Adriana Garcia, Dominique Romero, Calista Gallegos, Miranda Gallegos, Cheyenne Padilla.

CHAIR ANAYA: Coach Christie Baca, Shanaya Borrego, Summer Cordova, Brianna Montijo, Taylor Trujillo, Camron Lujan.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And then we have Jacqueline Lopez, Aryanna Smith, Mikayla Trujillo, and Assistant Coach Gina Branch.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Then we have Rebekah Velarde, Gabriela Guerrerortiz, Faith Garcia and last but not least Jennifer Trujillo.

CHAIR ANAYA: So I'd like to do something a little different and ask our Deputy Treasurer and ask if he'd go up to our microphone up there.

ERIC LUJAN (Deputy Treasurer): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. My daughter, Camron, she's been cheering with Gina and Christie since she was eight years old. Santa Fe County is well represented. Jeff Trujillo, myself, and Deborah Trujillo are all having children, our daughters on this two-time state championship team and my wife and I decided today we be a great day to finally give my daughter this. I think she earned it. It's going to have a new state championship patch on it. So there you go. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Let's give them all a vigorous round of applause.

[Photographs were taken.]

**VI. B. 9. Acknowledgement and Congratulations to the St. Michael's  
"Pony Express" Dance Squad the 2015 Champions of the  
AAAA (4A) Spirit Competition**

CHAIR ANAYA: Before Santa Fe High decides they might want to leave the building they might want to stick around and show support for their colleagues and cross-town rivals. I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that I'm a demon to the core. But that being said, it's about community and supporting one another and supporting the whole school. So we're honored and privileged to have with us in the house the St. Michael's Horsemen who are also our state champions.

So I would like to ask the coach to please come forward. The captain's coming forward.

CRISTA PALERMO: All right, so the Pony Express has won 24 state championship and Lydia – how many have you won, Lyd? So Lydia has 20 state championships herself. I myself have four times state championships.

COURTNEY LOBATO: I have three.

MS. PALERMO: Yes, so we begin practices in the summer around June for camp, because we usually go to camp every summer. We have a home routine. We have to go to camp and we get a bid from camp in order to go to a competition in Denver. And from Denver you have to place first, second or third to get a bid to go to NDA Nationals in Orlando, Florida. So there we got first place in kick and we got third place in pom, so we went over to Orlando for my fourth time and I believe Courtney's third time – second time, and there we placed second in the kick category. We went into finals in first place and we dropped to second in finals. And then in pom we went in in tenth place to finals and we moved up to fourth place out of 40-some teams. Forty-two teams.

MS. LOBATO: And also we got the fourth highest score out of the whole competition at nationals and that is out of 200 teams.

CHAIR ANAYA: Awesome.

MS. PALERMO: We lost by .04 points to national championships. So that was sad. But we ended the year very, very strong at state and we ended up getting second out of all of the dance teams behind Roswell. Roswell was first, we were second and Valley was third. So that was pretty amazing that we beat Valley. We were excited about that. And we just went in, put all our hearts on that dance floor like we always try to do and we weren't going to let a state championship fall through our fingers.

CHAIR ANAYA: Awesome. Good work. Let's give them a round of applause again. I'm going to go to the Commissioners now. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Is this middle school or high school?

MS. PALERMO: This is high school.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: High School. So St. Mike's and Santa Fe High, so you guys are competitors?

MS. PALERMO: No. We like to support each other, I would say.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Do you ever have exhibitions?

MS. PALERMO: Against them, no. But their dance team, yes. Their cheerleaders, our cheerleaders have exhibitions together.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: The reason I'm asking this is because of all the talent in the room, I think the entire community would love to see all of you young ladies and all of your skills performing, whether it's with each other, different teams, dance versus cheering. Whatever. It just seems like all of you should kind of come together and maybe we could even raise some money. So keep that in mind for the future.

MS. PALERMO: We actually usually do do a performance all together, the St. Michael's cheer team and dance team and the Demon cheer team and dance team at the Demon-Horsemen football game. And we all come together and make up a routine and the cheerleaders are in the back stunting the whole time, doing their awesome stuff and we're in the front doing kick lines and it's an awesome performance. But we haven't done it for a couple years now.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Well, thanks very much. Keep in mind the whole county, the city and the county would love to see you all perform.

MS. PALERMO: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Awesome. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, thank you for coming and are we going to have another video? No?

MS. PALERMO: I believe so, yes. I think that's what our coach is brewing over there.

CHAIR ANAYA: While we're working on it – if we can't get it today we'll do it another day for sure. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So part of what we're doing is we're giving all of you a certificate of recognition and I just want to read it. It states the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners extends our congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication to St. Michael's High School Pony Express Dance Team and for excelling as a member of the 2014-2015 St. Michael's Pony Express Dance Team. So each of you will get a certificate of recognition that's signed by the County Commissioners, all five of us and the County Manager. So this is a small token of our appreciation and recognition for your hard work and dedication. Not only as part of a dance team but also – I'm sure you are also required to maintain a certain grade point average and keep your studies – stay on top of your studies. So would you tell us a little bit about that side of the equation?

MS. PALERMO: Yes, of course. At St. Michael's every athlete must keep a 2.5 GPA throughout the years on any varsity sport and our dance team, we have gone above and beyond that. We always make sure we do our projects and exams before practices at 5:45 in the morning. And even at practices while we stretch we have to study and Lyd says, girls, come on. You were supposed to study last night. So we do get kind of in trouble for that but we always have our studies first and we make sure that we are student-athletes, because our futures are definitely held in our education and St.

Michael's does prove that to us.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I appreciate that because I think it will give you a strong work ethic and help you set goals for later on in life because it doesn't always get easier, but if you have a good set of skills you'll be able to manage whatever is thrown at you. So congratulations to all of you.

MS. PALERMO: Thank you. And most of us, actually a lot of the seniors, while going to school and keeping that grade point average up, we have morning practices, school, and work. So a lot of us do have very good time management, thanks to Lydia because she does keep us in check.

MS. LOBATO: And she does really support us in everything we do and she's always pushing us to be better, and she's the one that makes us the best that we can be.

CHAIR ANAYA: Awesome. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Once again, you guys have a great coach and it takes a lot of dedication on your part and I'm sure there's a lot of younger kids in school that look up to you guys. So great job again. It's an accomplishment that very few people can say they were a part of. So I just want to encourage you to continue to pursue to excellence and work hard at everything you do. Thank you.

MS. PALERMO: Thank you so much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Coach. Are you still with us?

LYDIA SANCHEZ: I'm a quiet coach on the outside, but I yell in the gym; that's where my job is. In the gym. But they work really hard we're very thankful that you brought us here to honor these young ladies because getting up at 5:00 in the morning every day except for Sunday is pretty darn good. And they play their music.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much, Coach. If you'd come forward, we're going to read in and you can hand out to the players and you guys can stand up here just like we did with Santa Fe County. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Mr. Chair, the certificates of recognition are from the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners recognizing St. Michael's High School Pony Express dance program and the dance team. This is for Taliah Naranjo, Crista – Crista Palmero, Jane Vigil, Courtney Lobato, Sophie Farr.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: And I have a familiar last name, Camille Roybal, Myla Ashton, Liesl Gonzales, Keanna Capener, and Veronica Mares.

CHAIR ANAYA: I think I'm going to get this right. Channing Vakharia, Monique Olivares.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Next we have Lauren Naranjo, Adrianna Baca, and Ciera Mendoza.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And we have Saige Gallegos, Kathryn Capener, and Coach Lydia Sanchez.

CHAIR ANAYA: Let's give them a standing round of applause. So it took the teenagers to go over to the back to get it done but we got our video I think.

[A video was shown and photographs taken.]

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, thank you for that acknowledgement. We have to acknowledge our youth and their work, both in and outside of the classroom, so thank you so much for that. We're now moving to our BCC work.

**II. B 3. Resolution No. 2015-58, a Resolution Clarifying and Amending Resolution No. 2014-112 Concerning the Lease of Santa Fe County's Top of The World Farm Water Rights**

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Greg.

MR. SHAFFER: I'm sorry to get us off track, but in reviewing one of the items on the Consent Calendar, Resolution No. 2015-58, it was regarding the Top of the World farm water rights. I think we jinxed ourselves when we put the resolution in the packet. We had hoped that the land sale would be able to close before today. Unfortunately, due to some absences at the Board of Finance they were unable to clear the conditions in time for that closing to occur before today, and so what I'd like to do, just so that the record is perfectly clear is if we could have a motion to reconsider that item, and I would hand out a revised version of the resolution that does not indicate that the closing of the land sale has already occurred, if that would be okay with you Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Is there a motion to reconsider the Top of the World item?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'll so move that we reconsider Resolution No. 2015-58.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion to reconsider, second Commissioner Chavez.

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

CHAIR ANAYA: We're on to reconsideration. Mr. Shaffer.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, the item I handed out is just a revised version of the resolution. It shows in redlines what has changed. So the third whereas clause in the revised resolution would just provide, Whereas, authorized by Resolution No. 2014-112, the County Manager negotiated the sale of the Top of the World Farm, pursuant to which the County will sever from the land the appurtenant water rights, and again, that just is meant to reflect that the closing has not yet occurred but should happen in the not so distant future. So I'd stand for any questions, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Are there any questions? If not, is there a motion to approve the amended resolution?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the amended Resolution No. 2015-58.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion, Commissioner Holian, second from Commissioner Stefanics. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Growth Management Monthly Report**
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- C. Public Works Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report**
- E. Administrative Services Monthly Report**
- F. Community Services Monthly Report**
- G. Financial Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2015**

CHAIR ANAYA: Before we go, Mr. Sanchez, Commissioners, could you look in the back of the agenda, under Informational items, are there any specific departments that Commissioners have specific questions for in the reports?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I went through the reports and there were a few questions that I had of staff but I can save those questions for later.

