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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:04 p.m. by Chair Hank Hughes in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Wilson and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Hank Hughes, Chair
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Vice Chair [virtual]
Commissioner Justin Greene
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Anna Hansen

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh Land Acknowledgement

F. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Hughes, and the Moment of Reflection by Joe Lozano of Community Services Department. Chair Hughes acknowledged this building and Santa Fe County as being in the original homeland of the Tewa people also known as O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh, "White Shell Watering Place."

Commissioner Hughes asked for a moment of silence for those suffering from the ravages of war.

G. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HUGHES: Deputy Manager Cordova, are there any changes to

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the agenda?

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Mr. Chair, the original agenda was sent out on Tuesday, February 20th. The amended agenda was posted on Friday, February 23rd. There was a couple changes. The Consent Agenda 4. D, the item was moved from Consent to Miscellaneous Action Items. Matters from the County Manager, 9. B, Second Session of the 56th Legislature Update has been added, and Executive Session item 11. A, Limited Personnel Matters, regarding road settlement agreements concerning County-maintained roads within exterior boundaries of pueblos has also been added. And those are the only changes at this time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, thank you. Can we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the agenda with amendments and changes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Deputy Manager Cordova.

MR. CORDOVA: So first, our years of service. As you know, we recognize employees on a monthly basis who have completed their years of service. Today we have three individuals with five years of service. From our RECC Department, Robert Spear, our Sheriff's deputy/admin, Diego Lovato, and from our County Manager's Office/IT, Rodger Crabtree. They've all been with the County five years. And for our ten-year recognitions, we have in our Utilities Department, Adam Salazar, and in our Corrections Department, Little Sun Heard. As I mentioned, they've been with the County for ten years. I think that is it for years of recognition.

Our retirements, we have one retirement this month. Someone I think you all know pretty well. Our Chief Deputy Clerk, Evonne Gantz, who's not here today because she has been able to retire. So grateful for that.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: On that note of retirements, Mr. Chair and Deputy, Jose Larrañaga will be leaving us at the end of the week, and so I want to thank him for his years of service also. I know he's not on the list but I'd like to recognize him today also. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry. I neglected to mention Jose Larrañaga from our Growth Management Department who's retiring at the end of February, and Patricia Boies from our Community Services Department who has also retired effective the end of the month. I'm sorry I neglected to mention those two great, unfortunate retirements but they've earned it and we're going to miss them but they've definitely earned it, so thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. And those are three people that we're all very familiar with and have appreciated working with. Yes, as you said, we're sorry to

see each of them go but hopefully they are headed to bigger and better things. Then would you like to go over the new hires?

MR. CORDOVA: Yes, Mr. Chair. So I'll just go through the list. We have Mark Pierce in our Community Development Department. He's our new affordable housing administrator. We have Kyion Dillon in our Corrections; he's a detention officer. Joey Sandoval in Corrections, maintenance technician senior. Antonio Velasco in our Fire Department; he's an emergency vehicle tech. Renae Seely, in our Land Use Department, GIS analyst. Christopher Martinez, Project and Facilities Management; he's a maintenance tech. Esteban Villanueva, Public Works Department, heavy equipment operator. Kimberly Cisneros-Olivas in our Sheriff's Deputy Administrative Office; she's a new clerk. Braden Egbert in Corrections, detention officer. Adrian Rough Surface in Corrections as a detention officer.

Luke Sluski, Corrections, detention officer. Ashley Fernandez, an accountant in our Finance Department. Matias Gonzales, our Fire Department, an emergency vehicle tech. Patricia Victor, our Fire Department, another emergency vehicle tech. Michael Nuñez in our Legal Department, an assistant County attorney. Brandon Delgado, Project and Facilities Management; he's a construction inspector. And Gene Romero, our Public Works Department, heavy equipment operator.

So still filling positions. We welcome all of these new folks to the County and we hope they're with us till retirement.

CHAIR HUGHES: Great. Thank you. And it is good to see so many new people joining us and it's good to see another month where the new hires outnumber the retirements. So that's moving in the right direction.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 30, 2024

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: What's the pleasure of the Board?

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Any discussion?

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

3. Consideration Proclamations, Resolutions, and/or Recognitions

A. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming March 10, 2024 as "Tibetan Freedom Day"

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. So this is the eighth year that I have brought this proclamation forward. I have a long history with the Tibetan refugees who have come to Santa Fe that have been here for a good 30 years, not to mention that I am also a practicing Tibetan Buddhist. But the Tibetan Freedom Day is about the invasion of China into Tibet and it is about people wanting to return to

their homeland. So every year at the State Capitol where the Governor also proclaims March 10th as Tibetan Freedom Day we have a march from the Tibet Center over to the Roundhouse and then to the plaza. So I'm just going to read it. It's very short.

Whereas, Santa Fe County recognizes the rich cultural history and heritage of Tibet and the Tibetan people, and the depth and richness that the local Tibetan community of Santa Fe adds to the county; and

Whereas, March 10, 2024, marks the 65th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising when the Country of Tibet was occupied by the People's Republic of China, resulting in more than a half century of occupation and exile, and the exodus of about 80,000 Tibetans across the Himalayas; and

Whereas, Santa Fe County supports the conclusion of the United States Congress that, under the established principle of international law, Tibet is an occupied country whose true representative is the exiled Tibetan government based in India, headed by Sikyong Penpa Tsering; and

Whereas, the Tibetan people acknowledge and honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama, recipient of numerous awards from many governments and institutions, including the Nobel Peace Prize, the United States Congressional Gold Medal, as the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, and Santa Fe County encourages the People's Republic of China to enter into discussions with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government to solve the questions of Tibet based on the will of the Tibetan people and to ensure respect for the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, do hereby proclaim the 10th of March, 2024, as: "Tibetan Freedom Day."

And with that, I would like to ask for a motion to approve this proclamation.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hansen, if you don't want to make a motion I would be honored to make a motion to approve this proclamation.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second it.

CHAIR HUGHES: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? I just want to thank you for bringing this forward, Commissioner Hansen. It's a very appropriate remembrance that Tibet is an occupied country and that Tibet freedom is something we should all hope for.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. We have approved the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I want to thank this Board for the years that we have passed this resolution and how meaningful it is to me personally but also how meaningful it is to the entire Tibetan community that lives in New Mexico. So thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Very good.

4. **Consent Agenda**

- A. **Resolution No. 2024-025, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Health Care Assistance Fund (223) in the Amount of \$15,333 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- B. **Resolution No. 2024-026, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the State Appropriations Fund (318) in the Amount of \$75,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Safety Department/Derek Williams and Mark Boschelli)**
- C. **Resolution No. 2024-027, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the State Special Appropriation Fund (318) in the Amount of \$100,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- D. **Resolution No. 2024-028, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the State Special Appropriation Fund (318) in the Amount of \$375,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- E. **Request Acceptance of Grant #A23-H2061 Received from the State of New Mexico, Aging and Long-Term Services Department for the Abedon Lopez Senior Center Project in the Amount of \$742,500 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Public Works Department/Brian Snyder)**
- F. **Request (1) Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with Presbyterian Medical Services To Provide Navigation and Primary Care Services to Uninsured and Underinsured Low-Income Residents of Santa Fe County for a Total Contract Sum of \$339,800, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- G. **Request (1) Approval to Utilize the Statewide Price Agreement No. 00-00000-20-00088 with Chalmers Ford to Purchase Six (6) Ford F-150 XLT Crew Cab Trucks in the Amount of \$334,398, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Public Safety Department/Jacob Black and Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- H. **Request Approval of a Perpetual Electric Easement Agreement for the Public Service Company of New Mexico Within the County's Lamy Park & Open Space Property Located in Lamy, NM, Santa Fe County (Public Works Department/Scott Kaseman, PJ Montano, and Brian Snyder)**
- I. **Resolution No. 2024-029, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Complete and Submit a Local DWI Grant Program**

Application and Related Documents and Agreements (Community Services Department/LeAnne Rodriguez)

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any items on the Consent Agenda that people wish to remove for discussion? If not, can we have a motion on the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: You probably said it first, Commissioner Bustamante, but it came to us later. So we have a motion by Commissioner Greene seconded by Commissioner Hansen

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

5. Appointments/Reappointments

A. Request Approval of Appointments of Board Members to the Santa Fe Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

CHAIR HUGHES: And I think for that we have Lisa Katonak.

LISA KATONAK (Community Development): Good afternoon, Commissioners. Today I am presenting you a request approval of appointments of board members to the Santa Fe County Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board. To provide a brief background of the role of the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board, it is for them to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning the expenditure of occupancy tax proceeds. LTAB prepares semi-annual budget setting for the amount of money collected by the County Treasurer, and also setting forth all expenditures made during such semi-annual period. LTAB consists of five residents of the county, two of whom represent the lodging industry, two of whom are directly involved in tourist-related industries, and one member at large who represents the general public. Members must reside within Santa Fe County. LTAB members serve a two-year term and may be re-nominated for up to two additional successive terms.

The terms of all five LTAB members expired on January 11, 2024. The term of appointed LTAB members will be two years, from February 27, 2024, to February 26, 2026. Santa Fe County advertised the board member positions for the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board on December 7, 2023. Staff has received letters of interest/résumés, and all mandatory forms from the following individuals seeking appointment to the Santa Fe County Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board. Those individuals representing the lodging industry, Dawn Ibis, who is the finance director for Bishop's Lodge Auberge Resorts Collection. From the lodging industry, Jennifer Girgus, director of sales and marketing for Four Seasons Resort, Rancho Encantado Santa Fe.

Representing tourism-related activities is Rich Headley, co-owner of Beer Creek Brewing. Tourism related activities also, KitFox, which is Jennifer Kolker, the owner of

KitFox. At large, Maggie Nation, growth strategist with Maggie Nation, LLC. And the last one is Richard Lavallo with Regional Development Corporation, at large.

The recommended action: approval of the appointments is for Ms. Dawn Ibis, Ms. Jennifer Girgus, Mr. Rich Headley, Ms. Jennifer Kolker, and Mr. Richard Lavallo to the Santa Fe County Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board. I stand for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Questions from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'd like to make a motion to approve the recommended action of Ms. Dawn Ibis, Ms. Jennifer Girgus, Mr. Rich Headley, Ms. Jennifer Kolker, and Mr. Richard Lavallo to the Santa Fe County Advisory Board.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Is there discussion? I just have one quick question. I assume that there was only one open spot for an at-large member.

MS. KATOAK: Yes, that is correct. And both individuals do bring something to the table so it was very hard to choose. However, Mr. Lavallo has been very active in the Santa Fe hospitality industry as well as the Regional Development Corporation and is working with small businesses on the outdoor recreation component of the outdoor recreation economy.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? So we have a motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

A. Resolution No. 2024-030, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the State Special Appropriation Fund (318) in the Amount of \$235,000

CHAIR HUGHES: I see Yvonne Herrera and there's Jennifer Romero. Go ahead, ladies.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, the budget adjustment in front of you is requesting to budget a junior bill appropriation in the amount of \$235,000 for the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, to provide HMIS licenses at no cost to partner agencies statewide with an aim to expand the use of the system by removing financial barriers. Funds must be expended by June 30, 2024. And with that we stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, are there any questions? Yes, go ahead, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Who was the sponsor of this? Who was the legislator?

