

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2020

Henry Roybal, Chair - District 1
Anna Hansen, Vice Chair - District 2
Rudy Garcia - District 3
Anna T. Hamilton - District 4
Ed Moreno - District 5

SANTA FE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 26, 2020

1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:39 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal.

In accordance with the Public Health Emergency Order issued by the State of New Mexico, this meeting was conducted on a platform for video and audio meetings.

[For clarity purposes, repetitive identification and confirmations of those on the phone have been eliminated and/or condensed in this transcript.]

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Ed Moreno

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Roybal and the Moment of Reflection by Margie Romero of the Human Resources Department.

F. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes or modifications to the agenda, Manager Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Mr. Chair. There are

SFC CLERK RECORDED 07/10/2020

some changes. On page 1 of the agenda under Opening Business, item 1. G and then 1. H, which are minutes from the April 28th Board meeting and the May 4th Board meeting. Those items were added. Also on page 1 of the agenda, item 2. B, the packet material and the caption were updated from our original posting. Also under the Consent Agenda, item 2. I, Request for approval of an amendment to an MOU, that one was also updated, that caption was updated.

Then under item 10. Matters from the County Attorney, item 10. A. 4 was added. And I believe those are all the changes that were made to the agenda and that amended agenda was posted on May 22nd at 4:08 pm.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Do we have any other requests from the Commissioners or anybody else as far as changes to our agenda today? Do I hear a motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Chair Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the agenda with changes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to roll call vote.

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

G. Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2020, Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes? I know, Commissioner Hansen, a lot of time you have changes for the stenographer.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Chair Roybal, I have changes and I will give them to Karen or Debbie over the phone. So with that I would like to move to approve the minutes with changes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to roll call.

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

H. Approval of May 4, 2020, Special Board Meeting

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, did you have any changes to this? If we don't have any changes –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I do have changes to the minutes, so I would like to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes with changes and I will give them to the stenographer.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I believe I saw Commissioner Hamilton raise her hand as well.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I was going to move to approve those minutes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So would you like to second, Commissioner Hamilton?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton.

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

I. Recognition of Years of Service of County Employees

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Board of Commissioners, so as you know, for just about six years now we've been recognizing employees on a monthly basis who complete consecutive years of service with Santa Fe County in five-year increments. And it's really just our way of honoring retention and letting those employees know that we really value them staying with Santa Fe County and making a career here.

So in the month of May we only had a few people that hit a five-year milestone and that's Shane Martinez in Open Space, five years, Kenneth Quintana in Fire Administration with five years of service, and Katherine Urioste in the adult detention facilities hit five years on May 18th.

So just want to congratulate them, send them a separate note with a pen commemorating the anniversary and wanted to recognize them publicly for their service to Santa Fe County and its residents.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. I think it's really important to recognize employees that have been dedicated for a number of years to the County – that really hold the County together. And I think that having the experience to serve our constituents is really one of the best ways for us to really provide services, because I know that it takes a long time to really train an employee to be able to do the work for the County and serve our constituents, so it's greatly appreciated by me for their service and their commitment to Santa Fe County. So thank you for that. Other Commissioners, do you have comments? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Chair Roybal. Yes, having people serve the County is a great opportunity and I am grateful for their service to the county. So thank you for your five years, and everything you also said, Chair Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just echoing what you all said. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was just thinking that this time when we're doing everything virtually, people who are recognized might feel a bit of a disconnect and separation and I really am sorry for that. I hope that people we're recognizing for their continuity of service and the great service they provide can feel the sincerity of that appreciation even though we're doing it all remotely.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I couldn't agree with you more. I know that even our graduates from our high schools and colleges this year are probably feeling that disconnect as well and I think they've had parades and different things, the schools, and I've also even talked to our Assessor Martinez who had a daughter that graduated this year that it would have been nice to try and do a virtual – like we hold these meeting. But it's a challenge for all the schools. Plus not everybody has connectivity throughout our areas. And it's something that we're all working on, so it really would have been – we're just in challenging times and I appreciate you bringing that up. I don't want them to feel any less because we appreciate their service to Santa Fe County and it doesn't mean any less. So I appreciate you making that comment, Commissioner Hamilton. Okay, Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I didn't have a chance previously to shout out to the Manager and her team and working and reworking on the budget, and kudos to give us a good project. And I want to also welcome the new staff and those who are celebrating their years of service. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Thank you for your encouraging words and praise of our staff. It's greatly appreciated.

J. Recognition of New Hires

CHAIR ROYBAL: This will be quick and this list is going to get shorter and shorter every month because as you know, we're in a hiring freeze but several of these individuals were in process before we instituted the hiring freeze and they started in the month of April. And then also, as you know, our critical positions, we're still hiring in those. But we have a freeze until June 30th for everything until we get to the new budget cycle. That said, we had quite a few people who started on April 11th. That would be Lora Chavez in our Housing Department, as a Housing Program Specialist. In PSD-Corrections, Jennifer Carrillo Chavez, Beverly Fernandez, Shantal Gurule, Donnie Gutierrez and Alfonso Martinez also started on April 11th.

In the Fire Department, Rachel Patty is a secretary senior, and in the Sheriff's Office, Rosa Vigil and Sally Wright. And then on April 25th, we had Sonora Rodriguez start as a Community Planner in Growth Management. So I just want to welcome them to the County and yes, these are interesting times to start a new job but hopefully they are getting all the support they need to learn their jobs and have access to what they need to learn their new positions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, and congratulations to our new hires. I know that we are probably going to see fewer and fewer every month as you indicated, and so I just want to congratulate our new hires and also say that I look forward to seeing you guys complete your five-year anniversaries and also just complete a career here at Santa Fe County. It's a great place to work. I know that I won't be a Commissioner during that time but some of your Commissioners still will be when you hit your five years. So congratulations and welcome to the County and whatever the County can do to help you. I know that it's always been an open book with our staff here to help one another so we really appreciate that. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen. Do you have any comment for our new hires.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to welcome them all the County and I'm glad they made it in under the wire and that they're here with us through these trying times.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have a comment?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Sure. Welcome aboard, under the curse of living in interesting times. But there's promise of reward if you stick with the difficulties. And thank you for coming aboard and best of wishes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Welcome aboard, new employees. Thank you

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No, I'm good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir. I know you made comments earlier but I appreciate that. So thank you, and welcome again to our new employees.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Final Order in Case # 18-5131 Macallister Appeal. Bruce and Debbie Macallister, Appellants, Joseph Karnes, Agent, are Appealing the Santa Fe County Planning Commission's Decision to Approve an Accessory Structure (Permit #18-110). The Property is 1.78 Acres and is Located at 1467 Bishops Lodge Road Within Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 10 East, SDA-2 (Commission District 1) (Denied 4-1) (John Lovato, Case Manager)**
- B. **Request Approval of Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreements between Santa Fe County and Property Owners of Cañoncito (Public Works Department/Gary L.J. Giron) (Caption and Packet Material Updated)**
- C. **Resolution No. 2020-40, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$8,500 for the Senior Services Program (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- D. **Resolution No. 2020-41, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$40,292 for the Senior Services Program for COVID-19 Expenditures (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) (Packet Material Updated)**
- E. **Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$380 (Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- F. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2019-0053-CSD/CW Between Santa Fe County and FireStik Studio to Design and Implement DWI Public Awareness Campaigns, Extending the Term an Additional Year and Increasing the Amount of the Compensation by \$113,530, for a Total Contract Sum of \$327,530.00, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**

- G. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 2017-0196-PW/KE Between Santa Fe County and Iron Mountain, Extending the Term One Additional Year and Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$75,000.00, for a Not to Exceed Contract Sum of \$285,000.00, Exclusive of NMGRT, to Provide Record Storage and Management Services, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order. (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- H. **Request (1) Approval of Indefinite Quantity Price Agreement No. 2020-0174-CORR/CW Between Santa Fe County and Cook's Direct, Inc. for the Purchase of Kitchen Equipment for Santa Fe County Correctional Facilities, for a Four-Year Term, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s) (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor)**
- I. Request Approval of First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Mutual Water Service Cooperation, SFC Contract No. 2019-0065-PW, between Santa Fe County and the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District (Utilities Division/John Dupuis) **ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any of these items that need to be pulled from our Consent Agenda from any of the Commissioners that need more explanation on any of these items? If not, then I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'd actually like to talk about item number I.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Item number I. Okay. Are there any other items from other Commissioners? Okay, Commissioner Garcia, would you like to make a motion excluding item I?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, so moved, excluding item I.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I will second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, we have a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda, items 2. A through 2. H, and we have a second from Commissioner Hamilton. So the motion was from Commissioner Garcia and the second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of item 2. I, passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

- 2. I. **Request Approval of First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Mutual Water Service Cooperation, SFC Contract No. 2019-0065-PW, between Santa Fe County and the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District (Utilities Division/John Dupuis)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. The question I have is about this amendment to the Eldorado utility connection. What is this about? Because we're spending millions of dollars actually to get a waterline to Cañoncito and I guess the question I have is – actually this is an extension for a year extension. What is this extension for and do we have Eldorado committed yet to interconnect with us or not? It was in the paper the other day and I guess the question I have is where is Eldorado in a commitment to a connection to Santa Fe County's waterline? And what is this year extension for? What is the connection about?

GARY GIRON (Public Works Director): Mr. Chair, I believe John Dupuis is on the line and he can respond to those questions.

JOHN DUPUIS (Utilities Director): Commissioner Garcia, that is from the negotiation – is that they have been working with us diligently to finalize our agreement and the MOU amendment is one that was understood as one that was being needed and it extends the time out through July so that we can finalize the contract and bring it to the Board for approval.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, John, what is this for? Is it to give them water? Or is it for a connection? For a tank? What is the extension for for the next year?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this is for providing water to Cañoncito by routing it through Eldorado and it creates savings in the project by removing a significant length of pipe that would have been necessary for installation otherwise. And it also provides supply to Eldorado as supplemental and enables them to achieve their long-term sustainability goals.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. So in regards to – I'm just very concerned that we don't have full commitment from Eldorado. I know we're working with them diligently but what that means – we're building a pipeline here and we need their connection through Eldorado to Cañoncito and it just worries me that we're going to construct this waterline and Eldorado is just like, sure, we're working it, we're working it, we're working it, but when? Maybe we shouldn't start construction until we actually have a full commitment for 35, 40 years that we're going to run our water system through the Rio Grande Buckman Diversion through Eldorado to Cañoncito. So that's – and I understand the extension for another year to negotiate with them. Meanwhile we're building a pipeline. Those are just the concerns I have, or the questions.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: So first of all, to explain, right now, what we've actually contracted for and have underway is the upgrade of the distribution system in Cañoncito, which has to be done regardless of whether we go through Eldorado or not. The other phase of design has been ongoing for multiple years and initially it was started to connect through Eldorado and then Eldorado Mutual Domestic did not want to work with us to go through Eldorado, so we actually have designed to build a tank and deliver water off of BDD through the Rancho Viejo tank, to another tank and then into Cañoncito. And we had been working on the design of that.

We revisited with Eldorado a couple of years ago and they said that they would be willing. We entered into this MOU because it requires Eldorado to redesign and make

changes to their system as well as us to design differently than if we go to what we call the Ellis tank. This MOU was put in place to figure out exactly what needed to be done by Santa Fe County as well as what needed to be done by Eldorado and to make sure that we get an agreement in place before either of us starts construction on modifications to either our distribution and transmission line out to Cañoncito, either through Eldorado, or to a separate tank, and before Eldorado modifies their system.

We have had some delays in getting that final agreement done. What this does is give us some extended time on the MOU to get the agreement between the Eldorado water system and mutual domestic and Santa Fe County finalized before either of us starts construction on the transmission line through Eldorado.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller. Mr. Chair, so we will not start construction until we have an agreement with Eldorado; is that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, we're still in design for those two phases of the construction and no, we will not start construction. But we are doing construction at Cañoncito of their distribution system. And that is underway, because that has to be done regardless of how we transmit the water to that community. And John could probably add to that.

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that is correct what Manager Miller just explained and then the way the design will be put out for construction is through a request for proposals process and that process should start soon, but we intend to have the agreement prior to the RFP process finishes. And we will be bringing that to the Board for approval.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. So in regards to – I just don't want – Commissioners, Manager Miller and staff – I just don't want what's happened to us with the City of Santa Fe where we had this agreement years and years and years ago, and we had these master meters that were working, not working. All of a sudden we get a new director at the City of Santa Fe and they decide to say, no. We're not going to give you what you wanted through our pipe to outside of the county limits unless you actually redesign our entire system. It's like, wait, time out. So I just want to make sure that we have Eldorado locked in before we start construction. So as Manager Miller and John said, okay, we're not going to start construction until we have a full agreement with Eldorado. I'm okay with it. But I just wanted to bring that up for the record, so thank you, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller and John.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Those are some valid points and I appreciate you bringing them forward. I know that you are concerned. So we are still waiting for a motion. I don't know if you want to make that motion.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'll make a motion for approval for item 2. I.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Garcia and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

3. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments of reappointments.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Request Authorization for the County Manager to Negotiate and Execute on Behalf of the County the Contracts and Purchase Orders Necessary to Construct a Solar Photovoltaic System at the Public Safety Building at 35 Camino Justicia

CHAIR ROYBAL: We're going to go to the Purchasing Division, Mr. Bill Taylor.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, Commissioners. Just to be clear for the Board, the County received grant funding for photovoltaic in June of 2019 and the Sustainability Division has moved forward quickly on expending the \$505,000 amount on various sites in the county. This is the remaining balance. It's between \$250,000 and \$275,000. And this is before the Board. We are now procuring the services for photovoltaic to be installed at the Public Safety facility, and it could come in under the \$250,000, but we ask – we wanted to anticipate, be pro-active and get BCC approval to grant authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order once this final procurement is done for the PV. And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Do we have any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Bill, for your explanation. I appreciate you trying to move these items forward and get this on the books, and with that I would like to make a motion to approve the authorization for the County Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the County to put the solar photovoltaic system at the Public Safety building.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and it sounded like we had a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to say that I think this is a great step toward making sure that we're using renewable energy and the County is really trying to be at the forefront of this type of photovoltaic energy. So I appreciate us putting more and more of these systems on our buildings. So I'm glad to see this come forward. Under comments, are there any other Commissioners that have comments? We have a motion and a second.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'm totally for the solar panels and I'm glad staff is moving forward in this, just as long as it doesn't interfere with our new addition to the Public Safety building because what I don't want to happen is actually we build these solar panels out there and then with the new construction we actually have to remove them from the Public Safety building, so as long as they don't interfere with our new construction/addition that we're doing to Public Safety, I think it's

great. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: I just want to emphasize that there is a high likelihood we will not be able to move forward with this due to the cutoff date from the state of May 6th, not having a notice of obligation. But we did continue to move forward because we were this far along, so I just want to make sure that there's a clear understanding that this may not happen if this grant does get pulled back from the state to fix their budget problems. And to Commissioner Garcia's concerns, we'll make sure that that is not an issue, if we do get to move forward with this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that clarification, Manager Miller. And Commissioner Garcia, thank you for the question. Are there any other questions relative to this issue? Okay, seeing none, we have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to roll call vote.