CHAIR ANAYA: What we could do, Commissioner, is we still can get to them. I just wanted to let the other departments know if they're going to have questions later. Do you want to identify which one?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: The only one would be the Public Works monthly report. There are really no questions, just I think that the schedule is moving pretty aggressively. I don't think there's anything left out. I just wanted to congratulate them for all the work that's been done to date in that area.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. Any other comments or removals on the reports? Okay, if not, we'll consider those covered associated with the information in the packet.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- B. Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**
  - 1. Reappoint Thomas P. Starke to the DWI Planning Council**

LUPE SANCHEZ (DWI Program Manager): Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, today we come before you requesting the reappointment of Tom Starke, Mr. Starke is a retired physicist from the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He's a valuable asset to the DWI Planning Council and to the program. Very active and passionate in our fight against DWI and we recommend him for reappointment and with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Roybal and Commissioner Chavez. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. C. Purchasing**

**1. Approval of the State Auditor Agreement Between Santa Fe County and Axiom CPA and Business Advisors, LLC, Contract No. 2013-0258-FI/MS, for Financial and Compliance Audit Services for Fiscal Year 2015 for an Additional Third Year and Increasing the Total Compensation of the Contract Amount to \$314,349.00, Inclusive of GRT, and Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, we're here to ask your approval to approve the auditor agreement between Santa Fe County and Axiom CPA. This is for the audit for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. I'll stand for questions, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Are there any questions of Mr. Taylor? Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So, Mr. Taylor, this is the third year of the PSA. Is this the final year then?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair and Commissioner, there'll be one more year after this that we can renew.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And it will go out –

MR. TAYLOR: It's not really a renewal, excuse me, Mr. Chair and Commissioner. It's the standard four-year contract through the State Auditor's Office and we basically do renew it every year.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Got it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. Other questions? Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Holian, second from Commissioner Chavez. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. C. 2. Approval of Presbyterian Medical Services Agreement Between Santa Fe County and Presbyterian Medical Services, Contract No. 2015-0188-CSD/MM, to Provide Emergency Behavioral Health Services for Adults and Adolescents in the Amount of \$350,000, Inclusive of GRT, and Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Purchasing Division went out for RFP. We obtained one proposal from Presbyterian Medical Services and these services are for the adult and adolescent services for mobile crisis response in the amount of \$350,000, inclusive. With that I'll stand for questions, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: I know we have Mr. Martinez here. I believe he's here. He's right there. Mr. Martinez, is there anything you'd like to add?

LARRY MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Board of County Commissioners. Presbyterian Medical Services has had a long and very fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with Santa Fe County, and we have been operating the crisis response hotline here in this community since 1997 and have also been engaged in other crisis response activities including Assertive Community Treatment and we look forward to having a very beneficial relationship with the County as we take on this contract. We recognize how critically important it is so that there are people with behavioral health skills that are responding to individuals in crisis, and I'd like to commend Santa Fe County for taking a very bold step in attempting to establish a crisis response mechanism that will assure that the first responders are not only the City Police Department, the County Sheriff Department and the Fire Department but can also be comprised of members of a crisis response team with behavioral health skills that will help de-escalate many of the tensions that come in those situations. So I'd be happy to answer any questions if the Commissioners have any.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Martinez. Mr. Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, Mr. Martinez, how many people do you see on the team and where will the team be housed? Where will they be headquartered, if you will?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, the team is going to consist of current staff members of the Santa Fe Community Guidance Center and any time there is a daytime, from 8:00 in the morning to 5:00 pm in the evening, anytime there's a crisis call, those staff members – the teams will be comprised of one behavioral health therapist and one community support worker. For the after-hours times we will have individuals on call, behavioral health therapists as well as community support workers and they will be on call and whenever a first responder feels the need to have a member of the team they will receive a page and will show up. So they'll be in their homes during the off-hours but they'll be at the Santa Fe Community Guidance Center during the regular business hours of each day.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: But they'll be on call to actually interface with that individual and law enforcement if it gets to that point.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's absolutely

correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And then if we didn't want to wait for a crisis but we knew someone who might need this kind of assistance, could there be a referral made?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, yes. Referrals can be made at any given time. We have regular office hours, by the way, at Santa Fe Community Guidance Center that go to 7:00 pm in the evenings because we do conduct support groups after hours, but we could make a referral at any given time if anyone wishes to call the crisis response hotline.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And then to try to connect the dots, I know that it's critical when you have someone intervene during a crisis but then when that settles and then what's the next step?

MR. MARTINEZ: Okay, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, once we have stabilized the situation the individual is then assessed in terms of what ongoing behavioral health services are needed. If it's a substance abuse problem we have agreements with other organizations here in this community, such as the Santa Fe Recovery Center. If it's a therapeutic situation we work very closely with Life Link, which also does behavioral health services. We ourselves are a major behavioral health service provider, and oftentimes it includes the basics in life – an individual who's homeless, jobless, without transportation, and we provide comprehensive community support services to that individual.

So we develop a treatment plan which then is implemented and individuals who have come into the system through the crisis response channel are followed very closely to ensure that we don't have a recurrence of a similar crisis in the future.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And this may not be maybe your area of interest or expertise but where is the training for our law enforcement, both on the City and the County's side so that these individuals are treated not like a criminal, if you will?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, a critical part of the request for proposals that was issued by the County and is now a part of the contract is the requirement that we do the training for first responders. So we will be training them so that they are skilled in determining that there is a behavioral health issue when they are confronted with certain problems. That will generally result in a call or a page to the crisis response team.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And that would be both – it would be not only in a hospital setting or a clinical setting or a jail setting, but outside of both of those environments. Is that correct?

MR. MARTINEZ: That's correct, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian, did you have something?  
Commissioner Holian, then Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Martinez. I'm really pleased to see this going forward. I think it's a really important step for our community. The services are very much needed, and I'm very happy to see that it's going to be available 24/7. First of all, how long does the term of this agreement go

for?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, it's a one-year agreement with a three-year option, as I recall.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And how do you determine how many people you have to have on call? How did you work that out? Did you look at calls to the RECC to sort of see how many calls typically come in?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, you might recall that when we did operate the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, which was the very first one for crisis response, we did have a mobile crisis response team as a part of the whole crisis response infrastructure at that time. So we've got some experience in operating a mobile crisis response team, but what we did in our proposal to determine the estimates we took a look at the logs that we keep on everyone who calls the crisis response hot line that we felt had indications that there should be an intervention. And we did communicate also with the first responders to determine how many calls the City Police, for example, the County Sheriff, received where it appeared that there was a behavioral health issue. We developed an estimate and on that basis we've put together a shift schedule for our teams, which give us a specified number of teams during the peak times when those types of crises occur. So it's an estimate, Mr. Chair. We may find that it's going to be wrong but we've got the capability of adjusting that if we find that there are different patterns and that there are larger numbers of calls at certain times of the day and night.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And here I'm just asking for your opinion, really. Do we really have adequate treatment services for people with mental health problems in our county?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Holian, since you've asked for my opinion, I don't believe we have sufficient services to meet all of the needs that exist. I believe that Santa Fe has probably done a more effective job of taking the resources we've got to ensure that we're maximizing their use. I think we're in a much better position than many communities across the state. But if you take a look at New Mexico as a whole I would say that we probably don't have sufficient resources to meet the needs for a population our size. We've always been generally low in per capita expenditures for behavioral health. Hopefully some of that will shift with the implementation of the federal health care reform, because there is greater emphasis being placed on behavioral health as a factor in all of health. In fact as we've said before, 70 percent of all clinic visits that are made across the county, there was a recent survey done by the National Association of Community Health Centers, indicate that 70 percent had a behavioral health component.

So as we try to do a better job of managing care I believe we will be carving out more resources from our regular healthcare resources being devoted to behavioral health.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Martinez, and as I said, I think this is sorely needed in our community and I'm hoping that next year we'll sort of get a report on the outcomes.

MR. MARTINEZ: We'll be very happy to provide that report. In fact it's required in our contract, so we will be providing a lot of reports and hopefully you'll all be in a much better position to judge how it's working and its effectiveness.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you Mr. Martinez, for sticking around today. I'm totally supportive. I just want to give you this. It's from the National Association of Counties has an initiative which is trying to reduce the number of people with mental illness from going into jails, following up on Commissioner Chavez, and we've a resolution this evening. But this initiative is between the Council of State Governments and the National Association of Counties and the American Psychiatric Foundation. So you might want to take this. There might be some funding opportunities for you.

MR. MARTINEZ: Absolutely. Be happy to do that. Let me just say that the name of the game these days, Mr. Chair and members of the Commission is that we keep people with mental illness or behavioral health issues out of jails, out of emergency departments of hospitals and get them into the appropriate treatment setting as soon as possible. And this certainly appears to be supportive of that effort.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. Just one comment that this is evolution over time. Crisis response has been something thing has invested in for many, many years in partnership with Presbyterian Medical Services and others and so I as always stand in support of the initiative and the efforts.

MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: You bet. Is there a motion from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion from Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from the Vice Chair. Any further discussion?

Seeing none.

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

**IV. C. 3. Requesting Board of County Commissioner Approve the Purchase of 3 Pierce Mini-Pumpers Aqua Fria, Edgewood and Galisteo Fire Districts in the Amount of \$ 591,804.66 Utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Fire Department has identified a need for these fire apparatus based on increased call volumes at Agua Fria, Edgewood and Galisteo fire districts. They've received a grant each in the amount of \$100,000 grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office and the remaining amount will be funded through the fire district funds and fire excise tax revenue. With that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions. We are utilizing, I might add, an existing outside contract, the HGAC contract for this procurement.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'd move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There is a motion to approve and I would provide a third, as somebody that's going to benefit and the whole county but Galisteo and Edgewood in particular and this is a revolving approval as we continuously approve funding for fire apparatus and it's \$591,804 going into the fire service. Chief, is there anything you want to add?

DAVE SPERLING: Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, thank you for your support for the fire district funding for these three pieces of apparatus and I'd also like to thank the State Fire Grant Council for supporting this effort as well. They gave us a total of \$200,000 towards this purchase, as well as fire district funding and our fire impact fee fund which supports the rest of the purchase. And we did combine these three purchases into one in an effort to save some additional money for the fire districts to purchase equipment and by doing so we saved \$8,500 which three districts will split and utilize to purchase some much needed more equipment for these three pieces of apparatus. So again, I thank you for your support and stand for any questions that you may have.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you. Mr. Vice Chair, do you have something else?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I just want to elaborate, Chief. So Edgewood and Galisteo fire districts each received a \$100,000 grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office for the purchase of this equipment. I just wanted to clarify that and just state that for the record, because I think that's pretty significant. And this touches even the Village of Agua Fria, so it's Agua Fria fire district, Edgewood and Galisteo. But the mini-pumper, Chief, does that mean that this apparatus can get in tighter spaces and maybe smaller radiuses and things like that?

[Audio difficulties were experienced.]

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Chief. I thought that would be worth mentioning.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. Any further discussion? We're going to get a life mike here. Seeing none, there's a motion. There's a second.

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

CHAIR ANAYA: By a show of hands, how many people are here for the weight limit ordinance? Let's go to that. Okay. And then how many people are here for other things? Okay, which ones? And solid waste? Is anyone here for solid waste? Okay, what I'm going to do, Commissioners, is go ahead and go to that ordinance because we have quite a few people here, if that's okay with the Commissioners. Are you okay with that?

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Ordinances

#### 1. **Ordinance No. 2015-5, an Ordinance Establishing Weight Limits on Various County Maintained Roads (Second and Final Public Hearing)**

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Roads Division): Mr. Chair, I've got to say you fixed the microphone just in time. The BCC authorized staff to publish title and general summary of the proposed ordinance at the February 24, 2015 BCC meeting. The title and general summary was published in the Albuquerque Journal on March 16<sup>th</sup> for the two public hearings to be conducted at the March 31<sup>st</sup> BCC meeting and tonight's meeting.