JENNIFER ROMERO (Community Services): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, I apologize. I do not know the sponsor of this bill for the junior bill. It took us a moment for us to receive the agreement.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I just thought we should thank them. But

thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene, I believe it was Senator Pope. At least that's who I know was being asked. And I'll just let you know, I need to recuse myself from this vote because I'm still connected to the New Mexico Coalition to End Homeless in a very minor way, but still, I will recuse myself. Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second.

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

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote with Chair Hughes having recused himself.

6. B. Resolution No. 2024-031, a Resolution Adopting the Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails and Parks 2024 Work Plan

CHAIR HUGHES: Before we do that we'll recognize that Sheriff Mendoza is in the audience. Welcome, Sheriff. Adeline.

ADELINE MURTHY (Growth Management): Good afternoon, Chair, Commissioners. Today I'll be presenting the Open Space, Trails and Parks 2024 Annual Work Plan. The annual work plan is an outcome of the 2019 Open Space, Trails and Parks strategic management plan, adopted through Resolution 2019-4, which directs staff to annually update the short-range work plan from Chapter 3 of that strategic management plan. It is considered a living document to be updated every year for the purpose of communicating the focus and priorities of the Open Space and Trails program for that year to the Board and the public.

Before I dive into the work plan I'd like to mention last year's accomplishments in 2023 are documented in the 2023 annual report, which was shared with the Board last week and is also available on the County's website.

So the work plan before you is organized in four sections consistent with the functions of the program. Those sections are resource management, educational programming and stewardship, project development and implementation, and planning and program development. The half-filled circles indicate projects that have been initiated while the empty circles indicate a project that has yet to be initiated, and highlighted projects are of particular priority for 2024.

So first is resource management and the first task in there is to develop and implement open space management plans, including adopting the Little Tesuque Creek and Talaya Hill open space management plans; updating Los Potrerros and Ortiz Mountains management plans; and then drafting plans for Rio en Medio and soon to be expanded San Pedro open space; continuing to implement species-related management plans; continuing preventative maintenance measures on open space, trails and park properties; and continuing to conduct baseline environmental surveys on open space properties.

The next big task within resource management is to develop and implement long-range restorative management practices, including: identifying and prioritizing restorative

land management best practices appropriate to the open spaces of this region; continuing the first phase of forest resiliency project at the Ortiz; continuing erosion control projects at Thornton Ranch; completing the plan for floodplain restoration at Rio en Medio; and continuing to install boundary and wildlife-friendly fencing at Los Potreros open space; continuing to partner with wildlife rehabilitation organizations to facilitate wildlife releases on open space properties; and continuing to use open space properties as demonstration sites for successful resource management with regional partners.

And while not explicitly stated in this document we do acknowledge that the climate is changing and that new environmental conditions are and will need to continue to be incorporated into these management plans. Identifying and increasing restorative management practices is a big part of that effort.

Next is educational programming and stewardship, which includes facilitating this year's Master Naturalist training course, as well as scheduling workdays and restoration projects with trained Master Naturalist volunteers; training new open space property stewards; increasing the stewardship of trails and volunteer participation in trail maintenance; continuing to install signage at open spaces and trails as needed, including educational, wayfinding, safety, regulatory, and interpretive signage; increasing communication about program materials such as trail maps and brochures; and continuing to partner with SiteWatch, a program of the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division to monitor culturally significant sites on open space properties.

The next section is project development and implementation, which is primarily achieved in the Public Works Department. A priority this year is to begin construction of Santa Fe River Greenway Trail from Siler Road to San Ysidro Crossing; seek funding for property acquisitions and design of Santa Fe River Greenway from Romero Park to South Meadows; beginning the construction of the ballpark improvements in Madrid; seeking funding for design of Romero Park, which will include multi-purpose fields, baseball fields, and additional pickleball courts; seek funding for design of Arroyo Hondo Trail from New Mexico 14 to the Rail Runner station at NM599; begin the construction of the Arroyo Hondo Trail from the Turquoise Trail Subdivision to Velocity Way; construct Nine Mile and Avenida Eldorado trailheads; construct Avenida de Compadres trail improvements; begin design of Avenida Azul Trail; and finalizing the design and beginning the construction of Rail Trail from Spur Ranch Road to US 285.

Seek funding for preliminary engineering and design of the Rail Trail from US 285 to County Road 33 near Lamy; construct new Spur Trail trailhead as part of NE/SE Connector project; plan and design porous road at Los Potreros which will help with wetland connectivity; construct the trail re-route at Little Tesuque Creek open space to get the trail out of the streambed; coordinate the Environmental Assessment of Thornton Ranch, the development of trails there with BLM; and complete the acquisition of two new open space properties – the expansion of San Pedro open space and Ten Little Hills in Cerrillos; begin planning for safe trailhead options at Little Tesuque Creek open space and begin master planning for development of trails of the expanded San Pedro open space.

And then lastly, the final section is planning and program development. The items in the work plan are to conserve open space properties through the transfer of development rights program; develop policies for tribal co-stewardship of Thornton

Ranch open space; implement Open Space Ranger program; modernize open space-related resolutions and ordinances to reflect the current mission of the program; COLTPAC will be studying the options for funding of open space acquisitions; also updating the Open Space and Trails Official Map in the SLDC to update existing trails and include new priority trail connections; facilitating staff training in sustainable trail design, construction and maintenance; supporting the Rio Grande Trail planning initiative with the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division; and finally, exploring ways to increase trail connectivity, particularly to connect rural communities.

So as you can see, there is a lot in store for 2024. However, the staff for the Open Space, Trails and Parks program is within three different departments – the Growth Management Department, Public Works and Community Development departments, and we continually actively collaborate to move these projects forward. I'd also like to let you all know that the County's first open space interpretive ranger, Rose Masters, was hired two weeks ago. We are really excited that she's joining the team. She's in training right now so unable to be here. But thank you, and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Adeline. That seems like a lot of work. It's all good stuff. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I think it looks great, of course. I completely support open space, but how much staff do you have?

MS. MURTHY: Between Public Works, Community Development and Growth Management, I think there's about 20 staff members.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Well, that helps. You're not out there by yourself.

MS. MURTHY: No.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And I'm glad to see that you have support because I think all these projects are really important for the constituents of Santa Fe County. I don't think that you know the answer to this because I don't know the answer to this, but there is not a new acting director for BLM, is there?

MS. MURTHY: To my knowledge, no.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That's what I thought. I know we need – I don't expect us to have a permanent field director of BLM but it would be nice if we had an acting BLM director so we had somebody to contact. But I know Brad Higgins has gotten a promotion so I think he is probably our best contact. So the County is working with them on the shooting range. I didn't see that on the work plan. I don't know if you consider that part of your open space but in the past it was under – I think it was under somewhere in Community Development. But also protection of the Caja del Rio and the petroglyphs. And I know that's a state park and BLM land and forest land but I think that because of the impact to residents and the impact on our Sheriff's Department, it's something we should keep in mind and maybe put it somewhere in the work plan as we move forward that there are active people trying to protect the Caja del Rio and that we are working towards monument status and co-management with the tribes and other things involved with that. So I think it's important to remember that and remember how dangerous it is out there and the impacts to our Sheriff's Department and to the rangers out on the Caja, because we really need some kind of protection out there for what is going on. And that's all I have at the moment, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Adeline, thank you very much. This is an ambitious work plan and I'm happy to hear that you actually have more than just a skeleton crew, that you actually have a well-rounded crew that touches different divisions. It's not only Sustainability and Community Development but it's Public Works. It's Planning. It's definitely a well-rounded team there.

I think my questions – I'm supportive of what Commissioner Hansen mentioned about Caja del Rio and the shooting range and trying to figure out a solution for that. But also I'm wondering if there's a space in here for really building the partnerships in this sort of guise of what Commissioner Hansen mentioned where not all open spaces are open space, right? And so it's how to get into the trails or into the state parks or into the BLM or to the river, the Rio Grande that may not be our land but it may be access to the federal lands. And so I think in 2025 there is going to be a series of FLAP grants, Federal Lands Access Program, and I know of three different projects that have the opportunity to go for FLAP grants and I would love that to be on the work plan, at least to investigate how we could go after those federal grants. And they may be under Public Works. It may be under open space. They may be in partnership with other organizations but at the end of the day if we don't drive the bus we'll miss the opportunity.

And so those projects are County Road 77, which is the Buckman Road out to Diablo Canyon, and looking at access to the federal lands out there. Looking at the Nambe and Chimayo pilgrimage trail through the Nambe Badlands. That is mostly along New Mexico 98 I think is the road there. And then lastly the State DOT is doing a project up Hyde Park Road that goes into the state forest and into the federal lands up there. And so to make sure that we have some input and we're monitoring this regularly so that we can track it and make sure that whatever solution these other organizations have that we approve them and that we have our input in them.

That's it, but this is great and I look forward to seeing the results of your work and if there's any way I can help on any of these projects, please feel free to ask. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So following up, I think the last time we got a FLAP grant was in 2016. We did the El Camino Real Trail through Dead Dog Road out on Buckman and so that was a very successful project and program because we worked with the US Forest Service and BLM, and it was finished in 2017, I believe. So there's ways for us to be involved in those FLAP grants and I highly support that also, because even the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro is a little dangerous these days because of the shooting out there, I think that we have to pay attention to our investment so that we can still provide trail access to our constituents. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead, Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes, thank you for this presentation and the good work that you all are moving forward on. I do want to make sure to recognize, and I'm grateful for the work that's being moved forward, and when we look

at how our open spaces – Commissioner Hansen brought up the work that we’re doing on the Caja. When we talk about how we have open spaces that are both County and when we work in collaboration with the BLM and our federal partners, that we’re also acknowledging the work of the traditional communities as well. When we look at co-management and recognition that there are enough, and there has been enough, history and lineage in the use of the open spaces prior to the fences coming in with the U.S. government. And that’s a historical fact. And how those commons were used, and I hope that we’ll maintain and continue to hold those values and recognize the importance of working with the traditional communities who are in fact and have been collaborating and working with their Native cousins.

So I appreciate your good work. I think it is an ambitious work plan and I’m grateful for your openness and willingness to acknowledge that you have the resources. I have no doubt in my mind that you will get that done. And I’ve already asked Brittney to make sure that I get some copies of the work plan because I’d like to very much have at least one for myself and share that with other people who I’d like to see acknowledging the good work that you’ve done. So thank you very much, Adeline.