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

4. B. Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System: Request Approval of Amended and Restated Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, before you is an amended agreement for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System amended and restated cost-sharing and system integration agreement. This was worked on at length to update the agreement for conformance with the new funding from the feds and the negotiations on how to accomplish the increase in cost that was discovered and worked through with the pueblos and the federal government and BOR.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any questions from Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I have a question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia. Was it a question?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Can you explain to me the cost increase and where it came from? How much is it?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the cost increase to us is relative to an upsizing for the waterline that allows for connection at some future time across the Pojoaque Basin. Also an additional contribution from the County that builds out the distribution lines. Prior to that we had an obligation but it wasn't monetized and said specifically. This specifies the intent and a dollar amount relative to that intent. And as a future expense that we do have control over and it is contingent upon funding being available.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Greg.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): I would just highlight in addition to the very good points that Mr. Dupuis made that everything that is in the amended and restated cost-sharing and system integration agreement has already been agreed to by the

Board of County Commissioners and the pueblos as well as the federal government in the so-called 611(g) agreement, which the Board approved last calendar year. So again, the 611(g) agreement was the outgrowth of the parties' efforts to address a very large funding shortfall in the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, and that shortfall is going to be met through a variety of means. We hope additional federal funding, which is actively being pursued by our congressional delegation.

In addition, the State of New Mexico has agreed to provide additional funding and then the County's contribution towards the shortfall is met in two ways. Number one, the upsize charge that Mr. Dupuis described of \$4 million in order to deliver 1,000 acre-feet per year to a T at the intersection of Bishop's Lodge Road and Tesuque Road, but also the deferral of all but \$10 million of County distribution until after the regional water system is brought on line.

So again, everything that was in the amended and restated cost-sharing and system integration agreement from a substantive point of view has already been agreed to by the Board, by the pueblos, by the federal government and by the state, and this is the parties' mutual and joint effort to bring the cost-sharing and system integration agreement with the 611(g) agreement. So thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd be pleased to work with John to answer any additional questions but I did want to highlight those points for the Board's consideration.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So the 611(g) agreement was actually already agreed to by the courts and all the parties which agreed to the 611 agreement. So this additional funding is actually going to come from Tesuque, all the way up the hill, to connect to the City water system. Is that correct?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this is an upsizing of the – the \$4 million additional is specific for an upsizing of the pipe to the location, which is Bishop's Lodge Road and Tesuque Road. The pipe does not continue beyond that point, which would be required if there was a connection in the future. But it enables the capacity to provide water in the amount of 1,000 acre-feet to that location annually.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. I understand. And how much are the pueblos putting in for this?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the pueblos are receiving a contribution relative to the amount provided by the federal government that and is an additional – give me one moment.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: That's fine, Mr. Chair. But so the pueblos are actually going to participate in this oversized line that we're going to go south from Tesuque Pueblo to Bishop's Lodge Road?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that is not correct. They are not going to participate in that upsizing process. That is ours.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So once again, it will get constructed if there is money available. And the reason why I'm asking, with all due respect to Commissioner Roybal is I have a little bit of concern that if the County is going to come up with ten additional million dollars, and I understand the connections and how that stuff works. If my residents in Edgewood, they're going to pay this additional \$10 million for a connection from Tesuque Pueblo to Bishop's Lodge Road, that's why I'm asking about this on the record. With all due respect to all those who have been working on it, I

understand how it works and what's happening, but those are just some of the concerns I have is individuals from Edgewood are paying for this system as well. So I just want to put that on the record. Those are the only questions I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I'm going to go to Manager Miller, but Commissioner Hamilton I saw had her hands up as well. Go ahead, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, the total commitment, the additional amount is \$4 million for the upsizing. The original amount of the agreement was made years ago, 2006, 2008 – whenever that was, and it's been indexed. So the amount of funding for the upsizing – the upsizing is \$4 million. And that is anticipated to be funded by capital outlay gross receipts and water system revenues. And the original of \$11 million – I've got to make sure I've got my numbers right – was to be funded by – we had purchased the Top of the World ranch and water rights, and we sold the ranch and the water rights for considerably more than what we initially paid for it. Between the two of those about \$6.5 million.

So \$6.5 million of our total commitment is coming from the sale of the Top of the World water rights to the federal government as well as the sale of the ranch. And then we have also put in to date two or three million dollars of capital outlay gross receipts that we have set aside for this, and then that gap between what we currently have – I won't say budgeted; we just have it set aside for it. It's been anticipated that we would fund that with capital outlay gross receipts tax over the next several years. And some system revenues from the utility.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, did you have any additional?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just on that note, I certainly understand where the money's coming from, how it came from. I guess taxpayers paid for Top of the World water rights. The entire Santa Fe County, not just a certain area, and we actually sold it for a certain amount. We received some winnings from that. And I understand the GRT tax that actually everybody in the county pays for, not just a certain area. And I definitely understand the capital outlay portion of it, how it becomes – I'm just worried about Commissioner Moreno's district, which is off of State Road 14, which is in the Lone Butte area, North Fork, South Fork area, those individuals out there, they have very poor levels of water, and that's one of the reasons why I'm actually trying to get Eldorado connected to the County water system because what that does is it frees up the aquifer. That's very important. You all know that. John, you know that very well. And I'm just thinking 10, 15, 20 years ahead as into just a larger plan for the county. I just want to put that stuff on the record so I can get some sleep at night. But that's where I'm going with that. I understand it. I get it. Thank you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Garcia.
Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Has there been discussion about concerns whether the state is going to be able to come through with what they had promised in terms of level of funding, given the shortfalls and that they're pulling back capital funding? Is there any discussion of them sweeping back other funding or

postponing it? [poor audio quality] I would wonder what the federal intentions are because of the debt they're cranking up. But in the near – proximal to us we could legitimately ask about the state's intention. Has there been any word given on that?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, there have not been any updates from the state relative to that specific subject. One fact of note is that they have not signed their cost-sharing and system integration agreement as of yet. So that's the only relevant information on it.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. That's interesting to have on the record.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Any other questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: This is a big, big step. I haven't been in the water meetings with the BDD, but I can clearly remember the day when we huddled with the pueblos, the four pueblos in the Pojoaque Valley and the starting up and getting so far, so quick, in my humble opinion, I think it's really a testament to the good management and all the people who have been in these meetings and fighting about all the things that came to pass. And in a short four years. That's huge. That's my take.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Any other comments from Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: If I may, I would like to make a motion to approve the request for approval of amended and restated cost-sharing and system integration agreement.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: [poor audio quality] So I do want to ask some questions of some of the staff. I know that Commissioner Garcia had stated about the oversized line, and it's my understanding that this oversized line, if it is connected to the County water system, we will actually – this will be for backup so the BDD can back up the Pojoaque water system and the Pojoaque water system can back up the BDD for the County residents, as I understand it. Is that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, that's the intent of the upsizing.

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, that is correct, and as the intent of the upsizing we originally had in the design a backup of multiple options, one being aquifer storage and recovery, which was not something that worked, and also the wells in the area connecting to the infrastructure, which is not idea because of [poor audio quality] All those result in us having [poor audio quality] the storage that exists. So it's an incredibly important feature, but one that would not be complete until the future when we would have that connection planned, designed and implemented. But everything to allow for it with the system design is being included.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So it looks like that answered my question and so I think that's all that I really had. I just wanted to make sure that this water system and the water that's intended for the NPT Basin is for the customers of the NPT Basin. I just wanted to also put that on the record. And so I wanted to see if there was any other questions from any other Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a couple questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: With all due respect to the Commissioner, I guess I'm just a little concerned at this time whether or not I want to vote on this and whether there's the ability to have the vote on this. And I understand the interconnection from Pojoaque to the City of Santa Fe, and right now, we actually have a challenge with Santa Fe County and the City Utility Department as into when the pumps go out, who turns them on? Who pays electricity? We've been dealing with this for five, seven ten years now, and we're actually creating an intent of almost ten million. We still don't have an agreement with the City of Santa Fe as into what's working, what's not working, and I'm just – once again, Commissioner, with all due respect, and another thing is in the Pojoaque Valley, I don't know that we actually even know who's connecting to the system yet. We're going to build this system and do we have a final figure as in who's going to connect? Not connect? I don't think we do.

And another note, I'm very concerned about my rural people, people who live down on State Road 14, Madrid, all that stuff three. It seems like we're going to take care of the City of Santa Fe. If it goes down, the City of Santa Fe will have water, which is part of my district as well. I just think we're jumping the gun a little bit and I understand the interconnection of what we need to do and how we need to do it. I get it. But I just am having trouble with it, you guys. That's it, Commissioner. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other comments from Commissioners? We have a motion and a second. Okay. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Moreno. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed majority [4-1] roll call vote with Commissioner Garcia casting the nay vote.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Until I sit down with staff and have a little more discussion, I'm sorry. I have to vote no.

4. C. **Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System: Request (1) Approval of Amended and Restated Funding Agreement Between the United States of America Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and Santa Fe County for Santa Fe County's Share of Costs for Planning, Design, and Construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)**

MR. DUPUIS: I'll have Anjali present this item.

ANJALI BEAN (Utilities Department): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. This item is very much connected to the previous item that we just heard. This is our specific funding agreement, as opposed to the previous item which was between all of the parties. This is strictly between BOR and Santa Fe County.

So our original funding agreement was approved by the Board in 2018 as part of

the 611(g) negotiation. Similar to the last item it's required that we amend our funding agreement to include our new funding as well as the new schedule for that funding. This project, as you know, has been reasonably delayed because of the 611(g) agreement and cost overruns. So we've negotiated a new schedule for our payments to the Bureau of Reclamation. But as we've talked about before these payments will include that extra \$4 million for the upsizing, as well as our original indexed amount for a total of \$14.4 million.

The other thing to note is the 611(g) agreement requires the BOR to proceed with limited construction prior to Congress authorizing its federal funds, and this agreement, the 611(g) agreement also commits the County to contribute \$3 million prior to – as part of that limited construction, but this amended and restated funding agreement sets out our funding schedule, and importantly it includes the County's current obligation of \$2.16 million, which is what we currently owe for non-contract costs that have already been spent, to the BOR will be included in that \$3 million payment.

So really it's only approximately \$140,000 more than what we already owe under our grant funding agreement. Up until such time as the federal government authorizes the federal funding. The County's initial payment, according the funding schedule of Exhibit C of the documents in your packet, our initial payment would be \$2.81 million, and this would be paid immediately upon execution of this amended and restated funding agreement, and then after that, at the beginning of each federal fiscal year, so October 1st of each year, our payment for that year will be due. That is of course assuming that Congress authorizes the additional federal funding.

It should be clear that no additional activities are funded or funding included in this amended and restated agreement that have not already been approved by the Board as part of the 611(g) agreement. And I think that's it. So with that, John and I will stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Anjali. I'm going to go to Commissioners. Do we have any questions from Commissioners? No? Okay. So I just want to once again reiterate that the upsizing that we are looking at doing is for backup to the Buckman Direct Diversion. I know in the past the County – it's been very expensive when the BDD goes down for us to get backup water and I think that this is really a good way for the County not to pay so much when the BDD system goes down and actually it will also be a great way for the BDD to back up the Pojoaque Basin as well.

And then just to reiterate, there's been concerns out there that water that is dedicated for the NPT Basin will be used elsewhere, but according the order from the accords is this water is for the Nambe-Pojoaque-Tesuque Basin and that's where it's dedicated to be used and just to put that on the record. I know we do have some concern from constituents that this water will be sold and used other places and I just want to kind of put that on the public record to put some constituents minds at ease. So I just had that to add. Is there any other comments from any other Commissioners?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, I would just want to augment, if I could, what you said about interim use of County water outside of the basin. It is allowed only so long as there's not a demand for that County water within the basin. So you're absolutely correct, Mr. Chair, that ultimately, when the demand is there that County water from the basin has to be allocated to the basin and any terms of interim use are dependent on the

fact that there is sufficient supply to meet the needs in the basin. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Any other comments, questions? Okay. I'll entertain a motion on this item.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to move to approve the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System request approval of the amended and restated funding agreement between the United State of America Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation and Santa Fe County for the County's share of cots for planning, design and construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System. And two, authorizing for the County Manager to sign the purchase orders. So moved.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Anything else under discussion? Okay, seeing none, I'll go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed by majority [4-1] roll call vote with Commissioner Garcia casting the nay vote.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I can't at this time. No. I'll sit down with staff and get a bit more detail and yes, I know Commissioner Hansen is saying and stating – I guess I would just – we actually agree – the federal government agreed to design a system within so many millions of dollars and now the federal government is coming and asking us – we wouldn't be on that school board to get a project, understand a project. So I just a little – I can't at this time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I do know that Mr. Shaffer did indicate that this water was bookmarked for the Pojoaque Valley area and I know in the past staff has also said we may not have enough customers and therefore we may need to offset the cost by adding additional customers in the Santa Fe County area so that the water is affordable. And I just want to reiterate that on the record because that's my understanding and the intention of this water should be used in the NPT Basin unless it's used to offset the cost to our other constituents that are using the NPT Basin water system.