The BCC conducted the first public hearing on the 31<sup>st</sup> as I just said. As per the adopted policies and procedures staff conducted assessments on County Road 33, Old Lamy Trail, County Road 62, Caja del Oro Grant Road, Caja del Rio Road and County Road 45, Bonanza Creek Road. The assessment staff used to determine if these roads warranted weight restrictions were a traffic study, which was also a vehicle classification. The vehicle classification not only tells us how many heavy trucks were on that road but the types of trucks. We also did a road structure evaluation which gives us the structure value of the pavement and the base but does not include the structure of the subgrade. And we also did an ESAL calculation. An ESAL is an equivalent single-axle load. And for your information, one ESAL is equivalent to 18,000 pounds.

As a verification to see if the process that we used we compared it to the assessment done by Geotest for County Road 33, and the County's assessment determined that the ESALs, with a two percent growth over the next 20 years to be 39,000 ESALs. Geotest's assessment, which was much more expensive and time consuming and required software and staff that the County does not possess determined that the ESAL's for the same timeframe to be about 37,568 ESALs. The County's assessment is less than four percent higher than that assessment by Geotest for this road and therefore staff is confident that the County process and the results of all of the roads that were assessed.

I want to reiterate that there are exceptions to the weight limits. First, as previously indicated, the purpose of the ordinance is to generally restrict through traffic. Consequently local traffic is not restricted. Second, emergency vehicles, road machinery engaged in highway construction or maintenance and implements of husbandry are exempt even if they are using the roads as through roads of the proposed ordinance.

Among others, these exceptions are based upon public safety and the fact that the road machinery and implements of husbandry move slowly, have limited fuel efficiency or non-commercial haulers.

In live comments made at the first public hearing, as well as further due diligence staff is recommending several substantive changes in addition to technical cleanup changes to the version of the ordinance that the BCC authorized to publish title and general summary for.

First, staff recommends that the exceptions in Section 6 of the proposed ordinance – I believe you have that in your packet – to be broken out into separate lettered

subsections for readability. Second, staff recommends an additional exception to further underscore the through traffic nature of the general restriction and avoid potential unintended consequences with respect to addresses on the subject roads or access solely via those roads. Third, staff is recommending that Ordinance 2005-3 be repealed in this new Section 10, and that ordinance was the ordinance that was adopted back in 2005 which restricted weight on Caja del Rio Road.

Fourth, staff recommends that the effectiveness of the weight limits at protecting and preserving the asphalt of the roads be assessed no more frequently than every three years. Fifth, staff proposes a severability clause so if one section of the proposed ordinance is declared invalid it does not affect other provisions that can be effective without the invalid provision. This is a new section and that's Section 12.

In your packets you will see this form here. It's called the ESAL calculator, and again, ESAL stands for equivalent single-axle load. So this is the form that we used to calculate the amount of ESALs. You'll see at the very bottom it says a 20-year flexible forecast is 39,000. The one I'm referring to is the one for Old Lamy Trail. And based on our traffic study and vehicle classification, in the vehicle class the highlighted column on percentages, you'll see those are the percentages of the types of heavy truck traffic. For example, you'll see Class 5, which is 3.9 percent of the total traffic. Class 6 is .46 percent, and so on and so forth.

We did those calculations for each of the four roads and then you will also see in your packet we did a structural assessment of the roads and it is the spreadsheet that you see here. And this tells us, based on the average thickness of the asphalt and basecourse, what the structural number is for each road. Like I said earlier, this does not include the subgrade. So even though the asphalt and base is structurally strong enough to handle these weights, the subgrade may be in a condition that it may not handle these heavy weights. A prime example is the emergency repairs that we're currently doing on County Road 42. We did assess that road to see if it should be incorporated in this ordinance but we determined that the structure value of the asphalt and the basecourse is sufficient. Where we're having failures on that road is the subgrade that was placed over structures several years ago when this road was built.

CHAIR ANAYA: On that point, Mr. Martinez, I appreciate that assessment. We both travel that road. We both recognize the failures and work together with staff to assess it to see if it was timely. It is not at this time but I appreciate the assessment to evaluate whether it was or not.

MR. MARTINEZ: One other thing I want to note is that on the County Road 33 ESAL calculator, just to see how much one semi-truck would increase the 20-year flexible forecast ESALs, one semi-truck increased the ESALs from 39,000 to 45,000. So based on the structure value of this particular road, if there was approximately nine more semi-trucks on that road per day it would exceed the current structure value of the road and we would require additional pavement to be placed on that road. So at this time I'm requesting that the Commission open this up to the public hearing and I will stand for questions now or after the public hearing was conducted.

CHAIR ANAYA: So the only comments I would make is we've all had a lot of discussion and dialogue, both in the meetings and outside of the meetings and I will defer to any public comment that wants to be had, but I think – I would just say the only

thing standing between approval of this is any additional discussion. But we'll open it up for public hearing for any additional remarks. I'll go to Commissioners first. Commissioners, do you have anything? We'll go to public hearing. Are there any members of the public that would like to comment? Please come forward.

[Duly sworn, Walter Wait testified as follows:]

WALTER WAIT: Walter Wait, 48 Bonanza Creek Road. Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, my name is Walter Wait. I'm here this evening representing the San Marcos Association board of directors and the residents of County Road 45. First, we support this proposed ordinance. We believe that the no-pass-through provision which was added at the last BCC meeting is extremely important to the residents of County Road 45. Our road is dangerous at the best of times and downright scary when the sun is in a motorist's eyes. I've lived on this road for 35 years and witnessed too many fatal and tragic accidents. I've seen the road deteriorate through heavy truck traffic even when the road was posted with weight limit signs of six tons.

What the studies may not have shown is that truck traffic on County Road 45 is sometimes intermittent. When gravel trucks decide that they have a large quantity of gravel to move the gravel trucks come through almost constantly. Other times there's nothing there. So if the study was at the wrong time you wouldn't have found the load limits that might deteriorate the road. The weight limits posted for so many years was eight tons and we noticed with some concern that the new ordinance lists a five-ton per axle weight limit, which, as I understand from Mr. Leigland would permit a 25-ton loaded vehicle to use the road, but only for local hauling.

The no-pass-through provision would limit the use of our road as a shortcut to access State Route 14 and reduce the wear and tear on this road which is significant. Ideally we would love to see the eight-ton limit restored, however, with the no-pass-through provision the neighborhood urges the Commission to pass the proposed ordinance as it is in our estimation a very important piece of legislation for us. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other members of the public wishing to comment? I think it would be appropriate for all those members supporting this to please raise their hand or stand, whatever you prefer. [Nine people stood.] Let the record reflect and those listening on the radio that there are several people here in support of this ordinance passing. Other questions of staff? Mr. Martinez.

MR. MARTINEZ: If I could comment to some of Mr. Wait's comments. The eight-ton weight limit that Mr. Wait was referring to was there. We inherited that road from the NMDOT back in the early nineties and that weight limit came with that road. We had no information as to why that eight-ton weight limit was ever posted. We tried to get information from the NMDOT but they did not have any information as to why that weight limit was posted back then. The other thing I do want to say is I agree with Mr. Wait that trucks have used that road for cut-through traffic. Based on what happened to County Road 42 staff feels that that road prematurely deteriorated or failed because of the subgrade but it was accelerated by the construction project of the bridges in Galisteo. The contractor for the DOT was using that road to deliver concrete and basecourse and asphalt.

So based on the failure of that road I sent an email earlier or last week to the

District 5 engineer requesting that any DOT projects that require hauling that they use the State roads for transporting their materials because State roads are built to a higher standard or a thicker pavement thickness than what our local County roads are. So we've already acknowledged that we feel that that was the reason why 42 failed and we're trying to work with the DOT to accommodate us on our request.

CHAIR ANAYA: So on that, Mr. Martinez, if you could prepare a letter that requests that on any future construction projects. We always get noticed but put in the letter we request advanced notice and that this provision be upheld to not utilize those. I'd like to have that to be able to sign and send that to not only the district engineer but the Secretary of the DOT if we could.

MR. MARTINEZ: Will do. We've also noticed a couple of other areas on 42 that are beginning to fail, and as per the resolution that created the procedures and policies for adopting weight limits, the Public Works Director has the ability to post temporary weight limits, so we believe we're going to do that on County Road 42 so we can see how much further these other areas fail.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Martinez. I'm going to go to Commissioner Holian for a motion.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you pointed out we've had a lot of discussion on this already and I'll just simply say that the taxpayers in Santa Fe County spend a lot of money on road maintenance and our responsibility is to make sure that that money is used wisely. So I believe that this weight limit ordinance is an important part of protecting our roads and I want to move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner. Let me go and formally close the public hearing. My apologies. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of Ordinance No. 2015-5.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'd like to second that.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion from Commissioner Holian, second from Commissioner Stefanics. Thanks to the community, thanks to the staff and the work of the entire team inside and out. Madam Clerk, roll call.

**The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-5 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Commissioner Anaya</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Holian</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Roybal</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Stefanics</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**IV. D. Resolutions**

**5. Resolution No. 2015-60, a Resolution Requesting that the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Adopt the Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee**

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and thank you for allowing this to be heard now. The dietary guidelines for a healthy diet are updated periodically in the federal government and in this case the US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Department of Agriculture created the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. They issued a scientific report and given that many people in this country have poor diets and there are many diet related health problems this is a very important report. But I would like to just highlight something that is really new and groundbreaking for a report like this, and that is that this report actually recognizes that the US diet has a huge environmental impact, especially with respect to land use, energy use and something we're all very concerned about here in this state, water use.

Also, our US diet is very heavily associated with the emission of greenhouse gases. So I think that what is groundbreaking about this report is that the guidelines recommend that the diets of people be higher in plant-based food. After all, it turns out that your mom was always right when she told you to eat more vegetables. And it's healthier for people to eat a more heavily plant based diets and it's healthier for the environment.

So now I would like to turn it over to Morgan Day. She's on the Santa Fe City-County Food Policy Council, and in fact I believe that her position is as a coordinator between the Food Policy Council and Farm to Table, and she is going to give you more of the details about this report.

MORGAN DAY: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, thank you very much for having us and for hearing this resolution this evening. As Commissioner Holian mentioned, the federal government reviews the current dietary guidelines that are set forth at a national level and so we find ourselves reviewing them now. When the new report was submitted there is a comment period, as many of you I'm sure are familiar with, that members of the general public are allowed to submit comment on the guidelines as they're released to direct the US Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services in the final approved document that moves forward as the dietary guideline standards at the national level.

