

**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEETING**

**April 10, 2018**

Anna Hansen, Chair - District 2  
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Ed Moreno - District 5  
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Robert A. Anaya - District 3

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**I. A.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. by Chair Anna Hansen in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. Roll Call**

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

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair  
Commissioner Anna Hamilton, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Robert A. Anaya  
Commissioner Ed Moreno  
Commissioner Henry Roybal

**Members Excused:**

None

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. State Pledge**

**E. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Irene Mueller, the State Pledge by Monica Acevedo and the Moment of Reflection by Margie Romero of the Human Resources Department.

**I. F. Poetry Reading [Exhibit 1: "Beautiful City"]**

A poem was read by the Poet Laureate of Alcalde, Victor Di Suvero.

[Photographs were taken.]

Commissioner Hansen announced it was National Poetry Month.

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**I. G. Approval of Agenda**  
**1. Amendments**  
**2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Madam Chair, we have on page 3 of the agenda, we have added items to the amended agenda under item IX. A, we added items 1, 2, and 3 to executive session. Then under Public Hearings, item X. A. 1, the land use case for Oshara conceptual plan amendment has been tabled. And then I also wanted to request that we move item X. C. 1, the presentation, that last presentation, to item V. A. 4. So under Matters from the County Manager, Miscellaneous Updates, we have items 1, 2, and 3, if we could move that presentation on the ADA transition plan. If we could move that as item 4. So it's the very last item on the agenda, if we could move that to under Matters from the County Manager, item A. 4.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, do I have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Madam Chair, move to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

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

**I. H. Approval of Minutes**  
**1. Approval of March 13, 2018, Regular Board of County Commission Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR HANSEN: Do we have any changes or additions? I have changes. On page 14 of the minutes, the first change is on paragraph 6, third line down, starts with decree, which sets for water rights for all members in the basin. It says basic and it should be basin. Then on page 19, it starts with the ending of a paragraph and then it goes to Commissioner Hamilton, and then we go down five paragraphs, right before Bruce Frederick. The third line is trying and it's just a t, and it should be to.

Then on page 22, we're on VI. B., a resolution, I believe it is Commissioner Moreno instead of Chair Hansen that is speaking, because it says Thank you, Madam Chair, and it says Chair Hansen and it was Commissioner Moreno who said that.

I was also concerned that the FRA did not have a spell out anywhere. Do we have a definition of FRA? I understand. Okay. And then on page 25, the last line, there was – I was speaking, there was also overwhelming support for Secure Rural Schools. Secure Rural Schools should be capitalized because it's a title or it's an actual bill. And those are all the changes that I have. So could I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve minutes as amended.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

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

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## II. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Miscellaneous

1. Request Approval of First Amendment to the Amended and Restated County Utility Line Extension and Service Agreement No. 2016-0228-PW/MM, between Santa Fe County and Homewise, Inc. to Increase Their Water Budget (Public Works Department/John Dupuis)
2. Approval of Grant of Electric Utility Easement to the Public Service Company of New Mexico for the Construction/Expansion of the Santa Fe Fairgrounds-Agricultural Extension Office (Public Works Department/ Terry Lease)

CHAIR HANSEN: Do we have any items from the Consent Agenda that need extended discussion? What is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair, I'd like to move for approval of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have Commissioner Roybal and multiple seconds.

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

## III. ACTION ITEMS

### B. Miscellaneous

1. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Service Agreement No. 2016-0150-DWI/BT Between Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Recovery Center, Inc., Extending the Term of the Agreement an Additional Year and Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$300,000, Exclusive of NM GRT for a Total Agreement Amount of \$1,200,000, Granting the County Manager Authorization to Sign the Purchase Order

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. We are here before you to ask for approval of amendment #3 to the agreement that will increase the compensation an additional \$300,000 for a total sum of contract of \$1,200,000. This will not be the final amendment to extend the term. There was another amendment that did not extend the term but just had modification to the compensation but with that, Madam Chair, I can stand for questions, and we have members of CSD that can answer any questions that you have.

CHAIR HANSEN: Do I have any questions from the Board? What is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd like to move to approve this.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

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COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a second by Commissioner Moreno.

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

**III. B. 2. Presentation and Request for Approval of Location for the Behavioral Health Crisis Center**

ALEX DOMINGUEZ (Community Services): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. Thank you for your time. What we have before you today is a presentation regarding the different location options for the Commission to make a decision about where it's best for us to start working on the future location for our behavioral health crisis center. So what we have here for you on the very first page is just to begin this. This is the goal that we've had for our crisis center. This goal here with some modifications as we present these to you but mostly updating as we continue to move this vision that we have for the future behavioral health crisis center for Santa Fe County.

The goal has been, it still is and will continue to be to provide a safe and secure location with Santa Fe County adults with behavioral health issues, which includes mental illness and/or addictions and those who suffer from co-occurring disorders. This is also going to be a location where their family members, their caregivers, and the general public can find a location where we can provide information, receive assistance, as well as give them linkage to appropriate community services throughout Santa Fe County.

The crisis center building criteria, although there are many more than just the ones outlined on this slide, these are primarily the ones that we think are the highlights regarding to help you make a better decision on where you would like to see this future location. The building location, it's very important that we find it near a hospital, as some of the clients may need immediate transport to and from the local hospital. And this time the Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center is the one that does have a behavioral health unit. We need a building that would be large enough to co-locate not only the crisis center but the detox services that are currently being provided by Santa Fe Recovery.

We need a building also that is not in a residential area because we want the residents to be comfortable where this facility is going to be, and we prefer a location that is already actually providing such services. So this way it doesn't create too much of a challenge for us wherever we're using this location. We also want easy access to first responders and the public, and what we came up with is that we would need at least 11,000 square feet to probably facilitate the needs of both the behavioral health crisis center and the detox facility. We also have a set-aside of about \$2.2 million to renovate this facility, and so this is also something that we've kept in mind as we bring you this presentation.

So the first location that we're recommending here, or presenting to you, is the Youth Detention Center, also known as ARC located at 4250 Airport Road. The pros of Location A is the building is County owned; it is a secure location; the location is

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familiar to both the public as well as law enforcement and it's easy access to the southern part of the county. The cons that we've identified for you for Location A, the ARC, is the design – it is a detention center. It does not have that calming clinical environment, the living room model that we are searching for in regards for this behavioral health crisis center. The location can be challenging for transport for medical clearance for services to and from the hospital. It may be challenging to locate the behavioral health center as well as the detox facility at this location, and back in 2014 the County hired Architectural Research Consultants to come out and evaluate the facility to find out exactly what it would take to get this facility up to operating standards.

I've only identified a few of the challenges that this facility has at this time, and those are right below that, and mostly it has to do with drainage, plumbing, HVAC and the bottom line is the approximate budget recommended back in 2014 is over \$9 million to bring this facility up to par as a detention center, not necessarily a behavior health crisis center or much less a co-located facility for both behavior health and detox services.

The next location we are presenting to you is 2052 Galisteo Street. 2052 Galisteo Street is exactly where the Community Services Department is currently located. The pros of this location again is the building is approximately 11,000 square feet. Similar services are already being provided from this location as Santa Fe Recovery is providing detox services there as we speak. The crisis center and the behavior health facility can be co-located. A big plus, of course, is that the County already owns this building. It's close to Christus St. Vincent's Hospital; we're less than a mile away and we're also very familiar already to the community as well as law enforcement. This facility is also located near the Metropolitan Court. It's not a residential setting, and again, I can stress the fact that similar services are already being provided out of this facility.

The cons to location B, 2052 Galisteo is that the building will need to be renovated. CSD would have to relocate. We have approximately 25 staff members. We would need to locate a new facility to temporarily move into during the renovation and we were thinking approximately 6,000 square feet of office space. Average cost from just looking through what's available in Santa Fe and Santa Fe County is about \$125,000 per year for a lease. Now this \$125,000 we are presenting you with the higher end of the services available out there. This is not something we've looked into as a decision has not been made where this behavior health crisis center will be located.

Proposed location B, the 2052 Galisteo Street is recommended by the Community Services Department, the Public Works Department, and our current behavior health crisis center managing partner, New Mexico Solutions.

Proposed location C is actually also on Galisteo Street. These are buildings that are for sale right now. It's 2044 and 2018 Galisteo Street. This is what the two buildings look like. It's right next door to the Community Services Department, 20152 Galisteo, and these buildings are being sold as a pair. We asked if they would consider selling one of them. They said they couldn't, mostly due to the parking requirement. It has a shared parking lot and the buildings would have to be sold together.

The pros of this location is it is also located near Christus St. Vincent. It is located near to where the Community Services Department is right now, which would also help through facilitation and oversight as we go through this process so if you so choose this

location. Client detox services are currently being located next door so we wouldn't see that as a big challenge. Our community as well as law enforcement is familiar with this location, and since it's two buildings, we could use one building for the crisis center and we could use the other one for detox services. And again, this would allow CSD, the Community Services Department to remain where we're at, not having to look for a leased location.

The cons of 2044 and 2048 Galisteo Street is that the list price for this purchase is \$2.9 million, almost \$3 million. The buildings still would need to be renovated to retrofit them for the needs of the behavior health crisis center as well as the detox facility. Again, we must purchase both buildings, and this one is a little outside of the budget that we have allotted and put aside, not because we could not renovate the buildings for that much but because we would also have to purchase the buildings.

The next location we're proposing for you is to go out and find a piece of land and build from the ground up. The pros of that is we can choose a location based on what's available at the time if this is the way you choose to go. We could probably find a build-to-suit, or could find a build-to-suit. That's to be determined based on availability again, and there's always the possibility of collaboration between the County and private landowners to come forth and have a partnership as well as the possibility of community funders who can help support and invest into this facility.

The cons of location D again, is the cost of land and will it exceed the available funding put aside right now that we currently have for budget? Do we have land available? Will it be close to the hospital location? Is it going to be large enough? Again, these are all things that are up in the air, if this is the way you choose to go but nothing that we would not go and figure out for you. The biggest drawback and the biggest con on this would probably be the timeline and setting back the delayed opening of the behavior health crisis center.

This last slide here is basically breaking down everything I've just shared with you in the form of a grid, trying to identify the primary, the most important factors regarding this building location, and what buildings offer what. They've been ranked from number one to being the most favorable to number four, being the most challenging in the recommendation of the Community Services Department and Public Works and our managing partner, New Mexico Solutions. The one that tends to knock and say yes to all of the boxes again is 2052 Galisteo. With that Madam Chair, Commissioners, I stand for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there questions from the Board? Does anybody have any questions? No one has any questions. Does anyone have a motion?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to – I think just because of the different constraints and the budget that we do have, I think staff has done a good job in identifying our best option which I feel is highlighted here. Just looking at the presentation and the information provided I think I'm ready to move forward with a motion to go ahead and have building B, the 2052 Galisteo site.