I don't think that the County really should be using the NPT water for other areas and then later on have to take it back, because that's not every good planning for the future. It's not best practice. We can't authorize water until it's needed in the NPT Basin and then expect to pull that back. So that's something that I want to make sure that it's clear that it's only during the time to offset the cost and then as we do get more customers in the NPT Basin, that will pull those customers back to Santa Fe because it's something we need to plan for in the future. So I just want to say that on the record as well.

So we voted on that. It was a 4-1 vote. Thank you, Mr. Dupuis and Attorney Shaffer.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Commission?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I know that Sam Chavez from AFSCME was on the line earlier but I think he's having internet connection problems, but you might want to just call, see if he is there. If not, I'll make sure I reach out to him and find out what his concerns were.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Mr. Chavez, are you on the line, sir? Okay. What I'll do is I'll go ahead and bring back Matters of Public Concern right before we go into executive session. Once again, we'll see if by chance he's there. If not, then if you could reach out to him, that would be great.

6. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

A. COVID-19 Emergency and Miscellaneous Updates

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, are you going to be presenting that?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I will, and we'll also move into a resolution. There's a resolution, the second item is a resolution but that actually requires a budget presentation first so that you get the whole picture of where we are relative to the FY 20-21 budget.

First of all, I'd like to give some updates relative to what we've been doing at the County for our COVID response. As you know, we've had a major shift of how we're providing services.

One of those is our Senior Services and we're not – and although you voted on a budget adjustment earlier today for congregate meals, it's really not for congregate meals. As you know, our senior centers are closed and have been closed since mid-March, early March, and we've been delivering home delivered meals but we still segregate those who are typical congregate meal deliveries from those who are home-bound and can't actually leave their homes. And for budget purposes they are treated differently. But from the purpose of how we're currently functioning they're not treated differently. We use to do about 200 to 250 meals a day that were home delivered throughout the county and I believe – Anna War said the other day that we hit our record number – it was either 940 or 960 home delivered meals in one day. What that means is all of our staff that are typically cooking meals in the centers and serving them congregate, they are cooking and cooking and cooking and freezing those meals or delivering hot meals and they have pretty much quadrupled what we cook and deliver to individuals throughout the county to seniors that are in need of receiving home cooked meals and delivered meals.

So I just want to give a shout-out to our Senior Services staff for really changing the way they do business and not just meeting the previous demand – that's right,

Commissioner Moreno – not just meeting the previous demand but going above and beyond to four times that level of home delivered meals. And that's in addition to what Lucy Foma has been working on, as you know, with the food that they've been delivering in coordination with the Santa Fe Community College and Food Depot and all of that throughout the county. They've really done an exceptional job trying to get out to the rural areas and out into all parts of the county, not just expecting people to come into the City of Santa Fe and have something loaded into their vehicles.

Also, we've seen an increase in activity at 100 Catron. It is causing a little bit of difficulty in our providing services. We're still only open for appointment at that building, trying to limit the flow of traffic through the building and into the individual offices, but we are in election season. We are in protest season. We just finished property tax payment season but we have a lot of people still coming in to make property tax payments. We have a lot of appointments with Growth Management. So we've definitely had increased challenges and people coming in off Grant. We've asked numerous times that employees not leave through that exit because it allows people then to slip into the door up behind our area where we have a line. We are providing all the staff who are not in their office, but if they are out and about in the office area or if they are interacting with the public for an appointment, they are all wearing masks and we are requiring individuals who are coming into the buildings to wear a mask and we are providing masks for them if they do not have one.

For the most part this has been well received, although what we are finding is that some residents, I think are just hitting levels of fatigue in dealing with the new way of doing business. We've asked that all the elected offices as well as the department directors that are in those buildings make sure they have someone to answer phones and set up appointments. We may extend hours for appointments if we're finding that we're too backlogged in being able to provide appointments for those constituents, residents that really need to see somebody in person in order to conduct their County business.

For the most part though it's been going well. We've just had some incidents where residents or constituents are frustrated and we're trying to make it as accessible as possible but still maintaining safe distance and a safe environment for staff as well as the public to conduct business and interact.

We continue to be working through the budget and looking for all areas in the budget and we'll go into the budget presentation in a minute, but it's a continuous process, because things are changing daily. We did receive our revenues – gross receipts tax distribution from March business activity and it was a little better than what we expected, but we also noted there was a lot of binge-buying at that time, so we don't know whether then April, with everything shut down will see a greater decline than what we anticipated.

So I anticipate working with the Board, as I said, kind of on a monthly basis as we get this budget put together, but going back and reviewing with you, here's what our assumptions are, here's how we built a budget based on these assumptions, and here's how things are actually rolling out. So I just want to reiterate that this is a very dynamic, a very fluid process. It is not something that we're able to say this is what our revenues are going to be. This is what our expenditures are going to be and we're good till next year at this time.

I don't think that that is going to be the case and I think that every event that occurs external to Santa Fe County government will continue to influence what we have to do and how we have to respond. And so we have to really be flexible and fluid in how we approach all of the challenges.

Additionally, we had some, since our last BCC meeting, we did have some of our employees at the jail test positive for COVID-19. They were immediately isolated. They've been – all of the employees that were around them were tested. All the inmates who had potentially been exposed to them were tested. We found last week to be a relatively frustrating week in getting lab results back in a timely fashion. We had been pretty used to getting them back in two to three days. We found many tests not coming back for five, six, seven days. But the majority of the tests came back negative. We even retested some of the employees and they came back negative again.

So we think that – and this is a priority area. The governor has stated that jails and congregate living areas are priority. We have tested all of our employees at the jail, 100 percent. We've tested over 25 percent of our population of inmates, although it continually changes. So we're staying up on testing, and like I said, if we do get any test results that are positive we have quarantined those employees. We haven't had any inmates by the way. There have been a couple of employees. They've been quarantined and they also have gotten retested, and we're just finding some inconsistencies, I'll say, in some of the testing and the response rate of the tests being a lot longer now than what we had been used to. Hopefully the state has caught up on some of that. I think there was a major backlog from all of the counties doing increased testing in their detention facilities as well as senior living facilities throughout the state. So hopefully that backlog has dissipated and we won't see such a delay in receiving our test results. When it's delayed it really does mess with our responsiveness as far as being able to – making sure that an employee is not quarantining when they're not positive – if they don't need to.

So those are just a few of the things that are COVID related. I'm trying to think if there was any – we still – as you know, we did put a proposal forward to the state that we would like to be a part of the solution, assist in contact tracing as well as anything that we could do with our local hospitals to increase availability of tests, and any proposals for reopening. We did receive positive feedback relative to a team to be deployed for contract tracing but we have not received confirmation that they're going to do that. We have a draft MOU that we sent to the state so that if we did use staff in that capacity that we would be reimbursed for the hours that they spend doing that.

So that's kind of an update on all those things. I think our Sheriff's Department, Fire, and RECC and all those public safety departments as well as our other departments, we still have been very fortunate that employees have not reported any positive test results, so we've only had those – a couple of results from employees in the adult detention facility. And that – they've actually probably, by this point they're pretty close to passing their 14-day quarantine period.

So that's it on COVID updates. I would stand for questions on that or any other – oh, I have one other. It's not actually an update. It's a request that I have of the Board. We need to make a decision about having the County fair. We're not actually able to, as it currently stands, we could not say that we could conduct the County fair. And there's a problem with let's wait and see, because we actually have to hire and get under contract

certain services in order to hold the fair. We had a call – the county managers had a call about a week ago with the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Tourism. They said at this time the administration is not at a place of saying, yes, you can hold your county fairs or other large tourism-related events, even if they are in August or September. That's just not something that the administration is willing to release restrictions on. So we're not really going – as it stands right now, we're not capable of holding our County fair at the beginning of August in our traditional way because we have lost the lead time to contract for services that we would normally have in place right now in order to hold the event eight to ten weeks from now.

So there has been discussion amongst the Fair Board members of having an online auction for those animals that they typically auction off at the end of the fair and I think there is some disagreement among Fair Board members as to whether we should still push to have a live fair. I don't feel it's my place to take the official action to cancel the fair but I did want to let the Board know that it's not possible for us at this point as we've gotten this late in the fiscal year and this close to the actual fair that we would be able to contract for many of the services that we typically have.

So I think that we really should make a decision to, as a County, as a Board of County Commissioners, at the next Board meeting to officially cancel the County fair in its traditional form and request that the Fair Board look for some alternative ways of doing possibly remote presentations, the youth doing remote presentations of their 4-H projects, doing online auction, that type of thing, that we could then assist in creating that type of venue. So I just wanted some feedback from the Board on that item.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, for the update, and I think it's something that we do have to look at, probably sooner rather than later so they'll a good period of time to plan for I guess a modified County fair where they can actually still put their animals up. It's going to be a very hard decision because we have a lot of 4-H-ers who are probably going to age out this year. But it's like the graduates this year, we don't want them to have a bad taste in their mouth because of the circumstances that we're in. So I think whatever we can do to be pro-active and even help with the planning, if necessary, would be great. But I'm going to go to other County Commissioners for comments. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is definitely a very difficult thing to have to make a decision on because you always feel like, well, if we were able to wait we would get more of the empirical evidence for how things are going as they open up. But even if we get that we are also constrained, of course, by how the state moves forward and makes decisions about what we can do. There were other, as you pointed out very well, Mr. Chair, this is a little bit like the incredible disappointment of all the youth that are graduating high school and college and simply are being robbed of that opportunity to have celebrations and recognition and frankly a job market to go to or ability to go look at colleges. There's just all sorts of things that are being interfered with.

So I feel very badly about that but it's hard for me to imagine that we will have the time to do this in a regular – in a process that we normally do, just as Manager Miller pointed out. We've already frankly passed certain deadlines and the way things seem to be trending as things open up in other areas, it seems like there are still sufficiently

substantial risks that we're not likely to be able to do this in the normal way by the beginning of August. And it's only fair for us to move ahead, hopefully in the next meeting as Manager Miller pointed out, and make some decisions.

There are so many creative people in the county, to be able to brainstorm some alternatives in addition to the idea that was already mentioned which just seems very interesting to me to have an online auction, and actually to have some online presentations by the youths.

One thing I wonder, a lot of our younger people are so talented in any case, not only in doing the projects they do but also in doing videos that they do on the telephones and those sort of thing and that in itself might be a challenge we could give them, so they could do video presentations of their projects and in addition there could some judging of those videos, have awards for that sort of thing. There are a lot of people who are a lot more creative than me who might contribute those kinds of idea and maybe we could do that sort of thing to help soften the blow and keep them involved, because the kids that do – everybody in the county participates in the fair and the kids that do 4-H projects have put in so much effort, and being able to really recognize that and appreciate what they did to really share and see if we could preserve some of that, that would be great. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. The Santa Fe County Fair is a small, hometown fair. It is incredibly sweet. It is incredibly family-oriented and I recognize that we've also canceled really large events, like the City of Santa Fe has canceled – they haven't canceled but SWAIA has canceled Indian Market. Many of our markets have been canceled. So I think that it is only right and correct that we consider that and consider innovative ways that these 4-H kids could get additional badges for their presentations, for their way of presenting their animals, the way of presenting their projects.

That would be incentives to them and so I appreciate you bringing this up and I appreciate the difficulty in the situation with it being such a family-oriented fair with many people who are long-time fair members and many of them are elderly. When I have been at the fair there are many people who are also elderly. So with this COVID-19 crisis that we are in I think it is important for us to really weigh all the benefits and all the impacts it could have on public health. So thank you for bringing it forward.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: In regards to – I appreciate Manager Miller getting to us at the last minute, but I would actually like to know what services we actually need to contract with, and I understand New Mexico State has actually assisted the County for many, many years as into helping us run the fair. So whether New Mexico State is closed, not closed; I understand that. And then also that way I can get with some of our Fair Board members to discuss – just give them a heads-up on what's going to happen. So I appreciate that, Manager Miller. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Anna War is present and she can talk to the

services that she typically contracts for and the work that we do to get ready for the fair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely, but I do want to go to Commissioner Moreno. He raised his hand as well. If we can go to him first.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: This would be a question for the County Manager. Have you been in touch with the people who are regulars, and if so – vendors or – I'd like to see if you have been doing that.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Moreno, I think that would be a question for Anna War and all the conversations she's had about the County fair, what we need to do, why we're running up against a time crunch as well as conversations with the Fair Board members about alternative things. As Commissioner Garcia stated, we use the New Mexico State, the Extension Services Office, and they're closed. They really help us put the fair on and they're working remotely; they're not onsite. So if I can have Anna speak for a couple minutes and then we'll take another round of questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Anna.

ANNA WAR (Community Services): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. This is something that we have been discussing as County Manager Miller stated. The NMSU Extension Office plays a big part in our fair. Christina Turner is the Ag agent as well as the director and they are working from home right now, but they also have been directed no 4-H events until August 15th. This isn't necessarily a 4-H event because it's County sponsored, but it does sort of hinder the amount of help that we would get from NMSU. We have eight or nine people from NMSU that are key people in the fair.

The vendors that we normally contract with are our food vendors as well as advertising, as well as Paper Tiger for all of the rack cards, save the date cards, posters that we normally have by now all over town, as well as the awards – ribbons, buckles, those types of things. So we haven't done that.