MS. MURTHY: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner. Anybody else? Well, I’ll just say be sure to let us know when you need help also. I enjoyed the meeting we had with the Thornton Ranch group and the Native communities and I assume we’ll get that started again pretty soon. I saw it on the work plan. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I will make a motion to approve or adopt a resolution adopting the Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails and Parks 2024 Work Plan.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I’ll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second by Commissioner Greene. Any further discussion?

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

6. C. Resolution No. 2024-032, a Resolution Establishing the Behavioral Health Leadership Council

CHAIR HUGHES: Rachel O’Connor and Alex Dominguez, welcome.

ALEX DOMINGUEZ (Behavioral Health Program Manager): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Today, in 2018, Santa Fe County’s Community Services Department engaged in a health services needs analysis in order to identify gaps in existing behavioral health services. One recommendation produced in the analysis was that the County develop a behavioral health strategic plan. Released in July of 2019 the plan recommended and emphasized the need for a leadership body to guide the County and the larger community in the planning and implementing of a comprehensive system of services to better meet the needs of the residents of Santa Fe County when it came to behavioral health issues.

The leadership team began meeting informally in 2019 and was interrupted by COVID-19 in March of 2020. We resumed monthly meetings in March of 2021 and in

September of last year we hired a coordinator to assist us in this effort. The proposed resolution creates a formal body that will be appointed by you with the following characteristics. The Behavioral Health Leadership Council will consist of a maximum of 15 members. It will comprise of individuals with diverse backgrounds and its members represent varied behavioral healthcare services including providers, government agencies, law enforcement, first responders, advocates, and individuals with lived experiences. At least one of the Behavioral Health Leadership Council members will also serve as a member with the Health Policy and Planning Commission in order to keep both parties updates on the strategies, objectives and not duplicate efforts.

The Behavioral Health Leadership Council will update the BCC at least once a year on the council's short- and long-term goals including objectives and accomplishments for that past year. Leadership Council members will include representation of behavioral health providers that offer services to both adults and adolescents within Santa Fe County. All council members shall reside within Santa Fe County or represent an organization that offers services in Santa Fe County. With that, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I stand before you for questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Alex. I'm encouraged by this and I think that having a best practices leadership group is a great way to keep things organized, make sure we're not duplicating efforts, and that we're coordinating. The question I have is that this is a very Santa Fe County aspect. Again, I seem to always ask this question but how are we going to interface with our either internal partners, whether it's the pueblos or the cities that are a part of Santa Fe County, or external partners such as Rio Arriba County or Los Alamos County, or the adjacencies that are neighbors to the County, either in technical assistance or making sure that we're not duplicating or that we understand that there are facilities in Rio Arriba County that may serve Santa Fe County residents and that we could be duplicating even if they're just over the line, and so on. So I'll let you answer that one.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, very good question. What we've done in the past is we've put our best foot forward to include representatives from all of the different agencies you just identified to have their representation at the table or have representatives attend these meetings. Of course when we say that we're going to limit these to 15 members, that is going to be a need that's greater than beyond 15 members. So we'll continue to include participation of different agencies – the pueblos, the different programs in our surrounding area, including outside of Santa Fe County that really have connections to us through northern New Mexico, being that we're the ones that do offer these services within this agency.

The leadership team, at this point called a team, has always done a very good job of keeping in mind those different areas that we may be finding gaps in, and so we will continue to do our best and put our best foot forward to include those as formal representatives of the council, as well as participants and invitations to all of our meetings, because our meetings since COVID have been kind of a hybrid meeting, available to everybody, both Webex and in person.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Good luck. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Other questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I have a statement. I'm just very grateful for this initiative and the importance of it [inaudible]. So the other part of my public health though environmental is very important to me is the social and behavioral aspects that I see to be environmental as well, because of all the other social types of effects that have an impact on community health.

That being said, and I'm going to assume that you'll be working with the state's working group that someone from your committee will be a part of that. I think I've seen people from the County on those calls – as well as making sure that as we move forward – I don't know why I've heard it more recently about questions of I don't like – or the statement, I don't like the term “behavioral health” which leaves me confused. The importance of understanding behavioral health and how it would affect and work and help us work with our policing where it's not appropriate to have law enforcement, but more so as to my vision is about where it's not about law enforcement but about support to individuals. This group can have a large impact on that type of issue.

So I'm very grateful for the work that you all are doing in bringing this committee together and knowing that there are statewide initiatives as well. I know that the networks will be strong and that we'll get to a place where people who have behavioral health concerns and issues will be dealt with appropriately and not criminalized. So thank you for your good work, as just one aspect of your work. Thank you.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any other discussion? If not – Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to approve a resolution establishing the Behavioral Health Leadership Council.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

CHAIR HUGHES: A motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene.

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

6. D. Request for Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2024-___, an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Single-Use Plastic and Expanded Polystyrene Products in Santa Fe County; Encouraging Use of Reusable Bags; and Establishing Enforcement and Penalties for Violation

CHAIR HUGHES: Jacqueline Beam, and if it's possible Sarah Pierpont may join us online just to make a few comments after Jacqueline. Go ahead, Jacqueline.

JACQUELINE BEAM (Sustainability Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. On September 26, 2023 the Board gave direction to staff to finalize the draft ordinance that was presented in the meeting along with the single-use plastic and polystyrene working group's findings and recommendations. The draft ordinance has been further edited by Legal and includes the following highlighted requirements for retail establishments, including restaurants.

Retail establishments shall not provide single-use plastic bag or other bag or box

that is not a reusable carryout bag, recycled content paper bag, or recyclable cardboard box for the purpose of carrying groceries, food or other goods from a point of sale. This subsection shall not apply to the following: pre-checkout bags provided to customers, bags provided for prepared take-out food with a high liquid content that is intended for consumption away from a retail establishment's premises, laundry, dry cleaning or garment bags, including bags provided by hotels to guests to contain wet or dirty clothing, bags used to contain or transport live animals such as fish or insects sold in pet stores, bags used to transport chemical pesticides, drain-cleaning chemicals or other toxic chemicals sold at the retail level, and bags used to protect paper newspapers from inclement weather when delivered to customers at their homes, or plastic wrappings, bags or containers distributed by the manufacturer for packaging or preparing goods for display prior to sale.

It also includes an imposed six-month timeline for the adherence to the ordinance, and in the meantime, during that six months, the Sustainability will provide educational support to retail establishments affected by the new ordinance. If approved, the proposed and estimated timeline for educational outreach will include a letter of notification, an online hotline for information and resources, and a six-month retail establishment compliance requirement. The compliance effective date, if approved today, would be October 26, 2024.

And further, to summarize the enforcement piece, the proposed ordinance is a standalone ordinance and a hot line for complaints and information will be made available by the Sustainability Division. Non-compliance businesses will be tracked for the purpose of education and will receive a letter from Sustainability staff to provide additional support in transitioning from single-use plastic and polystyrene point of sale packaging. If the business is not compliance within 21 days of receipt of the letter, the businesses will be referred to Code Enforcement for a notice of violation inspection and further legal steps will be taken as required.

And at this time, the Community Development Department respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners authorize publication of title and general summary of this ordinance prohibiting the use of single-use plastic and expanded polystyrene products in Santa Fe County, encouraging use of reusable bags and establishing enforcement and penalties for violation. And with that, I stand for any questions and if Sarah is online.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much, Jacqueline, and I think Sarah is on as a call-in user. Is it possible for us to unmute her to make a few comments before we go to questions.

SARAH PIERPONT [remotely]: Hi. So we were a part of the year-long study and I just want to emphasize that the commission really looked at what other states have been doing as we put together this draft ordinance, comparing what could work best for New Mexico. We do think it's important to keep that fee, I understand, for the single-use plastic bag ban. If you have a fee like that ten cent fee that the retailers may be able to charge at the point of sale, because what we really want to do is encourage reuse. We don't want to switch from single-use plastic bags to single-use paper bags, so I'm glad that fee stayed in there. I know it's not required but I do imagine that most stores will choose to do so. So we really appreciate the Commission taking the time to do the study

and the due diligence ahead of time to be able to ensure that we put together something that can work for Santa Fe County.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much, Sarah. Sarah again was the chair of the committee that developed the ordinance over the course of a year. And now let's go to questions from the Commission. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and thank you, Jacqueline. This is encouraging that – and thank you to the members of this committee who put this all together. I think some input was asked of me early on in my tenure about a year ago and I appreciate that there's a level of appreciation for what restaurants have to go through. And so I work very closely with a bunch of restaurants and so having a carve-out for prepared take-out food with high liquid content, being that I operate a delivery company that is relatively important in our world of customer – being able to deliver properly to customers. And so it is appreciated that things like that are in there.

And while I don't think that this is necessarily a part of the ordinance, I think that there's an added place where Santa Fe County can come in and be of assistance to provide best practices, which is when a small organization has to go out and buy more ecologically friendly material, Santa Fe County or a coalition of the City and the County and the region, could create a buying group that might be able to go out there and buy more ecological material that would otherwise be very expensive for a restaurant to buy a thousand take-out things at a dollar apiece, whereas when the County goes and buys 10,000 of them it might reduce the cost down to help some of these businesses be more compliant, and also be a resource for these restaurants or stores or whoever wants to take part in this program. They could also be messaged with something that promotes Santa Fe County's position in trying to be part of the solution.

But I'm in support of this. I think this is a good first step – or not first step, one additional step towards our Sustainability goals. So thank you very much for putting this forward.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Greene. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Jacqueline. Thank you to the entire working group and the liaisons who worked on this and Commissioner Hughes who worked on this with me. This is something that I have wanted to see since 2017, so I'm really happy that it is happening now at least before I leave the Commission. I think it is really important for awareness of how damaging plastic is to our environment, to our health, to our wellbeing. It is not just something that is convenient. Sixty years ago we were able to figure out how to manage without all this plastic and I think that we can do this again, we can figure out how to make our world healthier and safer for the residents of Santa Fe County and New Mexico, and this is a good leading example of what the legislature could do in the future for the state of New Mexico. So thank you everybody for your really long and hard and diligent work on this. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Other comments? I'll just say, like Commissioner Hansen, I've been looking forward to this for a long time. It's one of the first things that I worked on as a Commissioner, which was a while ago, in my first term. And I really appreciate the committee's work. Two of the committee members are in the audience. Why don't you guys raise your hands, just so we can say

thank you to you as well for your input. I think this is really important. I think that plastic, we're realizing how damaging it is to our health as well as to the environment, and so this comes at an ideal time for us to make a difference in our community. It's a small difference because there'll still be lots of plastic around but at least some of the more disposable types of plastic will not be around if we pass this.

I did have a question for staff. When would we have the public hearing? This is just a first step. This publishes the title and general summary. Next step would be a public hearing. Do we know what date that would be if we pass this part tonight?

MS. BEAM: Yes. Mr. Chair, Commissioners, we're looking at March 26th.

CHAIR HUGHES: Great. Okay. So March 26th would be the public hearing and that would be soonest we could adopt the ordinance as well. Great. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to request authorization to publish title and general summary of Ordinance -- an ordinance prohibiting the use of single-use plastic, expanded polystyrene products in Santa Fe County, encouraging use of reusable bags, and establishment of enforcement and penalties for violation.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second that.