CHAIR HANSEN: So we have a motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Is there any discussion? So I want to – I would just like to say that since we want to move forward with this and we want this to happen in a timely manner, I think it's really important that we go and we do move forward with selection B because it is within our budget and it also will give us a timeline where we can actually get things done sooner rather than later. And the crisis of behavior health is serious in our community and to put that off is a serious issue. So I would not want to see that be delayed. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, I wanted just to add to what my colleagues had mentioned. It is a good analytical job but there were certainly some appealing things like the option C of having two buildings and not having to move your facility and having the functions close by, all three of those functions, but clearly with the over-budget considerations and the timing considerations that the Chair just mentioned to you guys judge that it's not worth trying to trade off the benefits of having those double buildings to those limitation. I assume that that's formative.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes, that is correct. The budget does weigh strongly in this and the budget is a lot of money put aside for such a project, from what we've researched.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. The ideal is not in our budget. I worked in one of those buildings, the ones that face each other would be the ideal, but we have – what's the saying? Location, location, location. I think the location that we have is great and I think, and it's going to be a great addition to the health of the people of the city and the county in the future. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: So any other comments? With that I would like to call the vote.

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

CHAIR HANSEN: That is great. Thank you very much, Alex.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. Thank you for your support.

CHAIR HANSEN: And thank you Rachel, for your work on this also.

**III. C. Resolutions**

- 1. Resolution No. 2018-34, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Road Projects Fund (311) to Budget Three (3) Grants from the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Various County Roads in Santa Fe County / \$311,913**

STEPHANIE SCHARDIN CLARKE (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. Before you today we have a resolution increasing budget for three separate grants that are coming to the County from the New



Mexico Department of Transportation. Each of the grants are for pavement rehabilitation and improvements throughout the county and each one is 75 percent DOT funding from the Local Government Road fund and 25 percent County match. And with that, I'll stand for any questions and Robert Martinez is here also of you have questions about the specific roads.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Just for purposes of edification, are these earmarked for particular roads?

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Deputy Public Works Director): Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes. The Board of County Commissioners adopted the resolutions after Public Works Department submitted our letter of interest, and then the BCC also approved the funding agreement from DOT. So they are specific roads. I could go over them if you like.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: We have the past information.

MR. MARTINEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's great. I was pretty sure that was the case and I just wanted to know if these were distinct. I could have looked it up but I didn't. That you get these is really wonderful, so thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to move for approval on the resolution requesting an increase to the road project fund.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

CHAIR HANSEN: We have the road fund and we look forward to having more roads. I'm always in favor of improving County roads and this is a great opportunity, so thank you, Mr. Martinez and Ms. Clarke.

#### **IV. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

CHAIR HANSEN: Is there anyone from the public who would like to speak? Seeing none, I will close Matters of Public Concern.

#### **V. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

##### **A. Miscellaneous Updates**

##### **1. Santa Fe County Strategic Planning Sessions**

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I just wanted to remind the Board that we are doing our strategic planning sessions starting this week on Friday, will be the first session in Agua Fria, at the community center. And then on Saturday starting at 8:30 at the Higher Ed Center. And then next Friday, 8:30 at the Eldorado Community Center. So we will be – and we have an agenda prepared. We will be staying there all day, each day.

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We'll have lunch brought in so we can just have a working lunch, and on the first day we'll be doing predominantly budget presentations and goals and objectives from all of the different departments and elected officials' offices, so that you have an understanding of everything that we're currently working on and that we have already built into the budget.

Then we'll go into Saturday looking at strengths and weaknesses and opportunities and threats analysis and look at the results of the citizens survey as well as the afternoon doing kind of brainstorming about any areas in the strategic planning, in our current plan that we're not focusing on and getting all the information from the Board as to where you'd like us to head. And then the final Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we'll be putting all of the plan together, based on all the information from the first two days.

So I just wanted to give you kind of a heads-up on how that looks and where we stand and what to expect and if there's anything in particular – we will have on Friday and Saturday most of the department heads and division directors participating in all of the presentations and the brainstorming and then really it will all focus down to the five Commissioners setting the direction of what you'd like to see for the next three to five years.

So that's all on the strategic plan. And then I had Neal from Public Works to give a recycling update, what's happening at SWMA and at Friedman and where the County stands in all of this and what we see SWMA working towards in the near future. Thanks, Neal.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Katherine. Welcome, Neal. Nice to see you.

V. A. 2. **Recycling Update** [*Exhibit 2: Recovery Cost Chart*]

NEAL DENTON (Sustainability Specialist): Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Commissioners, As Manager Miller explained, I am here today to talk to you about the Chinese government's actions in regards to the import of recyclables, also known as scrap, and their impact on recycling processes and costs in Santa Fe County. I'm also joined by Les Francisco, our solid waste superintendent, who will cover the cost of service at our convenience centers.

The United States has been largely depending on China importing recyclables for decades. What you see here in red on this chart shows what is shipped to China; the blue is the rest of the world. So you can see in recovered paper and fiber they're buying more than 50 percent of the materials shipped from the United States. Plastic scrap, again, over 50 percent. Less of iron and steel, but overall, it accounts for 30 percent of what we export; it goes to China. If you add Hong Kong to the plastic, it's 70 percent.

It's our biggest export in the United States off the west coast worth \$5.6 billion per year, scrap being shipped off the west coast. And the reason this was set up is the trade deficit with China. Ships were coming here with goods and leaving empty, so it presented an opportunity to fill those ships that were leaving empty, get that to China where they were using those to make the goods and sell back to us.

So China in February of 2017 started what's called the National Sort, where they started cracking down on illegal smuggling of waste and also on contamination of

recyclables. This is anything that's not supposed to be in there. This is food contamination non-recyclables. You can see a picture there of Chinese officials inspecting the loads that were being shipped in. All this started because we've seen the growth of single-stream curbside recycling in the last decade, comingling materials at the curbside of your residence has grown by double in the last decade and as people got bigger carts that led to aspirational recycling, a term used to describe if people throw things in there because they think the item should be recycled but it's not, such as somebody recycling styrofoam here. Also they may use their cart as an additional trash cart and there are a number of things that lead to additional contamination if you're recycling comingled materials curbside.

So China was sick of getting all of our garbage, low quality materials and they announced to the World Trade Organization that they are prohibiting 24 kinds of waste from being imported, and they require that those materials imported be 99.97 percent pure. Meaning a load of cardboard needs to be 99.97 percent cardboard. That leaves little room for the tape that's on that cardboard or any packing peanuts that may have made their way along. Essentially this is a complete ban on recyclables because no one is able to achieve that.

Something that motivated this is a film called Plastic China. There was a media frenzy after this documentary exposed some of the poor working conditions and environmental conditions specifically associated with plastic recycling in China. Their president, Xi Jinping since 2013 has been focusing on improving the environment. He wants China to be a green beacon of the world community and they have a five-year plan to do so that includes similar strategies, including completely banning the import of plastics by the end of this year. In a speech he made to their national assembly he mentioned the environment 89 times and the economy just 70 times. It's one of their focuses.

In this slide you'll see the impact of the US. One of the national trade publications did a survey of states. About 60 percent of the states said they're experiencing a minimal effect. Thirty-two percent noticeable, ten percent heavy. Those that are experiencing the heavy effects are all on the west coast. We happen to ship most of our recyclables through the west coast so we've been impacted. Overall, this results in a 50 percent drop of the comingled stream. Everything – the value went down about 50 percent. In addition to that loss in revenue, recycling facilities have had to add labor, pay overtime labor, slow down their sorting lines. They've started inspecting bales, breaking open bales that they used to sell, so they have a higher labor and operating cost.

Companies that had rainy day funds, long-standing relationships and diverse markets have been able to weather this storm. Some are having to renegotiate the contracts with the community to put more of the risk on the community. What this looks like is a higher processing fee to cover their operating costs, and then after that, any revenues from the sale of recyclables, we're seeing like 75 percent of that revenue going to the community, 25 percent going to the recycling company.

As a result of this we are seeing warehouses being filled up. In Long Beach, California there is a backlog of recyclables. They're piling up in Hong Kong, and some communities have started to reduce what they accept. Las Cruces has recently announced they're no longer accepting #3 through #7 plastics, for example. And the National Waste

and Recycling Association described this impact as devastating and said the industry may never recover, and pointed out there are 40,000 jobs associated with this industry in the country.

However, the markets are adjusting. There's growth and already strong markets in Canada, Mexico, Turkey and others, materials being shipped to India, Vietnam, Thailand, South America of this, our biggest export off the west coast, \$5.6 billion per year, so people are interested in capturing the material that the government of China no longer wants. Those companies in China that were dependent on this material are not just going to figure out a way to operate without it; they are moving operations to other Southeast Asian countries and even the United States.

However, there is roughly a five-year lag expected in infrastructure development that's proving hard for some communities to get through.

So specifically, to get to the impact here, on this slide you see an audit of our materials that we shipped to Friedman Recycling in Albuquerque in 2017. You can see that most of our material is mixed paper. This is your newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, basically every paper product that's not cardboard. You can see second to that is cardboard, so that's most of what we're sending by weight. A small amount of plastic bottles. It may look like a lot in your cart, they take up a lot of space, but they don't weigh very much.

And these are the impacts that we're seeing. Friedman Recycling is having a hard time selling mixed paper and the other plastics that are not plastic bottles. However, you can see what a small amount of our stream is the plastic bottles. It's clear that the biggest impact is on this mixed paper. In particular, the container board – that would be your cereal box, cracker box – that sort of material, they're having a very hard time selling that material.

Other material that goes to Friedman Recycling in Albuquerque, 20 percent of what they handle comes from the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency; five percent of that comes from County convenience centers and our private haulers. The majority of the rest of it is from the City of Albuquerque. They also get material from Los Alamos, Torrance County, Roswell and other communities throughout the state.

This slide shows the timeline of events and how this has affected us. So in July 2015 was when the contract started between the Solid Waste Management Agency and Friedman Recycling. That contract included a \$50 processing fee, meaning the Agency pays Friedman Recycling \$50 per ton of every material they receive. Any revenues on top of that, 68 percent went to Friedman Recycling, 32 percent goes to the Agency.

July of last year, China notified the World Trade Organization of the ban I've described, and promptly thereafter in August the buyer of Friedman Recycling's fiber materials, all the cardboard, paper, any paper product, let them know that it can no longer fulfill its contractual obligations because of these actions of the Chinese government. Promptly after that, Friedman Recycling requested a temporary amendment suspending the revenue sharing agreement and requiring that the Agency backhaul its material that's consider residual, that they cannot sell.

So the joint powers board approved that amendment through December. Friedman Recycling requested six months. It was a three-month amendment that was approved. The situation with China was considered temporary at that time and the goal was to just get

through the end of the year while things leveled out. When January came around it was clear that it was not temporary and they requested a permanent amendment increasing the processing fee from \$50 a ton to \$122 a ton, requiring the payment of some transportation and handling expenses, and adjusting that revenue sharing provision.

In February the board directed the executive director to negotiate that amendment, and in March, a four-month amendment was presented to the board. The board had some concerns about the language in the amendment and approved a one-month amendment while those questions were addressed. The president of the company was in the meeting and indicated if he did not get a one-month amendment they would have to trigger the *force majeure* clause of the contract and significantly slow down accepting materials from Santa Fe.

Also, we are reviewing alternatives with a draft RFP. I have recently learned that Friedman Recycling has agreed to the terms in the revised amendment that will be presented to the board in two weeks.