We were thrilled to see that the dietary guidelines fit perfectly within the goals laid out in the 2014 food plan which the County has been a great supporter of and has officially adopted. The dietary guidelines promote a higher intake of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and dairy, and recommended a lower intake of sugar sweetened foods, processed foods and refined grains. These aren't new findings particularly but it is new and very exciting that the federal government is recognizing that this is the type of diet

that we should be having and promoting for the health of our community.

Now the two key reasons other than the sustainability reasons mentioned by Commissioner Holian that we are putting forth and asking for your support for these guidelines is that they support the health of our community, number one. The new dietary guidelines are likely to have a positive impact our health outcomes by promoting fresh produce as a key component of a healthy diet. The type of diet recommended is associated with less instances of obesity and overweight, less type 2 diabetes and less heart disease and other diet related diseases. These diseases, especially type 2 diabetes are of concern for our communities here because they have a higher impact on Hispanic and Native American communities, and so it's especially important for us to promote this type of diet to mitigate the impact of these diseases in our community.

And second, they support the health of those most in need. Access to quality healthcare and to quality nutrition is of utmost concern as all of you have expressed before as has the Santa Fe Food Policy Council. So when these dietary guidelines are acceptable all federal nutrition programs, which includes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, the Women, Infant and Children program, senior hunger program, school meal programs, all of these must abide by the standards set forth in these guidelines so they impact what our families are able to spend their SNAP benefits on at farmers markets or at local grocery stores. They impact what our seniors are eating at senior center cafeterias, and they impact what are children are being fed in schools.

The diet, as recommended, would have very positive health impact and would increase the access to local, hopefully, healthy produce for these individuals. And your endorsement is what we're asking for today. It will strengthen our comment as we send it on to the federal government. Thank you very much for your consideration.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Morgan. And can you tell me how do people with SNAP benefits access those at farmers markets? How do they use them?

MS. DAY: Yes. There's one exciting new program that we were excited to support and that was a legislative priority of the County, the double-up food bucks program. Now, participating farmers markets who have what's called an EBT machine – it's basically an ATM, are able to go and swipe their EDT card and they're receive a token or a voucher, something like that, that allows them to spend money on items that are SNAP eligible there at the market. Now, with this new double-up bucks program, which received \$400,000 of funding during the legislative session, this will allow families who are shopping at those participating farmers markets to double the amount they have to spend, such that if I go in and I have \$20 on my card to spend that will double the amount, so I'll get an extra \$20 to spend on fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, which is a great benefit to our local farmers and obviously is a benefit to families who are able to double their value.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: How long will this program last?

MS. DAY: That's a wonderful question. Let me turn to my colleagues.

PAM ROY: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, my name is Pam Roy with Farm to Table and the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council. With the

SNAP double-up bucks the state funding right now is non-recurring, but my understanding is that there's going to be some discussion about that with Representative Larranaga who is the sponsor of that to see if it can be changed to recurring, so that would mean on an annual basis. It is statewide and for those farmers markets across the state that have the access and the EBT machinery for food stamps or SNAP they can actually be part of that program.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And do you have any idea of what percentage of the sales at farmers markets are through the SNAP program? By people using their SNAP benefits?

MS. ROY: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, Commissioner Holian, in the Santa Fe farmers market, they actually did this as a pilot program for the two markets, the South Side and the downtown farmers market and I can also get the information to you, but I believe last year they did over \$50,000 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program bucks and I think it may have even been more than that for this double-up bucks. What they did is they raised the funds and I think it was through the City's Community Development Block Grant fund, I think they may have applied for that, that helped to create a bit of a pool of funding to try it out, see how this works.

It's been really successful across the United States. It really does, as Morgan said, impact both those who are recipients and also the farmers at farmers markets. And we are the first state to have state legislated funds to develop this program in the state or to add to it.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Anyway, I just want to thank the Food Policy Council for bringing this issue forward. I think this is really important and I'm really excited about the farmers market, the double-up double buck program, because I think that's where you get the healthiest food by far is at farmers markets. So with that, Mr. Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion from Commissioner Holian, second from Commissioner Stefanics. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

## **V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

CHAIR ANAYA: We're going to do something a little bit different if my Commissioner colleagues would indulge me. We're going to do matters of public concern, and I'm also going to give an opportunity for any members of the public that are here to comment on an item that's coming up on the agenda, if they'd like to comment on it now and put their comments on the record, we'd be happy to take those comments in now. So you're going to have an opportunity for public comment and/or commenting on anything that's coming up on the agenda. Because after this we're going to go into executive session for a little while. So I want to give the public an opportunity to make comments in advance of some of these other items if they so choose. Are there any

comments? Yes, sir.

BRUCE WETHERBEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and members of the Board of Commissioners. My name is Bruce Wetherbee. I live on Rosario Hill here in Santa Fe. First of all I want to compliment you. I'm a bit of a government wonk and I really appreciate the efforts you all are going through. And the patience you have with everybody. So hopefully you'll have it for me as well.

I came here to – I hate to put a damper on so many celebratory things that have happened today and so many positive things but I came here to do two things. One was to make a comment about problems that I know exist at xxx Hospital and a desire on the part of me and some other folks who are working together and while it's not officially been named yet is basically a citizens committee for hospital accountability.

I do work with District 1199 of the Hospital Workers. I'm not here on their behalf. I'm here as a citizen today. I'm not speaking, I'm not carrying their water, I'm not speaking on their behalf. I don't have the authority to do that. But I am going to speak about what we've seen in the newspapers recently regarding patient satisfaction scores at Christus and more importantly what I feel is a squandering of millions of dollars. Earlier today you heard Mr. Martinez from Presbyterian say, in answer to your question about do we have sufficient resources, a very sad comment that we don't have enough, and yet we are squandering millions of dollars right here in Santa Fe at this hospital.

I'll give you a very quick example. Right now there are at least 50 travelers that are working at that hospital. We are thankful that they're here because we need them right now, but over the last three years Christus has driven away over 300 experienced nurses from that facility. That costs an enormous amount of money and you can look at a number of studies that have been done across the country by very reputable organizations, non-profit organizations that have been involved in healthcare for years, for decades and they all come to the same conclusion. The cost of a turnover of a nurse is anywhere between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

You multiply that. Say it's only 250 and 50 people were going to retire anyways. That's millions over a three-year period. Three to five million each year. Imagine if that money were here in this community instead of wasted, basically recruiting. It could be used for care. It could be used – instead of hiring a company that Christus has just hired to come in and teach people how to spin their feelings more, we need people to actually provide the care. That will solve their problems with patient satisfaction.

So I'm asking you – I don't want to take a lot of your time – I'm asking you if we can find some time at your latter meeting in May to make a presentation. I will take about 20 minutes and answer any of your questions. We'll get you the documents ahead of time but we're very concerned about this and we're telling you – I've spent a lot of time volunteering, meeting people over the last probably 18 months at Christus coming off their shifts. This is no exaggeration. It's over 100 times I've been there. I volunteer that time because I saw what the people who work there go through. And it's discouraging to hear people say I want to take care of my neighbors, my families, my friends, but I am getting worn out. You see them worn out before they go into work.

And this constant spin by the administration over there, by people – and I'll say I'm not from here originally. I'm from the New England area. I've been here 15 years,

but to have people from out of state tell you that they know how to do it when they're squandering this kind of money is just not acceptable. And I remember – what really perked my interest on this was several years ago when I came to this County Commission, different members. I think Commissioner Stefanics was here and I think Commissioner Holian had just started. I happened to come here – I don't know what the other matter was, but I listened to Alex Valdez stand here and tell you that sorry, folks, despite the fact that you had given \$6 or \$8 million to them that year, they had no desire and no obligation to tell you how they spent it.

I was a local official back where I grew up and where I spent my first 50 years. I was also a member of the legislature in Massachusetts. I was appalled at that statement. I could not believe that someone – and I thought it was just a stupid statement on top of that. How could politically you stand there and tell somebody that had just handed you that kind of money to take care of their constituents and basically flip you the bird.

It doesn't need to happen, and we're going to show you some things that we think need to take place over the next couple of years and things that we think you guys can do as well. So I hope you'll give us that time and again, I thank you for your service. I really do.

CHAIR ANAYA: Hey, here's a comment that I have before you leave. I think it's important. We utilize our Health Policy and Planning Commission as a sounding board. So I would request that you present whatever you're going to present to the Health Policy and Planning Commission and then we would afford the same opportunity to provide a perspective as you're asking from others as well. So appreciate your feedback.

MR. WETHERBEE: Okay. Mr. Chair, if I may for a brief moment. I actually went to the Health Policy and Planning Commission back in December of 2013 and I stayed for the whole meeting. It was a very snowy day and Commissioner Chavez was talking about your carbon footprint. I walk everywhere or I take public transportation. My wife and I sold our car six years ago. I walked there that day because it was snowing out and I was a little bit late, but I was impressed with what the Health Policy and Planning Commission did. Actually, I was overwhelmed when I listened to all the things that they were covering. But unfortunately, and my plan is to go again this week on Friday. They meet again. And to request to be on their agenda again and explain it.

But I really would hope that we don't have to wait until – I don't think that our presentation will conflict or in any way – no one has studied this hospital. No one has looked at it. No one has looked at it seriously for years, because you haven't been able to pierce their shield, their protection that they've got up over there. And quite frankly, the Health Policy and Planning Commission I don't think has – I won't say they don't have the ability. I think they do but they don't have the resources and they don't have – they've got a lot on their plate right now, and what we're concerned about is the big gorilla in the room isn't being looked at.

I remember when I was in the legislature, somebody asked me, if you've got a problem and one's a \$5 problem and one's a \$100 problem which problem are you going to solve first? Well, we better solve the \$100 problem because it exists over here and it's

a drain on all the resources. And I will very happily go and my plan is to go there in the public comment period but I really would beg you to let us present to you, because it's really important.

CHAIR ANAYA: So I'm going to defer to my colleagues and the reason why is because we set up the Health Policy and Planning Commission as people in the healthcare field to provide us advice and recommendations on things that are not only in the pipeline but fast approaching potentially. So they're our sounding board. And so I think we'd be remiss, personally, if we bypassed them and had you come straight to us for a presentation. But I'll defer to my colleagues.

MR. WETHERBEE: And I would normally agree with you but I went down that road and it was obvious – they were very polite and they were very kind and they listened but I just sense, and I asked to be put on an agenda which ended up being in February. You can see it in the minutes. I was there. I requested and we never were given that opportunity.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I think that our HPPC have highly qualified individuals but I don't think they're going to take up this controversial issue. And the reason is that the HPPC wants to accomplish programmatic services and they want to have cooperative agreements with the hospital entity and the clinics and the public. When we had a funding entity, and I don't have any questions for you but thank you very much for coming. When we had the opportunity to fund the hospital a little differently we did request some transparency items. I remember that we had five or six items that we actually identified, and Commissioner Holian and I were on the Commission at the time and the others prior to you all. We had some transparency items that we requested that didn't happen. And at that time there was one CEO and now there's another.