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

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

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chair, for the purpose of order, I'm just wondering if -- it was proposed that we request permission. I think that from our end we are authorizing it, correct? The motion was made stating requesting permission to provide, and I think that we're saying we're moving to provide permission. I just don't -- we're not asking for permission to produce this; we're doing it. We're saying this is something that we're going to do.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I didn't use the word permission.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It's to publish title and general summary.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, that's what I said.

CHAIR HUGHES: I don't think she used the word permission.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Okay. I heard it differently. Okay. No problem. Thank you. As long as the minutes reflect that we are publishing title and not asking permission to do so, which is what I heard on this end. We're find. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Bustamante, have you ever known me to ask permission?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: No.

CHAIR HUGHES: There. So that should be clear. Okay, so we have accomplished the first step. We're going to publish title and general summary, and then a public hearing on March 26th. Thank you, Jacqueline, for all your work as well on this.

MS. BEAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners.

7. **Presentations**

A. **Presentation on Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office Accomplishments and Goals for FY25**

CHAIR HUGHES: Sheriff Adan Mendoza, welcome.

ADAN MENDOZA (County Sheriff): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commission. I appreciate the opportunity today to do hopefully a short presentation on some of the things that we've accomplished in the year 2023 and some of the goals that we plan to accomplish in 2024. This is the first time that I've actually presented to the Commission on some of the things that we've done, so I'm excited to share with you a lot of those accomplishments, but before I get started I want to just recognize the staff at the Sheriff's Office, our sworn staff, the ladies and gentlemen that are out there keeping the community safe, including our civilian staff which goes anywhere from records clerks to secretaries to animal control, and the staff here at the County and the Commission itself.

None of this would have been possible without the team effort from all these individuals, all these departments and our community in general. So when I go over some of these numbers I want to say that I'm very proud of the productivity and the accomplishments that the Sheriff's Office has made over the last five years that I've been Sheriff, but specifically 2023 and moving into 2024.

Before I go into that I want to introduce some of my staff which a lot of people already know but for those that are watching online. This is Undersheriff Ken Johnson, Captain Michael Delgado, Captain Jose Rodriguez and Major Gabe Gonzales would be here but he was on a guardian election meeting which was really important for the upcoming election.

But I wanted to point out the years of experience with the staff that you see up here. Undersheriff Johnson has 28 years. Major Gonzales, 25 years experience. Captain Delgado 20 years experience, Jose Rodriguez, Captain Rodriguez 23 years experience. That's 96 years of experience standing up here and if you include my 25 years, that's 121 years of experience at the Sheriff's Office, and I think that's something to be proud about. These gentlemen, everybody standing here could retire tomorrow if they wanted to, but they stay and put up the good fight for the community, for the Sheriff's Office and for the County so that's something to be acknowledged for sure.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much, Sheriff.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: In 2023, I'll talk about deputies responded – in 2021 – I'm going to go over 21 and 22 so we have something to compare it to. In 2021 we responded to 48,422 calls. In 2022 we responded to 49,144 calls. And in 2023 we responded to 56,456 calls for service. That's a tremendous amount of calls to be responding to and as you can see the amount of calls is increasing over the last three years, and I'm assuming if the trend continues that we'll be responding to more calls this year.

Close patrols, these are patrolling of our neighborhoods, our County roads, communities. In 2021 deputies did 9,292 close patrols. In 2022, they conducted 11,541 close patrols. In 2023 they conducted 20,193 close patrols in our communities. They took

physically 4,419 reports in the year of 2023. That's a tremendous amount of reports. These are written reports; these are reports that are documented and not every call that we go to service requires a report.

In 2021, traffic stops, 8,513. 2022, 6,348. In 2023 it increased to 8,636 traffic stops resulting in 5,211 citations. Criminal arrests, in 2021 there were 881 criminal arrests. In 2022, 589 criminal arrests, and in 2023 there were 645 criminal arrests made by deputies in Santa Fe County. In 2021, 206 of those were DWIs. In 2022, 138 were DWIs, and last year 185 arrests for DWI in Santa Fe County which shows you the tremendous amount of DWI and the history of drinking and driving that we have throughout the county.

Arrests for stolen vehicles specifically, in 2021 there were 17 arrests for stolen vehicles. Six in 22, and eight arrests in 2023. One of the biggest issues that we're addressing right now is stolen vehicles and the pursuits and the danger that it poses to our communities.

Warrants served – these are arrest warrants, in 2021, 1,930 arrest warrants. In 2022, 2,224, and in 2023, 1,919 warrant arrests.

When we talk about IPRA requests, these are requests for public records that the Sheriff's Office handled – in 2022 we handled 673 IPRA requests. In 2023 we handled 779, which averages about to about 60 IPRA requests a month, and this is handled by one person, mind you, there at the Sheriff's Office that's responsible for that.

Those are some of the numbers. When we talk about cases and productivity that we've done, which I think is tremendous. I'm really proud of the productivity and the job that the men and women at the Sheriff's Office are doing out there. I'll quickly go through a list as quickly as I can. Some other things that we accomplished in 2023 – we secured \$600,000 in state money from the legislature for license plate readers that we're in the process of purchasing and deploying on our units, and quick deploy systems throughout the county. I think this will be a beneficial tool for fighting crime within our communities to identify stolen vehicles, missing people, a slew of different things that we can identify with that.

Last year, with the help of Captain Delgado as he headed this, we began the accreditation process through the New Mexico Counties accreditation for the Sheriff's Office which is a two-year process. It's a tremendous amount of work, revising policies, reviewing and redoing policies. We've held off on putting out some of our new policies just to ensure that they're in compliance with the accreditation process. We're way ahead of the game on that, I think because our policies were so strong but this is going to bring more professionalism, more credibility, and more clarification for our deputies as far as policies are concerned when we achieve this accreditation process.

Last year one of our biggest challenges and it's still one of our biggest challenges today is filling vacancies. Last year we filled 25 vacant positions in 2023 – nine cadets, five lateral deputies, four animal control officers, and seven civilian positions. That's a huge accomplishment for our recruiting team. But there's a caveat to that. We still have 20 positions open. So as much as we're filling them we're losing them. And so I'll talk about our goal for 2024 and how we're going to retain those positions.

There was some law enforcement retention funds from the state that were distributed to our deputies. And average of 6.2 percent of payouts for deputies to retain

them to stay at the Sheriff's Office. We have a new design for our uniforms that came out last year which was – we went from the grays to the browns. I think we worked with the department to come up with a uniform that everybody would be happy with. That resulted in new design graphics for our patrol units. That was something that we did last year. One of the things that we're working on right now is if you've been out to the Sheriff's Office and seen the new RECC, kicking off the renovation and remodel process for the Sheriff's Office and RECC and Public Safety. That was something that honestly, the funds had been approved in 2014 and it was one of my goals to finish this project before the end of my term. We got that project started. It's going great. RECC is about to move in and they're about to start the renovation process at the Sheriff's Office which I think everybody is excited for.

But I will say this: We're going to come to the table this next year and we're going to ask for a new project for new additions because what we got just wasn't enough. We're several years behind and we like to come up with a plan for the next five years on what the Sheriff's Office and Public Safety looks like.

We installed ballistic panels inside our vehicle unit doors, which adds a level of protection for our deputies on traffic stops and on critical calls. We're one of the only law enforcement agencies in the state that has ballistic panels within their doors of their units to provide safety for our deputies. We outfitted our SWAT team with updated equipment, with rifles, with robots that we're putting in service. We purchased three new drones that we're putting into service for access on critical incidents, on SWAT incidents, on missing persons. We kicked off our online reporting system October 16th of 2023. What that was was a system where people could report very minor crimes and other reports that we realized were taking our deputies' time and effort to respond to. They can now call in, go online and fill out these reports and get those reports on record and follow up if needed. But it saves our deputies time from responding to calls that may not be priority calls at the time. I want to say one thing that if a citizen wants a deputy to respond in person we will do that, no matter what the crime is. But it's an option for our community and I think that's great.

We did some new policies. As you can see I wear a beard. We changed that policy. We realized that a lot of law enforcement agencies are going to that. Beard and tattoo policies, we're just trying to keep up with the times. We changed our uniforms to some outer carriers which our deputies are wearing which they're happier with. Takes the load of the weight off their hips and really help them out. We went to lighter ballistic vests for the comfort of our deputies and for protection. With some of the state monies that were given for recruitment and retention we offered a \$10,000 bonus signing-on bonus for lateral deputies and a \$5,000 bonus for cadets, and I think that helped us in our hiring process last year.

We've purchased dual band radios for our vehicles and dual band hand-helds, which is going to help us move into the modern times when it comes to the radio project to be P-25 compliant and will help our deputies to be able to communicate, to hear and to be able to communicate with dispatch when they're responding to calls and when they're out at calls.

We purchased 40 millimeter tactical launchers, which are a less lethal option for our patrol officers. This is a tool that is used in lieu of deadly force in certain

circumstances. We felt that this was an important tool and an option for our deputies. Those were deployed. Ballistic shields for our patrol deputies, not just for our SWAT teams but for our patrol deputies in case there's ever a response to an active shooter or a situation that they may be in harm so they can be protected when they're responding.'

Training hours – we conducted 8,640 biennial training hours for our whole department and this is the minimum standard set forth by the state in order to keep your certification. This doesn't include advanced training hours that our deputies went through throughout the year.

We purchased new gym equipment and with the help of our budget and the help of the Commission for approving that, 33 new agency vehicles, 30 patrol vehicles, includes three animal control vehicles and a fleet vehicle, and I'll give you one other number: intake of evidence. We took in 2,490 items of evidence into to the Sheriff's Office last year.

So that's a long list of accomplishments that we did in 2023 and I'm sure that there's probably a list of things that I've missed. But I just want to say that I'm really proud of the Sheriff's Office and the staff for those accomplishments in 2023. With that being said I'd like to just move on to some of the things that we're looking at for 2024 and I'll wrap up my presentation. I just want to be respectful for everybody's time.

Again, number one, the number one priority for the Sheriff's Office is filling our vacancies. We need to hire more people. We need to get deputies out on the streets. With our 20-person vacancy it's very difficult to provide a beneficial schedule to our deputies, to make sure that there's men and women out on the streets at all times, fulfilling grant obligations for overtime, special requests that come in for our deputies to be at polling places, at BLM, and things like that. It's very hard to do that because everybody's working overtime just to maintain the level of staffing that we need for public safety out in our communities on each shift.

We've been on 12-hour shifts. I realize that a lot of feedback from the deputies is that that's hard. It's hard to work for 12 hours and some deputies that are living in Rio Rancho are one hour on the road over here and one hour on the road back. That makes for a 14-hour day. That's a long day. We'd like to get back to 10-hour shifts which is what we were traditionally at. We need to hire more people. We can't get back to a beneficial schedule until we fill those positions so that's our number one priority.