Okay, so this is going to result in higher costs to the City and County and private haulers. The impact on the County over the year is expected to be \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year, compared to a cost of \$30,000 to \$38,000 to landfill that same material. The impact on the City is expected to be \$1.30 per account, and the impact on the private haulers that collect in the county is expected to be \$12,000 to \$49,000 per year, those amounts varying based on the tonnage that they bring to the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer station.

So the way things have worked in the past, before this July 2015 is the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer station, which I'll call BuRRT from here on, was a recycling plant. Things were sorted there and sold. There was a cost of service analysis performed by a consultant in 2014 and one of those recommendations was it would be more cost effective to look for a regional recycling processor like Friedman Recycling. There was an RFP and Friedman Recycling was selected.

The way it works now, we accept mixed recycling at our convenience centers. That includes metal cans, plastics, paper, cartons. We accept cardboard, accept glass, tires, automotive fluids and scrap metal. All of those materials go into the tonnage you see here, the recycling tons that account for about 15 percent of what we're handling at our convenience center. On this slide I've distinguished before that cardboard and mixed because that is the material that will go to Friedman Recycling. The rest of it includes the scrap metal, tires, glass, and the other materials that are not going to Friedman Recycling.

So it's hauled from our convenience centers to BuRRT where it is pushed into a larger truck and shipped down to Albuquerque. Our glass goes to Colorado. Our automotive fluids are collected for free. We do not pay a fee at BuRRT currently for anything but glass, tires and greenwaste. We pay a fee at BuRRT for glass, tires and greenwaste. And we sell our scrap metal to a local company and that generates revenue.

A 2016 ordinance required that anyone who collects trash from a residence in this collection district in blue also collects recycling and it requires reporting. Those private haulers in 2017 collected a total of about 1,200 tons. You can see here that's comparable to what we're collecting in all of our convenience centers.

Now Les is going to join us and talk about the convenience center cost recovery, and then I'll be available for your questions.

LES FRANCISCO (Solid Waste Superintendent): Madam Chair, Santa Fe County Commissioners, the actual – from 2014 to 2017, 2014 the cost recovery was eight percent. 2015 the cost recovery on the permit sales was nine. 2016 was 15 percent, and in CY 2017 was 19 percent. So the cost of the permits going up have actually showed a positive impact on the cost recovery.

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioners, so when the ordinance – I believe it was 2014-10 – increased the permit fees. So there was a projected revenue generation from these permit sales that had a five-year increase and it was projected that by the end of the fifth year we would achieve a 30 percent recovery from permit sales alone. So you'll see that in this top part of the graph that was handed out to you. Those were the projections that were made back in 2014. The middle part of the chart shows the actuals. So you can see now in calendar year 17 we were one percent below what was projected back in 2014. The budget for the solid waste operations did not increase as what was projected back in 14 so that helped contribute to the cost of recovery through permit sales get to the goal that we were trying to achieve.

Under that second chart there it describes the cost of recycling to Santa Fe County. So in calendar year 14 the cost of our budget specifically for recycling was about \$509,000. That particular year was pretty high in capital improvements. We had made about \$183,000 in improvements to the recycling center at the Eldorado convenience center, so that is why you see that high cost of recycling costs for calendar year 14. Calendar year 15, \$440,000, calendar year 16, \$416,000 and calendar year 17 was \$310,000. The difference in the cost could be that our capital requirements for replacing equipment or whatever weren't as extensive in calendar year 17 as they were in 15 and 16.

The bottom graph shows our total budget. Now, I want to caution you that the bottom graph is fiscal year, not calendar year like the two graphs above or charts above. So this is fiscal year. So it shows that the revenues generated from our permit fees, the environmental GRT and the amount the general fund is having to subsidize for the solid waste operations. With that, Les and I will stand for any questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioners? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So I recognize this issue of the additional potential costs associated with this very large hiccup in the recycling industry. It's an ongoing assessment for us. So I don't expect any pat answers but a few points were brought out in this assessment, such as the differential impact of these events with China on the recycling programs around the county. Like the western states are hit harder, single stream recycling is hit harder, and I just wonder if you've thought some about and can speak just a little bit to whether those give any hints on any possible options we might have in altering the system we use a little to ameliorate the situation.

MR. DENTON: Yes, Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton. In most of New Mexico, rural recycling at transfer stations is done through a system known as hub and spoke recycling where recyclables are brought by constituents and source-separated at the drop-off site. This means you're putting your plastic bottles in one place, your paper another place, your cardboard another place. Those are brought together to a hub where you have a baling operation and they hay bale – they compact it into a rectangle, and then brokers are buying those bales, sending a box truck or a flatbed – maybe you see

them driving down 599 sometimes with a load full of cardboard.

That system is doing fine. It's the comingled, mixed recycling system that's particularly impacted. We've even heard from local recycling brokers that they're looking for new customers. They're expanding business. However, that would be very challenging with our convenience centers because our customers are used to doing mixed recycling for very many years, so if we were to change and ask for them to separate, it's very likely we would get a lot of mixed recycles in the plastic bottle bin or the cardboard bin.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Do you think most of the market recovery is going to be the development of additional industry that represents the demand for these recycled materials, increase in those industries within this country, or just shifting the market to other countries? How do you see that proceeding?

MR. DENTON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, both of what you described are under way. We've heard some Chinese companies are already building facilities in the east coast. Facilities on the east coast is likely not to help us a whole lot here, so most likely our materials will be shipped to another Southeast Asian country, to India or to South American.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, staff, thank you for the presentation and the information. I'm going to be real brief with my remarks today because there's some additional things that I'm going to be carrying as a Commissioner in the last few months that I'm here relative to solid waste, and it's something that I want to have discussions about with my colleagues in the upcoming strategic planning discussions that we're going to have here in the next few days. But what I will say is a functional maybe difference in perspective in the way that I've continuously taken a look at solid waste and how we view solid waste.

Fundamentally, I think there are taxes that are paid in County government by citizens and within those taxes, as Commissioners, we evaluate what the uses of those taxes and revenue streams are. And so I have a fundamental disagreement, respectfully – not with you as staff, but with this cost of recovery perspective. My perspective is a little bit different. I believe within the construct of that whole revenue stream that taxpayers pay in County government, that there are some baseline benefits or services that they should get associated with the parameters of what they pay.

The difficulty is that as we as Commissioners evaluate what that benefit is, it's different between someone who lives in a suburban area right next to Santa Fe and someone who lives in Santa Cruz or in El Rancho or in Stanley. And so I've fought – I'd say the word fight respectfully – to do everything in my power to keep transfer station costs as low as I possibly can. And in recent years it's started to go the other way as far as costs, and we hear as Commissioners respectfully the term cost recovery. To get back what it costs us to do it. But I look at it different. I look at it as a fundamental core baseline expense that we should bear and continue to bear, not only part of it, but the full burden.

And I respect that my colleagues now maybe don't see that perspective that way but I know previously the majority of the Commission did not, in the recent changes in the ordinance. But until my last day here on the Commission, I'm going to argue that especially in those rural areas, and especially for those constituents that drive their own waste to the transfer station, that we fight to keep it as low as possible. And so fundamentally that's different than a spreadsheet that shows we went from six percent to 33 percent cost recovery because it's an entirely different subset of philosophy I guess, for lack of a better term.

But I just look at it that way. And so I respect the numbers, and I respect the work of staff and what we've done, but I will state to the last day and say I think it's an investment to provide that service to the public that they pay for. So I don't see it as an enterprise fund in any way. Where I did agree with my prior colleagues and even my current colleagues I would agree with them, is that for those constituents that are in proximity to our urban area, that have a desire for curbside pickup, for example, that we know if we can ever get to that point that those revenues garnered off of curbside in those areas could effectively offset the recovery costs you referred to and create more revenue, a greater revenue stream for solid waste. We've had those discussions and maybe in the coming days we're going to expand that discussion.

So I just – I respect you guys tremendously. When I see Mr. Francisco here who's sustained some very difficult challenges it must makes me feel good inside. So no malice, Les, to you or any of your team, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Kelley and everyone here present. It's just I have a little different perspective. And maybe I'm hoping that we might have an offsetting increase to permits, potentially and the number of permits, and maybe still have the recovery perspective that we look at, but I get concerned when we isolate one fund, like solid waste or water utilities by themselves, but then others it's okay for us to fully pay for the cost of that service and never asking for any recovery at all.

So, Madam Chair, I appreciate the time and I really hope that at the sessions coming up we can dig in a little bit and I know we will because I know Commissioner Hamilton has brought up this particular issue for further discussion, but it warrants further discussion but I think we have opportunities to keep it low and maybe also look at other revenue streams closer to the city. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: In looking at the numbers from 2014 to present, are these – the CY 14, did that already have an increase that year or was that the amount that we started from?

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, no, that did not have an increase that year. That's the year that the ordinance was adopted and it had a five-year incremental increase for years one through five all the way through 19. So there's another scheduled increase January of 2019 which will be the last increase as per the ordinance.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. And I know it shows a monetary amount here but do we know how many permits were sold in 2014 versus 2017? Punch permits?

MR. MARTINEZ: Commissioner, we don't have it now but we can have it for you at the strategic planning meetings. We've got it; we just didn't bring it.

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COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes. That would be interesting to see, because I know that from 2014 to present the cost has pretty much doubled. Is that correct? Pretty close?

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: And it looks like we increased by about \$200,000?

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, you're talking about the revenue from the permit sales?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes. From \$205,000 to \$416,000, so about \$211,000. Okay. Because I've been getting a lot of calls on illegal dumping and I'm getting calls daily on the cost of the permits, and there's a lot of people that are calling and saying they can't afford it, and then I'm also getting calls about areas where there's illegal dumping where I'm having to call the pueblo, because it is on their land, so they're cleaning it up, but I think it's probably, possibly some of our other residents that aren't from the pueblo. So I'm not sure of that but I'm thinking it might be. So I'd just kind of would like to see how many permits were sold in 2014 versus now and if that would be a determination of maybe how much illegal dumping there might be out there because of the cost that they can't afford these permits. And seeing – weigh that out whether or not it's worth the \$200,000 for the cleanup for other people to do it and possibly the impact on our environment. So those were just some questions that I'd like to see, but I do agree with a lot of the statements that Commissioner Anaya made as well.

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, we do report in our Public Works monthly report to the BCC that you receive in your packet, monthly permit sales, how they compare this month to the prior year in that same month, and the permit sales from last calendar year to where we're at present day. So we do report that every month, but we will get you the permit sales from calendar year 14 to present.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: And have you noticed a decrease?

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, yes, but some of the things that contribute to the decrease was the district that was created that required private haulers to provide curbside recycling when they have curbside household waste. Some residents have opted to – since the recycling was offered at the curb, some residents are not self-hauling anymore, so that has contributed to the decrease in permit sales. The other thing that has contributed to the decrease is the annexation. A prior ordinance allowed – prior to the annexation being completed, allowed the City of Santa Fe to pick up solid waste in the West Alameda area. So there are several things that have contributed to the decrease in permit sales.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay, and I think I would be a little bit more interested in the rural areas, like Commissioner Anaya's district and Commissioner Hamilton, and my district. Those areas that are a little bit more rural, if we can figure out a way to separate those that would be really helpful.