So I think that the issue that the gentleman is bringing up is a much larger issue than our HPPC. I think it's about whether – and at this moment, it's late; I'm not sure I have any solution. But it's really about accountability of taxpayer dollars for our own community hospital and I'm not sure that I have any recommendations. But I understand what you're saying. I want to make sure the HPPC is in the loop. I don't see the HPPC taking this up. That's just my opinion.

CHAIR ANAYA: And I appreciate it, Commissioner, having dealt with the whole issue of the hospital with the County for many years myself. I think it's broader than the hospital alone and I think it will take us into a discussion relative to the Safety Care Net Pool and the fact that we lost resources from action beyond our control, frankly, when we dealt with the tax issue that the state legislature made some decisions on. So it's not isolated amongst the hospital in itself. It's far more complex and it involves many other players that frankly, when we had some responsibility for allocating dollars we had some semblance of some questions and some teeth, for lack of a better word, that we no longer have. And so we're just having some discussion. So I appreciate it, Commissioner Stefanics. Let's keep it as an open item for future deliberation. Any other thoughts? Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Well, I think that the Health Policy and Planning Commission should be in the loop. I know that it's frustrating some times and I think we want to encourage you then to go back to the committee. You've agreed to do your presentation there. I think that I agree with you, Commissioner. This is larger than just our community hospital here. I think healthcare across the nation is in a bit of a crisis, not only as far as the affordability but I think access to healthcare. There was some discussion about administration and I think that's part of the equation but as you mentioned there is a union at the hospital and I think that the union at some time would have to be involved in the discussion as well. But those are just observations. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. Appreciate it, and we'll keep it as an item that we'll continue to discuss and like I said, I'll defer to the will of the Commission as we progress to see when we would like to put it on the agenda. Other members of the public that would like to comment on items on the agenda. Would you come forward please?

MR. WAIT: Mr. Chair, members of the committee, as most of you know, I was a chairman of the committee that originally was tasked with recommending solid waste and recycling improvement in Santa Fe County. This is in reference to the authorization to publish title and general summary, and I was delighted to see that the Public Works Department was ready to move forward with this and would like to urge the Commissioners to authorize and publish the title and general summary of an ordinance establishing curbside residential solid waste and recycling collection districts so that we can go forward with this whole plan. It's been a long haul.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Walt. Are there any other members of the public that would like to comment? Governor Dorame, is there any items you'd like to comment on that are going to be coming up or would you like to wait until they come up? Excellent. Thank you so much, Governor. We appreciate your presence.

## **VII. MATTERS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **A. Executive Session**

- 1. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978**
  - a. Performance Evaluation of the County Manager**
- 2. Threatened or Pending Litigation, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978**
  - a. Threatened or Pending Litigation Against the City of Santa Fe**

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, I'd entertain a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I'd like to make a motion to go into executive session to discussion limited personnel matters and threatened or pending litigation.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion from Commissioner Chavez. Second from

Commissioner Roybal and Commissioner Holian.

**The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (2 and 7) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Commissioner Anaya</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Holian</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Roybal</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Commissioner Stefanics</b>	<b>Aye</b>

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, and Commissioners, if we can, we'd like to see if we can get back in here at 8:00 if that will work.

[The Commission met in closed session from 7:22 to 9:10 p.m.]

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, I'd entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I move that we come out of executive session having only discussed threatened or pending litigation, specifically arbitration with the City of Santa Fe as well as the performance evaluation of the County Manager. Present for the litigation discussion was our County Attorney, our Deputy County Attorney, our County Manager and the five County Commissioners. During the performance evaluation we had present the five County Commissioners, the HR Director and the County Manager for a part of that. We made no decisions during that meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Stefanics, a second from Commissioner Holian.

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

CHAIR ANAYA: One thing I want to provide feedback on is we did provide a vote of confidence of our County Manager and voted to provide an extension to her contract and we will provide additional information once we finalize that paperwork. But we did provide a vote of confidence and appreciate the work of the County Manager.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **D. Resolutions**

##### **1. Resolution No. 2015-61, a Resolution to Support the Middle Rio Grande Basin Study**

CLAUDIA BORCHERT (Utilities Director): Good evening. This resolution before you came at your direction at the last BCC meeting where you asked

me to prepare a letter of support to participate in the Middle Rio Grande Basin Study with the Board of Reclamation and all the other partners that choose to participate.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: We spent a great deal of time hearing her presentation at the last meeting. It was determined that a letter of support or a resolution from us would support a multi- or an inter-governmental effort. And so I would move Resolution No. 2015-61.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion to approve 2015-61, second Commissioner Holian. Further discussion? Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to point out that the Santa Fe County will be expected to contribute in-kind resources but it is unclear whether a financial match will also be requested. But I just wanted to note that for the record. And if – I think we're okay on in-kind contribution as far as resources, but if a financial match was considered you would bring that back before the County Commission at a later date.

MS. BORCHERT: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I have a question, because I wasn't there for the discussion at the last meeting. Where is the geographical area that's covered by the Middle Rio Grande Basin Study, as opposed to the – I mean, what's the geographical area. This is the Middle Rio Grande Basin Study, as opposed to the Santa Fe Basin.

MS. BORCHERT: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, the entities that participate in that study get to choose that and we think that at a minimum it would include the stretch of the Rio Grande north from Elephant Butte north to Otowi Gauge and all the tributaries that flow into that stretch of the Rio Grande. When we did the Santa Fe Basin Study we also included the Upper Rio Grande and part of the Colorado Basin because that's where our water supply would come from. And I would imagine, because that would also be true for the Middle Rio Grande Basin that the Upper Rio Grande at a minimum would be considered, and I would imagine the reach of the San Juan/Chama water would too because of its influence on the Middle Rio Grande.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So it would overlap to some extent.

MS. BORCHERT: Absolutely. Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other questions or comments? Seeing none is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: We have a motion.

CHAIR ANAYA: We have a motion. Motion and a second.

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

**IV. D. 2. Resolution No. 2015-62, a Resolution Adopting Policies and Procedures to Allow Property Owners in Subdivided Areas to Petition the County to Create Road Maintenance Assessment Districts Under NMSA1978, Sections 67-4-20 Through 67-4-24 (2001)**

ADAM LEIGLAND (Public Works Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, state statute 67-4-20 allows County Commissioners to assess certain owners along County roads for extraordinary maintenance and so in your packet you'll see an excerpt of the state statute and you'll see in that that it's actually a pretty vague statute. So the resolution that's before you creates a County process whereby residents could petition the Commission to create this assessment district.

So we're bringing this forward. We see this as yet another tool to provide a high level of County road maintenance.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Adam. I think that this is a really important new tool for the County to be able to have to be able to improve the condition of various County roads. We know we have a lot more need than we have money in a lot of cases. But what about the possibility of residents or homeowners association contributing to roads which their property does not abut? There are a number of situations in the county and I know because I live in one of them, where there are people who drive a County road every single day because they have to use it to get to their house. There's no other way. So they go across – they use the road every day but their property does not physically abut the road. Could they be considered part of one of these assessment districts? It does sound a little inconsistent when you read the New Mexico statute, but I'm just wondering if that's a possibility.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, yes, I know exactly the situation you're talking about and I'm not sure this would directly apply. Also a County improvement district may not directly apply as well just because of the way that statute is written. There's always the possibility of direct donation and I know that the County has received donations in the past, but as far as some sort of cooperative tool like this, for lack of a County improvement district I think we'll have to continue to comb the state statutes to see the sort of tools counties are allowed to have and we just haven't taken advantage of yet.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Well, I would be interested in finding out the ways that residents who are not actually on a road could help contribute to a road, if they're willing to do it out of their own pocket, because there are a lot of situations like that in the county.

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes, again for the record, Adam, I just wanted to point out there are two significant portions of this that stand out at me. It's a resolution adopting policies and procedures that allow property owners in Santa Fe County in approved subdivision areas to petition the BCC to establish road maintenance districts. But then it goes a step further because it also allows the County to assess for the expenses and bill through the County Treasurer's Office at the same time as our property tax bills are being processed. So it's a two-step process, because it allows them to petition but then they're also agreeing to an increase in their property tax for those improvements. We didn't have that before, right?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's correct. So the state statute – actually, the state statute allows the Commission to unilaterally decide that but staff felt, looking at the similar processes we have, for instance, the County improvement district the public improvement district, our road acceptance, our traffic calming, these all initiate with a downward – from the bottom up petition process, so that's what this is. And so this would be a group of homeowners saying we're willing to pay extra for what the state statute calls extraordinary maintenance.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Because isn't it also the fact there are some cases where homeowner associations do assess themselves for road improvements and have helped offset some of the costs that the County experiences in those improvements?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's correct. A lot of homeowners do collect funds and they use that – well, if it's a private road they use it for themselves or they bring money to the table. I know you and I have actually met with some homeowner associations who have proposed bringing their money to the table and using it as a match. So I guess that's a possibility. Those have generally been more for improvements. The one thing that's nice about this is this addresses ongoing maintenance activities, which are usually harder to find extra places to bring money from, so that's what's nice about this tool is that it would be ongoing maintenance.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Adam, could you give us an example of a road in each of our districts that this might apply to or might be applying for coverage?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, really I think one of the things we struggled with is the state statute uses this term subdivided area. So we weren't sure if that just meant it had to be a proper subdivision but I think the one that comes to mind would be for instance, Eldorado in your district would be one I think that would definitely meet these conditions of subdivided area. And so that would be if they came to us and they asked us to provide, for instance, a higher level of snow removal maybe on some of the non-higher trafficked roads this would be a good tool. They could come together and say, okay, we want you to do snow removal that you're not doing.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: What about though, in order for all of us to understand how this might impact, is this really addressing existing areas around County roads or is this existing brand new private roads that communities might want to take on the financial responsibility and giving the roads to the County. I can think of

many things in my district that may or may not qualify. So for example, one of my subdivisions has an entrance off of Highway 14. They would like the County to take over that entrance off of Highway 14 because the school uses it as well as the community and there's a lot of wear and tear. But they're thinking that we're going to take it over without any expense to them.

We have another situation that Robert came and visited after the floods and the heavy rains in the past years where the whole road said, oh, what does it take for the County to take us over? So I think we just need to be really clear about what the intent is here as we go forward, whether anybody's listening at this time of night I don't know but we just really need to be clear, because we're going to get lots of questions from our constituents.

MR. LEIGLAND: So, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, just to maybe address the specific question, the policy on page 4 you'll see that this applies to roads that are currently the County-maintained roads and actually if you see on paragraph 2 the applicability is a road that has been explicitly adopted for County maintenance. So the intent of what you see in front of you is roads that are already County maintained roads. We're imagining that maybe they're lower trafficked roads so they may not get – again, returning to snow removal. They might not get the snow removal that they'd like just because they're a lower trafficked road. This is an opportunity to essentially hire the County to provide that level.