I've been communicating with some of the Fair Board members. Tommy Spindle, who's our past chair, and he is actually on the State Fair Board and he's also on a committee with the Secretary of Agriculture. He and I had a conversation last week and what he has actually talked about, and he's working with the board on this is to have the 4-H kids finish their projects, like Manager Miller said, possibly even having something like a livestock show that would not be open to the public, because he and the other Fair Board know that we can't have something open to the public and congregating with 100 people like we would normally have the first week of August.

So his suggestion and he was going to talk to more board members as well, because he's on that committee, and Christina Turner is also on that committee, would possibly have some sort of thing where the kids could show their livestock, basically to a judge, so we would hire a judge, because that's something else we normally do – get entertainment and judges. We would pay a judge to basically judge an animal. There would still be social distancing. This is just one idea he brought up. So where it would let the kids finish their project, and then having something like a virtual auction. And he said that he feels that they're capable of having a virtual auction. So it would still let the kids finish off their projects, because they've invested the money in their animals and stuff like that.

It would mean probably no indoor, like we normally have. And that's okay, because of a lot of those indoor exhibits come from my senior centers and my senior centers are closed. So that's something that he kind of talked to me about and I think that would be something good, and he knows that Manager Miller is also, in her phone calls, he knows our situation as well. So that is something that you all can think about where it would let the 4-H kids finish off a project. It would not be open to the public. There would be no congregating, but we could pay a judge and get them their buckles. And we can do that in the new fiscal year.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that update, Anna. Is there any other questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Just an observation. Teachers have been doing this all year and as classes finalize they are giving assignments and things like that just to keep them engaged. I think that might be something to look into.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Any other comments from Commissioners? I do think it's something that we're going to have to – our next meeting, does that give ample time for this decision? And then maybe we'll get more information on how the 4-H wants to proceed at that point if they have a little bit more ideas of how they'll run the auction for the animals and things of that nature. But would that be acceptable as a timeframe, Anna?

MS. WAR: Commissioner Roybal, members of the Commission, yes, I believe that would still give us that time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so let's plan on making a decision at our next BCC meeting. Is there any other comments from Commissioners? Thank you, Ms. War.

7. B. Resolution No. 2020-42, a Resolution Adopting the Interim Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, we first have a follow-up presentation to each one we've been doing for the last, I think four BCC meetings. Joey has been putting a presentation together. She will be basically showing you where we started and where we are. We did a lot more work over the last few weeks and what we'll be asking for today is approval of the interim budget. We're required to turn in a budget to DFA, what we call an interim budget, by June 1st. And although this doesn't technically require Board approval, because we are not just doing the FY 2020 budget which the DFA Secretary said we would be allowed to do, just completely resubmit last year's budget, we opted not to do that. We said we want to start chipping away at giving you a realistic look of what FY20-21 budget is going to look like.

So starting back in March we started to give you information along that line as to what we thought this would look like and so in April, the last meeting May 12th and in this meeting we've been showing you how we have taken our original budget request for FY21 and been removing from that budget request things that were in it as new initiatives as well as anything that's been an initiative that we could pull back on or cut back on without cutting what we consider to be Santa Fe County's core services.

We did another round and one of the things – Joey put this presentation together and I may interject a couple of things, because what we're trying to do is show you

predominantly our estimated recurring revenues to our estimated recurring expenditures. So that's things like property tax, gross receipts tax, fees, interest income – that type of thing on a recurring basis, what we can count on year after year, and then recurring expenditures – salaries, benefits, utilities, fuel, contracts for services that we need like food service at the jail, IT services, support of all of our software. All of those things. That's what we consider recurring.

What we consider non-recurring is when we've budgeted large capital items. That's construction projects. Could be purchases of land. Could be purchases of equipment, machinery, our fixed assets. We do typically have fixed assets in our budget on a recurring basis because, for instance, Sheriff's vehicles. We always know we need to replace a certain percentage of the fleet. So we don't do it – we don't buy all hundred vehicles for the deputies all at once. We try to buy 20 to 30 a year, but knowing that – actually we buy about a third of them a year – knowing that right now we have this issue, we said we really need to cut back on even our fixed asset purchases and our one-time purchases.

So we've tried in this presentation to separate out as much as possible what we consider to be recurring revenues and recurring expenditures, and then fixed assets as its own class of expenditures, and then next month we will also bring you all of the capital expenditures which are pretty much any major projects, roof repairs where we're tearing off a roof and replacing it, any new facilities, any additions, any utility expansions. All of that. Those, we're working on those but they're not in this budget presentation. They will be in the final budget presentation.

So I just preface Joey's presentation so that our power point – so that you understand. Our budget is typically in the \$350 million range but that's once we get all the capital projects in, all the transfers in – all of it. What we're talking about predominantly today is our operating budget. So with that I'll turn it over to Joey.

JO A. ROWE (Budget Supervisor): Thank you, Manager Miller, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. Yes. Exactly. Our budget usually is over \$350 million for the total budget. As you will see on the memorandum that goes along with the resolution, what we have put together for the total budget is almost \$323 million, so it is quite a bit lower even for the overall budget.

But what you will see on this power point today is the first few slides are slides that you have seen before. We've just kind of put these in here for you as a review as to what we've submitted previously. We have revenues by their source and we have it by the actual budget that we received in 2019, the 2020 original budget, and then we also have what is in the budget right now, just for the interim budget.

So these are all pretty much what you've seen before and we have, because this is such a fluid environment that we're working on between the interim and the final budget, all of these numbers will change again as well. So you've pretty much seen these before. We've tweaked these numbers a little bit with making sure that a lot of those one-time expenditures, fixed assets and things like that, weren't included in these numbers. So the department expenditure requests from the previous Commission meeting that we showed you. These numbers are roughly the same numbers that you saw then. But we have taken a few of the fixed assets and a few of the non-recurring costs out just so that we can look, kind of, as I say, apples to apples, to see what we submitted before and what we're

submitting now.

The estimated funding gap – you’ve seen this before as well. We’ve talked about this. The actual revenues that we received in fiscal year 19 were \$148,517,218. The estimated revenues for fiscal year 21 are \$121,305,004. So we’re looking at basically a decline in revenue of over \$27 million. So the actual revenues for budgetary purposes were put in the system at almost \$142 million and the FY 21 original estimated revenues were \$139 million. The fiscal year 21 original recurring budget requests were over \$144 million, and now the revised recurring budget requests as of the last Board meeting were almost \$135 million.

MANAGER MILLER: And Joey, I just want to interject here, Commissioners, part of the reason we put this slide in here was to show you that even with our original FY 21 estimated revenues we were at \$139, \$140 million estimated revenues, but we had \$144 million from the departments in requests. So no matter what, if everything had been wonderful, we would have still been trying to pull about \$5 million out of department and elected officials recurring budget requests. But with the decline in revenues, we’re looking at pulling out something more like \$23 million from requests to our new estimated revenues of \$121 million. That’s a big stretch, because that’s pulling it below even FY 18, FY 19 expenditures. So that’s why this is challenging, because we had to cut out of FY 20 things that we could cut out so we’d have some money left from FY 20, and while we were working on cutting even more out of FY 21.

So you can see that we had work to do anyway, but that work increased by \$22 million more than what we started with. Thanks, Joey.

MS. ROWE: Thank you, Manager Miller. So continuing with the presentation, these are the numbers that you saw during the last presentation where we had several revenues that were coming in higher than were budgeted or projected for the current fiscal year, so we’ll be able to use those revenues that are coming in to be able to bridge that gap, so the total estimated one-time excess revenue that we will apply to next year totals over \$13 million.

So for the fiscal year 21 interim budget update. After we applied the fiscal year 2020 excess revenues, or the \$13 million that you saw on the previous slide, the remaining recurring funding gap between recurring revenue and recurring expenditures was over \$15 million. Since May 12th an additional round of budget reductions of over \$7 million were made by departments and the County Manager and department directors as detailed in some of the following slides that you’re going to see.

An additional \$1 million of hold harmless distribution was also added to the revenue estimates based on actual distributions. So the funding gap is now down to just under \$7 million, not including our fixed asset requests for replacements and renewals or the capital projects. Those have all been left out of this budget that you’ll see. For the interim budget submittal, for the remaining funding gap we’ll be using the cash reserves to be able to balance between revenues and expenditures and that will be submitted at the end of this month, so in a few days.

So we do have a request for direction from the Board on additional recommendations that could potentially eliminate an additional \$2,482,237 in recurring expenditures, which is really where we’re trying to put our focus right now is those recurring expenditures.

So here's some of the cuts that were made either by the departments submitting additional reductions from what we presented to you at the previous Board meeting or these were reductions that we are looking at making that aren't going to impact our direct services or our core services that we provide. Human Resources, we reduced some investigations for new hires. Public Information Office, we reduced \$50,000 for web hosting services. In Planning, we reduced \$133,000.

In miscellaneous research studies – and I do have that list in case there's questions at the end. Building and Development, we reduced several contractual services there – land use facilitation for SLDC and \$5,000 for third party expert reviews for SRAs/SLDC. Community Services, reduced \$51,000 for landscaping for maintenance and upkeep of Pojoaque ball fields, which basically means we'd be doing more of that in-house. \$77,500 is going to be eliminated because there's a Medicaid bill capacity for residential treatment, and Rachel O'Connor had mentioned that this was going to be cut, it was intended to be cut once that was in place and it is now in place or in place soon.

The youth education program/Teen Court was cut \$100,000. And then other contractual services/miscellaneous in their area was \$10,000. And then these contractual service reductions continue on the next slide.

Growth Management, in the Community Development area, we cut the architect-engineer-surveyor services \$200,000 and \$100,000 out of the financial analysis and loan application expertise for submittal to MFA for housing development. Public Works reduced \$22,492. This was available budget to conduct preliminary engineering reports and appraisals, etc. So they still do have budget – a lot of these still do have budget available; the amounts were just reduced.

The Assessor we reduced \$10,000 for upgrades to the webpages, so they still do have \$10,000 in that budget. \$5,000 to eliminate some staff training. Renewable energy was reduced by \$250,000 to reduce the energy efficiency and solar energy revolving loan fund. That was reduced in half. Sustainability, we reduced contractual services by \$73,729. This was several reductions of marketing, fix-it clinics, backyard composting program, utility management tracking of County facility usage, and educational outreach. And then we also eliminated the landscape assessments for the County and also the ultra-low waste event that was I believe scheduled to be at the fair, and some project check lists.

The Stanley Cyclone Center, we reduced a contract there, \$25,000 economic development, \$50,000 to eliminate MindShare. It was a roll-over P.O. for a third phase of the trail app. \$225,000 was reduced from all other line items in the category. So there were quite a few line items in the category and we just reduced that by a percentage. And LEDA, we eliminated the LEDA grants for fiscal year 21. That was \$700,000. We eliminated the Happy Roofs program for fiscal year 21 and affordable housing, \$125,000. The public outreach feedback for affordable housing regulations vendor was eliminated at \$10,000.

MANAGER MILLER: Joey, I just want to interject, those things on the housing, that money was considered one-time funding for most of those things in housing, and if they Board – if affordable housing is ready to move forward with and affordable housing projects, we would revisit what contractual services are needed in order to develop the project at Camino Jacobo and we would budget those funds at that

time. Okay, Joey.

MS. ROWE: Thank you. Continuing, this is the remaining few contractual service reductions. We reduced the Fire administration, that category, by ten percent, so we were able to remove \$15,700 from their contractual services. We reduced \$45,000 in RECC for external dispatch center assistance, and then Sheriff administration had all the different towing companies listed out and we reduced those by a percentage so they still have budget for towing, but we did reduce it by \$7,940.

So total eliminated or reduced in contractual services, just since the last BCC meeting was \$2,308,526. And then we will continue on with other cuts that were reviewed in May. These are operating reductions, so recurring operating costs that are specific to departments. Corrections was reduced \$117,840 for inmate meals due to the lower inmate population that we're currently experiencing. The County Manager area reduced \$65,000 for new employee medical exams, audit contract, software licenses and archive storage.

Various departments – there were several departments that had budget for Adobe Acrobat licenses and those have all been consolidated into our IT cost center. So we removed those since they're already budgeted over in IT. Sustainability, we removed \$120 for MailChimp. Open Space, we reduced – Mr. Giron submitted \$10,489 to reduce the Youth Conservation initiative program. Growth Management, they submitted another \$26,770 in additional travel and training reductions. And then Public Safety overtime was reviewed again and we were able to reduce that overtime by over \$1 million. So total other operating reductions specific to those departments were \$1,244,917.

And then we did some across the board reductions. We looked at fuel, how much we actually have spent over the last few years, what fuel prices are doing now. We looked at that and we were able to cut a percentage off of the fuel costs annually. That gave us \$383,191. Travel training and employee dues was still budgeted a little higher than what we've actually spent over the last few years, and so we were able to realize another almost \$291,000 reduction there. And then operational expenses is just one line item. That's not a combination of anything. That's just – it's called operational expenses and we were able to reduce that by three percent for small divisions and departments, and ten percent for the larger departments.

So those total reductions were \$786,836 that ran across all departments. We tried to leave, if there was special revenue, if it was grant-related, we tried to leave those intact because that is the specific purpose for that grant funding in that budget and so if it was for travel or training or expenses or something we left those alone so it wouldn't change what the grantor was willing to provide for us.

So the new funding gap: We started with \$15,117,128 at the last Board meeting and we took another hard look at our GRT and our hold harmless and feel that we can realize another \$1 million there. And then the additional unspent funds for fiscal year 20 that were pledged by a couple of departments, they offered up another \$310,040. And then when we went in and looked after those additional revenues and those additional pledges were provided to us, we looked at all of these different reductions. These are the slides that we just went over.

So the contractual services slide, the other operating specific to departments, across all departments – those are the previous slides that you just saw. And then as you

know, the last meeting or the meeting before that we discussed the health insurance increase on both the employer and employee side for contributions, so that actually will increase the budget a little bit. And then we also have a six-month hiring freeze. And then the revised funding gap is now just under \$7 million.