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, we will get that for you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That would be very useful, because

having the information to trade off is always useful and some of the reasons that you presented I think would be very helpful so we could see a big picture. In the same vein, if there's a way to get a little bit of information on enforcement. I don't know how you would quantify that but I recognize that if Commissioner Roybal is getting calls on illegal dumping that is automatically an issue in his district but it would be nice to have any actual data that's available, like on how many enforcement calls there are over time, like comparing a few years to see if that's real or how it fluctuates over time and what reasons might go with that. So that might be useful to know.

MR. MARTINEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, we can provide that as well.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks so much.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, one thing I do want to say on the record. The costs, how we handle the fees, how we deal with increases, decreases, ultimately we'll work through those issues and whatever the decisions are of the majority they are, and we advance. But I do want us to say that if you take a snapshot of Santa Fe County solid waste and you think back 20 years ago, and you think about how we've evolved as a county, in facilities, in function, in operation, I don't have anybody in front of us as an organization. I think we've been at the front of the pack, and I would say that every one of those staff people that man those solid waste stations and they all deserve credit but I'll just say for example in Stanley, they are consummate professionals that handle the public day in and day out, professionally, responsibly. There's truck drivers, Les, all of the team, the entire team, top to bottom, do an exceptional job. If you look at the facilities, if you look at the equipment and the way we handle the public and treat the public, it's exception. So whatever happens, with costs and fees and structures, a major, deserved, continued shout-out to those consummate professionals that you have day in and day out. I appreciate them enormously and they deal with difficult situations and difficult functions. Thank you to them and to you guys so much for helping support them in their efforts daily. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Madam Chair. In this society we have lousy recyclers. We're not very good at it. And in days gone by you could burn stuff if it was combustible and what you had was ashes at the bottom of your incinerator. We can't do that anymore. So we've transformed to a system that is highly mechanized but we haven't found the system to educate or persuade people to separate their trash. It's called trash for a reason, because nobody wants it. But it does have costs wherever and however our trash is taken away. It will need to be more observant. We need to, as a society, listen to what the world is drowning in trash.

So until we can get the mindset of the people that it's imperative, it's not just money, we're going to be drowning in trash for the rest of our lives. I don't have a solution, but trash is not free and we need to deal with it. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. This is a difficult subject because before 2014 we were a little more localized and not so dependent on a single stream. Still we sent many of our recyclables to China even then. But I think one

of the things we have to really look at is how can we localize our recycling. I think education is an incredibly important part of this whole process in what we're doing with the trash or with our recyclables. I heard over the weekend that there was a town on border of Arizona and New Mexico called Snowflake that was a paper recycler and they went out of business five years ago. Or maybe it was four years ago. And they probably went out of business because we started sending all this stuff to China. I don't know the whole history of their mechanism or their operation. There might have been environmental concerns also which I believe there were.

But I think it is imperative that we start looking at local resources and figuring out how to educate our population that we have trash and we need to also educate our manufacturers. The mixed paper is a big problem. So what does that mean? It means these containers that things come in that are plastic and paper all mixed together. That is not recyclable any longer. I applaud China for wanting to be a green beacon. I would like New Mexico and the United States to be a green beacon. I don't have any issue with that. I think that that is a right direction to be going in, to looking at how we can be a better society and move towards that. So as I have said in SWMA, I want us to look at how we can develop local recycling. How we can develop a local issue.

When I brought this up to Congressman Ben Ray Lujan he saw this as a job opportunity. I see it as a job opportunity. I think that we can talk to our millenials and say, hey, this is an issue. We're facing what to do with the recyclables, what to do with mixed paper, what to do with the plastic. How do we reduce that? So that's a bigger topic and a bigger question than coming down to convenience and cost recovery. Coming down to what we're doing in SWMA, what we're doing with Friedman, how we're going to move forward, what we're going to do. But we kind of got brought in because the City decided to go to a single stream. And now we're in this mix. So I think we have to start thinking of many alternatives, not just one place.

There are – I refer to it as the magic box, which is an unproven Hungarian product. I am putting that out there because I think that we have to be looking at other products and other ways to recycle. The magic box I refer to is that you put everything in, all the recyclables and out comes these widgets. Well, does that really work? And what do you do with the widgets once you get them? Are they really functional? In some places you get recycled lumber. What kind of operation do you have to have to actually get those kinds of things?

So I want us to think about being a little more progressive in how we can create a society where we're using our recyclables and getting a benefit from them and working towards being a greener society.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: One part I wasn't quite sure what you said. What did you say the City went to?

CHAIR HANSEN: Single stream. The point was a number of years ago before we were doing single stream the City was the main driver on that, at least that was my understanding. I could be wrong. I was under the impression – when we used to get carts. You don't live in the city and I live in the city and I did do recycling different a number of years ago. There was glass –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I got you. I was confused.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. I apologize. But it's different because you live in a rural area; I live in the urban area. So we each had a different process and bins of how to do recycling.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I got you.

CHAIR HANSEN: So I just wanted to bring that up. But thank you very much. I think this information is really important. I think it's really important for the public to know what we're facing, because it is going to increase costs and we have to be ready to deal with that. So thank you very much, everyone. Mr. Martinez, Mr. Francisco, Mr. Denton. Thank you.

V. A. 3. **Presentation by Santa Fe Downtown Kiwanis Foundation to Santa Fe County for the County's Support for the Burning of Zozobra**

CHAIR HANSEN: Welcome. Welcome, Ray. Nice to see you.

RAY SANDOVAL: Thank you so much, Commissioners. Thank you guys so much. We just wanted to take an opportunity to say thank you and to highlight the good work that you guys are doing here at the County. Zozobra's back. Last year we had 60,181 attendees. We had no arrests. We had no lost children, and two very minor medical emergencies. And I wanted to say we've been going out and really trying to understand how we keep this as affordable event for our families. And so that \$10 ticket price, plus kids ten and under free, is really important to us. Yet the cost as you know of almost everything goes up. Security continues to go up.

So the only way we're really able to do this is by leveraging sponsorships. And I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the County of Santa Fe because we came to you and we worked into a partnership where we actually figured out how we could get more lodgers inside the county, how we could do more RVs, all of these other partnerships that we could do in addition to your sponsorship.

The other thing that was amazing and I just want to say a huge thank you to Lisa Katonak who is just amazing and fabulous. So not only was she able to get us ads that went inside the *New Mexican*, but we had opportunities from the *LA Times*, we had opportunities for newspapers in Dallas and we were actually able to get them to resize the ads, and so your Santa Fe County logo went everywhere. So because of your guys' generous contributions we were able to give out \$68,000 to non-profits to support kids and that is just a wonderful thing. So thank you guys for supporting this program. Lisa, thank you for your awesome time and talent, and we'd like to present this plaque to you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much. I wanted to see if there were any comments that people wanted to make before we do the picture.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I would like to say thank you guys for all the work that you do. I've worked with Ray in the past and I think it's a huge effort that you guys have to put forward, so I want to say thank you for your guys' efforts.

CHAIR HANSEN: I also – I think it's great that we have Zozobra. I actually really like it. I was there last year and I enjoyed and I think the themes that you have done over the last couple of years has been really great, trying to educate people

with the history of Zozobra and using the decades of the theme I think was a great thing and I'm so grateful that the County is a sponsor and that we're participating in this. So I just want to say thank you to everybody that's here and thank you for your work in the community because it's really important to our children, even though we get to enjoy this spectacular pagan event that I love. It's a benefit to the community and really great.

MR. SANDOVAL: If I could just say one more thing. The other thing we'd like you to know – it just kind of fits into your discussion is that we are actually trying to make Zozobra 100 percent sustainable. So we've banned water bottles. We're moving to compost in the stream. And because we still have to burn the old man, we actually have gone into an agreement with the watershed. We're actually going to start purchasing trees and we're going to teach our kids about sustainability through Zozobra. And we hope to have the Will Shuster Memorial Forest pretty soon.

CHAIR HANSEN: I wholeheartedly support that. Thank you for wanting to be more sustainable. It's a good leading example and that's what I think the Kiwanis wants to do for our community is be a leading example. So I want to thank you for that also. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just wanted to add my voice to the thanks because what you do is so important and it's wonderful for us to be able to contribute to that and cooperate with you. It's really an example of community helping community and it's so important. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So you scared me at the beginning when you said I understand that maybe some of my colleagues want to increase solid waste and you want to increase the fees on Zozobra. But I'll say that it's serious when you take into consideration that you have families that attend this event and that if you keep that cost where it is and you get sponsorships, it's a good thing. So I applaud you in those efforts to keep it affordable. So thank you for that and then is the last thing that you said that you're going to work to reduce emissions from the burning of Zozobra? Only in Santa Fe.

MR. SANDOVAL: We'll do offsets by planting trees and using Zozobra to get kids excited about planting trees and explain to them why.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That's awesome on the tree planting, and we're going to reduce emissions on the burning of Zozobra, right? All right, Ray. Thank you guys and your team and all the volunteers. I know it takes a lot of people to put the event on and all the volunteers that do it. Once you finish burning Zozobra it starts the next day, so we understand that. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HANSEN: Clerk Salazar.

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes, thank you, Chair and Commissioners and the public. I'd also like you to know that we do have a historical document that Will Shuster signed, so it's a permanent record, where he's transferring Zozobra from him to an organization. So that's a fun document we like to post during Zozobra. Thank you so much.

CHAIR HANSEN: And now we'll go down and take a picture.

[Photographs were taken.]

**X. C. Presentations**

**1. Presentation and Public Comment on Santa Fe County's  
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan**

CHAIR HANSEN: Welcome, Paul. Nice to see you. The floor is yours.

PAUL OLAFSON (Planning): Thank you. I'm before you today to present the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for Santa Fe County. This is just a presentation today. We're not asking for any action. And just briefly, the transition plan is a 20-year plan, or a window of 20 years that addresses how the County can bring all of its facilities up to accessibility. So I'll go through a brief little history and some of the high points and then stand for questions.

So all subrecipients of federal funding, including transportation funding are required to follow the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Americans with Disabilities Act works to ensure that all facilities and programs and services are accessible for the disabled and well as the able. We have a team that we've put together to work on this project including staff from the County Manager's Office, Public Works, Legal, and Planning along with consultants we've hired to help us compile this.

Today's presentation is just to give you an outline of what we're doing so far and we plan to come back to you at the end of May for a second and final public hearing and presentation and then we are due to submit the plan to the Department of Transportation in the first week of June. The assessment we are presenting includes all County facilities, and in this assessment today no immediate health or safety concerns were identified in relation to ADA, so that's a good thing for us and our facilities.

The plan is in three parts: roads, parks and open space, and buildings and facilities. We did present to you the road segment which was submitted in December to the Department of Transportation and New Mexico DOT for the current funding cycle and that was a requirement to get that in by the end of the year. They currently gave us an extension to finish the facilities and parks and open space which is what we're doing now. And the plan as it is today includes roads and park, open space and all facilities.