If the two examples that you addressed about private roads wanting to become public roads, you'll actually see there that the resolution, our road acceptance Resolution 2012-151 would be the first step in order to become a County maintained road and then you could turn to this policy for maintenance. You could turn to our County improvement district process to do certain capital improvements, and then that opens up a new set of tools.

So the intent behind this is as long as it's a County maintained road and it meets the state's definition of within a subdivision it's provided maintenance.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So Adam, would the road that serve La Cueva, for example, which I think is also County Road 63, would that be a candidate for something like this? A policy like this?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, yes, I think so. Actually, the one that comes to mind in your district is Double Arrow. That would be one where we could do an extra level of vegetation removal along that – all the property owners that abut that road. La Cueva, possibly. Again, the reason I'm hesitating really is because the term sub-divided is in the state statute but I think we can do something there.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Now, Double Arrow, only a small portion of that at the bottom is a County road. Right? And the upper part is maintained by the homeowners.

MR. LEIGLAND: Correct. Yes. So that initial portion, subdivided properties abutted, so we would, if they were interested they could come to us and we

could cooperatively provide that level of vegetation removal that we currently don't do.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Oh, I see. I'll have to suggest that. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: So Adam, just going to Commissioner Stefanics' question about other examples and I think you got into some, is there a need to approve this today or could you come back and basically show us a little more information as to how it might apply to the districts and then also provide some examples? Or is there some pending potential request that this is trying to get in front of, in addition to having the policy overall?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, there's no hurry. We just brought it forward – actually I brought it forward today because I thought it might be light agenda, but there is no hurry.

CHAIR ANAYA: The way that they were throwing those kids around it was pretty light. What's the pleasure of the Board, Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I'd go ahead and move for approval on this. I think that staff has thought this through pretty well. I think that as Commissioner Holian mentioned it's another tool that our County and our county residents could use for improvements and I don't see any harm in moving forward with this. Adam, could we though add some – maybe to allay Commissioner Anaya's concerns, could we have some language in the resolution that says we would update this or that you would bring us back – you would bring a report back in maybe the next year.

CHAIR ANAYA: And if I could, I think Commissioner Stefanics is pointing out that if you have a tool, then who and how is that tool going to be utilized, and I think that's the question she's raising. So if this passes then in a later meeting that's maybe a little lighter than this one you could provide some feedback as to specific roads and how a community might access utilizing it.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I'll second the motion.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez, a second from Commissioner Holian. Further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. D. 3. Resolution No. 2015-63, a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2012-53 Concerning the Negotiation of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water Authority Joint Powers Agreement**

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, to give a little bit of background, the Aamodt settlement agreement and associated documents call for the creation of a Pojoaque Valley regional water authority to manage and operate and maintain the regional water system to be constructed pursuant to the Aamodt settlement. An existing Resolution No. 2012-53 contemplates that that authority would be created pursuant to a joint powers agreement, which is authorized under state law to be entered into by one or more public agencies. Here, the parties to the so-called JPA or joint powers

agreement would be the four pueblos, San Ildefonso, Nambe, Pojoaque and Tesuque, and ss.

Resolution No. 2012-53 really made the negotiation of that document staff-driven, and so it directed the County Attorney to work with the pueblos to prepare a proposed JPA and then solicit input from potential customers and then bring that document forward to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. I think what's changed recently is that Commissioner Roybal has expressed a desire and a willingness to participate directly in the negotiations concerning the proposed JPA, and so what you have in front of you is a resolution that would recognize his desire and put him working with staff and myself as the chief negotiator of the draft JPA. And so it's really to bring the County's resolution in line with the reality of the Commissioners' direct input, if that's the desire of the Board. And so again, this resolution would, number one, make the Commissioner for District 1 really the chief negotiator of the proposed JPA but continue to maintain and confirm that ultimately the Board of County Commissioners would have to approve the joint powers agreement when it's brought forward at the appropriate time.

And the other thing that I would I guess highlight is that it would leave to Commissioner Roybal to decide how and how often and in what ways he would want to solicit input from potential customers throughout the negotiation process. So with that I'd stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Any other questions for staff? This is a public hearing and so I would ask if there's anyone here to speak on this item. Seeing none, I would close the public hearing portion of this meeting and ask what the Commission would like to do.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay there's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'd like to clarify that there's no financial conflict of interest for the Commissioners since the Commission will not be paid any extra money for taking on these extra duties.

**IV. D. 4. Resolution No. 2015-64, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the GOB Series 2013 Fund (351) and the Capital GRT Fund (313) to Budget for Various Capital Projects and to Request an Increase to the Thornton Ranch Project Budget**

**Allocation / \$6,860,180**

CAROLE JARAMILLO (Finance Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this resolution is I believe the third resolution to bring forward a request to budget funds for the capital improvement plan that you all passed on February 24, 2015. It also requests to increase the allocation that you already approved for Thornton Ranch to account for some funding that had been held in escrow that was recently released. That amount is \$24,564 and we're requesting to increase the allocation for Thornton Ranch by that amount as well. And I stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve and I'd second. The \$6,000 referred to –

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, it's \$6 million. This is from our study session where we had the spreadsheet and this was the capital study session that we did. What we've been doing is we've reconciled them. What we have currently in the budget and what we needed to bring forward based upon the study session, and the total amount allocated for each project, and we're bringing those in as we're getting each project reconciled and as the revenues are available. So for instance, some of the general obligation bonds that we just did, those revenues aren't available yet.

So you'll see several of these until we complete all of the budget adjustments for all of the projects that were on the list that we did out of the quarter cent capital outlay and the GO bonds.

CHAIR ANAYA: So is the total, the \$6 million?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, this is how much more on these particular projects that you had allocated.

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay. Just for clarify. Thank you. There's a motion. I seconded it. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. D. 6. Resolution No. 2015-65, a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Sign Release of Affordable Liens, and Mortgages and Down Payment Assistance Liens and Mortgages to Comply with the County's Affordable Housing Program**

ROSEMARY BAILEY (Affordable Housing): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, before you is a resolution delegating authority to the County Manager to sign leases of affordable liens and mortgages and down payment assistance liens and mortgages. Ordinance No. 2015-2 requires eligible buyers to grant the County a mortgage or lien,

collectively referred to a lien, in the amount of the difference between the maximum target housing price and 95 percent of the unrestricted fair market value of the affordable unit at the time of the initial sale. A lien is also required under the County's down payment assistance program, as implemented in Ordinance No. 2009-14, 2010-3, and 2011-6.

After an eligible buyer satisfies the condition of its lien, whether through payment or otherwise, the buyer is entitled to a release of lien executed by the County. Currently, only the BCC is authorized to sign releases of lien for the County. To better facilitate the closing of real estate transactions involving affordable units the program requests that the BCC delegate the authority to sign releases of liens to the County Manager. The County Attorney has determined that such delegation is within the BCC's authority and has approved the proposed resolution to form.

Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution 2015-65 delegating authority to the County Manager to sign releases of affordable liens and mortgages and down payment assistance liens and mortgages, and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion for approval, myself, second, Commissioner Holian. Makes sense. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. D. 7. Resolution No. 2015-66, a Resolution Regarding the "Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails"**

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'd defer to Commissioner Chavez since I gave away my paperwork on this to Mr. Martinez. It is a NACo initiative and that's my introduction.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I'll just read the background on this. Recognizing the critical role that local and state officials play in supporting change the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments, Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation have come together to lead a national initiative to help advance counties' efforts to reduce the number of adults with mental and co-occurring substance use disorders in jails, with support from the US Justice Department Bureau of Justice Assistance the initiative will build on the many innovative and proven practices being implemented across the country.

The key components of this initiative include, a) a call to action, b) a national summit. The majority of this initiative will focus on County efforts. However, states will be engaged at every step to ensure that legislative mandates, policies and resource allocation decisions do not create barriers to planned implementation.

So the resolution really speaks to all of that. I'll just read a couple of the whereases that I think stand out a little bit more than the others.

Whereas, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated two

million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year.

Whereas, prevailing rates of serious mental illness in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population. Almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illness in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders. Adults with mental illness tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at higher risk of returning than people without these disorders. County jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illness that require interventions compared to those without these treatments.

Whereas, Santa Fe County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in effective and cost-effective ways. The county employs the teen court program to provide teen offenders with a second chance while holding them accountable for their actions, thereby attempting to interrupt and prevent developing patterns of criminal behavior by promoting self-esteem, motivating self-improvement and providing teen offenders with community-based treatment and support.

Whereas, through the Stepping Up initiative the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments, Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private, and non-profit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that the County follows, that the Board supports the Stepping Up initiative. The Board resolves to utilize the comprehensive resources available through the Stepping Up initiative to convene or draw on diverse teams of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illness in jails, collect and review prevalence numbers and assist individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illness and their recidivism risk and use that baseline information to guide decision making, examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimize contact with the justice system, and providing treatment and supports in the community, develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the needs and prevalence assessment data and examination of available treatment and service capacity while considering identified barriers; implement research based approaches that advance the plan; create a process to track progress using data and information systems and to report on successes. The Board directs the County Manager and County staff to take appropriate action to implement this resolution. If it passed, it would be passed, approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

So if I could, Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion to approve this resolution.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion. I'd go to Commissioner Stefanics for the second.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: And any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I just want to thank Commissioner Stefanics for bringing this to our attention and for the work that the National Association of Counties does on our behalf as well.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: And Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Once this passes I would ask the County Manager's Office to send this immediately to the New Mexico Association of Counties and to the NACo office because they are using it in Congress as lobbying points with all the congressional members. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez, second from Commissioner Stefanics. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. E. Miscellaneous**

**1. Consideration and Possible Comment on Town of Edgewood Petition for Annexation of Two Lots Totaling Approximately 18.873 Acres, the Common Addresses of which are 19 and 20 Cajun Lane Edgewood New Mexico**

MR. FLORES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Town of Edgewood submitted a petition for annexation to the County Attorney's Office on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The petition included the annexation of 18.873 acres of property consisting of two lots with a common address of 19 and 20 Cajun Lane. Under the requirements of NMSA 1978 with any Class A county a petition must seek annexation of territory contiguous to a municipality, be presented to the City Council and be accompanied by a map that shows the external boundaries. Under the petition, if it's signed by a majority of the property owners, the City Council then shall submit the petition to the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which it is located for its review and comment.

Those comments shall be submitted by the Board of County Commissioners to the City [sic] Council within 30 days of receipt. The NMSA 1978 does not specifically define the permissible scope of the Board's comments though the proper focus appears to be on the impact on the County relative to contracts and provisions of services. With that in mind, staff from the County Manager's Office and Ms. Kathleen Ortiz from the County Attorney's Office took the petition and solicited comments of our elected offices as well as our departments to see if there's any impact or comment on either contracts or provision of services, and we've included those comments if they were received, or in the case of some of the elected offices they were not received so we basically stated that there was no positive or negative opinion from that office.