So with all that being said, as you know now, we still have a \$7 million recurring to recurring funding gap. So we were looking at some of the other areas that could possibly be discussed by the Board to potentially eliminate or reduce some of the costs. So the electronic monitoring program is just under a million dollars - \$909,639 annually. That's what's in the budget currently for fiscal year 21.

MANAGER MILLER: Sorry to interrupt you. I just want to make sure that the Board understands, we did not take these – this next series of slides, these items have not been taken out of the budget. We're putting them in there for you to consider over the next month as to whether you would like us to look at cutting these or how we would handle these items. What we tried to do is things that we knew that we could cut back on without either completely cutting out a service or affecting what we consider providing critical services but just that maybe a little less intensely as we currently do. That's what we took out of the budget and what is currently being requested to be approved today as the interim budget.

These items that are other potential recommended cuts are things that we would like the Board's feedback on as to whether you would like us to pursue cutting items like electronic monitoring, and so I'm going to have Joey go through these, but I'd like to come back and discuss these with the Board and get your thoughts on them, on each one of them individually. Go ahead, Joey.

MS. ROWE: Thank you, Manager Miller. So on the next slide, another potential recommended cut would be contractual services within the Roads Division. Right now we have \$300,000 to evaluate and capture all County roads and assets. This project is to be used as a tool to determine pavement preservation by using a fair, transparent process to determine which County roads will be selected for pavement preservation projects.

The Bokum Building lease agreement, the annual lease here is \$250,000 and then we also have the annual cleaning contract of \$33,600, for a total of \$283,600. As you know, the County employees who are currently in this building, they'll be moving across the street when that has been renovated, so depending on when we vacate this building and whether the building is used to house the First Judicial District Attorney's Office during their renovations to that building, it may be possible to terminate this lease agreement with a 90-day notice due to non-appropriation.

Community Services Department, the Edgewood behavioral health, funding for the Edgewood renovation for the crisis center there, \$350,000.

Community Services Department, satellite offices, Pojoaque, Edgewood and Eldorado, there are salaries and benefits associated with Pojoaque and Edgewood, their part-time casual staff, and then there's other operational staff, and Rachel O'Connor did mention that over 90 percent of the work for these staff is selling permits and that the impact that it would have to our citizens would be that residents would need to purchase the permits at the main office in Santa Fe or on line when that function becomes available, and she mentioned that there is limited traffic in Edgewood at this time.

The County Manager's Office –

CHAIR ROYBAL: Joey, did you say how much the County would save on that item? So the amount is \$69,000?

MS. ROWE: Yes. The Public Information Office is under the County Manager's Office and they have radio contracts in their contractual services line item and there's \$91,000 there. These could be reduced in their entirety or by a percentage.

Other potential recommended cuts – the Assessor's Office, they have their flyover aerial imagery. The budget in the amount of \$478,271 is to purchase the digital aerial imagery within the county boundary, and it is currently in the general fund, in the budget. The digital aerial oblique imagery, first project, first payment – this tool is used to assess property values and it is in the fixed asset request that you will be receiving a copy of. It is possible that they could move this to the Assessor's property valuation fund if it is deemed mission critical and can be purchased out of that fund rather than the general fund.

So as we stand today, our interim budget for recurring to recurring is just under \$135 million. So this will be submitted within that overall amount that will be submitted, \$302,880,046. That is what will be submitted this week to the state for the interim budget, and as I said, of that, almost \$135 million of it is recurring.

The fixed assets, a lot of them are replacement assets. Some of them are new assets that are requests in the system. Departments submitted 186 different requests for a total of \$11,455, 535 in the fixed asset database, and as of today, either departments or County management have reduced or eliminated over \$6 million of that request, so we've almost halved that request, or we have over halved that request. The remaining \$5.3 million are awaiting budget approval. Even if approved, the Manager recommends waiting until after the first quarter in the next fiscal year before releasing those funds to make these purchases of the fixed assets, unless the emergency replacement is required. And that's so that we can gauge how our revenues are coming in and so we aren't in a situation where we're buying fixed assets that could wait until towards the end of the year when we realize more revenues, hopefully.

So the amount that was removed is \$6.1 million. We are awaiting approval of \$5.3 million. So that was the total amount of the almost \$11.5 million that were submitted. And I believe – so the fixed asset requests, here's a list by department. The number of requests that they had, the total amount that was requested, the total amount that's been eliminated to date, and then the amounts that are still awaiting disposition. I've included detailed spreadsheets with these requests specific to departments. They should be at this time, I believe they are on BoardDocs. There will be another .pdf attachment to this agenda item for your review. And as Manager Miller indicated earlier, we will be looking to the Board for direction on what we should eliminate, what needs to be in there, and so we will be coming back to you with that to determine disposition of the remaining ones.

So the next step: The primary goal of the previous BCC meeting that we talked about was to reduce that funding gap of over \$15 million. So this was reduced by over \$8 million, leaving a just over \$7 million gap now. So the next steps are submit the interim budget to the state this week by the deadline. At this time there are no further changes being made to the budget because it's just the interim budget, and then after that is

submitted we will be doing final reviews of all expenditures and revenues to adjust the budgets, and the final budget will be submitted in July. There will be a complete review of fixed assets. Fixed assets have been reduced, as we mentioned, by departments, elected officials and County management, and while these reductions do not contribute to assisting with closing that budget gap, these requests typically use remaining cash balances that roll over from the previous fiscal year. So that's the stuff that fell to the bottom. We're going to be using those amounts to be able to help close this funding gap for fiscal year 21. So the amount that's going to be available for those fixed asset requests will be reduced. The Board has been provided a copy of the fixed asset request spreadsheet for review to possibly make further reductions.

I believe Mr. Shaffer was going to talk about these slides but if not I can continue.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Joey, Manager Miller, I'm happy to talk about the increase in medical and Rx contributions by the employer and the employee. But Manager Miller, did you want to go back and have discussion on the earlier items relative to further potential budget cuts first, or would you like me to go forward with this portion of the presentation at this time?

MANAGER MILLER: Why don't you go ahead, Greg, with this, because I think it's all one big pot of money with way more requests that we have funding for. So we might as well go through it all and then go back over whatever the Board wants to go over.

MR. SHAFFER: Thank you, Manager Miller, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I'm going to try and go fairly quickly through the information on recommended increases to the bimonthly contribution rates for both the County and the employee, since you have seen this information in detail before.

To reset the table for the discussion, annually, our actuary develops funding options for the County to consider for its plan year, which is on a calendar year basis, so our plan year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31st of the same year. The options provided to the County all require an increase in funding for calendar year 2021 in excess of one million dollars. The so-called optimistic scenario requires \$1.056 million, the moderate scenario calls for \$1.245 million in additional funding, and the conservative scenario calls for \$1.434 million in additional funding. Details on that follow on the next slide.

Management recommends that any additional funding be provided by increasing both the County's and the employee's bimonthly contribution rates. We recommend that for a variety of reasons. First, we've talked a lot throughout these presentation about trying to match recurring revenue to recurring expenditures and using the bimonthly contribution rates is consistent with that idea. Second, doing so makes the County cost responsive to our payroll as well as our membership or dependent enrollment levels. In other words, our costs will go up as membership goes up and will go down as membership levels decrease.

Doing this as it's needed avoids potential drastic catch-up contribution increases in the future. Having everyone, both the County and employees to contribute more through bimonthly contribution rate increases. To our mind this is most compatible with the idea of risk. That ensures that everybody is contributing to protect each other against catastrophic medical claims. In addition, because of our four tiered levels where the

amount picked up or paid for by the employee increases as employee salaries grow. Our bimonthly contribution rates are in fact progressive. So again, you pay more as you earn more and that means more of the increased funding obligation will fall on our higher earners.

In addition, we feel somewhat perversely that employees, even without a COLA are in position to tolerate some increase in contribution rates as you may have seen in the news, you're actually seeing a decrease in the consumer price index, so overall, prices are actually decreasing. At least that was the case in the month of April, primarily due to drastic decreases in the cost of gasoline. So again, other costs are going down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the current state of our living reduces opportunities for discretionary spending. So we feel as if while unfortunate, there is actual capacity for employees to tolerate some increase in bimonthly contribution rates.

So if we continue on to the next slide, this simply provides the detail as to the three funding options provided to us by our actuary, an insurance consultant, Gallagher. Again, Option 3 is optimistic. That means that your estimated projected paid claims is going to be spot on. You're not building in any margin to deal with higher than expected claims, and you're also not building up any cash reserve to be able to weather fluctuation. Option 2 is what they call the moderate options. You do include approximately \$188,995 for claim fluctuation margin, but you're not building any into your cash reserves. And then finally, Option 1 is what they dub the conservative option, where you're both anticipating and budgeting for claim fluctuations as well as trying to build up your cash reserves.

So if we go on to the next slide, you'll see that management recommends that we go with the moderate funding option. That is based upon also projections from our actuary that COVID-19 may push down our overall claim experience and cost for calendar year 2020 and if those reductions materialize in claims expense then that money would be available to provide the resources needed to meet the conservative option funding recommendation.

With regard to what the moderate funding option would do, that would increase by 15.4 percent the bimonthly contribution rates of both the County as well as employees. It's important to note that while the percentage is the same, the actual dollars contributed are different, or the percentage contributed to the increased funding, because the County picks up more of the cost of insurance than the employee does. Even if you increase both sides by 15.4 percent the County would end up contributing \$901,000, or 72.4 percent of the additional funds that are needed, whereas employees as a group would be contributing approximately \$343,000 or 27.58 percent of the additional funding that is needed under the moderate funding option.

Moving on to the next slide, this shows what the current employee contribution and County contribution rates are for different tiers. It would also show the estimated County and employee contribution rates under a moderate funding option. And then the last blue-shaded set of columns show what that change is to the bimonthly contribution rates.

We endeavored to try and extrapolate to show what that would be on an annualized basis, so again in this slide you see the change to the bimonthly contribution rates, so County employees and the County pay contribution rates 24 times a year, so

twice a month, so that means that in the percentage change. So if you look at employee who is in Tier 1, that's someone who makes \$30,000 or less a year, if they only cover themselves that would be employee only coverage. The increase to them on a per pay period or bimonthly basis would be \$7.72. So they would be paying \$7.72 twice per month for their insurance under the moderate funding option.

So if you go on to the next slide we attempted to annualize those figures so that the Board could see what they would look like on an annual basis. As most of you know, we do offer two different plans, an HMO, which is where most of our employees are enrolled, as well as a PPO plan, the contribution rates for which are higher. And so again, this slide shows what the annualized cost would be at different tiers as well as different levels of coverage. So at the Tier 1 for employees earning \$30,000 or less, employee only coverage, the annual cost under the moderate rate increase would be \$185.28. Employee and family for that same tier for the HMO would be \$546.96.

And at the other end of the spectrum, if you look at employees making over \$70,000, the annual increase for employee only coverage would be \$324.48 and employee and family would be \$957.12.

So again, that would be the overall annual cost. I think it's worth putting in perspective. I know there's been a lot of discussion in the media and otherwise about furloughs that have been implemented at the City of Santa Fe. It amounts to a 10 or 20 percent pay cut, depending on whether you're furloughed four hours a week or eight hours a week. To put that in context versus what's being proposed by way of increased insurance cost, a ten to 20 percent salary reduction for someone making \$30,000 a year amounts to \$3,000 or \$6,000 in terms of an annual reduction in their salary. At \$50,000 salary, a 10 or 20 percent pay cut would amount to \$5,000 or \$10,000 on an annual basis. And finally, someone earning \$70,000 a 10 percent pay cut would be \$7,000 over the course of a year and a 20 percent would be \$14,000 over the course of a year.

So again, I wanted to put those proposed increased contribution rates in perspective in terms of some of the steps that other governmental entities are feeling constrained to take in order to meet their own funding or budget challenges. I would only note that this is a situation where if the Board were to decide to not go with across the board or equal contribution rate increases for the County and the employee, the Board asks us to find a way to fund a greater share from the County's side of it, that would impact the size of the budget gap because you would be now asking additional resources to be found on the County side, so that would in fact play into the expenditure side of the equation. If I misstated that obviously the County Manager will correct me, but I did want to state the obvious relative to what that would mean if employees are not bearing some of that cost, by default that means that the County would need to find a way to do so.

So thank you. I would stand for any questions relative to this in particular, but we're bringing this back to the Board because it is a basic building block for our budget for fiscal year 20-21. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Shaffer. Manager Miller, did you have any additional comments?

MANAGER MILLER: If we could just do this last slide and then we could go back to – we could discuss, I think the best thing would be to discuss the

insurance item and then go back over the potential decreases, our cuts from the budget.

MS. ROWE: Chair Roybal, Commissioners, I'll just go through this last slide here real quick. So at the last meeting our funding gap was just over \$15 million and we were able to reduce this down to right around \$7 million by reducing the operating categories in our recurring expenditures. So the next steps are we're going to review personnel expenditures further and see if there's any way that we can reduce any other recurring costs in our operating that we can make some additional reductions there.

There will be a Board review and decision of additional potential reductions and health insurance premiums. So I did want to just once again make a note that these numbers for the interim budget will be changing. They will be updated for the final budget, and we will be coming back to you again for your – for the next steps for guidance from you on that and I stand for any questions as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Joey, and thank you to Attorney Shaffer. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton first. Do you have any questions, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, but just for clarity, are we working backwards and doing questions on the insurance piece first, or are we talking about all these potential reductions. Because I took notes about a few questions and I don't want to mix and match if we're doing one topic at a time.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, we could do either. If you think maybe [poor audio quality] to get that big elephant out of the room. I think that's one of the most difficult decisions that we need to make.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have a couple of other questions on previous slides. But for clarity, on the insurance, some of the increases in cost have nothing to do with COVID particularly. They were increases that we were going to see in this budget year because of previous increases in claims. That's correct, yes?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, that's 100 percent correct. As a matter of fact COVID-19 might help us with our self-insurance funds because so many elective surgeries have been postponed that costs that normally would have come in over the last three months in claims for elective surgeries are being put off, so it gives us a little bit of break. But just to put it into context, we had well over a million dollars more in claims last year than we received premiums for. That goes directly to our cash reserves for the self-insurance fund. So no matter what, we have to increase premiums.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Right. So the question boils – the point has been made that increasing premiums now is a relatively, the big picture fair thing to do. But the County takes the bigger part of the burden to be as fair as possible and helpful as possible to staff, to all the insurance members. But there's a liability of getting a big hit if we don't increase as we go along and do something that's reasonable to match the fiscal needs with both County and staff contributions.