So the plan breaks out priorities and the priorities are based on years and use. So priority one projects that are listed in the plan affect the largest number of users and buildings with the largest amount of traffic – people coming in and out. And that's years one through five. So a project in priority one may be planned to be addressed in the first five years. Priority two is years five through ten, and these are projects that should be addressed after funding is available for one through five.

Then there's priority three, and this is years 11 through 15. And again, these are projects that are recommended now but as they're already 10 to 15 years out they should be re-evaluated at a future date to see if they're still needed or if there's other means to address them. Then the last priority are years 16 and above, 16 to 20, and these are projects that are areas or facilities that have very minimal public access or usage.

And the last thing we have is reasonable accommodation priorities and these are projects in work areas where if there was a staff member who was brought on or became disabled during their staff time that the accommodation would be made to allow them to function within their position.

So all the priorities we just mentioned, again can be adjusted over time and this does need to be updated periodically, approximately every five years and as we start on the first set of priorities and as those priorities become addressed either with internal staffing or other means we can then check projects off the box or off the list.

There's a table on page three of the memo. It outlines some of the costs and summarizes the costs or potential costs over 20 years for roads, parks and open space, and facilities, and the all-in cost is approximately \$15 million. However, it's important to remember this is over 20 years, so not all of that \$15 million would be required to address anything right now, and these costs are based on estimates if the County hired an outside contractor to do all the work, including all the planning, the soft costs as well as the actual physical changes. So these costs are very conservative, which is important because it's eyes wide open, but it's most likely we can do some of these with the internal staff resources as well as at lower cost than what the consultants are estimating.

The plan as presented also is not a binding financial commitment of any kind for the County. It's simply a plan and a guide that helps us identify what items we should start looking at and how we can get to address them. Finally, again, as I said, this is just a presentation today and we will be coming back to you again at the end of May for a final presentation and hearing on it and lastly, in your packets there is a summary. This is an executive summary. The entire document was this thick and we felt it was important to save some trees and recycle a little bit. So I would stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So could you do a really brief summary of how the three parts – so roads, open spaces, and buildings and facilities map on to the five priorities? Like, I assume that there might be a mix of projects from each of the parts in any one of those priority areas. Is that a good assumption? Do you understand what I'm saying?

MR. OLAFSON: No. I'm sorry. I don't understand.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So the plan goes over roads in need for adaptive [inaudible] It goes over parts of open spaces, so what projects are needed in those kinds of things, and buildings and facilities. And then it goes – priority one projects are the projects that affect the largest number of buildings. What of those – is it buildings and facilities that contribute most of the priority one projects? Is it the open space? Do you see what I'm saying?

MR. OLAFSON: Yes. It is largely facilities that take up all priority projects. And some are as simple as re-striping parking areas, making sure that they're clearly marked with signage and striping, handbars, grab bars in bathrooms, signage, exit signs, emergency exits, that kind of thing. And in parks and open space, again, it's parking areas, largely. In roads, it's largely sidewalks and unobstructed sidewalks. Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Is there a simple summary? I mean, I don't want the whole plan. Is there like a table that summarizes the types of projects or gives a sense of what things are in the priority one and priority two?

MR. OLAFSON: The table on page 3 of the memo –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's not doing it for me. That was a great table and was good information.

TONY FLORES (Deputy County Manager): We'll work on getting you an entire pull-out. Madam Chair, if you look at the long handout that's inside the packet or in the executive summary, that does break it down by not only department, the categories and the codes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. That helps.

MR. OLAFSON: The previous page has the definitions of those columns.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay.

MR. FLORES: So that may be a starting point but we can try to flesh it out a little bit more. I think there's an important note to make. We use the word facilities in this plan broadly. It's not just vertical construction. The way that it's defined under federal law a facility is a park, a trail, a road. So we have to be careful that sometimes us former building people talk about facilities as four walls and a roof and actually for this type of plan, it's everything.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Well, that's a really good point and yet there's still – those things are broken out in the three parts. Part 3 is buildings and facilities and Part 2 is parks and open spaces. So I'm sure there's some overlap. But at some point when we're thinking about this, as opposed to just having to say, yes, that looks good. So what kinds of range of projects are in these from priority areas, because this will feed into the planning for the next five and then longer terms. So that was why I was asking. Just a summary.

MR. OLAFSON: Yes. Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks.

CHAIR HANSEN: Anyone else?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, you need to ask for public comments. It's one of the requirements of having this plan put together.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes. So before we go to that I have a few comments and then I will go to public comment. So I know that in the past with my experience with ADA, it's not unless you improve something. I was under the impression that you have to put in ADA in like parks. Like if you redo a park then you have to – like we're in the process with Romero Park. Of course anything we do there has to be ADA, because it's past the time when they passed the ADA requirement. And since we don't have any other parks. But if we never do anything to a building that we own, are we still required to upgrade it at some point? How does this work? Do you see where I'm getting at?

MR. OLAFSON: So Madam Chair, Commissioners, this plan does not – this is not a requirement to do anything. This is simply an assessment of where improvements could be made to improve accessibility. That doesn't mean any existing road or park or building is not accessible now, but it could be made better. And you are correct. There are certain triggers when you're doing renovations or remodels or new construction that require either upgrades of ADA in an existing facility or of course ADA in anything new. But to be clear, in this plan and what we're talking about today, this is a plan that guides how we could bring up some of those facilities. They may never need to be technically improved but in order for us to provide the best service possible, these are the items that are identified to allow for that.



CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. I know that ADA is extremely expensive. And even though I know this is a plan I know also it's incredibly important to provide service to many of our constituents who do have disabilities and for them to be able to have the services. But what we're dealing with is a plan and not a budget line item.

MR. OLAFSON: That is correct.

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair, let me be clear. Even though it's a plan, there's always a potential for budget implications. I think we need to be very clear on that.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, that's what I want to hear.

MR. FLORES: So it is a document that moves us in a direction, and if we start improving a facility or touching a facility, as we're doing right now through the facility condition assessment, and how we're implementing and improving those things, we are touching them with ADA. So I don't want you to walk away today thinking there is no budget implication. It's just what Mr. Olafson is saying is it's a plan that guides us and we'll know what the budget implications are when we start getting to develop this plan a little bit more. So I don't want to walk away thinking we have no budget impact.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, I also wanted to bring that up. Certainly with the fairgrounds and the new building I'm sure that there were budget impacts on that building, remodeling that building and bringing it up to ADA standards. Any other new building that we do of course has to be within ADA standards.

MR. OLAFSON: Absolutely. And I think just to reiterate what Tony was saying is that also in our budget planning, our annual process, and we talk about maintenance and other opportunities to address some of these issues it might be faster and easier, we can also look at that as well. So the plan is not – I didn't mean to imply that it was simply a pile of paper that wouldn't be looked at. I think it's a useful guide and it helps us determine how we can best use the available resources to best serve the public with disabilities.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Any other questions from any of the other Commissioners? Okay. Now I'll go to public hearing.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I also wanted to remind the Commission that back in 2015, I think it was, we did implement one-eight increment of GRT for doing our new courthouse, this courthouse, and also to maintain all of our roads, open space and facilities, and part of that whole impetus of doing this we had done the facility condition index on all of the facilities and recognized that we had a lot of ADA deficiencies and that if we were going to do anything to expand any of our facilities or do any improvements we were also going to have to bring those in to ADA compliance. So that tax is actually – when we do budget, as that revenue comes in each year, when we budget improvements to facilities, like upgrades at any of the community centers or senior center, we're also considering what we need to do relative to the ADA compliance.

So as Tony said, there is a budget impact but we also have a revenue stream that we set in place to try to address maintaining and improving our facilities and bringing them into compliance.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you for that piece of information.  
Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So just to follow up and add to, to complement the Manager's comments I would just say this on the record, that the County holistically for several decades has been very cognizant of ADA responsibilities and requirements and always has strived to deal with reasonable accommodation even in the interim between this work and ongoing needs that are happening on a regular basis, because it's not uncommon in housing or any other facility for a staff member or a member from the public to come forward and request reasonable accommodations and we as a County have done those accommodations.

So I want to make sure it's on the record and the public recognizes that we've acknowledged that responsibility and embraced this responsibility and that over time we want to maintain and get that compliance. But we've always been an advocate for accessibility around the Americans with Disabilities Act and continually will make reasonable accommodations in the interim as we move to get all facilities and properties and open space and everything else up to snuff.

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Ms. Miller for bringing that up and Tony and Paul. Paul, you're talking to us like we're scaring you up here. I appreciate you. We appreciate you a bunch. It's a lot of work and we understand those responsibilities and that you're doing that so we'll work on it together over time; right?

MR. FLORES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, you forget Paul is pinch-hitting for Ray Matthew who retired.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Right.

MR. FLORES: So everything that Ray was working on, as we indicated at the last BCC meeting, Paul now gets.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Paul's doing good. Good job, Paul.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya and thank you Katherine for that piece of information. It's important for us new Commissioners to know where the revenue stream is coming from.

So with that I want to open this up for public comment. Is there anybody from the public here who would like to speak? Seeing none, I will close public comment and thank you, Mr. Olafson. Thank you, Mr. Flores for the presentation.

## **VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **A. Presentations, Proclamations and Resolutions**

#### **1. Resolution No. 2018-35, a Resolution in Support of 2018 Bike-to-Work Week and Associated Activities**

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Claudia and Neal, for being here and bringing forth this resolution with me. Would you like to read the resolution?

MR. DENTON: Madam Chair, this resolution – Bike-to-Work Week is May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. This resolution proposes to support Bike-to-Work Week. We're assisting the Metropolitan Planning Organization and other partners in the planning of it. Also Bike-to-Work Day is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and for many years, I think maybe over a decade, the City and the County have done a convoy at the end of the day on Friday, escorted by the police, and that convoy is a fun ride and ends up at a bike fiesta where there are food trucks and music and things like that.

So this resolution poses a friendly challenge to the City of Santa Fe to meet or beat our participation and also invites the Pueblo of Tesuque to participate.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, I am very happy to have the Pueblo of Tesuque included in our resolution and that also we want to thank Hvtce Miller for his help with getting the pueblo to be involved in Bike-to-Work Week, and of course Charlie Dorame, the government liaison from the Pueblo of Tesuque. Is there any other questions? I hope that those of you who have bikes, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Roybal, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Hamilton, will join us on the convoy. I rode last year.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: The 18<sup>th</sup>?

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes. 3:30? Do we know the time?

MR. DENTON: Either 3:30 or 4:00. We're still working out some of the logistics.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. I hope that we will have some other elected officials and I hope that we'll have some people from the Pueblo of Tesuque and of course I'm sure that we'll have some people from the City. I don't know who, but it is a challenge to them. With that, do I have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, Commissioner Hamilton moved and I have multiple seconds by Commissioners Roybal and Moreno.

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

**VI. B. Recognitions and Acknowledgements**

CHAIR HANSEN: Do we have any recognitions or acknowledgements from anyone? I want to recognize staff for all the great things they do.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I ditto that comment, Commissioner.