We also put in for another \$600,000 allocation from the state. I'm hoping that will get approved upon the Governor's signature. This is going to be to upgrade our less than lethal taser equipment, which is severely outdated and that will help us with some new tactical vests and helmets and stuff for our deputies out in the field. We're also in the process of transitioning our firearm systems which haven't been upgraded in about five or six years. I think everybody's excited for that. It will bring more confidence for our deputies when it comes to firearms training.

We're going to do a watch guard upgrade, which is our lapels and in-car video. We're going to work with the County to upgrade our internet capabilities, because we download all these videos that are downloaded over the internet. When a deputy pulls up that video is automatically sent to the server from their vehicle and it's actually sent out in the field right now via a 5G network. That's what saves a lot of time for our deputies to have to come in and download that information.

The radio project, we're working on that and I'm hoping that at some point I think the plan is to go to the state system that will help us and our deputies to have better communications out in the field. We're going to work with Public Works for ballistic film at the courthouse on the glass outside to make it more protective for the public and for our deputies that work out there in the front all the time. We started a new employee of the month recognition program and a deputy and civilian employee of the year recognition program that we're going to kick off for 2024. We're working again to keep up to date with our uniforms and our carriers which is important to the deputies. And then we realized that we needed a career path when it came to training. We have deputies that are interested in a certain amount of trainings and we're going to have them meet with staff and come up with a career path in reference to make sure that they have the advanced training they need and what they're interested in to promote their career and their career path at the Sheriff's Office.

We're hoping to work with Public Works for solar panels and parking in the rear of our building. There's plenty of vehicles that need to be protected and I think we could use that solar power for the Sheriff's Office and Public Safety.

We're going into a new negotiation process with our union at the Sheriff's Office this year and we're hoping that we make some big gains when it comes to pay increases. I think that's important, and other aspects of work that are included in the contract. We're going to implement a deputy and employee wellness program. We're going to be working with Lexipol which is going to be provided by New Mexico Counties to provide a wellness program which we think is a very important mental and emotional wellness for our deputies so they have a view, an access to these specialized services for some of the things that they deal with out in the field.

And one of the other things that we received and the last thing was a grant from the state for \$1.1 million for law enforcement and support staff that we're looking forward to working with RECC and also other public safety and our hope is, because this can only be used for new positions is that to start off a public safety aide program to start a career path for those 18 to 21 that can start in the field of public safety and hopefully transition into deputies in our community.

I really appreciate the time and allowing us to present some of the things that we did last year and some of the things that we're looking forward to in 2024 and we look forward to working with the community, with everybody at the Sheriff's Office and everybody here at the County to accomplish a lot of those goals and I'm sure we can count on your continued support at the Sheriff's Office. So thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Commissioners for your time and for listening.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Sheriff. That was a very informative presentation and we do certainly appreciate all that you do for our community and you certainly have our support going forward. Comments from other Commissioners? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Sheriff Mendoza, Undersheriff Johnson, Officer Delgado and Rodriguez. Thank you very much for being here. Thank you for always having a deputy here in the chambers. I think we live in a very safe community but it's always reassuring to have someone here. So I want to express that. But I also couldn't help but think of your mother, Gloria Mendoza, and how proud she

would be of you and so I just have to say thank you. Gloria and I had a good relationship all the years that I've lived here, the 50 years, she always appreciated me and I know she would be so proud of you. Since she's not here I want to say that. I'm very proud of you.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you, Commissioner. That means a lot to me. Thank you for remembering my mom.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think about her a lot.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Me too.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Anyhow, I don't mean to cry but we miss her and I'm sure you miss her also. But thank you for your incredibly informative information about what you have done this last year and this year. It's really good for the public also to be able to hear what the Sheriff's Department is doing for the constituents because they don't always see that. They don't always know. What we hear and what they hear is we hear the complaints, like 2500 Lopez Lane, which is one of our sore spots, but it takes time for you to have to deal with and for the County to deal with because we have a place where stolen cars like to be taken and who knows what else happens there but we've been making good progress, I do believe, on recognizing that problem and changing it. It's still a problem but my phone doesn't blow up every single day. But there are places in Commissioner Hughes' district also that we have drug issues and violence.

So I like you new uniforms. I think that was good move.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And thank you very much for being here, always. Thank you.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Sheriff and team. It's been an honor to watch you guys and to work alongside of you a little bit. In the north, in my district I've had a lot of folks reach out and say that you're doing a great job up in the Española area and working in that interface with Rio Arriba County and with Española and making sure that those areas that are some trouble spots like we all have get some extra attention. So it's been appreciated to me and I'd like to pass that on to you guys. So thank you very much and keep up the good work on that.

I appreciate the comprehensive statistics that you put forward. I think that's great for us to know and for us to document and to share. I hope the press is paying attention and if there's not, maybe there's a press release, since you've put these numbers together it may be a good time for you guys to market yourselves as to all the good work that you're doing for all the community at large.

You didn't mention it but I will mention it for you. You're getting two EVs in this next year, hopefully, so I hope you're super excited about that and I hope that helps with recruitment, retention, catching the bad guys screaming down the highway quietly, right? Because it will be an EV. You'll love it.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Yes, Commissioner, and I apologize. It was on here but I think I might have missed a couple of things on my list and it was. But you're right. We're getting two electric vehicles with the help of the Commission. It's a pilot

project. We're excited about it and we're going to see how it works. I'm entering into with an open mind and a very positive outlook on how it's going to work.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I appreciate that because I know as a business owner that I had to get my mind around it and I had to get my staff's mind around it and then suddenly my staff fight for the electric vehicles. They don't want the gas vehicles anymore. So actually we actually we just totaled our last gas vehicle. So after our driver was okay we celebrated that we got rid of the last gas vehicle. So congratulations and I hope you actually put this all into a press release because this is really key statistics and all of this is great news that you're doing great work and even though this is your last term, right? Because I don't think you can run for another term you should pat yourself on the back and celebrate all the work that you're doing for the community.

The last thing I want to bring up is we all have traffic calming issues in all of our districts and we have traditional communities, whether it's the Agua Fria Village or Tesuque or Pojoaque and Nambe or wherever, I hope that there can be a little more traffic control, even if it's just warnings and lots of bright lights to sort of keep people slowing down when they're commuting to work and they're 15 minutes late to work and they just feel like they've got to get there, we just need people to be calm through these neighborhood roads and some of these County roads are pretty small, marginally dangerous at high speeds and have kids on them. We need to slow down a little bit. So if I could have a little bit of extra request, maybe only in my district would be okay but I'm sure everybody's district has their hot spots that they need that. I know that 502, 503, Bishop's Lodge Road, would probably be the three hot spots that I would appreciate a little bit extra rush hour time. Slow people at those times. Park a car. Flash your lights. Scare people a little bit to slow down. It's not about the tickets although that's fine too. But whatever you can do to sort of make our roads safer, you're doing great. So thank you very much.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you, and on that point I would encourage any Commissioner that has a constituent that has a concern to please pass that on to us – the times that it's happening, where it's at, and we can definitely direct some resources and some operations in that area. For those that are online, if you go to the Santa Fe County website and go to the Sheriff's page, there's Sheriff's concerns. If you have a concern of speeding or any public safety issue you can email that email address and that will be addressed as immediately as possible. But that's the way to get some resources out to these troubled areas. I see a lot of posts sometimes on Facebook and Next Door, send an email. We don't really monitor that stuff but if everybody kind of put that into an email we'd be a lot better for it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I appreciate that outreach and having that channel for people. If there is – I serve as one of the members of the MPO, Metropolitan Planning Organization, so that's a regional transportation organization basically for about 15 miles around Santa Fe city limits and if there are areas that you know that are hot spots for speeding that need some additional traffic calming, sort of infrastructure, as opposed to patrols, please reach out to me and the other members that are on the MPO because we could advocate for those and whether it's these crashes and issues that you've seen with injuries, fatalities or just accidents, or if you just have hot spots where your

deputies are always, always, always pulling people over, you go, man, maybe we need to do some flashing lights, or the stuff that Public Works might be able to put in to one of those radar/slow down things that trigger people to slow down. But anyway that we can work together to do – you do the patrols, we do the infrastructure. We can work together.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you for that option.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any other comments from Commissioners? Go ahead, Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I just want to thank these gentlemen and all the people who work with them. It is absolutely not lost on me that every day you go out, you get up, and you're getting ready to leave your home and you don't know what is coming before you. And I don't know that everyone acknowledges what it means to just put your uniform on and face the day, not knowing what types of risks are going to be out there for you, and that you're here to keep our society calm and comfortable.

So I want to thank you and thank you for the good work that you all do. It's impressive. I also have to agree with Commissioner Greene that working maybe with our media folks, with Olivia Romo and those who can help get out a good press release with the good data that you've provided, it is important for people to hear this. People hear and talk about the negative aspects more often than they do get to hear the simple fact that we get hear that we get to go out in society and know things are calm and safe for us and our family. So with much gratitude, thank you for taking your days and assuring that our communities are safe, sincerely.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you for the comments, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Also, I want to encourage our Sustainability Department to put you on the list to get those solar panels out in the back because I think that that would be really beneficial, not only in protecting your cars but reducing your energy load and expenses for the County. So thank you for putting that forward and we'll make sure that Sustainability knows about your request.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you..

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Thank you, everybody.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes, thank you. Thank you, Sheriff. You've always responded every time I've needed help. So thank you.

8. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR HUGHES: Is there anybody in the audience who wishes to address the Commission? And we'll have you come up in a minute, sir. Is there anybody online, Daniel, just so I know.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Specialist): Mr. Chair, nobody currently is raising their hands. There is one call-in user. If the call-in user wants to speak during this item please hit star 3 on your phone.

CHAIR HUGHES: We will go to the audience then, Mr. Mechels. Go ahead. We should put up a timer, probably. So you'll have three minutes and the timer

will show up here.

CHRIS MECHEL: Hello, Commissioners. I'm Chris Mechels. I live out in Tesuque, one of the areas that has traffic problems. I was going to talk to you about some other aspects, but this – I need to talk to you about police. I've been working on trying to get adequate police training in Santa Fe since 2013 when Jeanette Anaya was killed. She happened to be killed by the Santa Fe Police Department. No, I take it back; she was killed by the State Police. She got off scot-free because the DA helped her get off, helped him get off, though he shouldn't have.

The problems here are a good part your problems. This Commission stopped doing police oversight in 2015, just voted not to do it anymore because it's just not something you wanted to do. The result is you have no police oversight. Even Santa Fe City has some oversight and you have none. What you're going through right now is you've got a nice – you've been in a bull session with these officers but their policies at the Santa Fe Sheriff are about 20 years old. They've been talking about rewriting them for about three years. They just sort of sit there and say in process.