So it seems to me the ask, the question now is how much risk to incur since we're self-insured, how much risk is reasonable to incur to minimize what that increase in funding that is needed to cover insurance costs. We could pick doing the optimistic estimate of what's needed to minimize the County costs and address some of the funding gap, but there's a lot of risk associated with that, and I think – my first question is to

discuss that risk because to put in – no number is known with certainty and to put in nothing – there's a whole science of uncertainty which would be a lot more interesting than some other discussions but probably not for most people.

But that aside, to put in nothing to cover – that second line item to cover the uncertainty and possible increases in claims over the average to me doesn't make a whole lot of sense, and that's the medium option. So if you guys – the question is can we discuss a little what the remaining risk is of not increasing – because we're self-insured, doing nothing to increase the cash reserves.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, our cash reserves have been built up in the self-insurance fund. I'm looking for what they actually are, and of course it's not within an arm's reach. But it's been built up over time by premiums, less claims and administrative costs the first two year we had claims and administrative costs, including the insurance that we call stop-gap insurance, which is for very, very large claims, that those three costs were less than the premiums that we had coming in. And that's from the employer's side of the contribution and employee side.

So for the first two years we actually build up our reserves. Last year, and we're going into our fourth year, but we're 3 ½ years into it now, last year we just got nailed with excessive claims. And I mean that's the experience of insurance. You have bad years. And typically, just like if you wreck your car, guess what, your premiums go up. Well, when you're in the self-insured insurance fund, when we have collectively across the board numerous large claims, like double what we normally have, if you don't have that coming in in premiums it's eating away at what you built up in the way of reserves.

This Board passed a policy where we were trying to get our reserves up to 50 percent of claims. And we were going to do that over time. Well, last year set us back. We were at 25, 30 percent of claims in the fund and now we got knocked back to having probably less than 20 percent. I don't have the presentation right in front of me.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's good enough for the point being discussed.

MANAGER MILLER: It basically not just took off of our goal, which by policy the Board set, we had a goal of 50 percent of our claims would be in cash reserves, it set us back from where we were to something probably more like 15 percent of claims. If we don't increase premiums, right off the bat you can see we'd be a million dollars in the hole and we'd basically have nothing in the way of reserves. So the risk, if we don't increase premiums, is that claims even just where they were last year, or stay relatively – or even go back down, we still won't have enough premiums to cover our total cost of claims, administrative fee, and stop-gap insurance.

So we'll be using what cash reserves we did build up in the self-insurance fund and could end up ending the year with no reserves left. Which would then mean the only way to go, there is another massive increase. Not 15 percent but I'm talking 25, 30 percent or cutting of benefits and co-pays and that type of thing, as well as the County having to pull a hunk of money from somewhere else, from its other reserves to fund the self-insurance fund. So those are kind of your only choices.

And that wouldn't be so horrible if revenues were good, but as you can see, we're taking to fill our budget gap for our essential services, we're already taking reserves to fill that gap. So that's what we're faced with, why this is such a difficult challenge.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And I think part of the lesson to be drawn from that, we have to make a decision that we can actually sustain, not just taking a big risk in one year, but that we can sustain for a few years because on general principles it's going to have to take longer to see economic recovery from this pandemic response than it was to generate the problem. Even opening up it's not going to rest everything back to normal in the same three-month period that we've been – things in this kind of complex system just don't go that way. So I feel like it's really critical to make a decision here that we can, even if it's a little bit riskier, that we can sustain, that we can live with for a few years. And I think that's your point about what happens if we completely diminish the reserves, is one of the pivotal points.

MANAGER MILLER: And Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hamilton, a point I would like to make, we have not – I think last year we did a one percent increase to the employees, and I think the time before that we didn't do any. And in this environment of health insurance, the United States, the actual price of health services go up ten percent per year. So in reality, in the time that we've been self-insured, there's been a 30 percent increase in the price of medical services, of anything you go to the doctor for, over the last 3 ½ years it has gone up 30 percent but we have not increased premiums to the employees more than – I think it was one percent last year and maybe one percent the year before. I think it's maybe been one percent total over three years.

So there's been a corresponding 29 percent increase to the cost of healthcare services in the United States with a one percent cost of insurance for employees.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Right. I know we're going to be strapped one way or the other. I think we have to do one of these increases and the recommendation for doing a moderate increase seems to be the rational one. The only small thing I wanted to just mention. It doesn't change my opinion about this, but in fairness, the information on consumer prices going down, was true in April determined by gas prices going down, but this month's information is showing substantial increases in food costs. And so these other rationales are really directly pertinent, the ability to afford it because of prices going down is only half true and not really the biggest point. So that's all I have – that was the question I had for insurance. Hopefully when we go to other slides I'll have other questions. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the communication between Commissioner Hamilton and Manager Miller. I would support the moderate position. I think we're facing serious shortfalls and I think this is a better solution than to start doing furloughs, to start reducing people's salaries. This is something that people need, health insurance. It protects them and most people favor employer-provided health insurance. So I think that the moderate increase is the correct way to go at the moment. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: This is tough. It's going to be tough either way. I think I would lean, given that the pace previously for the employees might be some employees – I don't know if you have the flexibility to customize a plan for each

employee or is that too much?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Moreno, we do not have customized self-insurance. We don't have different insurers. We have one plan, more or less, with Presbyterian. But what we have are four tiers where in each tier, based upon your income, the higher pays a higher percentage of the overall premium, and so the lower paid employees, the County pays 80 percent of their premium. So that's the only way we've been able to customize is just doing a higher percentage of the overall premium, the lower the employee's pay is. And so we did add an additional tier two years ago in order to try to lessen the impact to lower paid employees. So that's one thing we did back two years ago is we added a fourth tier; we used to only have three tiers.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Okay. That's my input. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner

Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Commissioner. I'm sitting outside on this beautiful day so I have my sunglasses on. However, in regards to a couple questions I have is Edgewood, the \$350,000 for the health center down there. I guess I would like to talk with Bernalillo County because it was my understanding that Bernalillo County was going to put in the first \$400,000 out there.

And in regards to satellite offices, employees are there. I see that. One of the questions I have, I haven't talked to the Assessor and Joey actually alluded to the concern that the Assessor has and that actually comes from the state of New Mexico, to buy certain equipment, I believe, whether it's a vehicle or whether it's flyovers. And if he actually uses his budget, because I think Joey said it was not going to come off the – it was going to get reduced from the general fund. He's going to possibly be able to purchase that out of that fund. I forget what the fund's called. But if that's the case, I guess I just have a question. Like I said I haven't talked to the Assessor in regards to that as into if you buy a vehicle from that fund, or if you actually buy aerial photography from that fund, the only people that can utilize that money – let's just say the aerial photography or a vehicle – is the Assessor's Office, right? I have a little bit of concern as into our Land Use Department, our GIS Department, everybody else that uses that flyover fund money that comes out of our general fund, we will not be able to utilize that. So that's the only question I have on that stuff. But other than that, thank you, Manager Miller, staff, and I certainly do understand the [inaudible] so we actually have helped out the employees the last two, three, four years so I appreciate that and I hope every employee appreciates that. And those are the only questions, concerns I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, when we – if we could go back to slide 15 through 20 and I can address all of the comments and concerns that Commissioner Garcia had, as well as anybody else's on those items.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Garcia, did you have any comments relative to the increase in medical insurance? Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: As Commissioner Hamilton stated, [poor audio quality] lower paid employee actually – it takes a little more out of their check than it does the higher increased individual who gets paid a higher salary, so on a personal

note, that's the concerns that I have. But I do understand what Ms. Hamilton mentioned, it's an issue, the situation that we're going through, from the top administration all the way throughout the country, so I don't have any more questions on that. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I have some concerns as well with the increase. I do know that we did have the breakdown of the different amounts, what employees make and what they actually contribute, and I can appreciate that we haven't had the increases in the past and I still am concerned with whether or not employees will be okay with these increases, but that's really all the response that I have at this time.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners. I think what I will do, and like I said, we haven't built that change into the budget. We wanted to get your feedback. What I will do is get a little more information for employees that are in that under \$30,000 and employees that are in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 range, and see how many employees we have that would be affected by the maximum plan. So employee, spouse and family. And see how many employees we would actually have that would fall into that range and see how significant an impact that would be to how many employees, and get a little bit more information before we would make a final determination on that.

Right now though, just for purposes of planning, we'll continue forward with using the moderate level and just see how many people that would affect at the high end of the employee contribution.

So then if Daniel could do me a quick favor. Pull back up slide – let's do electronic monitoring last. What was 16?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just on that note, just the employees understand, they're doing the same thing at the public schools. It's not just Santa Fe County. It's across every state government throughout the country, the nation. So we're dealing that at a school board level as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, this was one item that was put into the budget based upon issues we had last year with the PASER rating methodology that was used and the different Road Maintenance Division supervisors or leads going out and trying to assess the roads within their road maintenance districts, and that those ratings came back potentially inconsistent across the county. So what was proposed at the time by Diego is that we would hire a contractor to go assess all of our roads and rank all of our roads. The estimated amount for that is \$300,000. And if the Board is amenable, we would take this out and do a different evaluation process from what we did in the past, having a more comprehensive internal evaluation go through and then bring that back to the Board before any repaving projects would be scheduled, other than the ones we already have on our schedule for this year through the Local Government Road Fund grant that we received and the ones that were already scheduled and approved by the Board as well as the replacement of those in Eldorado where the RAP had failed.

So if the Board's okay with this one I would recommend that we do take this out and use this methodology in the future when our revenues have recovered to a level where we think we could hire an outside consultant for it. Otherwise I think we should work internally. We have new staff at Public Works that could probably create a fair and

equitable process that gives an evaluation at multiple levels.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have questions from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Manager Miller, I agree with you that this is something we could eliminate for the time being. I also think that probably each of the Commissioners in their own districts know what roads are really bad and they could give that input to you and that could go into part of the internal staffing and decision making about which roads really need pavement preservation. And having staff with fresh eyes I think will give us an opportunity that we can put this on the back burner for a while.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So one way or the other, this project, the process of developing this more objective evaluation was the Public Works and the Roads Department being really responsive to some real needs. And so I don't think it's equivalent to have Commissioners – I feel like I'm as observant as everybody else but I do not travel every single road or have the technical expertise to evaluate and do a fair comparison around the county for what roads need a certain level of maintenance, a certain level of pavement preservation or a certain level of upgrade or replacement.

I guess part of this is a shout-out to the roads people in Public Works for knowing and developing this much better system for trying to be objective. On the other hand, in my discussions when Public Works presented this information, my impression was that senior people in Public Works were going out and doing test runs and doing some implementation of this on their own. So Manager Miller, in a way you almost started, I think you started to answer my question which is how much of this could be done or is being done in-house, and asking the question, recognizing that if you need to pay \$300,000 to a contract, that means if you try to pull at least a portion of it in-house, that's real time and effort. It's not – you don't cut a budget magically and be able to do the same amount of work. But recognizing that or keeping that in mind, I would love to see road decisions being made with some objective standards being applied across the board.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I think that we can do that. Like I said, having a countywide, all at one time assessment of all 500, 600 miles worth of road is almost impossible to do internally, so what we'll have to do is build off assessments that were already done, and then set up some review process, and just a more transparent process, rather than having staff do it and then all those scores are put in and then decisions made without having other layers of review of what those scores or ratings are of those roads. I think that's a piece where we can go in and say, okay, we already have an assessment done of most of our roads. The ones that are going to come up are going to be the worst ones, so now we need to create a level of having staff go at least assess the worst ones, and I think then that is also the opportunity of input where somebody says, well, this one's in really bad shape, whether it's a Commissioner or someone from the public, why isn't it on the list? So that we can also send a separate group of internal staff to go look at it, or maybe at that time we would hire a consultant to

look at a small number of roads, not all 560, 570 miles worth of County roads.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would agree with that completely. If this was put to cover that ideal situation where they could assess all the roads all at once, then I would agree completely. If we can preserve the more objective evaluation process that they developed and utilize it in-house to evaluate projects that have been proposed and evaluate those on a fair and comparative basis, but not go out and do all the County roads right now, whether they've been asked for or not. I would agree that that would be a very reasonable thing to do and save us some money.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Thank you, Manager Miller. Do we have any other questions relative to this item from other Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I tend to agree with the previous Commissioners' recommendation. When I saw this coming forward, I'm just interested as into who the consultant would be, because every single road in Santa Fe County has its unique nature, right? County Road 84, 94, up in that district, to be down south, Sunlit Hills, area, Agua Fria. Every single road has, depending on the traffic how well it works. Santa Fe County roads are very unique. Another thing I question about is Robert Martinez, through our Public Works Department got certified and won this award in Taos about three to four years ago that Santa Fe County did an excellent job as into going in and assessing all our roads, I think some sort of a – I think Katherine, you mentioned as into a PASER approach. Whatever happened to that method, or where are we at with that? So I'm okay with putting it aside for now, so we can figure out what we need to do and how we need to assess and address our County roads. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Manager Miller, did you have a comment relative the Commissioner's question about Mr. Martinez and the method that he was using?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, yes. We still have – that wasn't just totally thrown out; that data still exists. I think where we fell down on that was on the regular review and it was happening at an individual level, and then one person could go in and say, yeah, well I don't think you rated that one correctly. It needs to be higher, or this one needs to be lower. And that happened in what I'll call probably a non-transparent, non-public environment. I think we can still utilize what staff learned, that system that Robert Martinez and Adam Leighland and Diego put in place. I think we can improve upon it and still utilize that until such time as maybe we want to go – this was put in there based upon that problem that we had and Diego said would you like us to go start at ground zero and have everything assessed like we did our facility condition index for all of our facilities to have an assessment of their deficiencies.