**VI. C. Commissioner Issues and Comments**

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Fellow Commissioners, you guys have a letter that I've drafted to Amtrak. *[Exhibit 3: Letter to Amtrak]* This is an issue in District 4. Amtrak is proposing to close the station in Lamy and I've had some discussions at a townhall with residents and this is actually a pretty big issue for District 4. There are actually on an average 11,000 passengers per year and this has been pretty steady for years. I was surprised at the large number of people that come in and out of Lamy by train. So interestingly, in this time there are a lot of people who come into the area not just for things in District 4 like the trails and the horseback riding but things in Santa Fe and in Cerrillos and Galisteo and all over the place.

It turns out that there's zero self-service in Lamy and the only way that people can communicate with the outside world when they come in on the train is having done so before-hand and if there's a live Amtrak person at the station to tell people to come when

there's an issue with the train schedule. So that there are apparently lots of incidents with people showing up to pick up somebody at the train and then leaving again and then the people come in on the train and there they are in the dark with no signage and very few public buildings, if any, where they can go ask a live person, and dead cell phones.

It's a convenience issue and a public safety issue and so this letter simply is presenting all of those – laying out that argument and requesting – sort of objecting to the plan to close the station, and we're suggesting if that's a real economic necessity a few alternatives, like contributing to putting in a cell tower so there actually is service, and putting in signage, like electronic signage that can be up to date so there is a mechanism of communication for people who will still be using that station. So I wanted to make you guys aware of it and see if you guys had any inputs or comments before I sent this off.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So Madam Chair and Commissioner Hamilton, I literally reside on the other side of the tracks in District 3 and that said, I've understood, and so has the County, frankly, the whole Commission and the support of the Manager, the benefit of having the Southwest Chief coming even through the route. We fought very hard alongside jurisdictions from here to Kansas City to keep the Southwest Chief in place, and in New Mexico utilized every county government and the municipalities affected to keep the Southwest in place. So I have a couple suggestions.

I would ask, along with the letter, if it's okay with you, that the Manager resurrect the resolutions that we passed across that whole pathway of the Southwest Chief, and even ask the staff to reach out to the local governments along the entire corridor to create a comprehensive resolution that not only supports keeping Lamy open but sustaining all of the stops along the corridor associated with the Southwest Chief, and that we also, as we've done in the past, work closely with the congressional delegation to garner their support.

If you close Lamy then immediately you don't have a destination stop for Santa Fe without going to Las Vegas or Albuquerque. And so immediately it's going to have an impact across the county, the city and the region. And so there's numerous benefits that you've done a good job articulating and do so in that letter but I think we have some existing documents that we can revitalize and then ask our partners along the corridor and out partners in the city to sign on in support so that we can get us regrouped, if you will, to fight off any closures, not only of Lamy but any stops along the corridor.

So I stand in full support and with your support would resurrect a new resolution and then seek the support of everyone along the Southwest Chief to buy in as well.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Commissioner Anaya, thank you very much for that suggestion. I actually did make mention of that previous commitment and that all of that work and the financial support that was contributed would be lost, but I didn't take it the next step so I will follow up on that suggestion. I appreciate it. I think it's a good one.

CHAIR HANSEN: Anyone else? As somebody who has used the Lamy station numerous times, I happen to like to travel by train. I would be really disappointed to have that station closed. I do agree that it needs cell phone towers and knowing that the train is on time or five hours late or whatever the case may be. But I do think that our

congressional delegation should be made aware of this and I am in full support of your letter. Really, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and Senators Udall and Heinrich, this is an important issue to them and I can remember many years in the past even riding on the train and doing whistle-stops. I don't think that they would like to see the station closed either. I certainly do not and I support your letter.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you so much.

CHAIR HANSEN: If you wanted to add our names to your letter I'm fine with you adding my name and – Commissioner Anaya?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Same here.

CHAIR HANSEN: And Commissioner Moreno. So even though this isn't an action item – and Commissioner Roybal – I think it's important to keep this station for economic development and for the Town of Lamy that does not have – we've already lost the Legal Tender and it needs the livelihood that can be brought by the train. So thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, for bringing this forward.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you all very much for your support and for the incredibly useful suggestions. I appreciate it. I'll follow up on those.

CHAIR HANSEN: Other Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have anything to add.

CHAIR HANSEN: I would like to share with everyone that I am now a graduate of Leadership New Mexico, after committing a number of hours and days, and I found an incredibly useful bit of information that was shared, having discussions with secretaries of Tourism and CYFD, people from the Land Commission, many, many different leaders throughout the state who came to speak to the people in this class. I do recommend it. It's a really good thing for all of us. There was Deputy County Managers there and there were Sheriffs there and police, so it is not just a Commissioner-driven organization; it is a widespread organization.

It does require a commitment of time but I do think that it is a good program. It may be a little more conservative than I would like, being such a sustainability person having to listen to some oil and gas people. They probably didn't like my questions as much as some of the others, but I do recommend it highly because I learned a tremendous amount of all different facets of New Mexico and the potential for all of us to do here. So that is one of the things I've done over the last couple of months and at the moment that's all I have. Is there anything else?

**VI. C. 1. Update and Presentation on the Agricultural Extension Office Remodel at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds**

CHAIR HANSEN: Mr. Hogan. Welcome. So nice to see you.

MARK HOGAN (Projects): Thank you very much, Commissioners. It's nice to be here. I was asked to provide an update on the Ag Extension Office and the status of the construction. I thought since it's been a little while since we started it we might review some of the goals that we started off with, which included some things that we don't even really think about anymore, such as a new sewer system hooked to the City. That was a perennial problem every year, particularly around the fair time. We also

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now have water service, reliable to each of the buildings from the City service and we have dedicated the well that we have onsite strictly to irrigation. So all those sort of infrastructure improvements have already taken place.

We also wanted to beautify and renovate the existing Extension Office and make it more functional and expand some of the public service offered there, including the demonstration kitchen, which is a valuable resource in their education department. Our discussion on ADA earlier, your discussion, reminded me also of a long promised commitment that the County made in terms of making reasonable accessibility and so also what has been completed is an ADA path from the bus stop on Rodeo Road to the fair extension office and the building complex up there. So that's a crusher finds path. It has been installed. It will probably be edged in some additional landscaping that will surround that that will contribute through the Garden Club.

So anyway, we wanted to meet the current projected needs of the Ag Extension Office, connect to sewer and water, retain the well and to provide a new facility. The sources of funding include \$750,000 from the lodgers tax, \$239,500 from NMGR and then \$610,000 through grants. So both the lodgers tax and the grant funds have been completely spent and now we are working our way through completion of construction which is – substantial completion is due on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. There's been some other adds that I will cover in a moment.

Just a reminder, the beginning of the design effort started toward mid-2016, so we went through design. We did a competitive bid process, and separated the sewer and water improvements from the rest of the grounds expansion and improvements.

The project had a total budget of \$1.6 million. That was the sum of those grant funds I mentioned. We have spent a little bit more than \$100,000 in upgrading the utilities leaving \$1.5 million essentially for the structure and we're in the process of completing that right now. We do anticipate having some funds left over from the completion of the project. We did a round of improvements through change order four which were some of the things we designed in as alternates originally, because we weren't sure whether or not the budget was going to cover all those things, so once we got comfortable that there was adequate contingency left we brought some of those needed items forward in change order four, and there's a change order five underway right now that's minor things that are cleaning up. We approved some additional sidewalk work that went into change order four, some of the subgrade conditions were not ideal so we had to do some regarding and some of that shows up in change order five, which as I mentioned, is being circulated.

I can go into detail on any particulars if you'd like or stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, thanks for coming, Mark.

I've been asking about it continually for several months now and my goal is that we are able to finish it sooner so that we could – the date has been pushed back a few times. I would like to see it done and then incorporate whatever other normal preparation we do for the County Fair we do around our work around that completion. If we're able to take that pathway and figure out asphalt maybe or a sidewalk. Those are some of the things that I think I saw the gate that they put in for that, just recently, last week I think. But I'm

just excited for it to be done so that we could prepare for the fair. As you know, they've been relocated and it's been a difficult situation for the Extension Office and all the different clubs that utilize the facility. So I'm hoping that it gets done and soon so that it's ready well before the fair and we can incorporate the work that we need to do to get ready for the fair and we're not dancing around a construction site, which is what's happened in recent years.

And so that's my take on the record and I'd appreciate it if we could continue to work towards that end and also work with Facilities to make sure that we're complementing the contractor's work and finishing the project and the other facets that we need to do to get ready for the fair. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MR. HOGAN: Commissioner, we'll take those things in consideration. We are coordinating with the Ag Extension Office, the Master Gardeners Program and we'll give Brad Isaacson, our project manager, credit also for as these change orders have been coming up and these issues to resolve really pushing back on time extensions on it. So this last change order mentioned, #5, there is no time extension on it. So we are sticking with the April 26<sup>th</sup> substantial completion date.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I've got one other thing, Madam Chair, if I could. So I know the City of Santa Fe, they're pretty rigid, and we can do what we need to do as a County entity but we've always been – we've kind of worked in conjunction with other entities around us including the state. There's a pretty large unit on the top of that new facility and were we planning on doing any screening associated with that? Which is something typical that would happen with a project and a mechanical structure to that size?

MR. HOGAN: That's an excellent question, Commissioner. We've been anticipating that. Initially, the unit that we understood to be going on, that was going to be less visible. We looked at a couple different screening devices, including parapets. That all started adding to the expenses. What we're contemplating now, we've asked the architect to provide a series of sketches for some kind of a logo/screen that might be for the Ag Extension Office that would essentially use that as the background for the logo and use it as a point for identification.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. I'm glad that you're looking at that because as it is now, we probably wouldn't accept that anywhere else in the county and we shouldn't accept it there. And so I'm glad that we're looking at an alternative to provide some screening that might even serve as basically a sign, I guess is what you're saying.

MR. HOGAN: That's what we thought. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks, Mark and thank you Brad.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. So what are our plans for the opening of this facility? I'm excited that it's going to be open and that it will be time for the fair and way ahead of time, like Commissioner Anaya said.

MR. HOGAN: Madam Chair, perhaps Brad can describe in more detail any of the specific plans, but what I understand is that the Ag Extension Office has every intention of taking the lead on planning the grand opening. So right now, we're focusing on getting the facility done and ready for use. My understanding was –

MR. FLORES: My office will be taking the lead on the ribbon-cutting and grand opening in coordination with the Extension Office. We are still looking at around the time the fair coincides.

ANNA BRANSFORD (Community Services): Good afternoon, Commissioners. We did have a Fair Committee meeting last night and I did bring up a possible ribbon-cutting and grand opening for the new Extension Office and having that done during the fair. Right now, we are thinking the best day to have that would be on our Family Fun Day, which Saturday, the last day of the fair where we have the most people, probably sometime after the Barnyard Olympics in the afternoon is what we were talking about last night with Jackie and her staff as well as the Fair Board.

CHAIR HANSEN: That sounds great. It's just important, I think, to recognize all the people who have contributed to this and that will be great. So thank you, Ms. Bransford. Are there any other comments?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Just food for thought, but maybe we do something at the fair, during the fair, but I also think maybe we isolate that facility sooner, in advance of the fair. So let's include the Commission – Commissioner Moreno, it's his district – and the Chair and the rest of the Commissioners and we can figure something out. Or maybe we do something at the fair but maybe we do something before as a grand opening. Because it's not just the fair. We have Master Gardeners and a lot of other organizations access the facility. I'm open to it but let's maybe talk about it.