Their pursuit policy, which was one of the more dangerous ones, has always been in defiance of the State Safe Pursuit Act. You can look online if you know what that looks like and it's just true. So the two deadliest policies are the Safe Pursuit Act and the Use of Force policy, they're often, both of them and nobody cares to notice that. Their training is the worst in the state. They're getting 677 hours. Las Cruces gets 1,089. Santa Fe Police and the Sheriff get the worst training in the state and neither one of them think they want to deal with that.

The oversight they're talking about, the Association of Counties, they're basically just a soft-kissing ice cream cone. They want to get somebody in here to really do something about policing, they'd bring in somebody like CalPers. The association is there to protect, to pretend to do oversight while doing none. I've looked at that Association of Counties police oversight across the state. I guess it might do some use if they actually do it. The fact is it's just one agency kissing another agency and assessing themselves. What you really need to do is just face up to the fact that you need to do some oversight and you're not. Police, like anybody else will always tell you a good story; they just did. And I've got three minutes to say a story is just a story. The facts don't look like that at all. You need to do some real oversight. I suggest you get a citizens oversight panel. The police will always tell a story that helps them. Do your job. They'll do theirs. They're getting new uniforms. Anyway, next time I'll talk to you about something else. Do the police oversight.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Thank you very much. No raised hands from online?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. Chair, no raised hands.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay – sorry, I didn't see you before. Come forward and we'll do the timer again for you.

SHANE BROWN: I have some documents. Can I provide them to the Commission?

CHAIR HUGHES: You don't want to say anything? You just want to pass those out?

MR. BROWN: Can I pass these out while I talk?

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. Leandro will help you with that.

MR. BROWN: My name is Shane Brown. I am a resident of Santa Fe. I'm a third generation New Mexican. I volunteer with the Los Alamos Study Group where this was obtained. I intentionally didn't really prepare or write down comments because maybe you could more hear the panic in my voice over what is this. This isn't really rhetorical. I'm just a dude. I'm a working class guy. I don't live above the poverty line. I don't want to be here and I don't want to know what this is. For those who are just listening, this is a NEPA determination form. This is from the NNSA and obviously the Department of Energy. It's a categorical exclusion for leasing laboratory space in either Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval or Santa Fe counties, in particular for facilities designed for research involving the study of cellular components, biofuels, genomic sequencing, and fungal pathogens.

I hate to say it. I hate to be grandiose, but this is playing god, and I don't know what's happening here. Well, I do know that Los Alamos is looking for a mini-campus in the south of Santa Fe so the Commission is either being bullied or you're complicit in assuming the risk that comes with this. The mini-campus is all in the name of plutonium pit production that they're running out of space up there and it's a fact. This is the only thing that I've prepared. Now Anthony Fauci says himself that the lab leak hypothesis is not conspiracy theory, and here we have them talking about doing genomic sequencing of fungal pathogen research, fungal pathogen based on my own little research. If you need a briefing on gain-of-function research, you can request one from me, I guess, or the Los Alamos Study Group, but this is that big. And I think it's being underestimated how much the public is going to resist this. Whether you all are being bullied or your complicit in this, the public is going to be organized and educated and peaceful non-violence and very disruptive to this process. This is not going to go down probably the way that it's intended to. And it's just a heads-up that there will probably be more of us. Again, it will be peaceful and non-violent, lawful, and probably from people who are a little more intelligent and politically savvy than me. For whatever reason, I tend to be the guy who's raising the most concern about this, so thanks for the time.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from anybody else who wants to approach us about that subject. All right. Still nobody online, correct? Okay, then nobody else in the room that I missed? Okay, we'll close Matters of Public Concern.

9. Matters from the County Manager
A. Miscellaneous Updates

CHAIR HUGHES: Manager Shaffer.

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Two updates for the Board. First, just a reminder that we are tentatively targeting next Tuesday, March 5th at 2:00 pm as a special meeting time to discuss with the Board potential congressionally directed spending requests. There continues to be some uncertainty around the overall timing of the federal budget as well as the availability of community projects on the House side and if so, what categories may be open for requests. But we're looking towards that special meeting to try and plan as best

we can with the Board, given the information that we have.

Secondly, I wanted to alert the Board to the fact that there will be a film education summit on Friday, March 1st, this Friday, at the Santa Fe Community College. Our own Jennifer LeBar Tapia will be the keynote speaker at the education summit and as I understand it her remarks will focus on the importance of film training programs in our state, which is a focus topic, given the fact that there are film school deans and other representatives from New Mexico colleges and universities in attendance. Those are the miscellaneous updates that I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Manager Shaffer.

9. B. First Session of the 56th Legislature: Updates and Potential Action to Express Support for or Opposition to Legislation that Has Been or May be Introduced

CHAIR HUGHES: Hvtce Miller, go ahead.

HVTCE MILLER (County Manager's Office): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. So I'm just here to report on the conclusion of the legislative session, which took place over the 30 days. And I just wanted to begin by thanking all the County staff for their time that was made available for analysis during this legislative session, and also providing support for specific legislation, either to me or our contract lobbyists, or being there in person at the legislature during this period, and also I wanted to offer my thanks to the elected officials, the Commission, and all the other elected officials who helped out doing analysis and providing support with different pieces of legislation as well.

So we still have some – oh, before I go on. This report is available on BoardDocs. This is what I'm going off of right now. So starting on page 2 I have our legislative dates which are still pending. Next Wednesday, March 6th is the deadline for the Governor to act on any pieces of legislation which require her authorization still, and on May 15th is the effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or without an emergency clause or other specified date. So those are the two dates.

So what came out of the session were 72 bills were passed out of 658 bills that were introduced. As of today, and I just checked a few minutes ago, there's still only four bills that the Governor has signed into law, so there's 68 remaining bills that are still awaiting enactment with about a week to go.

At the back of the report I have the complete list of all the 72 bills which had passed both the House and the Senate. And so in the next few pages I have it categorized for the different sections: the budget, agricultural initiatives, public safety and crime, environment, the government results and opportunity fund, housing legislation, capital outlay, and also a little bit on paid medical and family leave, and just a little bit of information on the land of enchantment legacy fund.

But I was going to go through, within each section I have a summary of all the actions that took place from this legislative session but I wasn't going to touch on each and every one of those; I was just going to come through here and hit on the specific pieces of legislation which apply to Santa Fe County.

Continuing on page 2, within the budget there's the \$512 million government

results and opportunity and within that there are some projects that apply to Santa Fe County. There's \$75 million which was in House Bill 177 and this was a specific piece of legislation that the Commission endorsed and that is to provide matching funds for federal grants, and that's for local governments and other local entities that are getting federal grants and they need the help to come up with the matching funds. And although that was not fully funded at the amount that was requested within the bill itself, which was \$100 million, there are different mechanisms within the state budget that could also be used to provide matching funding for federal grants and I think that might be some of the reason that this was not completely funded at the \$100 million mark.

Another big mark in the state budget was \$300 million funding to the land of enchantment legacy fund. So this fund was set up in 2023 and this goes to an array of conservation programs and state natural resources agencies which goes to soil enhancement programs, agriculture, conservation and big game species type programs and projects. And within that there's also the ability to provide matching funds within that fund.

Moving on to page 3, the agricultural initiatives and there were quite a few that would all be helpful for local agriculture in Santa Fe County. The first one being the Meat Inspection Act, Senate Bill 37. Once again, land of enchantment legacy fund, Senate Bill 9, House Memorial 33, the pollinator protection plan memorial. Funding for the New Mexico Education Department's healthy universal school meals, increased funding for seniors and individuals with disabilities on the supplemental nutrition assistance program, food bank funding, healthy food financing initiative, double-up food bucks, and also funding for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's budget.

Going on to our next section is public safety and crime. Within the budget itself there was increased budgets overall for prisons, courts, police, military, prosecutors, public defenders and those budgets approved in the House Bill 2 are all greater than what they were in the previous year. Specific to Santa Fe County, House Bill 308 provides \$10 million for the public safety radio communication system, also known as the P-25 project, and so this will be the digital based radio system which will be used by public safety all across the state. Senate Bill 175 is \$35 million in a recruitment and retention fund for local police, prison guards and probation officers and also parole officers. House Bill 236 and Senate Bill 128 made changes to public safety retirement and this is another move made to incentivize to either stay in the public safety realm or also come to the public safety realm, which is, as we have heard over the past several years, is a much needed field of service that we need employment in across the whole state.

Gun safety bills that were passed was House Bill 129. This created a seven-day waiting period to purchase a gun. This was reduced from the initial bill which was at 14 days but it was ultimately decided on and passed through the House and Senate at seven days. Senate Bill 5 limits the carrying of firearms within 100 feet of polling locations and that last part there on page 4, House Bill 239 restricts cannabis within prisons and jail. This was an oversight when recreational cannabis came into law within the state. They just overall said that it was no longer a contraband substance and they didn't take into account how this applied in prisons and jails. They made that correction this legislative session.

One last thing that came to me, also on Webex I have our contract lobbyists

available to us to ask any questions of, Al Park and Jason Weaks. So they're on Webex right now as well.

Page 5 is the environment related legislation. The Environment Department's budget increased by 26 percent. Mineral and Natural Resources Department increased by 26 percent, and also again I have listed in here the \$300 million funding for the land of enchantment legacy fund.

With the tax package, House Bill 252, there are now tax credits available for electric vehicles and there was \$20 million funding for roof-top solar tax credit program.

At the bottom of page 5 is a section on the government results and opportunity fund and so this is the new junior bill money, or what had been referred to as junior bill in previous sessions. So how this particular funding is addressed from the creation of House Bill 196 and going forward for how projects are to be funded is that they're put into House Bill 2 and then they had certain requirements that they had to either have the state agency backing or for instance, if projects were coming to local governments they had to go through their local COGs, councils of governments, and therefore then they would be put into the bill and considered for funding allocations.

On the next pages I have a listing of specific projects which are related to Santa Fe County. The seventh project down on page 7 is directly tied to Santa Fe County government, and that is the Santa Fe County network to improve health outcomes for \$160,000. And that's what is known here in the County as our CONNECT system.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: What page are you on, Hvtce?

MR. MILLER: That was on page 6. And within there as well there's several funding mechanisms for homelessness, senior meal deliveries, housing services, and if you need me to get any more information on any of those particular projects I'll be happy to do so.

The next section on page 7 is housing legislation. So there was \$125 million provided to the revolving loan fund and this money can be used for financing affordable housing infrastructure and to develop workforce housing projects. There's also \$20 million for the state Department of Finance and Administration for homeless initiatives.

Moving on to page 8 is a listing of capital outlay projects which would be administered by Santa Fe County itself. And we have funding for all of our 13 priority projects with the exception of our #12 priority which was funding for projects for our greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects. And so in the absence of that one all the other priority projects did receive some amount of funding.

Also related to Senate Bill 275, in the previous capital outlay package there was a five percent encumbrance restriction put into the bill and that has since been removed, so there's no longer that five percent encumbrance within – I believe it was within 60 days of receiving your funding. So there was a lot of concern coming from the entities receiving capital outlay in the last go-round and because of late grant agreements being put forth and with the labor market being available and also supply chain issues, a lot of entities were having trouble meeting that five percent. And so within the new legislation this has been taken out.