Commissioner Garcia, you're right. Pavement is one thing and looking at the condition of the actual pavement, but a lot of these roads have drainage issues and low water crossing issues. This study would probably identify those and add them to the list, but relative to being able to move forward with what roads need repaving the most, I think we have good enough data from that PASER system that we had to continue that

but make it more transparent before decisions are made as to what roads would be repaved.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Garcia, was that it for you?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, thank you for the answer, Manager Miller. Our road department is an excellent team. We still continue to do chip seal on roads. I think that started Saturday, I believe in Eldorado. Great. We actually just chip sealed, it looks an excellent job, there in front of the Agua Fria Cemetery about three weeks ago. Great job. Actually got a text from a contractor today or yesterday and they said that the chip sealing that the staff did in Galisteo – excellent job. Our County crews, just giving a shout-out to them. I asked the individual, are you joking with me or are you serious? No, I'm being serious, that they actually did a very great, excellent job. So a lot of kudos out there to our staff, because they do with what they have an excellent job and I totally appreciate our road guys and everybody else. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I agree whole heartedly. I think that we can do away with this contractual service at this time. I think that we do have staff that can evaluate these roads. I don't know if it should be a committee of staff or just one individuals. I don't want any kind of perception out there for anybody to feel like they're picking certain roads over other ones. I just would think that maybe whatever information they compile that they keep a good record of that and also, I don't know if it should be a committee or just one individual that would make that choice. But I think, Manager Miller, you might mention that there should be possibly more than just one individual.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, we have all of our district road supervisors, the maintenance supervisor. We also have Diego and we have Gary Giron there with his background from DOT, and we have the new division director, Ryan Ward. So I think we have a lot of people who can provide some good input on some more checks and balances as to the way we make those recommendations.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Perfect. Is there any other questions from Commissioners relative to this? Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I would bet that in every district there are some difficult ones that you might have to do more to get something better. It's a process. I was in a meeting two, three weeks ago where we were talking about roads in Eldorado. But I know that was committed for various reasons and so those high impact roads, those project should be put at higher priority.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Any other comments, Commissioner Moreno?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No. That's it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Are there any other comments from Commissioners? Manager Miller, any closing statement?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, not on this. I just wanted to touch on some of the other recommended cuts. As I said, we're not asking you to put them in the interim budget. I just want to put them out there for future thought because when we come at the next BCC meeting I would need some decisions.

So the Bokum Building lease, as you know, we have a lease on the Bokum

Building, but at the end of July, early August, we will be moving out of this building. Initially we were going to move the district attorneys into this building and continue the lease while we renovated their building, but I am having P.J. look at whether or not we could – since so many of the DA’s staff are working remotely, they may be able to just utilize our HR building once we move out of there.

So we’re looking at that possibility, if that is sufficient office space for their kind of permanent office staff that need to be in an office while over the next eight months or so while we would potentially renovate the DA’s building and we could terminate this lease with a 90-day notice due to non-appropriation. I just wanted to put that out there because I think, as you can see, we got really in a situation of needing to cut as much out of the budget as possible. So we’re researching this one as an alternative for dealing with the renovations at the district attorney’s office, and I’ll have more information on that as I get information back from P.J. I’ve also talked to the architect for that project.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and Katherine, thank you for looking into that because the ultimate plan was to move the old HR building was supposed to actually be utilized for our records department, our records storage. Because we pay a lot of money – I forget what they call it. Iron Mountain or what not out of Albuquerque.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: We pay like \$350,000, almost \$500,000 a year, so is it better to keep the Bokum or to turn our old HR into the records facility. If you don’t mind keep looking I’d appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, we are 100 percent looking at that, still with the intent that ultimately we would look at HR for the company store for supplies, as well as a standing center for documents. And then ultimately, see if we can’t get our storage down to using the old juvenile facility, and completely cut costs for records management by several hundred thousand dollars. That’s just going to take us a while because as you said we use Iron Mountain. We have probably over 8,000 boxes of records at Iron Mountain that go back and forth.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, thanks. First of all, I appreciate Commissioner Garcia’s question and Manager Miller’s response, so I’m also really glad you’re looking into that stuff. I wanted to ask if we can – unless there’s a better way as Commissioner Garcia implied, a potentially better way to do the trade-offs if we want to get rid of the lease of the Bokum Building. Would it be safe, or why wouldn’t it to anticipate that 90-day notice and give that as soon as possible if we’re going to be able to be back in in August. I mean it’s a risk, obviously.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes, we’ve thought about all of that. I don’t think I could actually make a notice until July 1 anyway, just based upon the way the lease was written, but I also want to make sure that we don’t need to be in here ourselves any longer than August.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Right. Okay. That’s great. Thanks.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any other Commissioners that have comments?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I'm all for moving out of the Bokum Building and I think this remote work situation that we have found ourselves in, I think many people are still very productive. Different people are more productive and other people are less productive. It definitely depends on the individual. But if the district attorney's office can work around that and use the HR building in the meantime I think that might be a really good solution, and we could move forward on that. I have comments on other things but I'll wait until we get there.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any other comments?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I would concur with not keeping the Bokum Building.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Back to you, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, the other one that I just want to talk about real quickly – well, two of them, then the rest we can leave for future discussion next month. But I just want to get this on the record for you guys to contemplate, because I'm going to need to ask for a decision.

The other one is – I think it's slide 21, Daniel, and I'm going out of order, but 21, which was other potential recommended cuts and this is the Assessor's Office GIS. So we – what happened is this year it was in our budget to do a flyover this year including an extra data capture for the census. But we weren't able to get the flyover scheduled this fiscal year before the trees started to leaf out so the Assessor requested that we just carry it over and do it next year.

Well, that seemed fine at the time except that a couple of things. We were doing flyovers of portions of the county per year. Last year Assessor Martinez requested that we start doing it every single year, especially while building, construction was on such an increase. Well, we didn't end up doing it this year so he asked, well, can I just put the whole works in for next year and we said yes. But I am now with where we are and with potential construction slowing down, I think this is a pretty heavy lift for the general fund to take the full burden. And I would recommend – I talked to the Assessor about a possible different approach, one to the point that Commissioner Garcia brought up is if it's completely paid for out of the Assessor's property valuation fund, which by the way is a one percent fee on assessments that goes specifically to the valuation fund for reassessment. So it does have to be used for reassessment.

But what I would recommend is that we either split this 50-50 between the Assessor's property valuation fund and the general fund if we do the entire county, or we do half of the county instead of the whole county and the general fund covers one half on year the valuation fund covers one half the other year.

So I just want to put that on the table that I'd like to have a conversation with the Assessor and look at alternatives and come back with a recommendation that looks something different than from all \$478,000 out of the general fund next year.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. I'll go to Commissioner

Hansen. I think that your proposal and talking to the Assessor would be a good idea. If we have half come from the general fund and half from the other one. Half percent of one percent, I think that will be our best option so it's not all coming out of the general fund. So I think that conversation with the County Assessor because I know that as Commissioner Garcia mentioned too, if the funds come strictly out of the Assessor's Office – right now we have our 911 call center, the Treasurer's Office, the Clerk's Office, the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department that actually utilize this pictometry, photos, also, so I think it's something that we probably can – I think it's a great idea of you can work forward that way when you talk to Assessor Martinez. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do agree with that. Since so many other departments also use this pictometry, that if we could figure out a way to split the cost between the one percent in the general fund so that our departments still have access to the pictometry. I think that that is really important to have. And that we manage – maybe we don't do the whole county; maybe we do half of the county and still split it so that it's reducing the costs in this year. This is when we're going to feel the bite of our income of the reduction in the coming year. So I think splitting it and talking to the Assessor I think is obviously a good way to go. So thank you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Actually I was going to suggest the same thing. It seems like given all the budget crisis, half this year and half next year, and splitting the cost between the Assessor and the County would reduce financial pressures on both of us. It seems like a way to go.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I would endorse that too.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Thank you, Manager Miller.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, the last item that I just wanted to talk about as a potential recommended cut. We actually have something on executive session relative to a lease that has to do with this so I don't really have to talk a whole lot about it, but Commissioner Garcia brought it and that's the Edgewood behavioral health center. Just to put it into context, we had put money – so Bernalillo had money to redesign. First Choice had money – or was going to give us the building. We had to do a State Land Office lease, and then Bernalillo County was going to put money in towards operations for years one, two and three.

We were then informed they would only put operational money in for years two and three, which then put the entire burden of year one, and the renovations, on us.

That's a challenge in this economic environment on top of the fact we're trying to get the Santa Fe behavioral health crisis center going. So we're looking for some guidance, and I'll leave that to talk further, but I just want to let you know we do have an item on executive session relative to entering into a lease with the State Land Office and

if we enter into the lease we also have a building that comes with that property.

So all these things are predicated on one thing after another. So it's a little bit difficult, and I did let Rachel O'Connor know that I would bring this up with you because I also need to talk to the Bernalillo County Manager, but it's my understanding she's not real familiar with how they were going to propose funding this anyway. So I just want to let you know we're struggling a little bit with this being a three-way agreement, because if there's no funding for year one then First Choice also doesn't see how they could participate in it.

But I didn't want to take any of it out of the budget without having a full discussion about what our challenges are.

And then electronic monitoring, I'll bring more information on that back at a future meeting as well as the satellite offices and the possible cuts to our broadcasting. It's nothing we have to do right now.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton. I saw your hand up.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Because Manager Miller hadn't quite gotten to the end of what she was saying and I did have a question about the electronic monitoring, but if we're not going to discuss it now, maybe I could just put it out there and you guys might be thinking about it already. When I saw that, the electronic monitoring costs, I know those are put on us by the court system. We have an arrangement where we pay for it. But one of the reasons for doing it – there are many good reasons, but just to keep people out of jails. So would the potential savings that were put on the slide, does that account for potential increases in other costs, like unintended consequences? If we eliminate the system are they going to be forced to put more people into the detention center that will have costs as well and eat up some of these savings?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, obviously, that's the challenge. When this program was created over 20 years ago Santa Fe County contracted – it was about 20 years ago – Santa Fe contracted with someone to operate our jail and we paid a per diem for every individual who is in the jail, as well as we contracted for someone on electronic monitoring. I believe at the time we paid a contractor to house a Santa Fe County inmate \$65 per inmate-day and we paid for electronic monitoring something like \$18 to \$20.

So it was directly a – it was an alternative to incarceration that saved the County money. I'm not saying that was the only reason we did it, but not every county in New Mexico has it. As a matter of fact there's only a handful that actually do it and operate it themselves. And that was the reason Santa Fe County got into the business of electronic monitoring. But now we actually operate both ourselves and we don't control who's on it and who's not. We don't control how many devices a just put somebody on so they could put them on a Soberlink device and a GPS device.

Part of the reason for bringing this up is we did let the judges know that we are struggling with keeping enough staff as case managers and recruiting staff as case managers, with the volume of people that they are putting on electronic monitoring. So an industry standard would be to have, say, 35 cases per staff person. Well, we have had as many as 80 cases per staff person. We've gotten the judges to back off and reduce that,

but right now they're probably carrying 50-some cases per staff person. The only way we're able to keep providing a service is to keep paying staff members more and to try to recruit them, and lately, we haven't even been able to do that. We've raised the salary level twice and we still have had difficulty recruiting people.

Additionally, we're not able to make judges not put them on two devices. So we have no control over who's put on this service, yet we're hit with the total cost. So we've thought of some alternatives and that is, hey, courts, what if we gave you a flat amount of money and you go contract with someone to provide that service. That's one option that they're looking at some research on, and then we also looked at whether there's another way through different technology to provide some type of monitoring services.

So those are two things that we're looking into, but I just wanted to make sure that this was brought up and put up for discussion. If you have 20 or 30 inmates diverted from electronic monitoring into the jail there is an increased cost in our operations but is it as much? Maybe not. If you have 200 people, but the truth of it is they're not likely to have that many that would go into incarceration in the jail that are on electronic monitoring. It's probably a small percentage that that would be the alternative sentence to being on electronic monitoring, especially a Soberlink or something like that.