Two points of interest: Our Growth Management Department indicated that they support the infill and removal of the holes of the annexation. We know what has occurred out there with the checkerboard annexation, and the Public Works Department, although Cajun Lane is not a County maintained road there was some question of the annexation petition that was submitted a couple years ago and the status is unknown. In reaching out to the Town Manager, Mr. Steve Shepherd, that annexation was filed but it was rejected by the courts and they've had to start the process over. So I fully anticipate, sometime in the near future the revised annexation request that was in line with what they submitted two years ago.

Based upon the statutory requirements the Board may take the following steps. One, provide no comment on the annexation, or the Board can comment and delegate the Board Chair or the County Manager the authority to draft and submit the comments to the Town. And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Tony, this essentially is a request through the Town of Edgewood and supports their ongoing initiatives for infill. Right?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, that's correct.

CHAIR ANAYA: I'm going to move for approval on that basis to provide comments to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Chavez. Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. There must be some kind of property tax impact. I'm not trying to hold this up. I'm just saying for there to be no comment, positive or negative opinion, there should be some fiscal analysis of what we would be gaining or losing or what the City would be gaining.

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Stefanics, I don't disagree with that statement. However, the County Assessor nor Treasurer has provided comment on this petition.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. So Mr. Chair, the reason I'm bring that up is even though they didn't comment on it it affects our budget. And so I think sometimes we're going to have to send things back and say we need an analysis of this. Is it revenue-neutral? Are we losing? I don't think there's enough property here to say there's going to be a major loss but there is some kind of impact. And so in the future – I understand it's an elected office but I think we'll have to go back and visit with them. And that's my only comment. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner. I would concur and I think a general statement as it relates to what they're trying to do, they're trying to capture the infill portions that make most sense in their planning, but I do agree that we need to have expanded feedback and fiscal feedback. Is there any further discussion?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, if I may, is the motion to delegate authority to the County Manager to provide comments?

CHAIR ANAYA: My comment was to support the recommendations and provide – tell me what other comments you're suggesting we would provide.

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, one of the comments would be is to ask the questions as Commissioner Stefanics indicated, that they would have to provide – the Board of County Commissioners support the annexation provided that they provide a fiscal analysis of the positive or negative gain, or it could be that to answer some of the questions from the Growth Management Department or the Public Works relative to prior annexations that did not come to fruition.

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay. I just don't want to send a message that we're contradictory to what they're trying to achieve. So can you craft it where we're getting the feedback and the information but that we're trying to be supportive of their intent?

MR. FLORES: We can do that, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay, Commissioners, are you guys okay with that?

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

**IV. E. 2. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary for an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2001-1 to Expressly Extend the Ordinance to County Sports Fields, to Add Rules Governing League Use and Sales or Solicitation by Itinerant Vendors, and to Prohibit Certain Dangerous or Harmful Activities**

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, as you know, the County recently purchased the sports field in the Pojoaque area and we also are in the process of developing Romero Park. And these two are open space properties. When we've completed them we'll introduce the County to a new type of open space management, which is league use of recreational fields. So staff went back and looked at our existing ordinances governing our open space, 2001-1, and felt that it was inadequate to address this new use. So what we're bringing forward today is permission to publish title and general summary for an update to the old ordinance that governs specifically league use.

And you'll see that draft here, and I just want to highlight that what we did is we surveyed similar ordinances for surrounding jurisdictions – Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Bernalillo County, and we then we also actually talked to the City of Santa Fe staff on how they manage their sports programs and got good feedback, and so we incorporated that on here. So the key feature is that leagues will sign a league agreement with us and they will manage their own concessions. They'll manage their own solid waste and what not. And then there's also a fee schedule for use.

So, Mr. Chair, with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Adam, on the league – so you have \$100 per league for each youth league, \$25 per player for each adult league and \$25 per team for tournaments. And that's all pretty consistent with other parks and recreation departments?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, yes. It's significantly lower, actually, than Albuquerque, Rio Rancho area, and it's the same as what the City of Santa Fe charges. So there's parity there.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. And then on the itinerant vendor, would that person have to have a special permit license or how would that work?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez actually that was – that is outright banned, if you look on page 4 you'll see that it's considered a public nuisance.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay, so that would not be allowed.

MR. LEIGLAND: Exactly.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other comments, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: No, that's all I had.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes, I also had a question on the league fees of \$100. I was the president of the Pojoaque Valley Little League for quite a few years and we never – for that particular field we never had to pay anything but I believe that this \$100 per league, which actually means per team, right?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Roybal, no. Actually when I met with you this morning I misspoke. This is just for the league. So it will be for each league, not per team.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So Little League would pay \$100. Okay. Everything was of course the same issue that Commissioner Chavez brought up is that of course we'd have to make whatever league is involved would have to get their own food serving license through the state. Is that correct?

MR. LEIGLAND: Yes. And that's consistent with what the City does.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thanks, Commissioner. I'd like to see what kind of feedback we get from the public. It wouldn't hurt my feelings any if we were the lowest fees and even had lower fees, but I guess we could evaluate that as we go forward. So I'd entertain a motion. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I make a motion to request authorization to publish title and general summary for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2001-1.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Holian. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

**IV. E. 3. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of an Ordinance Establishing Curbside Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Districts within Certain Populated Parts of Santa Fe County; Prohibiting the Commercial Collection of Residential Solid Waste within These Districts Except in Accordance with a Valid Contract Between a Commercial Solid Waste Hauler and the County; Implementing and Amending Ordinance No. 2014-10**

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this is the next step in the implementation of the Solid Waste Task Force recommendations. We heard earlier in the evening from the chair of the Solid Waste Task Force and so to remind you, this is the first of what we think are three documents needed to create solid waste collection districts in the dense area surrounding the City of Santa Fe. The idea behind it is we'll create collection districts and within those districts, in order for a private vendor to serve they will have to have a contract with the County. And then on the residents' side, if a resident wants to have curbside they will have to go with a vendor that's contracted with the

County. And each collection district would be a single vendor for that district.

So the Solid Waste Task Force heard that a service that's really desired is curbside, but also recycling pickup. A lot of the residents in the county can hire contractors to provide curbside but at a very high cost and often curbside recycling pickup is not a part of that. So the idea behind this is that the County can bundle customers, contract with providers to get certain levels of service and then provide the customers with a lower cost because of the aggregated customer base.

So what you have in front of you is the ordinance that essentially says two things. It tells residents who live within these districts that if you do want curbside pickup it has to be with a vendor that contracts with the County, and it tells the vendors that if you want to serve these districts you have to contract with the County. That's kind of the core of the ordinance.

The next two things we would have to do to fully implement this idea is we would have to then contract with the providers so we would issue an RFP and then the private sector would bid on it and then there would be a contract with the County. We're anticipating, and you'll see in here seven-year contracts. That seems to be a good balance between long enough that the private sector is attracted to them but not too long that the County gets stuck with some bad contracts. And then you'll see in the memo some of the other service provisions. There is the idea of a franchise fee, so the vendors – two percent of their gross receipts are returned to the County in the form of a franchise fee. The basis service contemplated is once a week curbside pickup and once or twice a month curbside recycling pickup. Special service would be available to residents but it would be at a higher fee than the basic service.

And then if you look you'll also see the three contemplated service areas. These service areas actually correspond to SDA-1 and -2 surrounding the city so it actually dovetails very nicely with the growth management strategies that the Commission has adopted in the SGMP and also the SLDC so each one of these service areas has about 5,000 households and that is a nice customer base to provide to vendors. So with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: So, Adam, this has been a long evolution over time to provide some options for residents in the urbanized areas, SD-1 and SD-2, and as you said, puts us in a position where we may be able to offset other costs to other residents if this is utilized and implemented like we think it might be. So I think it's a good thing and I'm going to go ahead and move approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll second that.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Holian. Discussion.  
Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Adam, I think a crucial part of making this a success will be how the contracts with commercial haulers are actually written. So I'm wondering if we're going to be able to have any input into the various conditions that are put into the RFP, let's say.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, absolutely. We actually hired a contract with the same firm that performed the solid waste assessment. We've hired them to draft the RFP and draft the contract. They have a lot of experience with this. But we can absolutely bring it before you and highlight all the different

provisions. We're drafting those right now. Some of the major ones are in the memo that's in front of you now but we can definitely bring both of those for you for review before they're put out on the street.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: That would really be great. I agree most of what was in the memo here if not all of it, but I noted that there were some cases where it was sort of like an either/or situation. It might be this or might be that and so it sounded like some of the details had not really been worked out yet.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, that's correct. They're actually – I don't think I put it in here but the timeline that we're working on right now if this ordinance is passed, goes into effect this summer. The RFP will be ready to come to you for review and then that can be issued later in the summer. Firms are selected, say, in October and November and then they're awarded in December and that gives them six months to purchase their equipment. So the contracts are awarded in January. They have six months to purchase their equipment, and this would go into effect July 1, 2016. So that's kind of the timeline. So we can build into that the review that you just asked for.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Great. Okay. Terrific. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other comments, Commissioners? Seeing none.

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

**VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentations**

**1. Recognition of Frances Ong as a Housing Board Member**

CHAIR ANAYA: Could I get a motion to table – I had a presentation to table the presentation for Commissioner Ong?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Motion to table the Frances Ong presentation to a future meeting. Second, Commissioner Stefanics and Commissioner Chavez.

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

**VI. B. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials**

**1. Elected Officials Issues and Comments**

**2. Commissioner Issues and Comments**

CHAIR ANAYA: Madam Clerk? She was just here. Any issues from the cc? Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Very quickly, I provided a couple handouts. The New Mexico Finance Authority and the legislative report are from the New Mexico Association of Counties at their district meeting. [Exhibits 6 and 7] The Finance Authority talks about what loans and what money they have available for

projects. The second thing I provided was the DACA/ DAPA workshop. *[Exhibit 8]* Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, Congressman Luis Gutierrez from Illinois, and Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grishom had this workshop. It has quite a bit of information. Of course they're waiting for a court ruling, but their offices are ready to assist people. And their phone numbers are on the back so if you find you want more of these to give to people their offices have them. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics, I appreciate it. In working in higher ed now I had a student approach me as a DACA student and to be quite frank I wasn't familiar with that definition and solicited some background, but I would like some additional pamphlets that we could put at the higher education center for students.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I think, Mr. Chair, the County could certainly request some from Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's office, and his number is on the back and then the college or the higher education center could get quite a few as well. They actually have counselors in their offices that will help people. But this at least tells – the issue that came up was if there's some documentation here that you have you should carry it with you until you have legal papers carry with you some of this background information so that if you're stopped you can say I'm waiting to apply for DAPA or DACA once the courts make their decisions. But that was the main message. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Matters from the Commission?