On page 10 I provide a listing of projects not specifically administered by Santa Fe County, but these are regional projects which would be the benefit of Santa Fe County residents as a whole as well. And so you can look at those projects and if there's any

questions please let me know.

Pages 11 and 12 is just the listing of everything that was passed during this legislative session.

On page 13 is a small synopsis on the paid medical and family leave. So this piece of legislation did not make it through both houses and is not being considered for implementation by the Governor's office. The last version of the bill that was being contemplated would have employees paying into the fund overall at \$5 for every thousand dollars of earning, and employers would be providing \$4 for every one thousand dollars in wages. Minimum wage workers would have their entire paychecks covered while on leave and people making more would have received 2/3 of their paychecks in this proposal. Also within the proposal was that an employee would have to have paid into the program for six months and would have to have been working for their particular employer for six months, and they would have to provide notification 20 days in advance to be eligible to apply for that particular leave.

And lastly is this land of enchantment legacy fund. And so here it is explaining what the impetus was behind creating the fund and in the diagram below it shows the percentage amount, which is expected to be provided to each of the state departments and the eligible uses for the legacy fund, monies that would become available now from the \$300 million which was the corpus of the fund now. And with that, that's all I have for my report and if you have any questions, me and any of the staff and the contract lobbyists are available.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you for that very thorough report. Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Hvtce. Thank you for the comprehensive analysis and report. I think one of the other aspect that I think that was on here that wasn't mentioned was the Economic Development Division Department of the state got a big bump in their budget and I think that's good for all of us because in a state that generally has high levels of poverty that is the solution to affordability, whether it's housing affordability or live affordability, and so having economic development as a priority of our government is a good place to invest some money.

I don't necessarily think that I have a question to be answered today, although I would welcome the answers today, but given what we did this year, if you have recommendations on how we can better achieve next year and I look forward to hearing those in the weeks and months to come, including how we approach the interims and how we work in the legislature. Just as a point to my fellow Commissioners. We have a home field advantage that nobody, except for maybe the City of Santa Fe has in that building. And there are folks that travel all the way from Las Cruces, getting in their car at 4:00 in the morning and driving here to be here at 9:00 a.m., and we can be there leaving at 9:00 a.m. and be there at 9:05. We have the opportunity to really dominate that building for our better purposes. And I look forward to figuring out a strategy where we can have an all hands support system for our legislators, maybe Commissioner Hansen, becomes Senator Hansen, god willing, but also the rest of our delegation and to support our lobbyists and to support all of our initiatives over there. The more that we can be there to twist the arms and to show our knowledge and our passion about our projects over there I think the more money we would be able to get. So not necessarily answers for today,

although if you had a quick one on the top of your head it's more than welcome but I look forward to us being further, more aggressive and excited in that building.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, great point. Thank you for bringing that up. What we do now in the Manager's Office is that we do meet on legislative matters throughout the entire year. So it's not a 30-day issue or 60-day issue. And so from this meeting today I'll go back and I'll meet with our legislative team in-house including our contract lobbyists and we'll assess things that we see that will be coming up again in the future throughout the interim and begin addressing them before the legislative session does take place. And any and every suggestion and piece of information that you can make available to myself so that we can always keep improving that would be very helpful and I myself very much welcome that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. And if it's possible, when the interim organizational meetings happen, if the list of priorities and the schedule can be presented to us so that we know, a) where and when those meetings are but also to understand what their work plan for the interim committees are going to be so that we can get ahead of things and potentially manipulate the legislation as it gets prepared in the interim. It'd be great to track those things from our side as those come forward, I think in late April or early May.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, I will absolutely make that information available to you and I have some ideas myself to how Santa Fe County can become more involved on a regular basis with our legislature so that, like you were suggesting that we do have that home field advantage and there's definitely ways that we can take advantage of that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Thank you very much, Hvtce.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead.

JASON WEAKS [remotely]: I just wanted to quickly point out we had a really good session, great working with the Santa Fe County team. There was also SJR 16, which is a Senate Joint Resolution and I don't recall Hvtce mentioning but it will give voters the opportunity to pass a constitutional amendment that will allow County officials to set their salaries. That was a priority for NM Counties, and that will clearly get passed in direct resolution so we can expect that to be on the ballot in the next election cycle. And there was also \$5 million for reimbursement from DOC to county jails for holding folks who are pending probation violations and some other [inaudible] initiatives from New Mexico Counties that we participated in.

And then also, because tourism is such a huge issue in Santa Fe County we got roughly \$19 million for marketing and promotions. That represents a significant increase and plays into a little bit of what Commissioner Greene was talking about in terms of economic development.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So I am a supporter of the paid family leave but I'm also concerned about how it affects the County. And so was there any development with this bill that would allow municipalities to opt out or if they had an equal or similar program already like we do? Was there anything like that in the bill that failed?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, where the bill left out is

how you described. There was a provision for an opt-out for employers who had similar leave policies in place, although it never was specified as to what exactly those requirements and who exactly could be eligible. So with that it couldn't be, I guess, thought of with any certainty that a municipality or university or hospital or any of those employers who had similar leave policies in place could be guaranteed that they would have the ability to opt out. And so I believe that's one of the items that does need refinement as the bill most likely will be coming forward again through the interim and brought forward in bill form in the next legislative session.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So maybe that's something that we can track and follow and make sure that some of the things that we are concerned about, and I'm sure that other counties and cities are concerned about, we can have that conversation. Because I think it is important for individuals to have that ability to have paid family leave like we offer here at the County, but not to be penalized if you're already offering something like that. So I was interested in that.

Also this legacy fund seems to have – I didn't add up the amount. It got \$12.5 million. So in this legacy fund, what are these particular – land of enchantment legacy fund – money going to them, like so for NMED, they got \$1.25 million. And it says river stewardship program. So is that a program that already exists at NMED or is this something they're going to create?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, the way that the legacy fund was put into law did leave it at a more general level right now and so, yes, you're correct. There needs to be refinement as to how entities are able to use this and cooperate with the state to access this funding. That's a particular item of mine. I wanted to work with our contract lobbyists to make contact with these different state departments to see how we as the County with similar projects and services in place can start accessing this funding to be utilized now that it will be available to governments on a recurring basis. So to answer your specific question, they are saying the river restoration project, I don't believe that all the parameters are put in place right now as to whether that's just going to be a state project and a local entity would have to participate within the parameters which are already set, or can we participate based upon a similar project that we already have in place. But all the different entities there and the different uses under those entities, I'll come back with more information and provide that to you and the rest of the Commission to give you some idea of how the County itself can start utilizing with programs we have in place or programs for which we have plans and we can start utilizing that funding.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So the idea is that it goes to the DCA or goes to NMED, and then counties and municipalities can then apply for this money? Or it's a program that's going to be run out of these organizations? I'm just kind of trying to figure out what this fund actually is.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I would use the term administered. So I think that those state agencies are the administering agencies for the funds for those particular related programs. So, yes, I believe the state would be available to use the funding for programs which it has in place, but the way that the legislation was crafted is that it's not just to be used by the state but it's to be used by all eligible entities, which need and can use that funding.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Interesting.

MR. MILLER: I agree. I think there's a lot to learn about that fund and the way that it reads now there's a lot of potential for use by all agricultural, environmental and stewardship programs for that funding.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I'm going to request that on our March 5th meeting you give a brief update on what bills the Governor has signed by then. That's the day before her last hurrah on signing bills.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I absolutely will provide you that update.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I had another brief question about the paid family and medical leave. It only lost by two votes it looks like. Were there any Santa Fe legislators who voted against it?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I'll provide you the full list of the entire vote, but off the top of my head, no, there wasn't any Santa Fe County delegation voting against it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. That's what I would have figured so I don't know that our supporting it – well, we should support it again next year of course but we may not have any influence over the ones who need to change their votes. But hopefully they'll be convinced by some changes in the law. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions before we move on? Okay, thank you, Hvtce and thank you to our lobbyist for good work and for participating on line.

10. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials

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

CHAIR HUGHES: We'll start with County Commissioners. I think it's Commissioner Hamilton's turn.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, thank you, but I don't actually have anything tonight. Thank you. I know. I'm so disappointing.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Well, we will move over to Commissioner Hansen who will no doubt make up for that.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much. So we had a really good meeting on the electrical transmission line going across the Caja. It was very well attended. The Tesuque Pueblo was there. Commissioner Greene showed up also, even though we all had multiple meetings that we were supposed to be at. I don't believe there was anyone in favor and tonight, the Los Alamos Council is voting to approve this Foxtail agreement with San Juan County to provide 170 megawatts of renewable energy, so that's kind of exactly what LANL needs for what they're saying they need. So if this is going to be able to be provided by renewable energy, I am confused why they continue or want to continue to progress with this transmission line.

Also Commissioner Hughes and I had a very good conversation with NNSA about the surplus plutonium disposition and it seems that they are still – the EA has not completely been finalized, but it seems that they have come to their senses and realized

that it is probably not a good idea to transport plutonium twice across Santa Fe County and that they can do most of this work also at Savannah River. The other issue is that LANL doesn't really have the capabilities to build pits and do the surplus plutonium at the same time. And so I think recognizing the limitation and the fact that LANL is already behind in the production of pit production they are looking at moving whatever they do have to do with the surplus plutonium to Savannah River and making sure – and for us, making sure that it doesn't come through our county and our state, which I think is incredibly important. But we will see how things turn out.

I am concerned about this young gentleman who came, Shane Brown. I was not aware of what they are planning to do here in Santa Fe from the NNSA office, but I will definitely look into this, because what I've heard in the past is these were going to be office space, not laboratory space. So I think that there might need to be some comments on that.

Also then on to some lighter issues. I want to thank the Commission once again for the proclamation on recognizing Upaya. There was a nice article in the paper the day before about their center and the good work that they are actually doing in the community and with the prisons and with helping to feed homeless individuals and the work, and it was a very well received dedication and event.

And then I want to recognize and take a moment of silence for Ambrose Mascarenas. He is somebody who lived most of his life up in Taos County, but his wife, Mary Trujillo Mascarenas, served with me on the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area board and was actually my first postmistress when I move to New Mexico 51 years ago, and so I have a long history with this family. As they said at the memorial, they said, oh, you're from Llano. And they're from Llano, and I've never thought of myself as being somebody from Llano but that was nice since that was the first place I live in New Mexico. But Ambrose was an incredible human being. He did so many – he helped with the hospital in establishing the hospital up in Taos County. He worked on the County board. He did numerous things, so I would just like us to remember him and be grateful for public servants like Ambrose who have given their time and dedication to the State of New Mexico. Thank you.