So yes, we have a lot deeper dive to do into the data. I just wanted you to know that we were having conversations about it with the courts and internally so that we could just figure out a way if there were a way to reduce the cost of our electronic monitoring program, not with the idea of just completely eliminating it, but what else could we do.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And does that answer your question, Commissioner Hamilton?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, it does. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Thank you for that, Manager Miller. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I wanted to just delve into one of the other potential cuts, which would be the satellite offices. I see this as an opportunity to get our online services together to sell punchcards on line. It could be a good opportunity to get our punchcards on line so that people could purchase them that way. And so I just want to suggest that as something to look into.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That was going to be my comment. I think all the information you presented, Manager Miller and Joey, is good but the availability of having the on line purchase would really improve the situation tremendously.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Any other comments from Commissioners? Okay. I actually think it would be a great idea to sell them on the internet but I do have some concerns with some of our constituents that may not have the means or maybe don't know how to use internet to make these purchases. So I do have some concerns in regards to that but I think that it would be really efficient for us to be able to go in that direction. I don't know how the people at the transfer station would be able to do the punches and not worry about somebody duplicating these tickets if they're punched, if they would be mailed to them. I'm not really sure how that would work. But just a couple other thoughts. So if we don't have any other questions from

Commissioners – oh, Commissioner Hamilton. I see you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Well, actually, frankly, I think that's a really good point but I wonder if there's something of a service for people who don't have access to the technology or don't care to use it in between keeping all the satellites open and just closing them all. Like maybe having one person who now as part of their job travels once or twice a month to each location just to be able to service people who need personal services for that. So they wouldn't be open all the time and maybe it would be done mobilely somehow, so you don't have to keep those places open and staffed, but you could have somebody to go around. Anyway, it's just a thought.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. And yes, I think that we definitely would have a reduction in the individuals that would go to the actual satellite office to purchase these tickets so maybe a reduction in staff and they'd only need to be there once a week versus three times a week. I guess it's something we could look at. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So the other possibility is they will always be available at the Treasurer's Office so people will still be able to get them at the Treasurer's Office, and even though that is a drive, possibly into town. Like if it's in Edgewood, maybe there is one day a month or one day a week, but I don't think Edgewood is one of our highly trafficked places for punchcards. So I think finding solutions for this is definitely one of the ways that we can cut costs. Maybe we can have a telephone – most people have a telephone if they don't have internet and they can call the Treasurer's Office or they can call the transfer station and find out when they could buy the punchcards or when they would be available in their area. Anyhow, I think it's a good way to cut costs. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Garcia, do you have any comments relative to this issue?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, Mr. Chair. I'm fine. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

Commissioner Moreno, did you have any comments relative to this item we were just talking about? No? Okay. Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: So, Mr. Chair, that was all that we had on budget discussion. You might have questions about the overall presentation, but ultimately what we would ask for is approval of the interim budget as presented by Joey Rowe, which would include passing the resolution that we need to submit to DFA.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion to approve the resolution adopting the interim budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, FY 2020-2021.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So I have a motion from Commissioner Hansen. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hamilton. So I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any announcements or matters that County Commissioners would like to bring up. I'll go to Commissioner Hansen first.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to just really thank staff for all the work they are doing out in the field. The Community Service report was really helpful to read. I really appreciate that and I appreciate all the reports. I also want to mention that all of the people who stock the shelves in the grocery store. I have found, after sending out a newsletter that these are also essential workers and people who get very little recognition. And so I want to give them some recognition, all the people who are stocking our shelves, all of our firefighters, all of our cashiers, everyone who is providing services out there. They're so important to us being and functioning and staying at home. So I just wanted to thank them and let them know we recognize how important all these essential services are to us and that we're grateful that they're there, putting themselves at risk, many of them. So I wanted to say that. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and thank you for recognizing the essential personnel out there that are contributing to the benefit of all of our constituents and ourselves. So thank you for that recognition. I appreciate you bringing that up. Any other comments? I'll go to each individual Commissioner. Commissioner Hansen, it looks like you're good. Let me go to Commissioner Moreno first. Go ahead, Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Two weeks ago we were going to talk about the dollar store and I want to recognize the people who worked a lot of hours, to recognize them and to all the members of the 285 South Alliance. I think I hadn't engaged with the Manager after that meeting. I was happy that the people were very supportive. So I had an idea that the situation was –

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry to interrupt, Mr. Chair and Commissioner. I think this will be a topic of discussion that would be more appropriate for the Board's deliberation on this case, rather than in an open session. Again, forgive me if I jumped to a conclusion but you can't put that genie back into the bottle, so if I misunderstood where the conversation was going I apologize. But I do think that would be more appropriate venue. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you for your support. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Commissioner Garcia, do you have anything, sir?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, just really quick. I'd like to give a shout-out to the first responders. I'm sure everybody heard about the fire in Las Lagunitas in the La Cienega area. I was out there on Saturday evening after it started. Thank you to our Fire Department, our Sheriff's Department, our State Police was out there. We had a federal government helicopter out there. Thank you for the pond that was out there. Without the pond and helicopter that thing would have probably gone out of

control. I'd like to give thanks to everybody that was out there. It was great. They actually did a good job and thank god that the winds didn't take it over. Once again, thanks for the helicopter that was out there.

Another thing, I'd like to give a special shout-out to Sgt. Tim Benavides. He actually was on it. He was there. He was making the calls and he did a good job. As well as Martin was out there as well, and all the staff that was out there. It was scary, but great to see everybody working together as a team and communicating, especially the way they communicated with the 150 individuals that were actually sitting out there on the west frontage road, waiting to get back in. How are we going to get back in? But many individuals out there did an excellent job. But thank you to those individuals out there. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I just want to say I hope everybody had a safe Memorial weekend and everyone had the opportunity to visit loved ones that served our nation in the armed forces and our veterans, all the veterans out there. I hope everybody took time to reflect on their sacrifice to us and to be the nation that we are and to be free and the democracy that we do have. And I just want to give a shout-out to all our veterans, and also to all the families that have had service people that have passed away in the line of duty, and also just to veterans that we've lost over the years, and just recognize them for their service. Thank you all once again, all you veterans that are out there. I know that we probably have quite a few veterans that work for the County as well and I just want to give a shout-out for your dedication and service to our country. Is there any other Commissioners that have comments?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really one last thing, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I just sometimes take those for granted but I'd like to give a shout-out to Ambra. She was out there on Saturday working with me very closely, as well as the Manager and staff as into just figuring out what we need to do to help people. Thank you Ambra. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and thank you for recognizing our liaisons. Ambra, and I recently had my liaison retire, but we have Olivia and also Tessa Jo Mascarenas that have really been helping me quite a bit so I do want to say I appreciate you guys and thank you for everything that you do. So Commissioner Garcia, thank you for bringing that up. Any other comments from Commissioners?

9. MATTERS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I know that we have our County Clerk, Geraldine Salazar. Did you have any announcements?

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes, thank you, Chair. I just want to remind the citizens and voters in Santa Fe County that we are right in the middle of early voting, and that's voting at the Clerk's Office. Actually the County's underground parking lot. And voters can still request for absentee ballots until May 29th, which really doesn't allow much time. We've mailed out thousands of absentee ballots and applications. I get emails very day, many of them, and calls from people who haven't received them. And so what I

want to do is share with the public that there are options, as it gets closer and closer to what they can do. They can also go on to the Clerk's webpage and get further information.

The other options available are that you can go to the in-person early voting VCC site, at the Clerk's Office at 100 Catron Street located at the County's below-ground parking lot. Tell our poll workers that you have not received your absentee ballot and that you would like to vote in person now, sign an affidavit stating that you didn't cast your ballot. My staff will back out this absentee ballot, then the poll workers will issue a ballot on demand ballot to cast in an absentee voting machine right then and there.

You should wear a face mask and gloves and there is sanitizer available. There's even popsicle sticks to sign and dispose of immediately. This can also be done at the early voting alternate VCC sites. The alternate voting sites, they began May 16th and they will continue just like here at the Clerk's Office till May 30th. And the hours for the alternate sites, the one here at the County building here is regular hours, but at the alternate sites the hours of voting are from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm at night, Tuesday through Friday, and from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturdays.

The sites where they're located are the Abedon Lopez Community Center. These are all alternate sites, early voting VCC. So the Abedon Lopez Community Center, the Christian Life Church, new would be the Town of Edgewood Administrative Office, then the Max Coll Corridor Community Center, the Pojoaque County Satellite Office, and then a new alternate site is the Southside Library.

So those are all the locations that you can vote in person, and even through you asked for an absentee ballot, because I have a lot of very concerned voters, so we've been working with them and figuring out how we can do this and they keep in touch if they get their ballot, and then everything is much better. But in case they don't, they have the option to go to the Clerk's Office and the alternate sites and request right then and there that they would prefer to vote in person. We'll back out that absentee ballot in our system, and then issue them a new one and document that also.

So I know that the voters have been very concerned but understand that we're working very hard. We have received thousands of pieces of mail. My staff, I want to give them a shout-out for all the hard work and the overtime they've had to put in to helping this office, ensuring that people have the right to vote and helping each other in delivering democracy to ensure that we're not disenfranchising anyone. We have a lot of people that have been very angry and we've worked with them and anyone out there that has concerns, you can contact me by phone or by email, and we will work with you closely. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Do we have any other elected officials?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can I ask Clerk Salazar a question?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Sure, Commissioner Hamilton. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: A number of people have asked me, if they have an absentee ballot, can they fill it out and drop it off at the Clerk's Office downstairs instead of sending it through the mail?

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes. Thank you so much. There are so many details and I skipped that portion. Yes. The County has put out a new box out there, a drop-off

box, and it has a small flyer out front. It's in blue and white, designating it as the absentee ballot drop-off. Excellent. Thank you so much, Commissioner Hamilton. I appreciate that. Yes. If they received their ballot, they can fill it out and drop it off in that box. We pick them up regularly. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Commissioner Hansen, you had a question as well?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I just have a comment. I have sent a number of people to the Complex to vote in the garage and the reports back have been that it was very easy and they were grateful that they could just drive right in, vote, and drive right out. So I just wanted to let you know that people are appreciative of the system that we have created in the complex. So thank you for that, Clerk Salazar.

CLERK SALAZAR: You're welcome, Commissioner Hansen. Also to the County; it's been very supportive. The poll workers were freezing and they were huddled in a circle for a while, so I was very concerned about that but that has been remedied. But yes. We prefer that they vote by mail but as it gets closer we have this option. Wear your mask. Wear your gloves. Come in. Everywhere throughout the county where we have these early sites they are trained on how to manage this process. The poll workers have done an excellent job and all of the techs that we have out from our office also are out in the field ensuring that people can vote. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk, and just a shout-out to all your staff. Great job. We know it's definitely a difficult situation at this time. You guys are handling it very well so we're very proud of you guys. So thank you for everything.

CLERK SALAZAR: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely, Madam Clerk. Are there any other elected officials on the meeting that would like to make a comment or announcement? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to go ahead and close Matters from Other Elected Officials.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to revisit Matters of Public Concern. I said earlier that I would come back in case we did have somebody that would come back on the line. I know Manager Miller had indicated that our AFSCME president had been on the line to address the Board. I don't know if they're back or if there's anybody else from the public that would like to address the Board. Okay, once again, I'll ask, is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Board? Hearing none, we're going to go ahead and close Matters of Public Concern.

10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. **Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Public Hearing(s) on the Agenda, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed**

Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:

- 1. Acquisition of Real Property for a Behavioral Health Care Facility**
- 2. Annexation Dispute**
- 3. Joint Powers Agreement Dispute**
- 4. BCC Case #19-5241 Dollar General Store BCC Appeal**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are next item is item number 10, and this is Matters from the County Attorney. I don't know if we have anything else that we would need staff present for after we come back out. I think that we would probably adjourn directly from Matters from the County Attorney.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, there is one potential action item after executive session, and that is item 10. B, consideration and action on business lease 1660 between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico State Land Office, so we will have to come out of executive session to attend to that item. Staff involved in that item, Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Giron, but if there were no questions from the Commissioners relative to the information reports then I would request that the rest of staff for the County be excused.

And then secondly, since there are members of the public who may be interested in the Board's action on item 10 B, I had Tessa Jo Mascarenas send out to each of the Commissioners a separate Webex inviting for executive session, so once the motion is made to go into executive session, the Commissioners, myself, the County Manager and Deputy County Attorney will need to leave this meeting and immediately sign in to that other Webex meeting.

With that, by way of overview, Mr. Chair, we do have a need for executive session to discuss Board deliberations in cases previously taken under advisement by the Board as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978; and discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978. And the specific matters to be discussed are the acquisition of real property for a behavioral healthcare facility, annexation dispute, joint powers agreement dispute, and BCC Case #19-5241, Dollar General Store BCC appeal. So that's the motion that we require, Mr. Chair, and again, if you could specify whether staff, other than Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Giron can be excused, I'm sure the staff would be obliged.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer, and I do agree that the other staff that's not needed for this last item to be excused and I do want to thank all of staff and all of the departments and divisions who did reports, we appreciate that. I notice, Commissioner Hansen, you have your hand up.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I'd like to make a motion to go into

executive session to discuss the items that were provided by Attorney Shaffer.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Madam Clerk, can we do a roll call?

The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (3, 7, and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 6:45 to 8:35.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a quorum, so if we could get a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd like to move that we come out of executive session and the only things we talked about were those things that were listed on the agenda and articulated by the County Attorney. And no action was taken.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for the second, Commissioner Hansen. So I'm going to go to roll call vote.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote. [Commissioner Moreno was not present for this action.]

10. B. Consideration and Action on Business Lease 1660 Between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico State Land Office

CHAIR ROYBAL: We did have one item in executive session that we're going to bring forward. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I don't have the agenda or the minutes in front of me so if I can ask County Attorney Brown to read what it says so that I could make a motion to table.

RACHEL BROWN (Deputy County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, this was consideration and action on business lease 1660 between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico State Land Office.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I'd like to move to table that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll second that because it's in my district. Next time, Commissioner, I'd appreciate it if I could make the motion, but I'll second that.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm happy to let you make the motion. I'll withdraw the motion.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: That's fine. We can move forward. We're good. I'll second it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, we're going to go with that original motion and a second. I'm going to go to roll call vote.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote. . [Commissioner Moreno was not present for this action.]

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Community Services Department Monthly Report
- B. Finance and Purchasing Monthly Report
- C. Growth Management Department Monthly Report
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report
- E. Public Safety Monthly Report
- F. Public Works Monthly Report

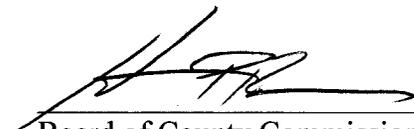
There were no questions regarding staff reports.

13. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

- A. Announcements
- B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Garcia, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
Henry Roybal, Chair



ATTEST TO:

Geraldine Salazar
GERALDINE SALAZAR
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

Respectfully submitted:

Konstanty
Karen Farrell, Wordswork
453 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87501

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

BCC MINUTES
PAGES: 55

I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 10TH Day Of July, 2020 at 04:18:53 PM and Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1921610 of The Records Of Santa Fe County



Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Estrella
Martinez

SFC CLERK RECORDED 07/10/2020