MS. BRANSFORD: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I did bring that up to Jackie and her staff. During this time and the summer they have a lot of programming and camps going on which takes a lot of the ag agents and staff out of the office, so we are looking at schedules and what we can do. So that's kind of where we bounced around some dates last night.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Anna. Thank you, Mark. Great to have an update on the fair building.

## **VII. MATTERS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **A. Elected Officials Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Updates, Concerns, Recognitions**

CLERK. SALAZAR: Yes, thank you, Chair Hansen. I want to remind the public and voters and the Board and all County staff that June 5<sup>th</sup> is the date for the primary election, 2018 primary election, and the following are important dates: Voter registration closes on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. There will be absentee in person voting at the County Clerk's Office beginning Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 5:00. The office is closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day. The County Clerk's Office will be open for voting on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> only, but not the other following Saturdays for early voting. We will also have alternate sites for early voting beginning Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Hours of voting are from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. The early voting sites are located at – the

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following one is a new one for us, and you passed a resolution where we would have the following early voting sites, so they begin with Abedon Lopez Community Center, the Christian Life Church. Also new is the Edgewood Elementary School. Then the Max Coll Corridor Community Center, and then the Pojoaque County Satellite Office and the Santa Fe County fair building.

Also, absentee and voting by mail, voters can request for an application for an absentee ballot any time by calling the County Clerk's Office at 986-6280. When you receive the application I'd like to remind registered, qualified voters that they should fill out the application and return it to the Clerk's Office as soon as possible. The last date for us to receive that by state law is until May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much and I look forward to everyone in Santa Fe voting, Santa Fe County, taking their right to vote serious and to participate in our democracy. Thank you so much.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Clerk Salazar. Yes, voting is a right and a privilege.

## VII. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR HANSEN: Is there anyone from the public who would like to make a comment? Okay, seeing none, we'll move forward.

## IX. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. **Executive Session as Permitted under the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Discussion items may include but are not necessarily limited to: Limited Personnel Matters in Accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(7); and Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights in Accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(8)**
1. **Vistas de Sangres Subdivision**
  2. **Affordable Housing Project**
  3. **Aamodt Settlement**

BRUCE FREDERICK (County Attorney): Madam Commissioners, we do have Executive Session as permitted under the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Discussion items may include but are not necessarily limited to: limited personnel matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1(H)(2); threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant in accordance with Section 10-15-1 (H)(7); and discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights in accordance with Section 10-15-1 (H)(8). Specifically mentioned: Vistas de Sangres Subdivision, Affordable Housing Project, and Aamodt Settlement.

CHAIR HANSEN: Can I have a motion to go into executive session, please?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: So moved.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have multiple motions. Commissioner Moreno moved to go into executive session. Can I have a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, roll call.

**The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (7, 2 and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

Commissioner Anaya	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Not Present

CHAIR HANSEN: How long do you believe we will be, so I can allow the public to know when we will return?

MR. FREDERICK: 45 minutes seems like a good estimate.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Hopefully, we'll be back by 5:15 to 5:30. Thank you. We are now in executive session.

[The Commission met in executive session from 4:30 to 5:44.]

CHAIR HANSEN: Can I have a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I believe we have to say that nothing that was discussed in executive session – it was all on the agenda. Those in executive session were County Manager, Katherine Miller, the Commissioners, County Attorney and Land Use/Growth Management Director Penny Ellis Green, and Deputy County Attorney Rachel Brown.

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

**X. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Land Use Cases**

- 1. CASE # CP 16-5280 Oshara Conceptual Plan Amendment (TABLED)**

**X. B. Ordinances**

- 1. Ordinance No. 2018-01, an Ordinance Amending Section 6 of Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2008-14 to Extend to January 1, 2024, the Time in Which an Election May be Held to Reauthorize the Regional Transit District Gross Receipts Tax**

PETER DWYER: Hi. I'm Peter Dwyer. This is Anthony Mortillaro. I

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think this is a fairly straightforward issue. You probably heard a little bit about it because we've been working on this for about a year and two of your Commissioners have been on our Board so they're aware of it. All we're asking at this point in time is that you pass an ordinance so that we can have an election this November. Our tax that sustains the NCRTD generates a little less than \$8 million a year. It's set to expire in 2024. We would like it to not expire in 2024 and as a matter of fact we'd like to get to work on that now so that we can get it to the electorate in this November's election.

If you had not heard, the good news for us is that we just got a \$3.6 million grant from the federal government that was very competitive, very difficult to get, so we now have most of the money to build a maintenance facility for our own buses. However, we will need this revenue that we're talking about here today to be pledged as support for financing for the remaining portion of the \$6 million project.

So this is our big push right now is to try to get these ordinances passed by all four counties of the district – Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos and Los Alamos counties, and then we'll be back in front of you again this summer, probably around June to ask you to pass an election ordinance and another ordinance actually amending the tax and removing the sunset. This is just to allow us to go forward with the fall election. Right now the ordinance reads that an election could be heard as early as 2022, I believe and then in 2023 a special election. So we're moving up those dates. That's all we're doing today. And if there are any questions by the Commission or if there's any public questions we'd be happy to answer them.

CHAIR HANSEN: So are there any questions from the Commission?  
Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So Madam Chair, I think it's appropriate that it's brought forward and that we take action, but I also think it's detrimental that the marketing and the informational campaign that we provide collectively is continuing and comprehensive from now to that day. So any opportunity to come back on a continuous basis to provide that information to the Commission, I would even say monthly, in snippets of facts about services and populations and savings, I'll say it, every month, until that election is important, just given the climate of recent elections and the softening palate of the voters to approve this. This is a must to continue the Rail Runner, to continue RTD, to continue bus service, and so we have to be all-in every meeting to do that.

I know our representative, Commissioner Moreno, who's the secretary, I think, has done a great job with the Chairwoman as well. But I think this is a comprehensive effort across all governing bodies and I'm saying all this on the record because I think it's that important and we have to be all-in continually to provide the information to the public so they can make the right choice to sustain what we have, which is a great thing.

ANTHONY MORTILLARO: Madam Chair and Commissioner Anaya, we have retained the firm of Polling and Research, Brian Sanderoff, and they have now completed their polling work. We'll have the results of that to present publicly here in May and we would be glad to schedule a presentation in front of the County Commission if you would like that. In addition to that, we will be – we're also interviewing firms that will help us with the public education campaign and we will be putting that information forward and also having those presentations to the County Commissions in all four

counties as well as City Councils. So thank you for your comments and we will be able to provide that information as needed.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'd move it, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion to –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Actually, Madam Chair. I'm going to pull my motion and defer to Commissioner Moreno on this one.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you for the opportunity. I move that we adopt an ordinance amending Section 6 of Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2008-14 to extend to January 1, 2024, the time in which an election may be held to reauthorize the Regional Transit District gross receipts tax.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion. And do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I'll go ahead and second and under discussion, we need to go to public hearing, so maybe we'll hold the vote until after the public hearing.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, of course. Thank you very much, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Tony, for that.

CHAIR HANSEN: I would like to open public hearings. Is there anybody who wishes to speak from the public here? Seeking none, public hearing is closed.

**The motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

Commissioner Anaya	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

**X. B. 2. Ordinance No. 2018-02, an Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking, and Other Ignition Sources [Exhibit 4: Fire Potential Outlook Maps]**

JAOME BLAY (Fire Marshal): Good evening, Madam Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Welcome.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Thank you. This evening, the County Fire Marshal and the County Fire Department are requesting approval of an emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County. This emergency ordinance prohibits open fires of any kind, including campfires and the burning of vegetation and

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rubbish. It shall take effect upon approval and remain in place for 90 days. It will expire after this time period unless renewed by subsequent action of the Board of County Commissioner. The emergency ordinance may also be rescinded at a subsequent Board meeting if wildland fire conditions unexpectedly improve.

Approval of these emergency restrictions is necessitated by persistent and severe drought conditions. These drought conditions are forecast to persist and deepen throughout Santa Fe County and New Mexico during the coming months. I believe you have in your packet a map and I believe you may have a little map showing the prediction of the coming months for April, May and June for the Southwest and New Mexico. This is particularly concerning due to exceptionally dry winter conditions heading into the climatologically drier spring season. The three-month outlook also tilts toward warmer than normal temperatures and under these circumstances this emergency ordinance will reduce the likelihood of an accidental wildland fire start during our traditional spring fire season. It would also improve public and firefighter safety and preserve property in Santa Fe County.

So the action requested would be approval of the emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources within Santa Fe County. The Fire Chief/Fire Marshal shall have the authority to grant exemptions to the emergency ordinance to burn permit applicants after assuring adequate fire protection is available and all reasonable measures have been taken to mitigate the fire danger. And with that, I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there any questions? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: No, Madam Chair. So absolutely essentially that we advance the ordinance. One question that I have, I've been getting more calls than normal from constituents and even other district – constituents of other Commissioners in some of the wildland-urban interface areas about concerns of vegetation and other debris around neighboring properties and I know everyone is probably getting elevated concerns. But I was just thinking ahead that I know we do a lot of work with prevention and outreach, but now, maybe there's an opportunity with the student interns and maybe, Manager Miller, maybe there's a possibility of figuring out if we have some short-term budgetary options to create some additional boots on the ground for information.

I think you guys do an exceptional job. You have an exceptional team, but maybe there's an additional opportunity for straight-up marketing and outreach. Not code enforcement, not Fire Marshal duties, but additional support to get the word out, making sure the areas around your home are clear and just the stuff I know we do on a continuous basis but maybe you could brainstorm – if you could brainstorm with the Manager maybe we could figure out what we could do in the short term because we're coming into a season as we all know that it's going to be drought conditions that maybe we've never seen.

And so whatever we can think about that might be a little out of the box in the way of outreach and marketing we can consider. It would be obviously some investment there but a worthy investment just given the challenges that you're facing.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, in fire prevention, every time we do a permit review we also look at defensible space and we

have with us Remington Gillum. He's the wildland-urban interface specialist and he accompanies us to make a determination as to what needs to be done in that particular area. Also, I believe that the wildland department is also doing a lot of mitigation and if you have more questions about those mitigation measures he would be right person to answer.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. I first wanted to thank you, Commissioner Anaya. That's actually an intriguing idea, to maybe use some interns to assist you guys. It's an understatement, at least in my district, which has some juicy wildland areas to say that the number of calls have gone up. I just a week ago had a townhall it was a big topic. Everybody is acutely aware of the information and drought and what not that you presented in defense of this. This is so necessary. And I know a lot of the fire districts but Hondo was right there. We held the townhall at Hondo's district and the guys there that are doing some of the defensible space outreach, they had like – they did four of them last year. They've done 30 to 40 of them already this year.