CHAIR ANAYA: Matters from the Commission, yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I wanted to bring up one thing. When I was first in office we had special presentation meetings once every three months where we had all the presentations at one time and the meeting was totally devoted to that. And so I would like to bring that up as possibly a kind of way that we could move in the future so that we would also have time, not just to do the special presentations but also to be able to concentrate on the work of the County in our regular administrative meetings.

Somehow it sort of seems like the way we're doing it now is a little bit fractured and so if we were to concentrate the presentations, the special presentations into one meeting then everybody would know what they were there for and so on and I don't know. It just might be a little more efficient way of operating.

CHAIR ANAYA: We can definitely take a look at what we did in the past and maybe it's a balance between presentation meeting and then limiting the number of presentations on the regular business meeting, but I'd like to get more feedback from other Commissioners in the interim as well as from the Manager and staff. I don't think I'd want to get to a point where we don't have any or any options because I know things are dynamic and I many things are requested of us to put on the agenda, but I do think that we need to take a look at it and figure out more options and having a presentation meeting I think is something that seemed to be effective in the past. Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have anything at this point.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I have nothing, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: I don't have anything at this point either but thanks to the Commissioners for your feedback.

**VI. C. Matters from the County Manager**  
**2. FY 2016 Budget Update [Exhibit 9]**

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I'd first like to have Carole come up and give a really quick budget update. One of the things we said we'd try to do as we go through this process is kind of let you know where we are. We're not asking for any decisions or anything, just giving you as much information as we can give you at this point in the process. We are scheduling, during our regular Commission meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00, having budget decision points that need to be made in order for us to put the interim budget together for May 26<sup>th</sup>. So this is just to give you some additional budget information since our last study session.

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'll be very brief on this update on the first, second page of the slides. You'll see miscellaneous update. Just to let you know we did hold our budget hearings to discuss the financial submissions with the elected offices and the departments. Those were concluded on Friday. We are scheduling meetings with the department directors to discuss performance information and those will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks. Departments and offices that submitted their budgets with increases were asked to reduce their budgets back to flat.

As far as revenue updates go, on page 3, these are changes to the FY 16 projections that were presented to you at the budget study session. The estimates for the major sources of revenue – the property taxes and the gross receipts taxes did remain the same. No change to those projections. Those are still \$58.1 million for property taxes, \$48.7 million for gross receipts taxes. Since the budget study session we have projected some small increases in other taxes and revenue from other governments, and some small decreases in charges for service and water and wastewater revenue. And I want to point out that that's not a decrease from FY 15; that is merely a decrease from the previous projection. We're still going to experience an increase in water and wastewater revenue.

Our recurring revenue, including secure grants is now being projected at \$131.1 million, which is down approximately \$250,000 from the budget study session estimate of \$131.3 million.

So on slide 4 you see the total revenue estimate has been revised for recurring revenue. It is \$2.7 million higher than in FY 2015's recurring revenue budget and of that increase, about \$.6 million is in the general fund.

Slide 5 gives you information on our expenses, update that came out of the budget hearings that we held. Our budget requests totaled \$42.5 million which is excluding personnel expenses, which is the major expense for the County, insurance, fuel, contingencies and of course transfers are not included in that amount. This is compared to \$41.8 million in FY 15 and represents a \$.7 million increase. Included in the above amounts are some necessary adjustments to our base budget. That would be such items as

increases to the safety net care pool or to the BDD or our low income property tax rebate that we don't really have a whole lot of control over those increases to bases.

CHAIR ANAYA: On that point, I would like recommendations from staff, the sunset of low income rebate that we have no direct contact with and request recommendations on a transfer of those revenues to offset solid waste. So I'd like to see some recommendations from staff on a reasonable timeline to sunset that, and then re-infuse those resources back into our solid waste program, to offset more solid waste fees. Thank you, Carole.

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Commissioner. We will be seeking direction at the next budget study session for some of the increases to services that are proposed by departments. Departments were asked to reduce their budgets requested by approximately \$.5 million to achieve the flattest budget possible.

On page 6 we have some other updates regarding FTEs. There were some clarifications made by departments and offices regarding their requests. The total request for FTEs is 23 full time, three part time and nine temporary, and the total cost of those requests is \$1.9 million. Adjustments were also made to the asset renewal and replacement during the budget hearings and the total request for that is \$3.8 million. Some of the larger departments, we requested that they give us a priority listing of their asset renewal requests based on the entire department versus division by division so that we could make sure that if we don't fund the entire package that we can hit their top priorities and we'll be seeking your direction again at the next budget study session.

The Vehicle Utilization Board received requests, a total of 17 vehicles were requested. The total cost of that is about \$.4 million and then we received a large one-time maintenance request and additional capital projects totaling \$2.7 million, and these will also be presented to you at the May 12<sup>th</sup> budget study session.

The last page is some basic information on various compensation scenarios that we will be asking your direction on COLA amounts – anywhere from one percent to three percent, and the amounts you see there listed. A merit pool of two percent, that amount is listed, and then we'll be seeking equivalent amounts for the bargaining units to be negotiated from whatever you decide on the compensation. And I stand for any questions that you have.

CHAIR ANAYA: Just another follow-up comment on the low income comment I made earlier. I want to suggest a targeted sunset of December 31, 2016, is what I want to suggest for us to analyze.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, what was that date again?

CHAIR ANAYA: December 31, 2016. Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I think the date – I don't have a problem with the date. It might be too quick to do all the public noticing, the public hearings and to make the changes in the appropriate offices. But if it can work, great.

CHAIR ANAYA: So you can analyze, Ms. Miller, and then maybe come back and give us a follow-up. Other comments, Commissioners? Thank you so much for the update.

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I actually did have a comment. When we had our special budget study session, as you recall I was only able to be there a short period of time because of jury duty, and I had brought up the subject of our youth development program and our juvenile facility and how much they are costing, and I know that we probably can't necessarily do anything this year, but I think it would be really good for staff to look at ways that we could restructure that program, because I think we could save significant amounts of money in our Corrections Department through that and also look at what to do with the actual juvenile facility itself. I know that's one of our most expensive and hard to maintain facilities as well, and so maybe we should do something like put together some kind of a task force of people who are knowledgeable about youth programs and so on to look at ways in which we could restructure that. There's so few juveniles in Santa Fe County who are actually really being served by that program at any given time.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner. We actually had quite a bit of discussion on that particular item at the budget study session and staff is going to be providing some feedback specifically along the lines you're suggesting. So we did have some extensive discussion and are waiting to get back some feedback. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Other comments, Commissioners? Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I was going to make a point on that last item. I was discussing a little bit with Commissioner Holian on one of the breaks. It's likely we couldn't do something that would change your budget for the youth facility at least in the first half of the year, but that it would be a good idea for us to look at some kind of task force based upon discussion that was at the study session, bringing in those entities that really are involved in what happens with the juveniles in the court system as well as CYFD and some others and see if we can't look at what possible options there are and start having that discussion and presenting different recommendations to the Board of how we can move forward.

So I thought that that would be something that we could do and although it wouldn't be reflected right off the bat in the interim budget we would be able to look at that throughout the upcoming first half of the year.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I think I should have brought this up a couple months ago but there's been some debate about the Corrections Advisory Committee, and one of the things that I had batted around with a couple people here was how it could be more effective. And I actually was thinking that our HPPC could have some subcommittees. And maybe one of the subcommittees would be around Maternal and Child Health Care, because they're bringing on Kim Strauss and maybe Corrections Advisory could go over there and maybe we could even have a youth focus versus an adult focus, that the adult focus is more about re-integration into society, and that the youth focus might be more on appropriate treatments. But I want to lay that on the table.

We have a great HPPC working group. We also have some people on the Corrections Advisory Committee that I think are very interested in youth. Mary Ellen Gonzales, for example. She used to be on the school board. And I know she's very

interested in what's going on in our juvenile facility. So I just want to put that idea on the table and maybe we need to bring that up at a future meeting for discussion. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. Other comments?  
Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: That's all I had on the budget and we'll try to keep you up to date if anything comes up between now and the next meeting that you'd need to know for the meeting. We'll make sure that we send you out an update.

## **VI. C. 1. Miscellaneous Updates**

MS. MILLER: Also, just a couple other miscellaneous items. Bike to Work Day is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Now, the last couple years we did County versus City and now it's County versus the City and now the State employees are joining into the bike caravan that we have that day for all the employees that ride their bikes to work that day, do a little caravan challenge over to the rail yard. So bike riders will gather in front of the County admin building at 4:30 to depart at 4:45 and ride to the rail yard where there's festivities, including live music, informational booths and a bike give-away. So the convoy will have police, City, County and State escort to the plaza and down Alameda to the rail yard and I'll just have you know that I did beat Councilor Bushee last year. And the County did win the number of people involved and it didn't include raising both hands to get counted.

Then also it was mentioned earlier today in the Santa Fe Housing meeting that we are going to be having annual Santa Fe County Housing Community Cleanup Days at all three of the housing sites, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 at 52 Camino Jacobo, at the Jacobo housing site, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Santa Cruz public housing site, and Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Valle Vista. All three of those are from 8:00 to 12:00 and it does include encouraging our County staff to go and if County staff do go they do get admin time for the time that they participate in helping clean up our community housing sites and our public housing sites.

And then as I just mentioned earlier, we will be putting, instead of a separate budget study session unless there is a request to have one prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We start at 2:00 that day but we didn't have enough Commissioners available to do a budget study session on May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon so we were going to just incorporate it rather than as a study session, as part of the regular Commission meeting, unless there's any desire by Commissioners that may want to get more up to speed on it, we could do something for them earlier in the day if that's requested. Those are all the updates I had.

CHAIR ANAYA: I appreciate it. I will be late to that meeting; I have another obligation, but I will be there for that budget component. So Mr. Vice Chair, I'm asking if you could chair the meeting. I wanted to ask on comments earlier on Mr. Wetherbee relative to the Health Planning Commission that they put an item on their next agenda. Do they have a meeting in May, the Health Planning Commission?

MS. MILLER: I believe they have one every month unless there's some reason that they have to –

CHAIR ANAYA: If they can afford him some time and provide a presentation and then afford him the same opportunity at the end of the month here to do

a presentation.

And then I wanted to see if I could get your help. I think it's a good time for us to do our own internal health challenge. I know I'm due for it; it did me a lot of good last year. But I'd like to get some feedback from the Manager and the staff on doing an internal program here for that.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, we are putting together a wellness program for this. We also have a challenge on a number of steps. So we'll get you some more information on all that.

CHAIR ANAYA: Fantastic. Other comments, Commissioners? Thank you for your patience and perseverance everyone. I appreciate it very much.

### **VIII. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

#### **A. Announcements**

#### **B. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Anaya declared this meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Approved by:

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