And just one other thing. Mary Mascarenas was on the school board and so the whole family was involved in serving their community in the Peñasco/Llano area.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, and we'll go to Commissioner Greene, and then to Commissioner Bustamante. I don't want to forget our compadre online. Go ahead, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First off, I want to thank County staff for taking a day with me on last Friday and working on some issues up north. We met for a little over an hour, hour and a half with Rio Arriba County and the City of Española to discuss areas of common interest. Areas that were discussed were the E-911 collaboration and potential consolidation into something regional. This is something that we've talked about here but it was something that was a topic that we were able to broach with them with a more specific concept of – not specific concept but specific intention of talking about some sort of regional collaboration on that and maybe consolidation.

We talked about a post office for Chimayo and the issues surrounding that, both

in locating it and trying to find an expedited solution. We discussed solid waste, which for the fellow members that are on SWMA, this has been a topic that we've talked about recently at SWMA and to try to find a solution because currently Rio Arriba and Española's solid waste is traveling straight across Santa Fe County and going all the way down to Sandoval County into Rio Rancho and so there may be an opportunity to collaborate on that as well

And then we also discussed continuing these conversations with scheduling regular meetings. There's a lot of things that we all do, right? Every county does these things and they're regional partners and we share Española with a border and overlap with the City of Española, and as I've been known to say, a healthy Española is a healthy Santa Fe County, so there's areas that we need to collaborate up there with and we had a very nice conversation up there with the County Manager of Rio Arriba County, County Manager Shaffer, Deputy County Manager Cordova was up there. We had the former County Manager of Rio Arriba County. We had the City Manager of Española and we had the head of the E-911 system up there attending this meeting and it went very well.

We also met with Public Works up in the Chimayo area and toured our facilities, both the Bennie Chavez and the former Head Start facility in Chimayo, most specifically looking at trying to find a solution for a new post office or replacement post office. And so many of you have probably heard but about a year ago last February the old legacy post office in Chimayo burned down and was a total loss. And so the community has gone without a post office for the last year. The federal post office has terminated the lease with the former landlord and they are now searching for a new facility. And there are some options that we could help with to expedite this and make sure that that community does not go without it and lose its post office. This is a big concern for myself. It's a big concern for the community members up there and I've specifically spoken to two of our federal delegation, both Theresa Leger Fernandez and Senator Ben Ray Lujan on this, as well as Senator Heinrich's office. But those two delegation members have specifically spoken to me about seeing how Santa Fe County can assist in this. And so we're taking ideas. We're looking at the facilities that we may have and I look forward to finding a way with my fellow Commissioners to do this for that community.

Also this Monday it was my first meeting with the Governor's office EV working group. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and former mayor Marty Chavez have organized a working group to facilitate the expansion of electric vehicles across the state, and this is a working group that is made up of folks from the electrical industry. There's a representative from PNM. There's a representative from the co-ops. There's folks from the Environment Department. There's folks from General Services Division. There's folks from the Department of Transportation. There's a representative from the Municipal League and as it just so happened I became the first representative from somewhere from the counties. So on Monday we had a meeting where we are producing a best practices guidebook for jurisdictions, such as Santa Fe County, to learn about how and where to locate EV chargers and infrastructure for supporting EV chargers. That is one of the missions of this group. The other missions or the other publications – it will be doing a commercial guide. They will be doing a residential guide, and they're also working on facilitating the actual EV vehicle solutions. One of the aspects that came forward was that

state pricing/purchasing guide or agreement that we are eligible to use now has a lot of EVs on it. So while it used to just be a Nissan Leaf, now there are the Ford F-150 Lightnings on it and there are a whole bunch of other vehicles that are on the state pricing agreement and eligible for us to do expedited acquisition. So that is very exciting and I look forward to us being able to take advantage of that.

Additionally, I went down to Albuquerque and met with the UNM Anderson's student group that is working on the collaboration center initiative doing some research into that. I've heard that the less academic, more consultant based group has been progressing on their work as well, but I did not get a chance to meet with them but the students were excited and it was inspiring to hear their ideas and where this should go, and that was a fun trip down to Albuquerque to hear where they are going and inspiring.

Another aspect that I hope that we can find a solution for here at Santa Fe County is with our acequias. I've identified an acequia in four of our five districts. Commissioner Hughes, I haven't found one in your district but I know there's an acequia in all of our districts except for at least Commissioner Hughes and maybe we'll find one in your district. But in my district there are a lot of them and we in the past used to do some assistance with helping them do cleanup in the spring or some other little minor maintenance projects and I would hope that somewhere – because this is a traditional infrastructure and it is a body of government that operates these that we might be able to find somewhere in our heart and in our budget a way to have a Public Works budget and minor focus to the acequias to give springtime and pre-growing season assistance to the acequias to give them four, six, eight hours of backhoe or cleanout assistance that we budget for and that we're allowed to create a coordinated and less emergency – we need this right now, but more of a planned, scheduled assistance program for our acequias.

And then a request from staff and to reach out, I had a meeting in March, if it is possible, I hope that our Utilities Department and our Legal counsel John Utton and team, are able to get a report from the Bureau of Reclamation and to get a comprehensive report on the status update of where the Pojoaque Valley Regional Water System in its multi-year, hundreds of millions of dollars development, both in terms of how far behind schedule it is, how over-budget it is, what phase things are at, and I have a list that I've put together or different questions that I would hope could be answered, but specifically I would love to get the actual BOR, the two Jennifers, to make a presentation to us and appear here so that we would all get to know really what is going on with this and what our liability is in getting this fully stood up in the next few years.

And then lastly, Tesuque Pueblo is having a spay and neuter clinic on Saturday, March 9th. This is the first time up there that the pueblo is organizing this. They reached out to myself and we put them in touch with a non-profit and then some of the team up there has taken it by the reins and organized a spay and neuter clinic. They had a vaccination clinic a couple weeks ago that was very well attended and they were able to get a tractor-trailer full of 36,000 pounds of dog food and cat food and animal food and goods donated by Chewy, and they're supposed to have another tractor-trailer full of goods coming up for the March 9th event. This is pretty amazing. They've had some issues with animal welfare up there and they've really taken a great initiative to make this happen. So once again, that is going to be Saturday morning, March 9th. There is more information online and it's available to I think generally anybody but really focused on

folks that live in Tesuque Pueblo and in the Tesuque Valley. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Right. Thank you, Commissioner Greene. Commissioner Bustamante, do you have anything for us?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I do. I do. March 14th at Santa Fe Community College from 6:00 pm to 8:00 there will be a townhall that will include cross-jurisdictional representation from our federal congresswoman and our senator, Ben Ray Lujan. Theresa Leger Fernandez' and the National Guard and other New Mexico government departments and others. The press release will be going out shortly. The information has gone out somewhat from the La Cienega Valley Association but the County has moved fast and is preparing all of the communication avenues. So it's going to be on the radio. It will be in the newspaper. We're going to be sending information out for PFAS. So it will be an information session to assure that people have been heard, to get answers from all those who are working on the PFAS issue, and I hope that everybody can be in attendance so that we can all show support collectively and how the County has taken a real strong lead and I'm so grateful for the work of everyone who has stepped in to let the community know, because the County essentially did not have anything to do with the contamination as it stands, but is taking a lead in ensuring that the community's interest is being heard. So that is March 14th, 6:00 pm, and I couldn't say thank you enough to everyone at the County who's been working on this issue. But we're going to get information to the people who need it and let the people who are responsible for helping address this problem know what the concerns are from the community. So that's pretty much it. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante, and thank you for joining us virtually today and hope you feel better as the week goes on. I have a couple things. My next townhall, Hour with Hank, will be this Thursday at 5:30 online. Last time we had a record turnout. I'm not sure why, but everybody's welcome. Oshara Village and La Pradera are contacting my office a lot about their water situation so I think we need to work on that in March and get them straightened away with some bulk water agreements or moving toward agreements. They're concerned about how things are going to be affected when the sewer line goes in, even though that's probably a couple years away.

I also wanted to mention that the Eldorado Community Improvement Association is going to be doing its own fire safety plan, basically around the fire danger from the greenbelts and the community preserve, the open land in Eldorado, and I think we'll want to make sure that we coordinate that with our own County plans going forward.

I also wanted to mention a number of my constituents have been contacting me and all of us I think about concerns that the fire code we adopted is not the latest. Let me assure everybody that we did adopt the latest fire code for battery safety. To the extent that there are other things we want to do with battery safety those have to be included in conditional use permits for various projects as they come before us. But there is no newer and better fire code that we could adopt. That's my understanding. And that's it for me.

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

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any elected officials online? Is there anything from the Clerk's Office, Madam Deputy Clerk? Okay.

11. Matters from the County Attorney

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

JEFF YOUNG (County Attorney): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I would ask that we go into executive session this afternoon to discuss threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant as allowed by Section 10-1501(H)(7) NMSA 1978, and there are two specific items. One, an EOC complaint by a former County employee, and number two, road settlement agreements concerning County-maintained roads within exterior boundaries of pueblos. I don't expect it will take very long. Maybe 30, 45 minutes, but we may have one action item or two out of that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, since we'll have an action item we'll come back after the executive session. I guess we should ask, are there any questions about the reports or can we let staff go home? I think they've already gone home but just in case somebody was online. Okay, can we have a motion to go into executive session?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll move to go into an executive session to go over the stuff that the County Attorney mentioned.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we have a motion and a second and we need a

roll call for this one.

The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Bustamante	Aye
Commissioner Greene	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 4:50 to 5:20.]

CHAIR HUGHES: We need a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to come out of executive session with only the items that were discussed as authorized by our motion to go into executive session.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay, we just need a second.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

11. B. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

CHAIR HUGHES: We move on to our action item.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move that the County enter into a settlement agreement to resolve the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charge #543-2022-00251.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: We have a motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Is there any discussion?

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

12. Informational Items/Reports

- A. Community Development Department January 2024 Monthly Report**
- B. Community Services Department January 2024 Monthly Report**
- C. Finance Division December 2023 Monthly Report**
- D. Growth Management Department January 2024 Monthly Report**
- E. Human Resources and Risk Management Division January 2024**

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- F. Public Safety Department January 2024 Monthly Report**
- G. Public Works Department January 2024 Monthly Report**

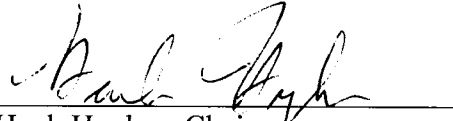
There were no questions or comments on the reports. [See above.]

13. Concluding Business

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

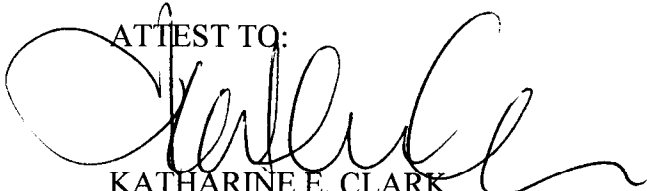
Upon motion and second, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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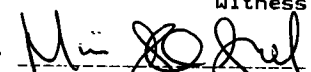

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