It's just an indication of what level of concern that exists. Not that any one call proves it but walking over here to the BCC meeting, my pager went off for a call, not in Glorieta but just off the highway a little so we were called out for a brushfire right along the highway. The idea of having something like this when this could help, at least help mitigate the level of risk of having this is really necessary and I was so grateful to see you guys were already working on this. So I totally support this moving forward.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair and Commissioner Hamilton, so far we've had 54, including the one you're mentioning now. Fifty-four brush wildland fires since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Think about it.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: And I will definitely consult with the Chief about using some interns for more boots on the ground to look into those area where they could benefit from some mitigation measures.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Roybal and then Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: What I had to say was going to kind of add to what Commissioner Anaya had said. One question I did want to ask is the 54 fires that you said, brushfires, were those just in Santa Fe County?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I was curious. I was coming back from Albuquerque on Sunday and there was one right off the road, so I was one vehicle behind where they decided to stop the traffic so I was stuck there for a little bit but I think it was because the visibility got pretty bad because of the dust and the smoke combination. It was perfect that the emergency responders cut it off at that point and there were no accidents. There was one accident, that I think that I saw on the other side of the highway headed towards Albuquerque. But I think it's really important. We're in pretty severe conditions right now so I know that's something that we need to get done.

The other thing is I did want to kind of add to what Commissioner Anaya was saying because I've had a couple of calls today from constituents that are cutting weeds and trying to clean up around their area so that they avoid any kind of fire like that, but

they tried taking the weeds to the transfer station and I guess they told them that they couldn't take them there. I don't know if that sounds correct. They said they could take one load and that was it. So I'm not sure if they did ask about that. If that was the case I was going to ask if there was something that we could – if you guys had any ideas of how they could get rid of those weeds besides burning.

But it sounds to me like – Manager Miller, are you going to look into that?

MS. MILLER: Yes. Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, I'm not aware of the limit on that so let me find out what that's about. We used to have chippers and we would chip everything and then haul that off, but we had a lot of problems with them breaking and so I think we got rid of them, but I still thought we were taking the greenwaste. And I wasn't aware of us putting a limit on it, so let me look into it.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Roybal, I know that the County has a Green Day. I believe it's sometime in the spring where you can take an unlimited amount. Again, I'm not 100 percent sure but I think the constituent was telling the truth, that sometimes you cannot just take as much as you want to. They limit the amount.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you, sir.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Madam Chair. What kind of outreach are you going to be using? What are methods to talk to the public?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Moreno, currently Fire Prevention, our outreach is through the permitting process where we meet with the developers or the homeowners. Beyond that I think this would be better answered by either the Chief or Mr. Gillum.

DAVE SPERLING (Fire Chief): Madam Chair, Commissioner Moreno, so there was an article in today's *New Mexican* in regard to the burn ban that we are addressing this evening, and I know that Kristine Mihelcic will be putting out a press release again, once it's been approved. I've been told too – I haven't looked at it yet, but the union has posted something on their Facebook page which generates a lot of traffic, and we'll also be making sure that through the plan review process and through contacts with our districts and all of our career firefighters that no burn permits are issued and that the current burn permits that are out there, those individuals get notified that there will be no burning allowed under their existing permit.

That process works best by us contacting the Regional Emergency Communications Center. Those people are required before burning, if they do hold a permit, to call the dispatch center and those dispatchers then tell them, if they're not already aware, that there is a burn ban in place and there is no burning allowed. So there's kind of multiple ways of getting the word out, making sure that people abide by the restrictions.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: One follow-up. What would you consider the hot spots that you're particularly worried about in the fire season and locations?

CHIEF SPERLING: Madam Chair, Commissioner, to be honest with you, this year I think the hot spots are all over the county. We really are under dire circumstances as far as drought conditions go. We had a lot of moisture last summer and

fall, which resulted in a lot of fine fuel growth. I think you can see it around the county in areas like Eldorado that you wouldn't think in particular would be at great risk for a wildland fire. The grass is quite high and represents a fire risk. So I think the county from north to south, east to west is at high risk this year, and we particularly encourage people to get out and clean up around their property, make sure that the grass is mowed in close proximity to their homes and they have taken care of vegetation issues as best as possible close to their homes. If they can't dispose of it off their property in one fell swoop then work at incrementally to make sure that they're reducing the fire risk on their individual properties.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you.

CHIEF SPERLING: You're welcome.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Chief Sperling. The trash days that are free and that are coming up are April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Buckman Transfer Station so people can bring trash on those two days that are for free as part of Santa Fe Beautiful.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Is that only greenwaste?

CHAIR HANSEN: I think it includes anything. It's cleanup. I don't know if it extends to the transfer stations within the county but I know at BuRRT you can definitely go there. Since this is a Santa Fe County ordinance that we're passing, this includes all of the city and all of the towns and municipalities inside in the county?

CHIEF SPERLING: Madam Chair, I think the City is going to be passing their own burn ban. This will be forwarded to the Town of Edgewood and as is customary, they will likely move forward with their own ban to follow our lead.

CHAIR HANSEN: So will it also be sent to the City of Santa Fe and the City of Española?

CHIEF SPERLING: That's correct, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. So I think that would be really important for them to know that we have passed this and we hope they will follow our lead.

CHIEF SPERLING: Absolutely.

CHAIR HANSEN: This is really important. What will be the date of the expiration of this ordinance that we're passing; it lasts for 90 days? So is that July 8<sup>th</sup>?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, if this gets approved today then it will be in effect for 90 days. That puts us at July 10<sup>th</sup>, I believe.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. July 10<sup>th</sup>. So I just want to make sure that we're covered at least until after July 4<sup>th</sup> and that that's included in this ordinance. And we might have to renew it.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: That's correct.

CHAIR HANSEN: Depending on what happens in the season that we're facing. But I wanted to make sure that we had taken July 4<sup>th</sup> into account.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: So I appreciate that. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would like to move to have this ordinance approved.

CHAIR HANSEN: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

MR. FREDERICK: Madam Chair, you need a public hearing.

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CHAIR HANSEN: Once again, is there anybody from the public who wishes to speak on this ordinance? Seeing none, I will close the public hearing and I will move on to the motion and we have a motion by Commissioner Hamilton, and a second by Commissioner Roybal.

**The motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

Commissioner Anaya	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you Fire Marshal, and thank you for bringing this forward.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: My pleasure.

**XI. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Roybal and second by Commissioner Hamilton, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hansen declared this meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

*Geraldine Salazar*

Approved by:

*Anna Hansen*  
Board of County Commissioners  
Anna Hansen, Chair

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GERALDINE SALAZAR  
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK



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Beautiful city, home is for me  
City of dreamers and actors as well  
Bringing people together  
From far away places  
Making them taste all kinds of delights  
In so many ways  
They will remember forever this  
City of the Holy Faith attracting  
People from all parts of the world  
Let alone the US of A

Beautiful city whose many surprises  
Make for memories that smile  
With the continuing surprises  
As one turns corners and sees  
Vistas that charm and please us.

When circumstances worked in a way  
That brought me here to live, all thoughts  
Of going back to Italy from where I came  
Went sideways and the rest of my life  
Is here, and here to stay.

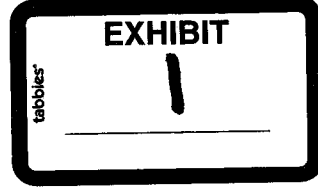
Here where history has left its mark  
Where the Pueblo revolt and all  
The Spanish encounters did things  
That are taught to the children today.

Beautiful city, with its churches and its bells  
That ring out its calls for prayers  
And for a hope for everyone's future  
In this life or the next flowering  
Belief systems with orchids and desires.

We stay well together for now and tomorrow  
For all of us who smile in our sleep  
And wake with determination  
To have a day that is strong and  
Full of getting things done.

Beautiful city thank you for being  
What you are for all of us now  
And into the future ~  
Where the voices of silence  
Sing their songs in their own way  
And the birds in the trees  
Sing theirs ~

Fortunate we are  
We, the ones who live here,  
The ones who visit  
And the ones who stay.



*The poem entitled Beautiful City was  
Written and presented by Victor di Suvero  
Noted poet and poetry activist to the  
County Commission of Santa Fe, New Mexico  
In celebration of National Poetry Month  
And the County's engagement of the Arts*

# Convenience Center Cost Recovery

Projected Permit Sales					
CY14	CY15 Year 1	CY16 Year 2	CY17 Year 3	CY18 Year 4	CY19 Year 5
SW budget	2,394,059	2,538,589	2,613,698	2,682,506	2,753,271
Permit Sales	397,010	232,020	480,390	544,686	710,352
% Cost Recovered	17%	9%	18%	20%	26%
					30%

Actuals					
CY14	CY15 Year 1	CY16 Year 2	CY17 Year 3	CY18 Year 4	CY19 Year 5
SW Budget	\$2,537,908	\$2,566,708	\$2,278,422	\$2,230,374	
Permit Sales	\$205,323	\$232,426	\$336,588	\$416,708	
% Cost Recovered	8%	9%	15%	19%	
Recycling cost*	\$509,000**	\$440,000	\$416,000	\$310,000	

\*Recycling is free for Santa Fe County residents. SFC incurred these approximate costs by providing this service.

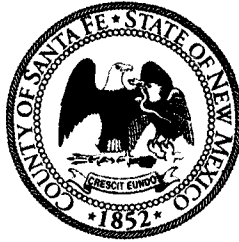
\*\*\$183,000 of \$509,000 was for Capital improvements at El Dorado to accommodate recycling.

Solid Waste Division Budget								
	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2017	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Permit Fee	\$363,987	15%	\$258,184	10%	\$301,447	12%	\$357,116	17%
Environmental GRT	\$610,520	26%	\$628,000	23%	\$642,440	26%	\$655,289	31%
General Fund	\$1,401,103	59%	\$1,814,021	67%	\$1,494,323	61%	\$1,111,228	52%
Total	\$2,375,610	100%	\$2,700,205	100%	\$2,438,210	100%	\$2,123,633	100%

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April 10, 2018

Amtrak Headquarters  
1 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Amtrak Decision Makers,

The annual average Amtrak passenger traffic through the Lamy station is approximately 11,000 people per year, which averages 30 people per day. This level of usage is significant to the potential economic activity in Lamy itself, and is clearly important to the surrounding communities, including Santa Fe. The Amtrak personnel that man the Lamy station are the only source of information on arrival/departure schedules, including real-time information on delays for those who might be coming to pick up expected passengers. It must also be noted that, at the present time, there is absolutely no cell phone reception in Lamy, and there are no public telephones at the station, and there is also no public transportation. Together, this means that closing the Lamy station would potentially strand 30 people per day. If pre-arranged rides are not at the station, there would be no way to call them. Similarly, there would be no way to call for a taxi, Uber, or to otherwise obtain information. Beyond the inconvenience, this situation creates a substantial public safety risk.

Given this information, along with the background knowledge that approximately 4 years ago, Santa Fe and other counties lobbied to assure New Mexico State funding to support track improvements that would facilitate Amtrak maintaining this route, Santa Fe County strongly objects to the closure of the Lamy Amtrak station. If economics are such that maintaining full-time Amtrak personnel at the Lamy Station is prohibitive, we think it is critical for Amtrak to implement an alternative that would address the information and communication issues and alleviate the public safety concerns. This could include installation of a cell tower, and installation of electronic signage that would show real-time train schedules and status.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Anna T. Hamilton, Ph.D.*

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Santa Fe County Commissioner, District 4

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